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EDUCATION

2010 - Ph.D. Evolutionary Biology. University of Chicago, USA. Advisors: Gregory Mueller and Richard Ree.

2010 - M.S. Evolutionary Biology. University of Chicago, USA. Advisors: Gregory Mueller and Richard Ree.

2001 - Undergraduate degree (*Licenciatura*) in Biology. University of Lisbon. Portugal.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Starting 2017. Assistant Professor. Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Montana State University.

2015-present. Postdoctoral researcher. Université Paris Sud XI, France.

2011-2015. Postdoctoral researcher. University of California, Berkeley, USA.

2010-2011. Postdoctoral researcher. Biodiversity and Climate Research Center (BiK-F), Frankfurt, Germany.

2001-2004. Mycologist. Parque Natural de Montesinho. Bragança. Portugal.

PUBLICATIONS

Rosendahl, Lisa M., **Branco, S.**, Chung, J.A., Glassman, S.I., Liao, H.-L., Peay, K.G., Smith, D.S., Talbot, J.M., Taylor, J.W., Vellinga, E.C., Vilgalys, R., Bruns, T.D. In press. *Survey of corticioid fungi in North American pinaceous forests reveals hyperdiversity, underpopulated sequence databases, and species that are potentially mycorrhizal.* Mycologia.

Branco, S., Bi, K., Liao, H.-L., Gladieux, P., Badouin, H., Ellison, C.E., Nguyen, N., Vilgalys, R., Peay, K.G., Taylor, J.W., Bruns, T.B. In press. *Continental-level population differentiation and environmental adaptation in *Suillus brevipes*.* Molecular Ecology; special issue in Microbial Local Adaptation (Invited Contribution).

Waring, B., Adams, R.I., **Branco, S.**, Powers, J. 2016. *Nitrogen cycling and soil communities along gradients of forest composition and age in regenerating tropical dry forests.* New Phytologist 209: 845-854.

Nguyen, N.H., Song, Z., Bates, S.T., **Branco, S.**, Tedersoo, L., Menke, J., Schilling, J., Kennedy, P. 2016. *FungGuild: an open annotation database for parsing high-throughput fungal molecular data by ecological guild.* Fungal Ecology 20: 241-248.

