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## EDUCATION

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2021-present **Ph.D.**, Graduate Program in Ecology and Evolution, Rutgers University

2017–2021 **B.S.**, Biology – Ecology and Field Biology, George Fox University  
George Fox Honors Program

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2021 **Lead Forest Ecology Research Technician**  
Parry Lab, Department of Biology, George Fox University

2019–2020 **Research Assistant**  
Parry Lab, Department of Biology, George Fox University  
*Can forest canopies protect seedlings from drought-induced mortality?*  
*The hierarchy of light availability: A cascade of influences on seedling recruitment*

2018–2021 **Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Biology and Chemistry, George Fox University  
*General Biology*  
*Environmental Science*  
*General Chemistry*  
*Organic Chemistry*

## PRESENTATIONS

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Gunther, J.W. & Copenhaver-Parry, P.E. (2020, August) *The hierarchy of light availability: A cascade of influences on seedling recruitment*. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, virtual. Poster presentation.

Gunther, J.W. & Copenhaver-Parry, P.E. (2019, August) *Into the understory: Can forest canopies protect seedlings from drought-induced mortality?* Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY. Poster presentation.

## GRANTS AWARDED

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2021	<b>Excellence Fellowship</b> , Rutgers University, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences	<b>\$32,000</b>
2019	<b>Richter Undergraduate Research Fellowship</b> , George Fox University <i>Into the understory: Can forest canopies protect seedlings from drought-induced mortality?</i>	<b>\$4,600</b>

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2020	<b>Murdock Poster Prize in Ecology/Evolution/Biodiversity</b> , Murdock College Science Research Conference
2017	<b>George Fox Honors Fellowship</b> , George Fox University

## OUTREACH

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2020	Administrative Assistant, Science Outreach Program, George Fox University
2018	Teacher, Science Outreach Program, George Fox University