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Spiders are useful models for the study of evolution. Their webs, which in some species combine several kinds of silk having radically different properties, serve as tangible records of their behavior. Spider venoms are diverse, and typically have highly specific effects on the nervous systems of their victims, making venoms useful tools for students of neurophysiology. Spiders were among the first animals to emerge from the sea, and their ancient lineages may preserve biogeographic patterns that reflect the climates, ecology, and geography of the past. Their evolution can be understood through phylogenetics, that branch of the science of Systematics concerned with discovering and summarizing the pattern of evolutionary history and common ancestry among species, expressed as a cladogram (a genealogy of species). My research uses phylogenetics, particularly toward answering the questions: How many spider species are there? How, where and when did they evolve? How are their behaviors adaptive? Why do they live where they live (and not where they don't)?

Classification and Evolution. -- As a graduate student at Berkeley I studied *Habronattus*, a genus of small, graceful jumping spiders with nearly 100 species in North America. Then I turned my attention to the higher classification of major groups of spiders, including Orbiculariae (orb-web builders and descendants), the latter study encompassing some of the largest and smallest of spiders and including the common garden spiders and black widows. The phylogenetic study of Orbiculariae revealed that beautiful, conspicuous, symmetrical orb is a primitive web type that has evolved down several paths through specialization and simplification into sheets, cobwebs, and other architectures that are easily concealed. I am currently collaborating on the [Spiders A ToL](#) project, where we are analyzing data from morphology, molecules and behavior to understand the evolution of all spiders. I am also a principle investigator on the [Goblin Spider Planetary Biodiversity Inventory](#), an ambitious project to discover and describe all the world's Oonopidae (probably more than 2000 species) in ten years time.

Historical Biogeography and Biodiversity Survey. -- Insofar as earth and life have evolved together, the phylogenetic relationships among species should reflect the history of the ecosystems in which they occur. This is particularly true in the case of islands. I study all kinds of islands, including terrestrial islands surround by water barriers, and habitat islands surrounded by areas of hostile habitat. For 25 years I have studied the “Afromontane archipelago:” moist montane forests scattered across Africa that differ dramatically from the surrounding hot or dry lowlands yet are similar to one another though separated by hundreds to thousands of kilometers. I have also spent 15 years studying the [biodiversity and biogeography of Madagascar](#), and 10 years studying the [biodiversity and biogeography of SW China](#).

Teaching: My expertise and experience are in comparative morphology, historical biogeography, and conducting fieldwork in difficult places, which knowledge I hope to pass on to students. I am an Adjunct Professor at [San Francisco State University](#), where I supervise MSc students. I am also an Adjunct Professor at University of California at Berkeley, where I collaborate closely with Professors Rosmarie Gillespie and George Roderick of the [Evolab](#) to coadvise PhD students. Two of my students are studying questions in island biogeography, though at vastly different time scales. [Joel Ledford](#) studies cave spiders in North America, which reflect the history of cave habitat islands that may be only thousands or ten of thousands of year old. [Hannah Wood](#) is studying the world phylogeny of Assassin spiders, which occur on all the continental fragments that made up ancient Gondwanaland, and which may represent an evolutionary process stretching back more than one hundred million years.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Appointments

California Academy of Sciences: Schlinger Chair of Arachnology and Curator (1999-present), Associate Curator (1994-1999), Assistant Curator (1992-1994) University of California, Berkeley, Adjunct Professor, Insect Biology, Environmental Science, Policy and Management (2004-present) San Francisco State University, Dept. of Biology, Research Professor (1998-present)

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Conservation of Natural Resources, B.Sc., 1972 University of California, Berkeley, Entomology, Ph.D., 1983 American Museum of Natural History, Entomology, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1987-1988 Smithsonian Institution, Entomology, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1988-1991

Research Interests

1. 1. Classification, phylogeny and evolution of spiders, especially as this relates to historical biogeography and to lifestyle (including web) evolution.
2. 2. Large scale discovery of new taxa, processing of specimens, and the analysis of distribution and diversity patterns.
3. 3. Historical biogeography, particularly of Gondwana and of the Afromontane region.
4. 4. Monographs of spiders.

