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### **ACADEMIC TRAINING**

- Present    Ph.D. in Ecology, University of Illinois – Urban/Champaign; Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology; anticipated graduation May 2013
- 2004        Bachelors of Science; University of Puget Sound; Department of Biology; Graduated with Honors

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2008  
–Present        Research/Teaching Assistantship, Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology, University of Illinois- Urbana/Champaign
- Research: Top-down versus bottom-up control of avian density along an urban-rural gradient
  - Teaching: IB 230- Ecology
  - Teaching: NRES 456- Integrated Ecosystem Management
- Spring 2007  
–Summer 2008    Wildlife Biologist, AZTEC Engineering, Phoenix, AZ
- Environmental consultant for city and state transportation departments
- Summer 2004  
–Spring 2007    Biologist, Logan Simpson Design Inc., Phoenix, AZ
- Environmental consultant for city and state transportation departments
- Fall 2003        Teaching Assistant, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
- Biol 112: Diversity of Life
- Summer 2002    Assistant I, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Dudleyville, AZ
- Habitat use and nesting success of the southwestern willow flycatcher
- Summer 2001    Intern, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Dudleyville, AZ
- Habitat use and nesting success of the southwestern willow flycatcher

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow 2010

University of Illinois- Urbana/Champaign Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation  
Biology Summer Research Grant Award – 2009 and 2010

Fall 2009 Teaching Assistant Ranking –Excellent

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2009 Honorable Mention

Champaign County Audubon Society 2009 Kendeigh Memorial Fund Award

Cooper Ornithological Society 2009 Two-Year Membership Award

University of Illinois- Urbana/Champaign Graduate College 2009 Conference Travel Award

Excellence in Biological Sciences 2002 Award, Department of Biology, University of Puget  
Sound

Marshall Trustee Scholarship 2000–2004 for B.S. studies

Wyatt Trustee Scholarship 2000–2004 for B.S. studies

Puget Sound University Scholarship 2000–2004 for B.S. studies

National Merit Scholar 2000–2004 for B.S. studies

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Fischer, J.D. Female-defense polygyny in the chestnut-headed oropendola. Council on  
International Educational Exchange, Program in Tropical Ecology, Spring Symposium,  
Monteverde, Costa Rica, May 2004.

Fischer, J.D., and J.R. Miller. Food for thought: anthropogenic food sources and their impact on  
avian diversity. International Symposium on Urban Wildlife and the Environment, Amherst,  
Massachusetts. June, 2009. (poster)

Fischer, J.D., and J.R. Miller. The relationship between homeowners and urban birds as defined  
by the practice of bird feeding. 2009. Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Springfield, IL.  
December, 2009.

Fischer, J.D., and J.R. Miller. To feed or not to feed: the relationship between homeowners and  
urban birds as defined by the practice of bird feeding. 2010. Champaign County Audubon  
Society May Meeting, Urbana, IL. May, 2010.

Fischer, J.D., and J.R. Miller. Ecology of the feeder: what you should know about feeding birds.  
2010. Urbana Exchange Club December Meeting, Urbana, IL. December 2010.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

The American Ornithologist's Union  
Cooper Ornithological Society  
Wilson Ornithological Society  
The Wildlife Society