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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Quantitative population dynamics. Ecology of subtidal marine invertebrates, algae, & fish. Natural resource & fisheries management & conservation. Spatiotemporal statistics & Bayesian methods in biology & ecology.

## EDUCATION

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PhD 12/2014 Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara  
MS 9/2009 Fisheries Science, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
BS 5/2005 Dept. of Biology & minor in Fisheries Science, University of Washington

## EMPLOYMENT

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2018 - current Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University  
2107 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Florida State University (Supervisor: Dr. Andrew Rassweiler)  
2015-2017 Post-Doctoral Researcher, School of Resource & Environmental Management,  
Simon Fraser University (Supervisor: Dr. Anne Salomon)

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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L Rogers-Bennett & **DK Okamoto**. 2020. *Mesocentrotus franciscanus* & *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*. In: *Sea Urchins: Biology & Ecology*. JM Lawrence (Ed). Elsevier.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### Forthcoming and pre-prints

**Spindel, NB\***, LL Lee, **DK Okamoto**. Zombies of the nearshore: Metabolic depression in sea urchin barrens associated with food deprivation. bioRxiv Preprint: .

Lee, LL, Gwiisihlgaa (D McNeill), P Ridings, M Featherstone, **DK Okamoto**, **NB Spindel**, **NB**, AEW Galloway, GW Saunders, EG Adamczyk, L Reshitnyk, O Pontier, M Post, R Irvine, Gulxa taa'a gaagii ng.aang (N Wilson,) and SGiids Kung (V Bellis). Chiixuu Tll iinasdll: Indigenous Ethics and Values Lead to Ecological Restoration for People and Place in Gwaa Haanas. Accepted in *Ecological Restoration*.

Rassweiler, A, **Okamoto, DK** Reed, DC, Kushner, D, Schroeder, D, Lafferty, K. Improving the ability of a BACI design to detect impacts within a kelp-forest community. Accepted in *Ecological Applications*.

## 2020

**Zampieri, N\***, Pau, S. **Okamoto, DK**. The impact of Hurricane Michael on longleaf pine habitats in Florida. *Scientific Reports*

Dee, LE, **Okamoto, DK**, Gardmark, A. Montoya, J, Miller SJ. In Press. Temperature variability alters stability and collapse of interacting species populations. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B* [PDF](#)

**Okamoto, DK**, DC Reed, SC Schroeter. 2020. Effects of Ocean Climate on Spatiotemporal Variation in Sea Urchin Settlement and Recruitment. *Limnology & Oceanography* [PDF](#)

**Okamoto, DK**, M Hession-Lewis, JF Samhour, AO Shelton, A Stier, PS Levin, AK Salomon. 2020. Spatial variability within exploited metapopulations obscures risk of collapse. *Ecological Applications* 30( 3):02051 [PDF](#)

## 2019

**Okamoto, DK**, M Poe, T Francis, AE Punt, PS Levin, AO Shelton, D Armitage, JS Cleary, S Dressel, R Jones, H Kitka, LC Lee, AD MacCall, JA McIsaac, S Reifentstahl, JJ Silver, JO Schmidt, TF Thornton, R Voss, J Woodruff. 2019. Attending to spatial social-ecological sensitivities to improve trade-off analysis in natural resource management. *Fish and Fisheries*. [PDF](#)

Kline, DI, L Teneva, **DK Okamoto**, K Schneider, K Caldeira, T Miard, A Chai, M Marker, RB Dunbar, BG Mitchell, S Dove, O Hoegh-Guldberg. 2019. Living coral tissue slows skeletal dissolution related to ocean acidification. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*. [PDF](#)

Salomon, AK, AE Quinlan, G Pang, **DK Okamoto**, L Vazquez-Vera. Quantifying social-ecological resilience reveals opportunities for transforming environmental governance. *Ecology and Society*.

Armitage, DA, **DK Okamoto**, JJ Silver, TB Francis, PS Levin, AE Punt, IP Davies, JS Cleary, S Dressel, RR Jones, H Kitka, L Lee, A MacCall, J McIsaac, M Poe, S Reifentstahl, AO Shelton, J Schmidt, T Thorton, R Voss, J Woodruff. 2019. Integrating governance and natural resource management strategy evaluation (MSE) to improve social and ecological outcomes. *Bioscience* [PDF](#)

## 2018

Burt, JM, TB Tinker, **DK Okamoto**, KW Demes, K Holmes AK Salomon. 2018. A mesopredator alters the resilience of alternative states through complementarity with a keystone predator. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. [PDF](#)

