

# CURRICULUM VITAE JOHEL CHAVES

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Current position: Faculty of Biology and Environmental Science, Verto Education,  
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## EDUCATION

2003-2008 Ph.D., Purdue University, Department of Biological Sciences, W. Lafayette, Indiana, USA.

Dissertation: Benefits of cooperative food search in the maintenance of group living in ocellated antbirds.

1999-2001 M.S. Biology with emphasis in Zoology (with honors), University of Costa Rica, Biology School, San José, Costa Rica. Thesis: Altitudinal movements of large frugivorous birds on the Caribbean slope of Costa Rica.

1993-1998 B.S. Biology with emphasis in Zoology. University of Costa Rica, Biology School, San José, Costa Rica.

## Teaching Credentials

November 2021 **ACUE Microcredential in Promoting Active Learning**  
Association of College and University Educators.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Since August 2021-

### **Faculty of Biology and Environmental Science**

*Verto Education, Costa Rica*

Activities: Designed, developed, implemented, and taught the courses Environmental Science and Introduction to Ecology. Designed and developed the course Introductory Biology, including its laboratory. Designed the renovation plan for the physical space assigned to the Introductory Biology Laboratory. Identified, sourced, and quoted all the reagents and equipment required to run the Introductory Biology Laboratory.

August 2019-August 2021

### **Lead Instructor**

*Council on International Educational Exchange,*

*Abroad Program in Tropical Ecology and Conservation in Costa Rica*

Activities: I led a team of four academic staff (two faculty members, two teaching assistants, one logistics coordinator), managed the program budget, oversaw the program logistics, managed academic programming, managed course and faculty evaluations, interviewed candidates for academic positions, trained new faculty and teaching assistants, conducted student orientations, submitted clinic reports, and collected and reported grades from all course instructors to Academic Director.

August 2011- August 2021

**Program Instructor**

*Council on International Educational Exchange,  
Abroad Program in Tropical Ecology and Conservation in Costa Rica*

Activities: I taught the courses Independent Study and Tropical Diversity twice a year.

2003-2008 **Doctoral Fellow / Teaching Assistant**

*Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA.*

Activities: I taught Ecology Lab (once, 20 students) and assisted the instructor of the course Introduction to Ecology and Evolution (once, ~130 students).

2005-2007 **Undergraduate Mentor**

*US National Science Foundation-Organization for Tropical Studies  
Research Experience for Undergraduates, La Selva Biological Station,  
Costa Rica.*

Activities: I mentored, trained and supervised Costa Rican and American undergraduates conducting summer research (3 programs, 4 students).

2002-2003 **Course Coordinator**

*Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica*

Activities: I coordinated the field graduate course Tropical Biology and Conservation. I taught statistics during the program (1 program, 22 students).

2001-2003 **Assistant Instructor**

*University of California (all campuses), Education Abroad Program in  
Biology, Costa Rica.*

Activities: I mentored and supervised undergraduate students conducting independent research. I conducted workshops in ornithology, experimental design and statistics during the program (4 programs, ~100 students).

1997-2000 **Teaching Assistant**

*Biology School, University of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica.*

Activities: I taught the courses Ecology Lab (3 times, ~100 students), the Laf of Introduction to Costa Rican Flora (once, ~25 students), Tree taxonomy Lab (once, 15 students). Assisted the instructor of the course Field Biology (once, 15 students).

# **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

August 2011- August 2021

**Research Instructor**

*Council on International Educational Exchange,  
Abroad Program in Tropical Ecology and Conservation in Costa Rica*

Projects: Multiple projects, mostly focused on animal behavior, involving undergraduate students.

2017-2019

**Independent Investigator**

Project: consistency and plasticity of hermit crab behavior in disturbed areas. Activities: design and execution of research projects. Data analyses and publication of scientific articles.

Feb 2009 –  
Jul 2011

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

*Department of Biological Sciences, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.*

Project: Coevolutionary dynamics between predator and prey in the valley of Cuatro Ciénegas, Mexico. Activities: I am using molecular tools, geometric morphometrics, and stable isotope analysis to study coevolution between endemic fish and their invertebrate prey. I am also studying the phylogeography of these species in the process.

2003-2008

**Graduate Research Assistant**

*Purdue University, Department of Biological Sciences, W. Lafayette, IN.*

Project: Benefits of cooperative food search in the maintenance of group living in ocellated antbirds. Activities: I used molecular tools, radiotelemetry, playback experiments, and geographic information systems to study social interactions in ocellated antbirds in Costa Rica (PhD dissertation).

1999-2001

**Graduate Research Assistant**

*Biology School, University of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica*

Activities: I measured temporal abundance of canopy fruit-eating birds and canopy fruits along an elevational gradient in Costa Rica with the help of radio telemetry (MS thesis).

1999-2000

**Research Intern**

*La Selva Biological Station, Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica*

Activities: I studied army-ant-following behavior in birds using playback experiments (OTS post-course fellowship).

1996-1997

**Research Trainee**

*Cabo Blanco Absolute Natural Reserve, Costa Rica.*

Activities: I measured nest site selection in brown boobies (University of Costa Rica independent undergrad research project).

1996-2000     **Undergraduate and Graduate Research Assistant**  
*Zoology Museum, University of Costa Rica*  
Activities: I collected, identified and preserved birds and fishes.  
Conducted morphological analysis, created a database for the  
ornithological collection, and compiled the historical records for the first  
Official List of the Birds of Costa Rica.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **REFEREED** (\* undergraduate student at the time data collection ended)

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- Henderson, E.C.\*, Osborne, Z.K\*, and **J. Chaves-Campos**. 2022. Hummingbird bill morphology matched flower morphology when long-corolla flowers provided higher reward. **Wilson Journal of Ornithology 134: 236–250.**
- Serpell, E. \*, and **J. Chaves-Campos**. 2022. Memory and habituation to harmful and non-harmful stimuli in a field population of the sensitive plant, *Mimosa pudica*. **Journal of Tropical Ecology** 38:89-98.
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- Finger, C.\*, and **J. Chaves-Campos** 2020. Trail gradient influences load size in wild leaf cutter ants. **Journal of Insect Behavior** 33:7–13.
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- Cummings, M\*., Evans, H.K\*., and **J. Chaves-Campos**. 2018. Male horn dimorphism and its function in the Neotropical dung beetle *Sulcophanaeus velutinus*. **Journal of Insect Behavior** 31:471-489.
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- Freeman, B.M.\* and **J. Chaves-Campos**. 2016. Branch Width and Height Influence the Incorporation of Branches into Foraging Trails and Travel Speed in Leafcutter Ants *Atta cephalotes* (L.) (Hymenoptera: Formicidae). **Neotropical Entomology** 45: 258-264.
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- Chaves-Campos, J.**, L.M. Coghill, F. J. García de León, and S.G. Johnson. 2012. The effect of aquatic plant abundance on shell crushing resistance in a freshwater snail. **PLoS ONE** 7(9): e44374.
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- Califano, D\* and **J. Chaves-Campos**. 2011. Effect of trail pheromones and weather on the moving behaviour of the army ant *Eciton burchellii*. **Insectes Sociaux** 58: 309-315.
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