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EDUCATION

In Progress Ph.D. Candidate, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Brown University, *expected Dec 2020*
2018 Sc.M. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Brown University
2013 B.A. Biological Anthropology and Paleobiology, University of Washington, Seattle

CERTIFICATES

2020 Course Design, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University
2017 Reflective Teaching, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University
2013 Natural Science Illustration, School Prof. and Cont. Education, University of Washington

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Grant in Aid for Research: "The impact of interdigital substrate flow on theropod dinosaur footprint diversity" \$706
2019 EEB Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Grant: "Postural Grades and Foot Function Gradients in Archosaurs" \$12,343
2018 IEEE VIS (Visual analytics science and technology, Information visualization, Scientific visualization) Best Poster Award: "Using Scientific Sketching to Develop Virtual Reality Visualizations for Unsteady Flow Analysis in Dinosaur Track Creation"
2016 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Falkingham PL, **Turner ML**, Gatesy SM. (*accepted*). Constructing and testing hypotheses of dinosaur foot motions from fossil tracks, using digitization and simulation. *Palaeontology*.
Turner ML, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2020). It's in the loop: shared subsurface foot kinematics in birds and other dinosaurs shed light on a new dimension of fossil track diversity. *Biology Letters*. 16: 20200309. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rsbl.2020.0309>
Tsai HP, **Turner ML**, Manafzadeh AR, Gatesy SM. (2020). Contrast-enhanced XROMM reveals in vivo soft tissue interactions in the hip of *Alligator mississippiensis*. *Journal of Anatomy*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/joa.13101>
Novotny J, Tveite J, **Turner ML**, Gatesy SM, Drury F, Falkingham P, Laidlaw DH. (2019). Developing Virtual Reality Visualizations for Unsteady Flow Analysis of Dinosaur Track Formation using Scientific Sketching. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2019.2898796>
Farlow JO, Robinson NJ, **Turner ML**, Black J, Gatesy SM. (2018). Footfall Pattern of a Bottom-Walking Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*). *Palaios* 33(9):406-413. <https://doi.org/10.2110/palo.2018.037>
Turner ML, Sidor CA. (2017). Pathology in a Permian Parareptile: Congenital Malformation of Sacral Vertebrae. *Journal of Zoology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jzo.12519>
Turner ML, Tsuji LA, Ide O, Sidor CA. (2015). The vertebrate fauna of the Upper Permian of Niger—IX. The appendicular skeleton of *Bunostegos akokanensis* (Parareptilia: Pareiasauria). *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* 35, e994746. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02724634.2014.994746>

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Seminars

- 2019, Nov PaleoLunch, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
2019, Oct CCV-Con, Center for Computation and Visualization, Brown University
2019, Feb Ecology and Evolutionary Ecology Brown Bag Seminar, Brown University
2018, Sept Ecology and Evolutionary Ecology Brown Bag Seminar, Brown University
2018, Jan Initiative to Maximize Student Development, Brown University
2017, April Scientific Visualization Group, Department of Computer Science, Brown University
2016, Feb Ecology and Evolutionary Ecology Brown Bag Seminar, Brown University