- Pau, S, **DK Okamoto**, O Calderòn, SJ Wright. 2018. Long-term increases in tropical flowering activity across growth forms in response to rising CO<sub>2</sub> and climate change. *Global Change Biology*. 24, 2105-2116. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.14004>  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.14004/full>
- MacCall, A, TB Francis, DR Armitage, JS Cleary, SC Dressel, RR Jones, H Kitka, LC Lee, JA McIsaac, PS Levin, **DK Okamoto**, MR Poe, Punt, AE, S Reifenstuh, AO Shelton, M Siple, JJ Silver, JO Schmidt, TF Thornton, R Voss & J Woodruff. 2018. A heuristic model of learned migration behavior exhibits distinctive spatial and reproductive dynamics. *ICES Journal of Marine Science*.
- Punt, AE, **DK Okamoto**, A MacCall, AO Shelton, DR Armitage, JS Cleary, IP Davies, SC Dressel, TB Francis, PS Levin, RR Jones, H Kitka, LC Lee, JA McIsaac, MR Poe, S Reifenstuh, JJ Silver, JO Schmidt, TF Thornton, R Voss & J Woodruff. 2018. When are estimates of spawning stock biomass for small pelagic fishes improved by taking spatial structure into account? *Fisheries Research*.
- Voss, R, MF Quaasa, JO Schmidt, MT Stoeven, TB Francis, PS Levin, DR Armitage, JS Cleary, RR Jones, LC Lee, *DK Okamoto*, JJ Silver, TF Thornton, SC Dressell, AD MacCall, AE Punt. 2018. "Quantifying the benefits of spatial fisheries management? An ecological-economic optimization approach." *Ecological Modelling* 385 (2018): 165-172.

## 2017 and prior

- Kapsenberg, LK\*, **DK Okamoto**\*, JM Dutton & GE Hoffman. 2017. Sensitivity of sea urchin fertilization to pH varies across a natural pH mosaic. *Ecology & Evolution*.  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ece3.2776/full>  
 \* Authors contributed equally.
- Keeling, B, M Hessing-Lewis, C Housty, **DK Okamoto**, E Gregr, & AK Salomon. 2017. Factors driving spatial variation in egg survival of an ecologically and culturally important forage fish. *Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems*. 27:814-827.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/aqc.2757>
- Okamoto, DK**. 2016. Competition among eggs shifts to cooperation along a sperm supply gradient in an external fertilizer. *The American Naturalist*. 187:5, E129-E142.  
<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdfplus/10.1086/685813>
- Krumhansl, K, **DK Okamoto** et al. 2016. Global patterns of kelp forest change over the past half-century. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1606102113>
- Okamoto, DK**, RJ Schmitt, & SJ Holbrook. 2016. Stochastic density effects on adult fish survival and implications for population fluctuations. *Ecology Letters*, 9:153 -162.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/ele.12547>.

**Okamoto, DK**, MS Stekoll, & GL Eckert. 2013. Coexistence despite recruitment inhibition of kelps by subtidal algal crusts. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 493:103-112.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.3354/meps10505>

**Okamoto, DK**, RJ Schmitt, SJ Holbrook, & DC Reed. 2012. Fluctuations in food supply drive recruitment variation in a marine fish. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 279(1747):4542-4550. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2012.1862>

Britton-Simmons, KH, B Pister, I Sanchez, & **DK Okamoto**. 2011. Response of a native, herbivorous snail to the introduced seaweed sargassum muticum. *Hydrobiologia*, 661(1):187-196.

Britton-Simmons, KH, G Foley, & **DK Okamoto**. 2009. Spatial subsidy in the subtidal zone: utilization of drift algae by a deep subtidal sea urchin. *Aquatic Biology*, 5(3):233-243.

## GRANTS AWARDED\*

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2020 National Science Foundation, Biological Oceanography. \$1,131,023 (\$635,309 to FSU). Lead PI: **DK Okamoto**, PIs: L Rogers-Bennett, R Simons.10/2020-9/2023. *Collaborative Research: The effects of marine heatwaves on reproduction, larval transport and recruitment in sea urchin metapopulations*

2020 Parks Canada Conservation & Restoration Grant. \$1,290,115CAD (\$230,000CAD to FSU). Lead PI: LC Lee. co-PIs: V Bellis, T Tinker, **DK Okamoto**. 9/2020-12/2022. *Re-learning how to live with sea otters: Supporting community-based adaptive management*

