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EDUCATION

- 2007 **UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.** Ph.D. Evolutionary Biology. Division of Environmental and Evolutionary Biology.
Dissertation title: Micro and macroclimate effects on reproductive performance of Common Eiders. Advisors: Prof. Pat Monaghan and Dr. Ruedi Nager
- 2003 **UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.** M.Res. Ecology and Environmental Biology, Division of Environmental and Evolutionary Biology University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK.
Thesis: Maternal and environmental effects on nestling growth in lesser black-backed gulls (Larus fuscus). Advisors: Prof. Robert Furness, Prof. Pat Monaghan
- 2000 **UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA ESTADO DE MEXICO.** B.Sc.(Hons) Biology. Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autonoma Estado de Mexico

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 - present** **Postdoctoral Research Scientist**, Department of Biology, Evolution and Optics of Nanostructures (EON) Ghent University, Belgium.
- 2013-2015** **Visiting Assistant Professor**, (course developed and taught: Introduction to Biomimicry), The University of Akron, Ohio USA.
- 2012-2014** **Visiting Assistant Professor**, (courses taught: Comparative Animal Physiology, Biostatistics, Foundations of Biology, Natural History of Vertebrates, Animal Behavior) The College of Wooster, Ohio USA.
- 2011 spring** **Natural Science Instructor**, University of Akron, Ohio USA.
- 2009 - 2011** **Postdoctoral research fellow.** Antimicrobial effects of avian incubation. Evolution of color patterns and novel structural colors in birds (Collaborators: Dr. Matt Shawkey). University of Akron, OH, USA.
- 2007-2008** **Postdoctoral research assistant.** Long-term effects of elevated stress hormone levels in early development (Collaborators: Prof. Pat Monaghan, Prof. Neil Evans, Dr. Karen Spencer and Dr. Britt Heidinger). Glasgow University, UK.
- 2004-2007** **Teaching assistant.** Topics: Biology First-year level, Invertebrates Third-year level, Animal Physiology First-year level. Statistics First-year Level (University of Glasgow, UK)
- 2002** **Instructor (K-12)**. Topics: Ecology and Biology, Estado de Mexico, Mexico.
- 2003** **Research assistant.** Maternal resource allocation and growth of Lesser Black-backed gull chicks (*Larus fuscus*). (Advisor: Prof. Pat Monaghan). University of Glasgow, UK.

2002

Field assistant. Testosterone, colour and reproductive success of Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) males. (Advisors: Dr. Constantino Macias Garcia and Dr. Roxana Torres). Instituto de Ecologia, UNAM.

PUBLICATIONS

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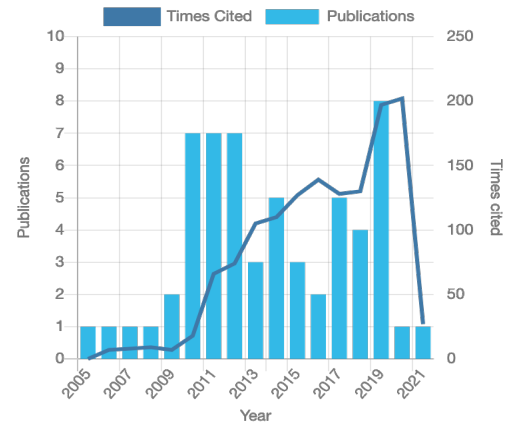
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In review

Peteya J., K. Gao; Q. Li; J. Clarke; L. D'Alba; M. Shawkey. *Diversification of melanosome shape in vertebrate taxa*. PLoS One

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2. **D'Alba L.** Meadows M. Maia M. Yeo J.S., Manceau M. and Shawkey M.D. Morphogenesis of iridescent feathers in Anna's hummingbird *Calypte anna*. *Integrative and Comparative Biology*. icab123, <https://doi.org/10.1093/icb/icab123>
3. Vanthournout B., Rousaki A., Parmentier T., Janssens F., Mertens J. Vandenabeele P., **D'Alba L.** 2021. Springtail coloration at a finer scale: mechanisms behind vibrant Collembolan metallic colours. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*. 18(180), p.20210188
4. Rogalla S., Nicolai M.P.J., Shawkey M.D. **D'Alba L.** 2021. The evolution of darker wings in seabirds in relation to temperature dependent flight efficiency. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*. 18(180), p.20210236
5. Zhou, X., Gong, X., Cao, W., Forman, C.J., Oktawiec, J., D'Alba, L., Sun, H., Thompson, M.P., Hu, Z., Kapoor, U. and McCallum, N.C., 2021. Anisotropic Synthetic Allomelanin Materials via Solid State Polymerization of Self-Assembled 1, 8-Dihydroxynaphthalene Dimers. *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.202103447>
6. Nicolai M.P.J., **D'Alba L.**, Goldenberg J., Gansemans Y., Van Nieuwerburgh F., Clusella-Trullas S., Shawkey M.D. 2021. Untangling the structural and molecular mechanisms underlying colour and rapid colour change in a lizard, *Agama atra*. *Molecular Ecology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.15901>