- Taylor, J.W., Hann-Soden, C., **Branco, S.**, Sylvain, I., Ellison, C. 2015. *Clonal reproduction in fungi*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA 112: 8901-8908.
- Branco, S.**, Gladieux, P., Ellison, C., Kuo, A., LaButti, K., Lipzen, A., Grigoriev, I.V., Liao, H.-L., Vilgalys, R., Peay, K. G., Taylor, J. W., Bruns, T. D. 2015. *Genetic isolation between two recently diverged populations of a symbiotic fungus*. Molecular Ecology 24: 2747-2758. (Publication highlighted in Skrede&Brandsstrom-Durling. 2015. Mol Ecol, 24:2598-2600).
- Liao, H.-L., Chen Y., Bruns, T.D., Peay, K.G., Taylor, J.W., **Branco, S.**, Talbot, J.M., Vilgalys, R. 2014. *Metatranscriptomic analysis of ectomycorrhizal roots reveal genes associated with Piloderma-Pinus symbiosis: new methodologies for assessing gene expression in situ*. Environmental Microbiology 16:3730-3742.
- Schechter, S., **Branco, S.** 2014. *The ecology and evolution of mycorrhizal fungi in extreme soils*. In Rajakaruna, N., Boyd, R., Harris, T. (eds). Plant Ecology and Evolution in Harsh Environments. pp: 32-52.
- Nilsson, R. H., Hyde, K. D., Pawłowska, J., Ryberg, M., Tedersoo, L., Bjørnsgard, A., Alias, S. A., Alves, A., Anderson, C. L., Antonelli, A., Arnold, A. E., Bahnmann, B., Bahram, M., Bengtsson-Palme, J., Berlin, A., **Branco, S.**, Chomnunti, P., Dissanayake, A., Drenkhan, R., Friberg, H., Frøslev, T., Halwachs, B., Hartmann, M., Henricot, B., Jayawardena, R., Jumpponen, A., Kauserud, H., Koskela, S., Kulik, T., Liimatainen, K., Lindahl, B., Lindner, D., Liu, J.-K., Maharachchikumbura, S., Manamgoda, D., Martinsson, S., Neves, M. A., Niskanen, T., Nylinder, S., Pereira, O. L., Pinho, D. B., Porter, T. M., Queloz, V., Riit, T., Sánchez-García, M., Sousa, F., Stefańczyk, E., Tadych, M., Takamatsu, S., Tian, Q., Udayanga, D., Unterseher, M., Wang, Z., Wikee, S., Yan, J., Larsson, E., Larsson, K.-H., Kõljalg, U., Abarenkov, K. 2014. *Improving ITS sequence data for identification of plant pathogenic fungi*. Fungal Diversity 67: 11-19. (Publication highlighted in <https://explore.researchgate.net/display/news/2015/01/13/Uniting+fungi+data+worldwide>).
- Talbot, J.M., Bruns, T.D., Taylor, J.W., Smith, D.P., **Branco, S.**, Glassman, S.I., Erlandson, S., Vilgalys, R., Liao, H.-L., Smith, M., Peay, K.G. 2014. *Endemism and functional convergence across the North American soil mycobiome*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA 111:6341-6346.
- Gladieux, P., Ropars, J., Badouin, H., Branca, A., Aguilera, G., Vienne, D., Vega, R., **Branco, S.**, Giraud, T. 2014. *Fungal evolutionary genomics provide insights into the mechanisms of adaptive divergence in eukaryotes*. Molecular Ecology 23:753-773. (Invited Review).
- Branco, S.**, Bruns, T.D., Singleton, I. 2013. *Fungi at a small scale: spatial zonation of fungal assemblages around single trees*. PLoS One 8(10):e78295.
- Bengtsson-Palme, J., Ryberg, M., Hartmann, M., **Branco, S.**, Wang, Z., Godhe, A., De Wit, P., Sanchez-Garcia, M., Ebersberger, I., Sousa, F., Amend, A., Jumpponen, A., Unterseher, M., Kristiansson, E., Abarenkov, K., Bertrand, Y. J. K., Sanli, K., Eriksson, K. M., Vik, U., Veldre, V., Nilsson, R. H. 2013. *Improved software detection and extraction of ITS1 and ITS2 from ribosomal ITS sequences of fungi and other eukaryotes for analysis of environmental sequencing data*. Methods in Ecology and Evolution, 4:914-919.
- Talbot, J. M., Bruns, T. D., Smith, D. P., **Branco, S.**, Glassman, S. I., Erlandson, S., Vilgalys, R., Peay, K. 2012. *Independent roles of ectomycorrhizal and saprotrophic communities in soil organic matter decomposition*. Soil Biology and Biochemistry, 57:282-291.

- Branco, S.** 2011. *Fungal diversity – an overview*. In Grillo & Venora (eds) *The Dynamic Processes in Biodiversity – Case Studies in Evolution and Spatial Distribution*. ISBN 978-953-307-772-7. (Open access chapter with over 3000 downloads).
- Nilsson, R. H., Veldre V., Wang, Z., Eckart, M., **Branco, S.**, Hartmann, M., Quince, C., Godhe, A., Bertrand, Y., Alfredsson, J. F., Larsson, K.-H., Kõljalg, U., Abarenkov K. 2011. *A note on the incidence of reverse complementary fungal ITS sequences in the public sequence databases and a software program for their detection and reorientation*. *Mycoscience*, 52 (4):272-282.
- Branco, S.** 2010. *Serpentine soils promote ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity*. *Molecular Ecology*, 19:5566-5576.
- Branco, S.** & Ree, R. 2010. *Serpentine soils do not limit ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity*. *PLoS ONE* 5(7): e11757.
- Avis, P., **Branco, S.**, Tang, Y., Mueller, G. 2009. *Pooled samples bias community descriptions*. *Molecular Ecology Resources*, 10:135-141.
- Branco, S.** 2009. *Are oaks locally adapted to serpentine soils?* *Northeastern Naturalist* 16 (special issue 5):329-340.
- Bidartondo, M., ..., **Branco, S.**, et al. 2008. *Preserving accuracy in GenBank*. *Science* 319:1616.
- Branco, S.** 2002. *Inventariação preliminar de comunidades macrofúngicas em matas da serra de Sintra*. *Revista de Biologia*, 20:179-190.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (outreach, diversity and technical reports)

