

# Vincent R. Farallo

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## Education:

- Ohio University (Ph.D.)** (September 2010 – present): **In progress**  
Athens, Ohio  
**Program:** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Texas State University (M.Sc.)** (September 2007 – December 2009): **Class of 2009**  
San Marcos, Texas  
**Program:** Population and Conservation Biology
- John Carroll University (B.Sc.)** (September 2002 – May 2006): **Class of 2006**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
**Program:** Biology
- Central Queensland University** (February 2004 – June 2004):  
Rockhampton, Australia

## Research Experience:

- **Iguana Behavior** (July 2009 – August 2009): Developed a study investigating behavioral response of black spiny-tailed iguanas (*Ctenosaura similis*) while foraging in the presence of predator cues at the Palo Verde Research Station in Costa Rica.
- **Drift Fence Study** (September 2007 – November 2007): Initiated a study comparing two common drift fence traps (Pitfalls and Single funnel traps) with a new one-way double funnel trap which captures individuals twice, reducing the possibility of escape. A manuscript from this research is currently in review with Southwestern Naturalist.
- **Research Assistant** (October 2006 – November 2006): Assisted Dennis Wasko, PhD Student at Miami University, at La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica. Duties included tracking Fer de lance (*Bothrops asper*) using radio telemetry and assisting with other aspects of his project.
- **Research Experience for Undergraduates** (June 2005 – August 2005): Participant in the 10 week program sponsored by OTS and Duke University at La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica. I participated in various projects related to Herpetology and Tropical Biology guided by Maureen Donnelly and Craig Guyer.

## Work Experience:

- **Teaching Assistant** Ohio University (September 2010 – present)
  - Introduction to Zoology Lab: lower division (1 quarter)
  - Human Anatomy: upper division (1 quarter)
  - Field Ecology: upper division (present)
- **Contract Biologist** (February 2010 – March 2010): GIS work for Houston toad conservation.
- **Instructional Assistant** Texas State University-San Marcos (September 2007 – December 2009)
  - Organismal Biology Lab: lower division (4 semesters)
  - Herpetology Lab: upper division and graduate (1 semester)
  - Genetics Lab: lower division (1 semester)
- **Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation** (February 2007 – June 2007): Wildlife Habitat Management Intern, I performed a wide variety of tasks including entering data, conducting surveys (birds, mammals, and reptiles), taking data on nesting shorebirds, specifically the Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), a threatened shorebird.

### **Grants:**

- Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Research, American Philosophical Society - \$4000
- Rosemary Grant, Society for the Study of Evolution - \$2000
- Exploration Fund Grant, The Explorers Club – \$2500
- Ohio University Graduate Student Senate Research Grant – \$500 (2011), \$1500 (2012)
- Ohio University Graduate Student Senate Travel Grant – \$500 (2011), \$500 (2012)
- Texas State College of Science Travel Grant – \$235 (2008), \$325 (2009)
- Sigma Xi Grants in Aid of Research – \$400
- Southwestern Association of Naturalist Travel Grant – \$350
- Marvin R. Aures Herpetological Grant from the Western New York Herpetological Society – \$100
- American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Student Travel Grant – \$300

### **Awards/Honors:**

- Honorable Mention for best graduate student presentation at the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science. – \$50
- Texas State Associate Student Government Scholarship. – \$2000

### **Presentations:**

**Farallo, V.R.,** D.B. Miles. 2012. The role of micro-habitat in shaping the evolutionary ecology of Plethodontid salamanders of the eastern united states. The 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Herpetology.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2011. Predation and the maintenance of color polymorphism in a habitat specialist squamate (Poster). The 96<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America.

**Farallo, V.R.** 2011. Predation and the maintenance of color polymorphism in a habitat specialist squamate. Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2010. Predation and the maintenance of color polymorphism in the mottled rock rattlesnake (*Crotalus l. lepidus*). Evolution 2010, Portland, Oregon.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2010. Predation and the maintenance of color polymorphism in the mottled rock rattlesnake (*Crotalus l. lepidus*). The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalist.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2010. Predation and the evolution of color polymorphism in the mottled rock rattlesnake (*Crotalus l. lepidus*). The 113<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2009. Why so many forms? Field tests of the selective pressures on color and pattern variation and its maintenance in the mottled rock rattlesnake (*Crotalus l. lepidus*). International Conference for Graduate Students.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2009. Two are better than one: Improved funnel trap design. The 112<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2009. Two are better than one: Improved funnel trap design. The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalist.

