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My research focuses on using field and lab studies to address basic questions in plant community assembly and multispecies coexistence theory, with a particular emphasis on interactions between native and invasive species. I am especially interested in the dynamics of semi-arid plant systems, which I have worked in both in California during my MSc program at UC San Diego, and in Western Australia during my PhD at the University of Queensland.

I will be using this award to attend the 13th International Conference on Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions in Hawai'i. I will be presenting the results of a review paper I am leading on the usage of community ecology theory in experimental restoration practices.