- Branco, S.**, Vellinga, E.C. 2015. *Gender balance in Mycology*. *Inoculum*. 66(5):1-3. ([http://msafungi.org/wp-content/uploads/Inoculum/66\(5\).pdf](http://msafungi.org/wp-content/uploads/Inoculum/66(5).pdf))
- Branco, S.** 2014. *Fungi and heavy metal pollution*. *Mycena News*. 65:07 (<http://www.mssf.org/mycena-news/pdf/1403mn.pdf>)
- Branco, S.** 2013. *Next generation sequencing. Or are how we will (maybe) finally understand fungal diversity*. *Mycena News* 64:06 (<http://www.mssf.org/mycena-news/pdf/1302mn.pdf>)
- Branco, S.** 2011. *Fungi of the state rock*. *Mycena News* 63:03 (<http://www.mssf.org/mycena-news/pdf/1111mn.pdf>)
- Branco, S.** 2004. *Inventariação e Caracterização do Património micológico do Parque Natural de Montesinho – estudo preliminar de comunidades macrofúngicas*. Parque Natural de Montesinho. Bragança, Portugal.

GRANTS

- 2017 – National Synchrotron Light Source II. Department of Energy. Proposal #301726. *Evolution of Zn tolerance in symbiotic mycorrhizal fungi*. (PI: Hui-Ling Liao; co-PIs: **Sara Branco**, Joske Ruytnix, Ryan Tappero).
- 2016 – Department of Energy, Joint Genome Institute, Community Science Program. *A genome atlas of the ectomycorrhizal genus Suillus: Phylogenetic diversity and population*

genomics of a keystone guild of symbiotic forest fungi. (PI: Nhu H. Nguyen; co-PIs: Peter Kennedy, **Sara Branco**, Rytas Vilgalys, Hui-Ling Liao, Jan V. Colpaert).

2016 - Department of Energy, Joint Genome Institute / Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, Community Science Program. #49437 *Combined 'omics approaches for the study of ectomycorrhizal symbiosis between Suillus and Pinaceae, with emphasis on their role in nutrient cycling* (PI: Hui-Ling Liao; co-PIs: Rytas Vilgalys, **Sara Branco**, Nhu H. Nguyen, Thomas D. Bruns, John W. Taylor).

2008 - Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant. *Local Adaptation of Symbiotic Fungi to Serpentine Soils.* National Science Foundation. \$12,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship. European Commission. €173,076

2015 - Onsager Fellowship. Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway. €250,000. (Declined).

2014 - Postdoctoral Fellowship. LabEx TULIP; Universite de Toulouse III Paul Sabatier, France. €46,000. (Declined).

2013 - Berkeley Research Impact Initiative. University of California, Berkeley. \$1215.

2009-2010 - Field Museum Women in Science Graduate Fellowship. \$25,000.

2008 - Field Dreams. Field Museum Natural History Women's Board. \$1500.

2008 - Graduate Fellowship. Mycological Society of America. \$2000.

2007 - Small Grant. British Mycological Society. £300.

2006 - Hinds Fund. University of Chicago. Committee on Evolutionary Biology. - \$1800.

2005 - Hinds Fund. University of Chicago. Committee on Evolutionary Biology. - \$1500.

2005-2008 - Graduate Fellowship. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal). \$66,240.

2004-2005 - Luso/American Foundation/Fulbright in the US for Portuguese citizens. Fulbright Commission. Portugal. \$2500.

2004 - Visiting scholarship. Field Museum of Natural History. \$500.

AWARDS

General Awards

2015 - Best poster award. 28th Fungal Genetics Conference. Asilomar, CA, USA. \$100

2014 - Forest Fungal Ecology Postdoctoral Award. Mycological Society of America. \$2500.

2009 - Doolittle Harisson Award. University of Chicago. \$500.

2008 - Best Presentation Prize. 21st New Phytologist Symposium. The Ecology of Ectomycorrhizal Fungi. Montpellier, France.

2006 - Research Award. Committee on Evolutionary Biology/Pritzker Laboratory for Molecular Systematics and Evolution. \$1500.

2003 - Best Young Mycologist Poster Presentation. XIV Congress of European Mycologists. Yalta, Crimea, Ukraine.

