

# Ecological Society of America announces 2021 Fellows

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The Ecological Society of America (ESA) is pleased to announce its 2021 Fellows. The Society's fellowship program recognizes the many ways in which its members contribute to ecological research and discovery, communication, education and pedagogy, and management and policy.

**Early Career Fellows** are members within eight years of completing their doctoral training (or other terminal degree) who have advanced ecological knowledge and applications and show promise of continuing to make outstanding contributions to a wide range of fields served by ESA. They are elected for five years.

ESA established its Fellows program in 2012 with the goal of honoring its members and supporting their competitiveness and advancement to leadership positions in the Society, at their institutions, and in broader society. Past ESA Fellows and Early Career Fellows are listed on the [ESA Fellows page](#).

## **Early Career Fellows (2021 – 2025) elected for advancing the science of ecology and showing promise for continuing contributions:**

**Caroline E. Farrior**, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Integrative Biology

Elected for advancing understanding of how individual-based competition influences plant strategies, forest dynamics and ecosystem-level carbon storage, and for facilitating the use of this knowledge in public policy.



**Loralee Larios**, Assistant Professor, University of California, Riverside,  
Department of Botany and Plant Sciences

Elected for innovative research in plant community ecology, emerging leadership in restoration ecology, exceptional outreach and community engagement, and significant work on diversifying the discipline of ecology.



**Nathan P. Lemoine**, Assistant Professor, Marquette University,  
Department of Biological Sciences

Elected for integrating ecophysiology into community ecology to provide mechanistic predictions for how climate change will impact ecosystem structure and function, and for his advocacy to improve statistical practices in ecology.



**Jaclyn Hatala Matthes**, Assistant Professor, Wellesley College,  
Department of Biological Sciences

Elected for contributions to the understanding of how feedbacks between climate change, land-use change, and ecosystem processes influence carbon cycling across a variety of systems, and her exceptional mentorship and teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level.



**Desiree L. Narango**, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Massachusetts,  
Amherst, Biology Department

Elected for pioneering research on the connections between native plants, insects and birds in human-dominated urban and agricultural ecosystems; for excellence in communicating ecological concepts and the importance of native plants to the urban public; and for promoting diversity and inclusion in ecology.



**Julian Resasco**, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Ecology  
and Evolutionary Biology Department

Elected for outstanding contributions toward advancing ecological understanding of human impacts on biodiversity and species interactions, including spatial and temporal dynamics and responses to landscape connectivity and fragmentation; and for his commitment to mentoring and promoting diversity and inclusion in ecology.



**Lauren G. Shoemaker**, Assistant Professor, University of Wyoming,  
Department of Botany

Elected for research advancing the ways we make sense of complex ecological systems, integrating theory and empiricism, and applying theory to real-world problems; for leadership in collaborative science; and for dedicated and innovative teaching and mentoring.



**Adrian C. Stier**, Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology

Elected for innovative contributions to marine population and community ecology, integration of community ecology with ecosystem-based management to advance the recovery of marine food webs, novel perspectives on ecosystem resilience in the Anthropocene, and commitment to community engagement in natural resource management.



**Jennifer M. Sunday**, Assistant Professor, McGill University,  
Department of Biology

Elected for contributions to understanding the relative roles of climate, physiology, and species' interactions upon biogeographical ranges and changes in biodiversity; and for advancing understanding of ecological change and climate change responses using analyses of biogeography through time and comparative traits.



**Kai Zhu**, Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz,  
Environmental Studies

Elected for outstanding contributions to research, teaching, and service in the fields of global change ecology, ecological modeling, and environmental data science.