Postdoctoral Associates Advised

Xinping Wang, 2000-2001 Jeremy Miller, 2005-2008 Diana Silva Dávila, 2001-2006 Fernando Álvarez Padilla, current

Graduate Students Advised

San Francisco State University Joel Ledford (M.Sc., 2001) Hannah Wood (M.Sc., 2005) Daniela Andriamalala (M.Sc., 2006) Alma Saucedo (current) Misha Leong (current), committee member

University of California, Berkeley Steven Lew (Ph.D., current; committee member) Sarah Crews (Ph.D., current; committee member) Joel Ledford (Ph.D., current; co-advisor and committee member) Hannah Wood (Ph.D., current; co-advisor and committee member)

The George Washington University Lara Lopardo (Ph.D., current; committee member) Daniela Andriamalala (Ph.D., current; committee member) University of California at Santa Cruz Martin G. Ramirez (Ph.D., 1990; committee member) Rand Afrikaans University, South

Africa Koos de Wet (M.Sc., 1991; committee member) University of Natal, South Africa Peter Croeser (M.Sc., 1996; committee member) University of the Orange Free State, South Africa Leon Lotz (M.Sc., 1996; committee member)

California Academy of Sciences: Summer Systematics Institute (undergraduate advisees):

Robin Carlson (1996), Joel Ledford (1998), Hillary Guttman (1999), Nibia Soto-Rolón (2005), Christopher Vo, Vanessa Knutson (2006)

Selected Grant Support: National Science Foundation (as PI)

DEB-0613775 "PBI: Collaborative Research: The Megadiverse, Microdistributed Spider Family Oonopidae," September 2006 through August 2011 DEB-0072713: 'Terrestrial Arthropod Inventory of Madagascar' (co P.I. with Brian Fisher) 2000—2003 DEB 9296271: 'Systematics and Biogeography of Afromontane Spiders,' Sept. 1992 August 1994 BSR 90-20439: 'Systematics and Biogeography of Afromontane Spiders,' April 1991 through June 1992

National Science Foundation (as collaborating Senior Scientist)

EAR-0228699: "Assembling the Tree of Life: Phylogeny of Spiders" (Wheeler, Sierwald, Prendini, Hormiga & Coddington P.I.s), 2003—2008 BSI-0103795: 'Biotic Survey of the Gaoligongshan, a Biodiversity Hotspot in Western Yunnan, China' (N. Jablonski and P. Fritsch, P.I.s), 2002—2007 BIR-9531307: "REU: California Academy of Sciences Summer Systematics Institute" (R. Mooi, T. Gosliner and D. Kavanaugh, P.I.s) with renewals, since 1995.

Field experience: Conducted fieldwork in Australia, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Guatemala, Madagascar, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Panama, São Tomé e Príncipe, South Africa, Switzerland, Tanzania, Uganda and USA.

Membership in scientific societies:

African Arachnological Society, founding member American Arachnological Society (Director, 1991-93) British Arachnological Society International Society of Arachnology (Vice President, 2001-2004)

Griswold, curriculum vitae, pg. Pacific Coast Entomological Society Society of Systematic Biology Willi Hennig Society (Fellow since 1989)

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2. 2. 8. Kavanaugh, D., **Griswold, C. E.**, and Penny, N. D. 1998. *Preliminary Report on the California Academy of Sciences Expedition to Ranomafana National Park, April-May, 1998*. Report to Institute for Conservation of Tropical Ecosystems (I.C.T.E.), Stoneybrook, New York, 5 pp.
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4. 4. 10. **Griswold, C. E.** and Ubick, D. 1999. *Spiders - Araneae*, pp. 7—67 In: *Arthropod surveys on Bioko, Equatorial Guinea*. Report to Central African Regional Programs for the Environment (C.A.R.P.E.), Griswold, C. E. (ed.), 71 pp.
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Conservation, Department of Forestry, Myanmar, 16 p.

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1. 1. Roth, V, D. Ubick and **C. E. Griswold**. 2000. Spiders recorded from Madagascar. http://www.calacademy.org/research/entomology/madagascar_spiders/
2. 2. **Griswold, C. E.**, and X.P. Wang. 2001. Character Data to accompany "Towards a phylogeny of entelegyne spiders (Araneae, Entelegynae)" by Griswold, C., J. Coddington, N. Platnick, and R. Forster. 1999. *J. Arachnol.* 27: 53—63." <http://www.calacademy.org/research/entomology/griswold/n.htm>
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