Travel Awards

- 2014 - Ecological Genomics Symposium Travel Award. American Genetics Association. \$500. (Declined).
- 2014 - Wikipedia Travel Grant. Fungal Environmental Sampling and Informatics Network. \$900.
- 2013 - Women Evolving the Biological Sciences. \$300.
- 2013 - Diversity Travel Award. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution. \$1050.
- 2011 - Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento. Portugal. €1100.
- 2011 - BiK Net Outgoing Award. Biodiversity and Climate Research Center. Germany. €2187.
- 2010 - Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago. \$915.
- 2010 - Fungal Environmental Sampling and Informatics Network. \$2000.
- 2010 - 9th International Mycological Congress. \$500.
- 2009 - Biological Sciences Division. University of Chicago. \$500.
- 2009 - Fungal Environmental Sampling and Informatics Network. \$1000.
- 2008 - 21st New Phytologist Symposium. The Ecology of Ectomycorrhizal Fungi. Montpellier, France. \$500.
- 2008 - Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago. \$500.
- 2008 - Sixth International Conference on Serpentine Ecology. \$150.
- 2007 - Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago. \$1500.
- 2007 - Mycological Society of America. \$500.

HONORS

- 2010 - Scientist of the month. Association for Women in Science. http://www.awis-chicago.org/community/may2010_scientist.

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2016 - *Fungal diversity, from communities to genes*. University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN.
- 2016 - *Fungal diversity, from communities to genomes*. University of San Francisco. San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 - *Fungal diversity, from communities to genomes*. Montana State University. Bozeman, MT.
- 2015 - *Fungal diversity, from communities to genomes*. Universite Paris-Sud, Orsay, France.
- 2015 - *Opportunities and challenges in molecular biodiversity research in the 21st century*. Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Trondheim, Norway.
- 2015 - *Fungal diversity, from communities to genomes*. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
- 2015 - *Genetic isolation between two recently diverged populations of a symbiotic fungus*. University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- 2014 - *Adaptation in symbiotic fungi*. LabEx TULIP. Universite de Toulouse III Paul Sabatier. Toulouse, France.

- 2014 - *Adaptation in symbiotic fungi: from communities to populations*. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
- 2013 - *Recent divergence in fungal populations*. University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- 2013 - *Fungal diversity - from populations to communities*. Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2011 - *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of fungal-plant symbiotic partners*. Un. Lisboa, Portugal.
- 2011 - *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of fungal-plant symbiotic partners*. Un. Coimbra, Portugal.
- 2011 - *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of fungal-plant symbiotic partners*. Universität Basel, Switzerland.
- 2010 - *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of fungal-plant symbiotic partners*. Field Museum of Natural History. Chicago, IL.
- 2009 - *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of mycorrhizal symbioses*. Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL.
- 2008 - *Fungi in extreme environments*. Illinois Mycological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2006 - *Evolution of symbiotic fungi in extreme environments*. University of Siena. Italy.
- 2002 - *Fungi*. University of Coimbra. Portugal.

PRESENTATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2017 - **Branco, S.**, Bi, K., Liao, L.-H., Gladieux, P., Badouin, H., Ellison, C., Nguyen, N., Vilgalys, R., Peay, K.G., Taylor, J., Bruns, T.D. *Continental-level population differentiation and environmental adaptation in the mushroom Suillus brevipes*. 29th Fungal Genetics Meeting. Asilomar, CA, USA. (Invited oral presentation).
- 2017 - **Branco, S.**, Badouin, H., Gouzy, J., Rodriguez de la Vega, R.C., Singueza, S., Coelho, M.A., Hood, M.E., Giraud, T. *Multiple evolutionary strata on mating-type chromosomes despite lack of sexual antagonism*. 29th Fungal Genetics Meeting. Asilomar, CA, USA. (Poster presentation).
- 2017 - Ke, Y.-H., Rojas, J.A., Liao H.-L., Nguyen, N., Kennedy, P., **Branco, S.**, Bruns, T.D., Vilgalys R. *Mating system and mating gene evolution in Suillus luteus*. 29th Fungal Genetics Meeting. Asilomar, CA, USA. (Poster presentation).
- 2017 – Carver, A., Bruns, T.D., Gregoriev, I., Stillman, K., **Branco, S.**, Kuo, A. Comparative genomic analyses of two pyrophilous fungi. 29th Fungal Genetics Meeting. Asilomar, CA, USA. (Poster presentation).
- 2016 - **Branco, S.**, Badouin, H., Gouzy, J., Rodriguez de la Vega, R.C., Singueza, S., Coelho, M.A., Hood, M.E., Giraud, T. *Multiple evolutionary strata on mating-type chromosomes despite lack of sexual antagonism*. Evolutionary genomics and systems biology: bringing together theoretical and experimental approaches. Jacques Monod Conferences. Roscoff, France. (Poster presentation).
- 2016 - Liao, L.-H., Talbot, J.M., Bruns, T.D., Taylor, J.W., Peay, K.G., **Branco, S.**, Hoydt, D.W., Nicora, C.D., Purvine, S.O, Kuo, A., Barry, K., Grigoriev, I., Vilgalys, R. *Unraveling the core mechanisms of Suillus-Pinus symbiosis through integrated metatomics*. EMSL Integration 2016: Multiscale Ecosystem Analysis and Design. Richland, Washington, USA. (Poster presentation).

