# JOEL O. ABRAHAM

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### **EDUCATION**

# PHD student, Princeton University, 2019-present

Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (Advisor: Rob Pringle)

# **B.S.**, Yale University, 2014-2018

Magna cum laude, double major in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Environmental

Studies with distinction in both majors

Certificate in Energy Studies

Studied abroad on the SIT Australia: Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology Program

Senior thesis: Drought-Response Strategies of Savanna Herbivores

(Advisor: A. Carla Staver)

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018- 2019	Research Assistant, Edwards Lab, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Jun-Jul 2018	Postgraduate Associate (with the Staver Global Biome Ecology Lab, Yale University), <i>Kruger National Park, South Africa</i>
2015-2018	Undergraduate Researcher, Staver Global Biome Ecology Lab, Yale
	University, New Haven, CT
Mar-May 2017	Associate Researcher, Morgan Plant Ecology Lab, LaTrobe University,
	Melbourne, VIC
May-Aug 2015	Plant Sciences Intern, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, IL

# RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-2018	Lab Technician, DNA Analysis Facility on Science Hill, Yale University,
	New Haven, CT
2015-2016	Sterling Chemical Lab Safety Staff, Yale University, New Haven, CT

#### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019	Graduate Research	Fellowship,	National	Science .	Foundation

- 2019 Centennial Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2017 YIBS Matching Funds Grant, Yale University
- 2017 Grace Hopper Mellon Senior Research Grant, Yale University
- 2017 Franke Fellowship in Science and the Humanities, Yale University
- 2017 Grace Hopper Richter Summer Fellowship, Yale University
- 2016 Thomas C. Barry Travel Fellowship, Yale University

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Raymond B. Huey Award for Best Student Poster Presentation, SICB

- 2018 Gaylord Donnelley Prize in Studies in the Environment, Yale University
- 2018 Edgar J. Boell Prize for Excellence in Senior Research, Yale University
- 2018 Cogswell Award for Service to Hopper College, Yale University
- 2017 Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University

# PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Abraham, J.O.,** Hempson, G.P., and Staver, A.C. (2019). Drought-response strategies of savanna herbivores. *Ecology and Evolution* 9: 7047-7056.
- **Abraham, J.O.** and Morgan, J.W. (2018). Effects of time-since-fire on the invertebrate communities of Kangaroo Grass *Themeda triandra*-dominated grasslands in Melbourne, Victoria. *The Victorian Naturalist* 135(2): 36-46.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- **Abraham, J.** and Staver, A.C. (2019). Drought-Response Strategies of Savanna Herbivores. Poster presented at: 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology; 2019 Jan 3-7; Tampa, FL.
- **Abraham, J.** and Staver, A.C. (2018). Drought-Response Strategies of Savanna Herbivores. Poster presented at: 103rd Annual Ecological Society of America Meeting; 2018 Aug 6-10; New Orleans, LA.
- **Abraham, J.** and Staver, A.C. (2018). Drought-Response Strategies of Savanna Herbivores. *Talk given at: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Senior Symposium; 2018 May 1; New Haven, CT.*
- Finch, J., Thole, D., **Abraham, J.** (2016). City Living: The Potential of Urban Milkweed Ecotypes for Monarch Conservation. *Talk given at: Illinois State Academy of Science Annual Meeting*; 2016 Apr 16; Edwardsville, IL.
- **Abraham, J.**, Finch, J., Thole, D. (2015). Surviving the city: the effects of urbanization on common milkweed. *Poster presented at: Yale Undergraduate Research Symposium*; 2015 Sep 7; New Haven, CT.
- **Abraham, J.**, Finch, J., Thole, D. (2015). Surviving the city: the effects of urbanization on common milkweed. *Poster presented at: Chicago Botanic Gardens; 2015 Aug 14; Glencoe, IL.*

### **SKILLS**

*Computer*: Microsoft Office, including Excel; Adobe Photoshop and InDesign; R; Minitab *Outdoor*: backpacking, canoeing/kayaking, reading a map and compass, using a GPS. *Languages:* Hebrew, Latin.

# REFERENCES

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