7. **D'Alba L.**, Goldenberg J., Nallapaneni A., Parkinson D., Zhu C., Vanthournout B. and Shawkey M.D. 2021. Evolution of eggshell structure in relation to nesting ecology in non-avian reptiles. *Journal of Morphology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jmor.21347>
8. Rogalla, S., Shawkey, M.D., Vanthournout, B. and **D'Alba, L.**, 2021. Thermoregulation and heat exchange in ospreys (*Pandion haliaetus*). *Journal of Thermal Biology*, p.102857.
9. Goldenberg, J., **D'Alba, L.**, Bisschop, K., Vanthournout, B. and Shawkey, M.D., 2021. Substrate thermal properties influence ventral brightness evolution in ectotherms. *Communications biology*, 4(1), pp.1-10.
10. Nicolai M., Shawkey, M.D., Porchetta S. and **D'Alba, L.** 2020. Exposure to irradiance as a predictor of repeated evolution of concealed black skin color in birds. *Nature Communications* 11:2414.
11. **D'Alba, L.**, Wang B. Vanthournout B. Shawkey M.D. 2019. The golden age of arthropods: ancient mechanisms of color production on body scales. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*. 16(159), p.20190366.
12. Fan M., **D'Alba, L.**, Shawkey M.D., Peters A. and Delhey K. 2019. Multiple components of feather microstructure contribute to structural plumage colour diversity in fairy-wrens. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*. 128(3):550–568
13. Rogalla S., **D'Alba, L.**, Verdoodt A. L. Shawkey M.D. Hot wings: Thermal impacts of wing colouration on surface temperature during bird flight. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 16(156), p.20190032.
14. Shawkey, M.D. and **D'Alba, L.**, 2019. Egg pigmentation probably has an early Archosaurian origin. *Nature*, 570(7761), p.E43.
15. **D'Alba L.** 2019 Palaeontology: pterosaur plumage. *Nature Ecology and Evolution* 3, pages12–13
16. Stuart-Fox, D., Newton, E., Mulder, R.A., **D'Alba, L.**, Shawkey, M.D. and Iqic, B., 2018. The microstructure of white feathers predicts their visible and near-infrared reflectance properties. *PloS one*, 13(7), p.e0199129.
17. **D'Alba L.**, M.D. Shawkey. 2018. Melanosomes: Biogenesis, properties, and evolution of an ancient organelle. *Physiological Reviews* (invited review): 99(1), pp.1-19.
18. Kulp F. B., **D'Alba L.**, Shawkey M.D., and Clarke J.A.. 2018. Keratin nanofiber distribution and feather microstructure in penguins. *The Auk*, 135(3), pp.777-787
19. Iqic B., **D'Alba L.**, Shawkey MD. 2018. Fifty shades of white: how white feather brightness differs among species. *Naturwissenschaften*. 14;105(3-4).
20. D. Hu, J. A. Clarke, C.M. Eliason, R. Qiu, Q. Li, M.D. Shawkey, C. Zhao, **L. D'Alba**, J. Jiang, and X. Xing. 2018. A bony-crested Jurassic dinosaur with iridescent plumage highlights complexity in early paravian evolution. *Nature Communications* doi:10.1038/s41467-017-02515-y
21. Shawkey M.D. Iqic B., Rogalla S., Goldenberg J., Clusella-Trullas S., **D'Alba L.** 2017 Beyond colour: consistent variation in near infrared and solar reflectivity in sunbirds (Nectariniidae). *Naturwissenschaften* 4:9-10:78. doi: 10.1007/s00114-017-1499-8
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24. **D'Alba L.**, R. Torres, G.I.N. Waterhouse, C.M. Eliason, M.E. Hauber and M.D. Shawkey. 2017. What does the eggshell cuticle do? A functional comparison of avian eggshell cuticles. *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*. 90:588-599
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26. **D'Alba L.**, Maia R., Shawkey M.D. 2016 Evolution of avian eggshell structure in relation to nesting ecology. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2016.0687
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29. **D'Alba L.** and Shawkey MD 2015 Mechanisms of antimicrobial defense in avian eggs: A review. *Journal of Ornithology*. doi: 10.1007/s10336-015-1226-1
30. Shawkey M.D., **D'Alba, L.**, Xiao M., Schutte M.* and R. Buchholz. 2014. Ontogeny of an iridescent nanostructure composed of hollow melanosomes. *Journal of Morphology*
31. **D'Alba, L.**, Van Hemert C, Spencer K.A., Heidinger B.J., Gill L., Evans N.P., Monaghan P., Handel C.M., and Shawkey M.D. 2014. Melanin-Based Color of Plumage: Role of Condition and of Feathers' Microstructure. *Integr. Comp. Biol* doi:10.1093/icb/icu094Q.
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33. **D'Alba, L.**, Jones D.N., Badawy H.T., Eliason C.M., Shawkey M.D. 2014. Antimicrobial properties of a nanostructured eggshell in a bird with a high risk of infection. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 217:1116-1121
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41. **D'Alba, L.**, Van Hemert, C., Handel, C.M., Shawkey, M.D. 2011. A natural experiment on the condition-dependence of achromatic plumage reflectance in black-capped chickadees. *PLoS ONE* 6(10): e25877
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45. Shawkey M.D., **D'Alba L.**, Wozny J., Eliason C., Koop J. and Jia L. 2011 Structural color change following hydration and dehydration of iridescent mourning dove (*Zenaidura macroura*) feathers. *Zoology*. 114: 59-68
46. Maia R., **D'Alba L.**, Shawkey M.D. 2011 What makes a feather shine? A nanostructural basis for glossy black colors in feathers. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 278: 1973-1980 doi: 10.1098/rspb.2010.1637
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GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2021-2024 | FWO G0A7921N "Biomechanics and Biomimicry of Reptile Eggs: Insights into their functions and evolution" Co-PI with Dr. Matthew Shawkey and Pro. Karen de Clerck €448.000. |
| 2017-2020 | FWO GOG2217N: "Thermal properties of colored integument: mechanisms and evolution." Co-PI with Dr. Matthew Shawkey Dr. Susana Clusella-Trullas (Stellenbosch University, South Africa) €400.000 total (€232.000 to U.Gent). |
| 2013-2015 | National Science Foundation EAR-1146815. "Collaborative Research: Paleocolor-Mechanisms and evolution of plumage color in birds and other dinosaurs" Co-PI with Julia Clarke (U. Texas-Austin) and Matthew Shawkey (U. Akron). \$340,000. |
| 2012-2013 | National Geographic Waitts Grant . A colorful window to the Tertiary explosion of mammals. Co-PI with Jakob Vinther (University of Bristol, UK) and Matthew Shawkey (U. Akron). \$14,975 |
| 2011 | Jurassic Foundation research grant. Building a comprehensive database for reconstruction of non-avian dinosaur color from fossilized melanosomes. \$3,000 |
| 2010 | AOU post-doctoral travel grant |
| 2007 | Glasgow Natural History Society Small project grant |
| 2005 | ASAB travel grant |
| 2003 | The European commission – ARI program visiting fellowship |
| 2003-2005 | ORS Universities UK Student Scholarship |
| 2002-2006 | Conacyt-Mexico Postgraduate scholarship |