- 2016 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J.W., Bruns, T.D. *Continental-level population differentiation and environmental adaptation in Suillus brevipes*. Mycological Society of America. Berkeley, California, USA. (Oral presentation).
- 2016 - Peay, K.G., Talbot, J.M., **Branco, S.**, Glassman, S., Taylor, J.W., Vilgalys, R., Bruns, T.D. *Dispersal influences fungal biodiversity at multiple spatial and genetic scales*. Mycological Society of America. Berkeley, California, USA. (Oral presentation).
- 2016 - Cheeke, T.E., **Branco, S.**, Haelewaters, D., Natvig, D., Maltz, M., Rodriguez, S.C., May, G. *Diversity in the Mycological Society of America*. Mycological Society of America. Berkeley, California, USA. (Poster presentation).
- 2016 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. Bruns, T. *Continental-level population differentiation and environmental adaptation in Suillus brevipes*. 13th European Conference on Fungal Genetics. Paris, France (Oral presentation).
- 2015 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. Bruns, T. *Genetic isolation between two recently diverged populations of a symbiotic fungus*. 28th Fungal Genetics Conference. Asilomar, CA, USA (Poster presentation).
- 2014 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. W., Bruns, T. D. *Recent divergence in fungal populations*. Evolution. Raleigh, NC, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2014 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. W., Bruns, T. D. *Recent divergence in fungal populations*. Mycological Society of America. East Lansing, MI, USA. (Oral presentation).
- 2014 - **Branco, S.** Fungal life history traits: growth and dispersal. Mycological Society of America. East Lansing, MI, USA. (Invited oral presentation).
- 2014 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. W., Bruns, T. D. *Recent divergence in fungal populations*. Population genomics: fungi as models. Universite Paris Sud, Orsay, France. (Oral presentation).
- 2014 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. W., Bruns, T. D. *Recent divergence in fungal populations*. Joint Genome Institute User Meeting. Walnut Creek, CA, USA. (Poster presentation).
- 2013 - **Branco, S.** *Recent divergence in fungal populations*. IX Encontro Nacional de Biologia Evolutiva. Oeiras, Portugal (Oral presentation).
- 2013 - **Branco, S.** *Detecting nuclear imbalance in dykariotic fungi*. IX Encontro Nacional de Biologia Evolutiva. Oeiras, Portugal (Oral presentation).
- 2013 - Liao, H. L., Bruns, T., Peay, K. G., Taylor, J., **Branco, S.**, Talbot, J., Smith, D., Vilgalys, R. *Host-specific relationships between Suillus and Pinus species*. Mycological Society of America. Austin, TX, USA (poster presentation).
- 2013 - **Branco, S.**, Bruns, T., Singleton, I. *Fungi at a small scale: spatial zonation of fungal assemblages around single trees*. Eukaryotic -Omics - SMBE satellite meeting. Davis, CA, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2013 - **Branco, S.**, Taylor, J. Bruns, T. *Population genomics of Suillus brevipes*. 27th Fungal Genetics Conference. Asilomar, CA, USA (Poster presentation).
- 2012 - **Branco, S.**, Singleton, I., Bruns, T. *Fungi at a small scale: spatial zonation of fungal assemblages around single trees*. 4th Argonne National Laboratory Soil Metagenomics Meeting. Bloomingdale, IL, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2011 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils promote mycorrhizal fungal diversity*. Mycological Society of America. Fairbanks, AK, USA (Oral presentation).