Invited and Contributed Conference Presentations

- Turner ML** and Gatesy SM. (2020). Looking inside the sole: intermetatarsal mobility in the *American alligator*. *Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting*.
- Capano JG, Brainerd EL, **Turner ML**, Ryerson WG. (2019). Cranial Kinesis During Prey Ingestion in the Reticulated Python. *Northeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Division of Vertebrate Morphology and Comparative Biomechanics*.
- Turner ML**, Novotny J, Falkingham PL, Laidlaw DH, Gatesy SM. (2019). Where does footprint morphology come from? Developing virtual reality visualizations for exploring dinosaur track formation. *International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology*. (Invited symposium talk).
- Falkingham PL, **Turner ML**, Gatesy SM. (2019). Generating and Testing Hypotheses of Dinosaur Foot Motions Using 3D-Digitized Tracks and Large-Scale Granular Simulations. *International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology*.
- Novotny J, Tveite JJ, **Turner ML**, Gatesy SM, Falkingham PL, Laidlaw, DH. (2018). Developing a Virtual Reality Application for Unsteady Flow Analysis in Dinosaur Track Creation. IEEE VIS (Visual analytics science and technology, Information visualization, Scientific visualization). (Best Poster Award)
- Turner ML**, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2018). Where does footprint morphology come from? Integrating 3D methods for exploring dinosaur track formation. *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting*. (Invited symposium talk).
- Tsai HP, **Turner ML**, Manafzadeh AR, Gatesy SM. (2018). Contrast-enhanced XROMM reveals in vivo soft tissue interaction in the hip of Alligator mississippiensis: implications for pseudosuchia. *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting*.
- Farlow JO, Robinson NJ, **Turner ML**, Black J, Gatesy SM. (2018). Footfall Pattern of a Bottom-Walking Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*). *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting*.
- Turner ML**, Gatesy SM. (2018). Intra-foot kinematics of the American alligator. *Northeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Division of Vertebrate Morphology and Comparative Biomechanics*.
- Turner ML**, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2018). Avian subsurface foot kinematics on deformable substrates. *Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting*.
- Gatesy SM, **Turner ML**, Falkingham, PL. (2018). CT Imaging of Dinosaur Footprints: Hidden Topography and the Origin of Track Diversity. *Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting*.
- Napoli JG, Tsai HP, **Turner ML**, Manafzadeh AR, Gatesy SM. (2018). In- and Ex-Vivo Analysis of the Kinematics and Function of the Tendon of Sutton in Alligator mississippiensis. *Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting*.
- Tsai HP, **Turner ML**, Manafzadeh AR, Gatesy SM. (2018). Significance of hip kinematics for interpreting articular soft tissue function in Alligator mississippiensis. *Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting*.
- Turner ML**, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2017). Sub-Surface Foot-Trajectories and Fossil Dinosaur Tracks. *Last Days of Pangea Triassic-Jurassic Research Symposium*.

- Tsai HP, **Turner ML**, Manafzadeh AR, Gatesy SM. (2017). Significance of hip kinematics for interpreting articular soft tissue function in Alligator mississippiensis: evolutionary and biomechanical implications for Saurischia. *Last Days of Pangea Triassic-Jurassic Research Symposium*.
- Turner ML**, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2016). The morphology of motion in sub-surface foot trajectories and fossil dinosaur tracks. *Northeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Division of Vertebrate Morphology and Comparative Biomechanics*.
- Tsai HP, **Turner ML**, Manafzadeh AR, Gatesy SM. (2016). Hip joint kinematics of Alligator mississippiensis: Significance of articular soft tissues for interpreting hind limb function. *Northeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Division of Vertebrate Morphology and Comparative Biomechanics*.
- Turner ML**, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2016). The morphology of motion in sub-surface foot trajectories and fossil dinosaur tracks. *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting*.
- Turner ML**, Falkingham PL, Gatesy SM. (2016). The morphology of motion: sub-surface foot trajectories and fossil tracks. *International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology*.
- Turner ML**, Sidor CA, Tsuji LA. (2015). Removing assumptions of anatomical orientation from cladistic characters: an example from pareiasaurs. *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting*.
- Turner ML**, Tsuji LA, Sidor CA. (2014). Evidence for the earliest evolution of a fully parasagittal quadruped. *Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting*.
- Turner ML**, Tsuji LA, Sidor CA. (2013). The Ontogeny of the Scapulocoracoid of the Pareiasaur Bunostegos akokanensis (Amniota: Parareptilia) from the Permian of Niger. *Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Washington*.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Teaching