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

Invited talks

- 2021** - *Melanosome development into highly iridescence structures in feathers.* Belgian Photonics Online Meetup (www.bepom.org).
- *Eggshell mineralization in relation to nesting ecology in reptiles;* Le Studium France. Virtual Meeting: Innate immunity in a biomineralized context.

- *Optics and development of highly iridescence feathers, the case of hummingbird melanosomes*; Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology - The biology of pigment cells Symposium. Virtual Meeting.
- 2019** -*Animal coloration: evolution and mechanisms*; University College Cork, Ireland
- 2017** -*Vertebrate eggs as model for biomimetic multifunctional structures*. Biomimicry International Symposium, National Institute of Ecology, South Korea.
- 2017** -*An Introduction to Biomimicry*. IASA lecture series. University of Ghent, Belgium
- 2017** -*Sensory Ecology*. Ecophysiology Symposium, Tlaxcala Mexico.
- 2015** -*A microscopic view of animal coloration*. St. Mary's College, Moraga, California
- 2014** -*Antimicrobial properties of eggshells in an ecological context*. 26th IOC International Ornithological Conference. Tokyo, Japan
- 2014** -*Mechanisms of condition-dependent variation in melanin-based plumage color*. Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology. Austin, Texas.
- 2013** -*Antimicrobial defenses in birds*. Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 2012** -*A Microscopic Perspective to Extant and Dinosaur Color*. 56th American Chemical Society Annual Meeting. Columbus Ohio.