- 2011 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of fungal-plant symbiotic partners.* 7th International Serpentine Ecology Conference. Coimbra, Portugal. (Oral presentation).
- 2010 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils promote mycorrhizal fungal diversity.* Encontro Nacional de Biologia Evolutiva. Lisbon, Portugal (Poster presentation).
- 2011 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils promote mycorrhizal fungal diversity.* International Mycological Congress. Edinburg, UK (Poster presentation).
- 2010 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils do not limit ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity.* Evolution, Portland, OR, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2010 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils and the ecology and evolution of mycorrhizal symbioses.* Challenges in Environmental Molecular Microbiology. Argonne National Laboratory, IL, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2009 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils do not limit ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity.* European Society for Evolutionary Biology 12th meeting. Turin, Italy (poster presentation).
- 2009 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils do not limit ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity.* Mycology and Botany. Snowbird, UT, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2009 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils do not limit ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity.* Evolution. Moscow, ID, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2008 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils do not limit ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity.* IV Encontro Biologia Evolutiva. Instituto de Biologia Molecular e Celular. Porto, Portugal (Oral presentation).
- 2008 - **Branco, S.** *Ecophylogenetics of ectomycorrhizal fungi and extreme environments.* 21st New Phytologist Symposium. The Ecology of Ectomycorrhizal Fungi. Montpellier, France (Poster presentation).
- 2008 - **Branco, S.** *Phylogenetic community structure of mycorrhizal fungi and extreme environments.* Evolution. Minneapolis, MN, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2008 - **Branco, S.** *Are oaks locally adapted to serpentine soils?* 6th International Conference on Serpentine Ecology. Bar Harbor, ME, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2008 - **Branco, S.** *Is there a serpentine ectomycorrhizal community?* 6th International Conference on Serpentine Ecology. Bar Harbor, ME, USA (Oral presentation).
- 2007 - **Branco, S.** *Serpentine soils as a selective pressure for ectomycorrhizal fungi.* XVI Congress of European Mycologists. St Petersburg, Russia (Oral presentation).
- 2007 - **Branco, S.** *Is there a serpentine ectomycorrhizal community?* Mycological Society of America Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA (Oral presentation).
- 2006 - **Branco, S.** *Adaptação local de fungos ectomicorrízicos a ambientes extremos.* II Encontro Nacional de Biologia Evolutiva. Vairao. Portugal (Oral presentation).
- 2006 - **Branco, S.** *Ectomycorrhizal Fungal Communities from Serpentine and Non-Serpentine Mediterranean Oak Forests.* V International Conference on Serpentine Ecology. Siena, Italy (Poster presentation).
- 2006 - **Branco, S.** *Ectomycorrhizal Fungal Communities from Serpentine and Non-serpentine Mediterranean Oak Forests.* 5th International Conference on Mycorrhiza. Granada, Spain (Poster presentation).
- 2006 - **Branco, S.** *Mediterranean serpentine and non-serpentine ectomycorrhizal fungal communities.* 8th International Mycological Congress. Cairns, Australia (Poster presentation).