F18/S19	Special Projects TA: BIOL3644/3655: Human Anatomy I/II, Warren Alpert Medical School
F17/S18	TA: BIOL3644/3655: Human Anatomy I/II, Warren Alpert Medical School
F16/S17	TA: BIOL3644/3655: Human Anatomy I/II, Warren Alpert Medical School
F15/F17	Guest Lecturer and Science Contributor: CSCI1370/ ILLUS3340: Virtual Reality Design for Science, Brown University + Rhode Island School of Design
S14	Peer TA: BIOL 443: Evolution of Mammals and their Ancestors, University of Washington
F13	Peer TA: BIOL 453: Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates, University of Washington

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

2018 – 2019 Eli Mitnik, Brown University. Project: track experiments and R coding

Workshops

2019, July Virtual Morphology (VirtMorph) symposium, International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology conference, Prague, Czechia

SERVICE

Institutional

Vice President, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Graduate Student Association., Brown Univ. 2018 – 2020
 Graduate Student Council Representative, Brown University 2017

Community Outreach

Museums + General Public

Custom museum exhibit and website on fossil dinosaur track formation created for permanent display at the Beneski Museum of Natural History at Amherst College, MA 2019, 2020
 “Dinosaurs and Cavemen” Dept. of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences, Univ. of Missouri 2014

“Behind the Scenes Night” Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture	2014
“Dino Day” Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture	2012, 2014, 2015
Elementary School	
“Brown Junior Researcher Program” Francis J Varieur Elementary, Pawtucket, RI	2019, 2020
“Brown Junior Researcher Program” Boys and Girls Club, East Providence, RI	2017, 2018
High School	
Judge, Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair, Warwick, RI	2019
Scientist Guest, Wild Ones, Providence, RI	2018
Virtual Reality demonstrations, Brown University, RI	2018
Undergraduate	
Graduate Student Panel, Wheaton College Summit for Women in STEM	2017

Manuscript Review

Anatomical Record, Frontiers in Zoology, Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE // selected

2015 – 2020	Live animal handling, training, surgery (alligator, boa constrictor, human, tegu, python)
2015 – 2020	Operator of Keck X-ray Reconstruction of Moving Morphology (XROMM)
2015 – 2020	Computed Tomography (CT) bone model making, animation, anatomical coordinate systems
2015 – 2020	Custom interface and visualization development for XROMM data
2015 – 2019	Virtual Reality application and interface development with scientific visualization collaborators
2012 – 2015	Fossil specimen description, systematics, pathology

MUSEUM POSITIONS HELD

2014 – 2015	Casting and Molding Technician, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
2012 – 2015	Research Assistant (Dr. Christian Sidor, Dr. Linda Tsuji), University of Washington
2009 – 2012	Volunteer Fossil Preparator, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture

ILLUSTRATION

Positions

2014 – 2016	Cartographer, African Safari Company
2014	Artist in Residence, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Oregon
2013 – 2016	Scientific Illustrator, Biology Department and Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture

Shows

2017, May	“Discover: A Conversation Between Art and Science,” Rhode Island School of Design and Brown Collaboration Show
2016, Nov	“Art of Science” Exhibition, Brown University
2013, May	Natural Science Illustration Portfolio Show, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture

SKILLS

Imaging Techniques	X-ray operator for XROMM and CT; high-speed videography
Computer Programs	Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Amira, Arduino IDE, Autodesk Maya, Fidex CT software, GeoMagic, Horos, Igor, MakerWare by MakerBot, MatchMover, Phantom Camera Control for XROMM, Tinkercad, XMA Lab
Computer Languages	Proficient: Maya Embedded Language (MEL), R Familiar: C/C++, Python

Practical

3D printing, animal husbandry and handling, casting and molding, Arduino hardware control, dissection, experimental design, fossil preparation, instrumentation, survival animal surgery, visual design

AFFILIATIONS

American Association for Anatomy (2020-present), Graduate Women in Science (2016-present), International Society of Vertebrate Morphology (2016-present), Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (2015-present), Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (2014-present)