**Farallo, V.R.,** M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Two are better than one: Improved funnel trap design. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State Biology Department Colloquium.

**Peer-reviewed Publications:**

**Farallo V.R.**, M.R.J. Forstner. 2012. Predation and the Maintenance of Color Polymorphism in a Habitat Specialist Squamate. PLoS ONE 7(1): e30316. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0030316

Brown, D.J, **V.R. Farallo**, J.R. Dixon, J.T. Baccus, T.R. Simpson, M.R.J. Forstner. 2011. Freshwater turtle conservation in Texas: lingering harvest effects and efficacy of the current management regime. Journal of Wildlife Management 75 (3):486-494.

**Farallo, V.R.**, M. Sasa, D.K. Wasko, M.R.J. Forstner. 2010. Reduced foraging in the presence of predator cues by the Black Spiny-tailed Iguana, *Ctenosaura similis* (Sauria: Iguanidae). Phyllomedusa 9 (2):99-109.

**Farallo, V.R.**, M.R.J. Forstner. 2010. An improved funnel trap for drift-fence surveys. Southwestern Naturalist 55 (3):460-463.

**Farallo, V.R.**, R. L. Swanson, G.R. Hood, J.R. Troy, M.R.J. Forstner. 2009. New county records for the Mediterranean house gecko (*Hemidactylus turcicus*) in Central Texas, with comments on human-mediated dispersal. Applied Herpetology 6: 196-198.

**Natural History Notes:**

Swanson, R.L., **V.R. Farallo**, T.R. Simpson. 2010. Geographic distribution. *Hemidactylus turcicus*. Herpetological Review 41 (4): 512.

Vandewege, M.L., A. Harper, **V.R. Farallo**, M.R.J. Forster. 2009. Geographic distribution. *Gastrophryne olivacea*. Herpetological Review 40 (4):445-446.

Swanson, R.L., **V.R. Farallo**, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2009. Geographic distribution. *Hemidactylus turcicus*. Herpetological Review 40 (4): 453.

**Farallo, V.R.**, R. Swanson, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Geographic distribution. *Lithobates sphenoccephalus*. Herpetological Review 39 (3): 363.

Swanson, R.L., **V.R. Farallo**, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Geographic distribution. *Hemidactylus turcicus*. Herpetological Review 39 (3): 367.

**Farallo, V.R.**, R. Swanson, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Geographic distribution. *Hemidactylus turcicus*. Herpetological Review 39 (3): 368.

**Farallo, V.R.**, R. Swanson, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Geographic distribution. *Coluber constrictor*. Herpetological Review 39 (4):484.

Swanson, R.L., **V.R. Farallo**, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Geographic distribution. *Anolis carolinensis*. Herpetological Review 39 (4):482.

Swanson, R.L., **V.R. Farallo**, J.R. Troy, G.R. Hood, M.R.J. Forstner. 2008. Geographic distribution. *Syrhophus cystignathoides campi*. Herpetological Review 39 (4):478.

### **Technical Reports:**

Forstner, M.R.J., V.R. Farallo. 2010. Houston toad habitat suitability assessment for the Cross county water supply pipeline project in Lee and Burleson counties, Texas. Submitted to ACI Consulting, Austin, TX. 16 pgs.

### **Organizations:**

- Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (2006 – present)
- Herpetologist League (2006 – present)
- American Society of Ichthyology and Herpetology (2006, 2007, 2011 – present)
- Texas Academy of Science (2008 – 2009)
- Southwestern Association of Naturalists (2008 – present)
- Chicago Herpetological Society (2008 – 2009)
- Western New York Herpetological Society (2008 – 2009)
- Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society (2008 – present)
- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society (2009 – present)
- Society for the Study of Evolution (2010 – present)
- Ecological Society of America (2011 – present)

### **Extra-curricular activities:**

- Ohio University Graduate Student Journal Club (2010 – present)
- E.A.R.P. Discussion Group and Research Project (2008 – present)
- Texas State Biology Graduate Student Organization Graduate Committee Representative (2008)
- Texas State Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior Discussion Group (2007 – 2010)
- Graduate Student Volunteer at Evolution Society meeting in Portland, OR (2010)
- Student Travel Committee Member for SSAR (2011- present)
- Served as reviewer for the *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* and *North-Western Journal of Zoology*