- 2005 - **Branco, S.** *Macrofungal Communities of Northeast Portugal*. Mycological Society of America Meeting. Hilo, Hawaii, USA (Poster presentation).
- 2003 - **Branco, S.** *A Preliminary Study of the Macrofungal Communities of Northeast Portugal*. XIV Congress of European Mycologists. Yalta, Crimea, Ukraine (Poster presentation).
- 2003 - Baptista, P., **Branco, S.** & Martins, A. *Evaluation of the biodiversity and relative abundance of mycological flora in chesnut trees, *Castanea sativa* Mill., in Northeast Portugal: Preliminary Results*. 4th International Conference on Mycorrhiza. Montreal, Canada (Poster presentation).
- 2003 - Baptista, P., **Branco, S.** & Martins, A. *Preliminary evaluation of edible mushroom diversity and production in the Northeast Portugal*. 3rd International Workshop on Edible Mycorrhizal Mushrooms: Ecology, Physiology and Cultivation. Victoria, Canada (Poster presentation).
- 2002 - **Branco, S.**, Rodrigues, A. P. *Preliminary Study of NE Portugal's Macrofungal Communities*. Seventh International Mycological Congress. Oslo, Norway (Poster presentation).
- 2002 - Baptista, S., **Branco, S.**, Neves, S., Rodrigues, A. P. *Measuring Macrofungal Diversity in Four Portuguese Protected Areas*. Seventh International Mycological Congress. Oslo, Norway (Poster presentation).
- 2001 - **Branco, S.**, Barata, M. *Preliminary Inventory of Serra de Sintra's Macrofungal Communities*. Sixth National Ecology Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal (Poster presentation).
- 1999 - Gante, H., Brites, D., **Branco, S.** & Correia, O. *Structure and Distribution of Male and Female Individuals of *Corema album* (Empetraceae)*. Fourth National Ecology Meeting. Aveiro, Portugal (Poster presentation).

WORKSHOPS

- 2014 - Joint Genome Institute Fungal Genomics. Walnut Creek, CA, USA.
- 2013 - Women Evolving Biological Sciences National Symposium. Selected participant. NESCent, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2012 - Galaxy 101: Data Integration, Analysis, and Sharing. Center for Genomic Resources Laboratory. University of California, Berkeley. USA.
- 2012 - Next Generation Sequence Data Analysis Training Workshop (Qiime, MG-Rast). 4th Argonne National Laboratory Soil Metagenomics Meeting. Bloomingdale, IL, USA.
- 2012 - Berkeley Biophysics Python Module. University of California, Berkeley. USA.
- 2011 - Genomic Tools (Unix; Genotype and SNP Calling; Genome Assembly). Center for Genomic Resources Laboratory. University of California, Berkeley. USA.
- 2011 - Metamycology and beyond: using fungi in educational contexts. FESIN Research Network. Fairbanks, AK, USA.
- 2011 - Workshop on Comparative Genomics. Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic.
- 2010 - Metagenomic Data Analysis. Joint FESIN/Nordforsk Research Network Workshop. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2009 - Ecological Approaches to Analyzing Complex Community Datasets. FESIN. Snowbird, UT, USA.

2009 - Evolutionary Tree Visualization. Biodiversity Synthesis Center. Field Museum of Natural History. Chicago, IL, USA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - Invited contributor. *Ecology in English* (MS2S1). Master Program in Ecology, Biodiversity and Evolution. Universite de Paris Sud. France
- 2015 - Instructor. QB3 *Winter Bioinformatics Bootcamp* (python). University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014 - Instructor. QB3 *Introduction to Programming for Bioinformatics Bootcamp* (python). University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014 - Guest lecturer. *Comparative Genomics*. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 - Guest speaker. *Revolutions*. Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 - Tutor. Berkeley High School. Berkeley, California.
- 2013 - Visiting Scientist. *Mushrooms of California*. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 - Teaching assistant. QB3 *Introduction to Programming for Bioinformatics Bootcamp* (python). University of California, Berkeley.
- 2011 - Visiting Scientist. *Mushrooms of California*. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2009 - Teaching Assistant. *Biological Diversity*. University of Chicago.
- 2009 - Teaching Assistant. *Environmental Ecology*. University of Chicago.
- 2003 - Lecturer and lab manager. *Forest Products*. Agriculture School. Polytechnic Institute of Bragança. Portugal.
- 2002 - Lecturer and lab manager. *Introduction to Macrofungus Studies*. Agriculture School. Polytechnic Institute of Bragança. Portugal.
- 2002 - Invited lecturer. *Non Vascular Plants*. University of Coimbra. Portugal.
- 2000 - Lab assistant. *Mycology*. University of Lisbon. Portugal.

MENTORING

- 2016 - Fantin Carpentier. Ph.D. student. Laboratory of Ecology, Systematics and Evolution. Universite de Paris Sud.
- 2016 - Thivya Thiruvalluvar. M.S. student. Laboratory of Ecology, Systematics and Evolution. Universite de Paris Sud.
- 2015 - Dabao Lu. M.S. student. Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. Oregon State University.
- 2014 - Akiko Carver, Ph.D. student. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 - Gabriel Rosenthal, Ph.D. student. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 - Monika Fischer, Ph.D. student. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2012 - William Moore, Ph.D. student. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley.

