

## **Liz Kimbrough**

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### **EDUCATION**

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- **Ph.D. Candidate** **August 2014-Current**  
**Tulane University**, New Orleans, LA  
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
**Advisor:** Dr. Sunshine Van Bael
- **AA in Early Childhood Education** **Graduated: May 2011**  
**College of the Redwoods**, Eureka, CA
- **B.S. in Botany, Minor in Writing, Cum Laude** **Graduated: May 2010**  
**Humboldt State University**, Arcata, CA

### **GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS (\$302,000)**

\*denotes grant written for third party or organization

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- **2018** National Geographic Early Career Grant (\$6,200)\*
- **2017** World Conference for Science Journalists Student Travel Fellowship (\$2,300)
- **2017** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Internship Award (\$5,000)
- **2016** PLOS Reporting Fellowship, Ecological Society of America Conference (\$500)
- **2016** GSSA Travel Award, Tulane University (\$500)
- **2016** Tulane SSE Graduate Dean's' Conference Travel Award, Tulane University (\$300)
- **2015** Stone Center for Latin American Studies Travel Award, Tulane University (\$4,700)
- **2015** Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Award, Tulane University (\$500)
- **2015** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$142,000)
- **2015** Tulane SSE Graduate Dean's' Conference Travel Award, Tulane University (\$300)
- **2014** Louisiana Board of Regents Graduate Student Fellowship (\$120,000)
- **2014** Mongabay.org Special Reporting Fellowship (\$5,000)
- **2011** College of the Redwoods, Smith Scholarship for Early Childhood Education (\$300)
- **2010** Humboldt Area Foundation Grant for Campus Center for App. Technology (\$6,000)\*
- **2009** Patagonia Donation for Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (\$5,000)\*
- **2006-2010** Humboldt State University Community Service Scholarship (\$4,000 over 4 years)

### **WRITING EXPERIENCE**

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- **Writer** **June 2012-Current**  
**Mongabay.com**, International  
Have written over 50 news articles that were published the science/conservation news and information website Mongabay.org including the interview series "Innovation in Tropical Forest Conservation." Several of these stories were among the sites most visited articles and several have been reprinted onto other news sites such as: REDD-monitor.org, The Elephant Journal, healthandharmony.org, ecocidealert.org, wakingtimes.com, etc.

- **Travel Fellow** **October 2017**  
**World Conference of Science Journalists, San Francisco, CA**  
 Attended workshops and seminars on science writing and wrote for the conference website about “Decolonizing Science” and “Covering Sexual Harassment in STEM.”
- **Reporting Fellow** **August 2016**  
**Public Library of Science (PLOS), Baltimore, MD**  
 Covered the 2016 Ecological Society of America Conference as a guest reporter and blogger, live-tweeting from the events and contributing articles to the PLOS blog on urban ecology and restoration ecology.
- **Reporting Fellow** **September 2014-December 2014**  
**Mongabay.org, Special Reporting Initiative**  
 Reported on the proliferation of dams in the Andean/Amazon regions. Worked with a team that published four long-format investigative articles for mongabay.org.
- **Travel Intern** **June 2010-Dec 2010**  
**Appropedia.org, Peru, Panama and Costa Rica**  
 Co-created and pioneered the Travel Internship program for Appropedia.org, the wiki for sustainable development. Traveled to Peru, Panama and Costa Rica visiting successful appropriate technology projects. Used interviews, photos and diagrams to create wiki pages documenting the projects. Created 12 unique pages drawing, to date, over 200,000 views.

## **RESEARCH/WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- **Ph.D. Student/Candidate** **August 2014-Current**  
**Tulane University, New Orleans, LA**  
 My ongoing doctoral research focuses on the community assembly of microbes associated with woody plant species in both the baldcypress swamps in the southeastern U.S and a lowland tropical rainforest in Panama. As a Ph.D. student, I have mentored undergraduates, volunteered teaching STEM in a K-12 environment, conducted independent research, taught an Ecology Lab, and funded my research and salary through external grants.
- **Graduate Research Intern** **March 2017-September 2018**  
**Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Gamboa, Panama**  
 Conducted independent experiment investigating the role of leaf traits on microbial community assembly of woody plants at the STRI facilities and worked collaboratively with a team of international students and researchers.
- **Assistant Teacher/ Curriculum Development** **February 2012- December 2013**  
**Children’s Cottage Preschool**  
 Instructed children age 4-6 and developed age appropriate science, music, and Spanish language curriculum.
- **Co-Director/Budget Coordinator** **May 2009-May 2010**  
**Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, Arcata, CA**  
 Directed day to day operations of campus learning program/non-profit including: managing 20 employees, coordinating workshops and tours, directing volunteers, and managing and overseeing the program’s annual budget.

## **WRITING & EDITING COURSEWORK/CERTIFICATIONS**

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- Writing Minor, Humboldt State University 2006-2010
- Grant Writing, Humboldt State University, 2009
- Grant Writing and Professional Development, Tulane University, 2014
- Poynter ACES Certificate in Editing, 2017
- Federal Grant Writing 101, Udemy.com, 2018
- Getting Foundation Grants, Nonprofitready.org, 2018
- Intermediate Grant Writing, The Funding Seed, New Orleans, 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

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- American Copywriters Association
- Grant Professionals Association
- Society of Fundraising Professionals
- Society for Environmental Journalism
- Ecological Society of America