2020 Council of Haida Nation. \$10,000 CAD to FSU.

2020 FSU Committee on Faculty Research Support (COFRS) grant. \$14,000

2018 Parks Canada Conservation & Restoration Grant. \$157,000 CAD contribution agreement.

2018 FSU First Year Assistant Professor Award. \$20,000

\*PI status conferred in 2018

## STUDENTS

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2019 - Matthew Schumm FSU PhD student primary supervisor

2018 - Nate Spindel FSU PhD student primary supervisor

2020 - Maya Tiseth FSU undergradate mentor

2019 - Kara Thornton FSU undergraduate mentor

2019 - Sofia Perez FSU undergraduate mentor

2019 - Trever Alspach FSU undergraduate mentor

2018 - Anthony Cappellino FSU undergraduate mentor

2015 Markus Thompson SFU MS student co-supervisor

2013 -'14 Stephanie Saccardi UCSB undergraduate mentor (won Worster Summer Research Award)

2013 -'14 Evan Barba UCSB undergraduate mentor (won Dean Bazzi Memorial Award)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2014 Best Student Presentation (Hon. Mention) - International Temperate Reefs Symposium
- 2013 Worster Summer Research Award
- 2013 UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship
- 2013 Charles A. Storke Graduate Fellowship
- 2013 UC Affiliates Graduate Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009 UCSB Block Grant fellowship
- 2008 Dr. H. Richard Carlson Scholarship - University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 2006 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholarship, Friday Harbor Laboratories

## INVITED LECTURES & SESSIONS

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- 2020 **Elakha Alliance Symposium** - Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon
- 2020 **Gwaii Haanas Series** - Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, Canada
- 2019 **Quebec-Ocean Seminar** - Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec
- 2019 **Oregon Institute of Marine Biology Seminar** - Coos Bay, Oregon
- 2018 **Gwaii Haanas Series** - Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, Canada
- 2018 **NOAA - Monster Jam** - NWFSC, Seattle, WA
- 2018 **Tribeta Guest Seminar** - Florida State University
- 2015 **Ecology & Evolution Seminar** - Florida State University
- 2015 **Geography Departmental Colloquium** - Florida State University
- 2013 **Guest Lecture**- “Statistical Power Analysis” - Florida State University
- 2012 **Invited Session** - American Fisheries Society - St. Paul, MN, USA
- 2008 **Guest Lecture** - “Marine Ecology” - University of Alaska Southeast

## SCUBA CERTIFICATIONS

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- 2004 - present AAUS/CAUS science diver
- 2002 - present PADI Rescue, NITROX, Oxygen Administration, CPR, First Aid, DAN<sup>+</sup> O<sub>2</sub>

## INVITED WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATION

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- 2016 - 2020 Ocean Modeling Forum Herring Working Group  
<http://oceanmodelingforum.org/working-groups/pacific-herring/>
- 2013 - present NCEAS Global Impacts of Climate Change on Kelp Forest Ecosystems  
<https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/featured/byrnes>

## COMMITTEES, PANELS & SERVICE

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2020 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Dept. of Biological Science, FSU  
 2017-current Scientific Advisory Committee: Northern Shelf Bio-region MPA network  
 2017-2018 Reviewer for San Francisco Bay pacific Herring fishery management plan

## TEACHING

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2020	Advanced Statistical Methods (QM2)	FSU
2018, '19, '20	Introductory Biology 2 Instructor	FSU
2012, '13	Applied Marine Ecology (TA)	UC Santa Barbara
2010, '11, '12	Introduction to Ecology (TA)	UC Santa Barbara
2009	Applied Marine Ecology Lab (TA)	UC Santa Barbara
2009	Aquatic Community Ecology (TA)	UC Santa Barbara
2009	Multivariate Data Analysis in Community Ecology (TA)	University of Alaska
2009	Fisheries Population Dynamics (TA)	University of Alaska
2008	Marine Ecology (TA)	University of Alaska
2008	Regression & ANOVA (TA)	University of Alaska

## CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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2008,'09,'13,'14,'16,'17, '18, '19, '20	Western Society of Naturalists
2008,'14,'16,'19	International Temperate Reefs Symposium
2016	Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, Vancouver, BC
2015	International Congress for Conservation Biology, Montpellier
2013	West Coast LTER Graduate Student Symposium - La Jolla, CA
2012	American Fisheries Society - St. Paul, MN
2011,'12,'13	SBC LTER All Scientistis Meeting - Santa Barbara, CA
2011,'12,'13	UCSB EEMB Graduate Student Symposium - Santa Barbara, CA
2011	American Fisheries Society - Seattle, WA
2007, 2008	American Fisheries Society, Alaska Chapter - Juneau, AK