Recent Regular meetings (20 Total)

- 2018** -*Complex structural color in a Cretaceous moth*; Living Light conference. Cambridge, UK.
- 2017** -*How the world's most precious feathers get their warmth*. 42nd Meeting of the Waterbird Society. Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2016** -*Self-defense in lizard eggs*. 16th Congress of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology.. Exeter, UK.
- 2016** -*A feather with iridescent barbs and barbules*. Living Light Conference. UC San Diego, USA.
- 2015** -*Nesting Ecology and Eggshell Structure*. Nest Construction and Function Conference. ". Lincoln, UK.
- 2015** -*Antimicrobial properties of eggshells in an ecological context*; 52nd Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society. Anchorage, USA.
- 2014** -*Antimicrobial properties of eggshells in an ecological context*; 15th ISBE International Behavioral Ecology Congress. New York, USA.
- 2013** -*Antimicrobial egg defense in Australian Brush Turkeys*; Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology. San Francisco, USA
- 2012** -*Mechanisms of egg defense in megapodes: avoiding infection in a compost heap*. 14th International Behavioral Ecology Congress. Lund, Sweden.
- 2011** -*Relative contribution of pigments and structure to color production in budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) feathers*. 1st International Symposium on Natural Photonic Structures. Shanghai, China.

STUDENT MENTORING

2016 – present: 1 master student, 3 PhD students and 1 postdoctoral fellow

Liliana D'Alba

Biology Department, University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium

2010 – 2016: 13 bachelor, 2 master students and 1 PhD student

*College of Arts and Sciences, Biology Department, University of Akron, Akron,
United States of America*

2012 – 2014: 5 bachelor

Biology Department, The College of Wooster, Wooster, United States of America

ACADEMIC SERVICE & PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Member of the Diversity Team of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Ghent, 2020-present
- Postdoc Community Steering Group, Faculty of Sciences Representative, University of Ghent, 2016-2018.
- Manuscript reviewer for *Nature*, *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B.*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society Interface*, *Biology Letters*, *Functional Ecology*, *Journal of Animal Ecology*, *The Journal of Avian Biology*, *Micron*, *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, *AUK*, *PLoS ONE*, *Waterbirds*, *IBIS*, *OIKOS*, *General and Comparative Endocrinology*, *Naturwissenschaften*.
- Expositor at the Woow Science Festival, Gent Belgium: "Can colours keep us cool?" 2018-2019
- Speaker at the 200-year celebration at the University of Ghent, "Understanding animal coloration: mechanisms and potential applications"
- Expositor at the photography exhibit "Science as art", Oct 2017, University of Ghent.
- Membership in Professional Societies: Society for Comparative and Integrative Biology, British Ecological Society; International Society for Behavioral Ecology, The American Ornithologist Union.
- Contributor to Today's Science: Science News Written Especially for Students, 2014
- Biology and zoology project evaluator at Akron Public Schools science fair 2012 and 2013
- Festival of Science, University of Glasgow zoology booth, York UK, 2007

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficiency in Course management systems: Moodle and Desire2Learn
- Certification in online course development (Instructional Services, UAkron 2014)
- Software: R, Optical Modeling FDTD – Lumerical, ArcView (GIS), SPSS, Microsoft Office, SigmaPlot, Adobe Photoshop
- Statistical methods: Phylogenetic Comparative Methods, generalized linear models, model selection, mixed models, non-parametric statistics, basic spatial statistics (using ArcView).
- Field skills: bird banding, mist-netting, blood sampling, vertebrate surveying methods.
- Lab skills: Extensive training in scanning (JEOL JSM-7301F) and transmission (JEOL JEM-1011) electron microscopy, histological preparation of samples, basic molecular techniques, endocrinology and microbiology.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native language

English: Fluent in reading, writing and speaking.

French: Some reading and writing ability (CEFR level B1.2)

Dutch: Some reading and writing ability (ERK level B1-Threshold 2.4)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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