2008 - Lorenzo Pecoraro, Ph.D. student. University of Siena, Italy

SERVICE

2016 - *Ad hoc* Proposal Reviewer. Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program. National Science Foundation.

2016 - Student presentation judge. Mycological Society of America. Berkeley, CA, USA.

2015-present - Mentor Student Travel Award Committee. Mycological Society of America.

2015-present - Diversity Committee. Mycological Society of America.

2015 - *Ad hoc* Proposal Reviewer. Long Term Research in Environmental Biology. National Science Foundation.

2013-2014 - Department of Plant and Microbial Biology Postdoctoral Committee (University of California, Berkeley).

2013 - External Examiner. *Molecular Investigations to Characterize Ectomycorrhizal Fungal Communities Associated with some Deciduous Trees of Galyat, Pakistan*. Sobia Ilyas, Ph.D. Degree in Botany. University of the Punjab, Pakistan.

2013 - Volunteer for the UC Berkeley post-doctoral union (UAW5810).

2012 - Referee for poster presentations at the North American Congress for Conservation Biology.

2011-2014. Secretary for Associação Portuguesa de Biologia Evolutiva, Portugal.

2011 - Student presentation judge. Mycological Society of America. Fairbanks, AK, USA.

Reviewer for the following journals:

American Naturalist

Biodiversity and Conservation

Canadian Journal of Microbiology

Fungal Ecology

Fungal Biology

G3: Genes | Genomes | Genetics

Journal of Evolutionary Biology

Molecular Ecology

New Phytologist

Mycorrhiza

PLoS One

Plant Ecology and Diversity

Mycological Research

Mycologia

Scientific Reports

Source Code for Biology and Medicine

SELECTED SCIENCE OUTREACH

2016 - Professional Development Workshop. Panelist. Mycological Society of America. Berkeley, California.

2015 - Expand Your Horizons. *Mushrooms have DNA too!* Workshop Leader. University of California. Berkeley, California.

2014 - *Understanding fungal diversity from a population perspective*. Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, California.

2014 - Dinner With a Scientist. Oakland Unified School District. Oakland, California.

2014 - *Understanding fungal diversity from a population perspective*. Bay Area Mycological Society. Berkeley, California.

2014 - Expand Your Horizons. *Exploring Genetics and Genomics*. Workshop Leader. University of California. Berkeley, California.

2013 - Science, Neat! – *Fungi!* El Rio Bar, San Francisco, California.

2013 - Science careers. Asian Heritage Group. Mt Diablo High School. Concord, California.
2013 - Microbiology hands-on. English Language Advisory Council. Mt Diablo High School. Concord, California.
2012 - 2014 - Member of outreach chapter for the Associação Portuguesa de Biologia Evolutiva.
2012 - Pleasant Hill Elementary Science Night. Pleasant Hill, California.
2011 - Volunteer at the 42th Annual Fungus Fair – Mycological Society of San Francisco. Berkeley, California.
2010 - Science Career Showcase. Foreman High School. Chicago.
2010 - Featured scientist. DNA Discovery Center. Field Museum of Natural History. Chicago.
2010 - Members Night. Field Museum of Natural History. Chicago.
2009 - Science Day. Roosevelt University. Chicago.
2009 - Field Ambassador Expedition IV (Botany). Teacher Professional Development Program. Field Museum Natural History. Chicago.
2009 - Talk to the scientist hour. DNA Discovery Center. Field Museum Natural History. Chicago.
2008 - Scientists at the schools. Blaine Elementary School / Field Museum Natural History. Chicago.
2008 - Cimby Science Summit. Field Museum Natural History. Chicago.
2007 - Rachel Carlson Science Summit. Field Museum Natural History. Chicago.
2007-2010 - Field Museum of Natural History behind the scenes tours (for high school and college students). Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Mycological Association
Mycological Society of America
European Mycological Association
(Founder member)
European Society for Evolutionary Biology

The Society for the Study of Evolution
Associação Portuguesa de Biologia Evolutiva (Founder member)
Genetics Society of America
Marie Curie Alumni Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Portuguese and English (spoken and written)
Proficient in French and Spanish (spoken).

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