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Profile:

I am a breeder/quantitative geneticists with more than 20 years of experience in breeding, statistical analysis and genetic improvement consulting. Currently I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Florida, USA, and I have worked with many breeding programs that apply traditional and molecular tools with support on quantitative analyses, with the aim of defining breeding strategies to optimize and accelerate the release of outstanding genotypes.

My experience with several agricultural, forestry and animal public and private breeding programs also includes optimization of resources for design and analysis of breeding experiments, develop pipelines for molecular analyses and its implementation (e.g. QTL, GWAS and Genomic Selection), and directly manage and train staff and scientist to perform breeding activities on a routine basis. My research work, while affiliated to universities or research institutes, has focused in linear mixed models and its applications to genetics and breeding particularly on developing algorithm and analytical solutions to quantitative genetics.

Overall, with my quantitative skills I am able to analyze, exploit and interpret complex data that is required for an array of decisions in different fields, including agronomy, aquaculture, entomology and medical sciences, among some areas. Overall, I am always looking for optimization challenges that have direct application for operational commercial decisions.

Expertise Areas:

Breeding strategies Quantitative genetics

Mixed models and design of experiments

Statistical and numerical methods

Expertise Organisms: Animal: Atlantic Salmon, Coho Salmon, Oyster, Pig, Clams, Cattle, Human Plant: Sugarcane, Cocoa, Bean, Corn, Strawberry, Blueberry, Rubber, Grape,

Peanut, Pine, Eucalyptus, Poplar, Willow, Rice, Turfgrass

Education:

Ph.D. majoring in Statistics and Genetics. University of Florida (2001-2005). Thesis title: Optimal design and analysis of clonal forestry trials using simulated data.

Employment:

Assistant Professor of Quantitative Genetics/Biometrics. School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC), University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), Gainesville, Florida (June 2011 – present).

Consultant Statistician/Quantitative Geneticist (July 2010 – present).

Visiting Scientist at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, United Kingdom (July 2010 – June 2011).

Statistician/Quantitative Geneticist at VSN International (ASReml – GenStat). Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom (January 2011 – June 2011).

Lecturer, Department of Statistics, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, IFAS, University of Florida, USA. (Sept. 2008 – June 2010).

Teaching (as single instructor):

- Assistant Professor at SFRC, University of Florida. Teaching Forest Mensuration (FOR 3430C) for undergraduate students, Introduction to Quantitative Genetics (PCB 6555) and Introduction to Linear Mixed Models (FOR 6934) both oriented towards graduate students.
- Lecturer at IFAS-Statistics, University of Florida, USA. Courses oriented to non-statistical major graduate level Master and Ph.D. students including Statistical Methods in Research I and II (STA6166 and STA6167). (Sep 2008 June 2010).
- Instructor at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, United Kigdom. Several short courses oriented to scientist and Ph.D. students such as: Introduction to Regression, Basic statistics and introduction to GenStat, Generation of Experimental Designs with CycDesigN and The Design and Analysis of Simple Experiments. (Jan 2006 August 2008).

Workshops (as single instructor):

- Analysis of Breeding Trials using ASReml (with emphasis on Breeding Trials). Offered 12 times from 2009 to 2018, in: USA (6), Canada (1), Brazil (2), Chile (3), Argentina (1), Germany (2), France (1).
- Linear models for plant scientist with ASReml-R. American Society of Agronomy Workshop. Florida, USA. October 2017.
- Linear mixed modes applied to the agricultural research using the R software Workshop (In Spanish). Temuco, Chile. November 2017.
- Implementing genomic selection in plant breeding programs. American Society of Agronomy Workshop. Arizona, USA. November 2016.
- Introduction to Statistical Techniques for Biological Scientists with R. Offered in 2013 in Brazil (1) and Chile (1).
- Designing Experiments for Biological Studies using CycDesigN. Offered from 2007-2014 in: USA (2), UK (1).

Publications:

(Peer Reviewed, total of 86)

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- Moulton, M.P., Cropper, W.P. Jr., Broz, A.J., and **Gezan, S.A.** 2017. Patterns of success in game bird introductions in the United States. Biodiversity and Conservation; doi: 10.1007/s10531-017-1475-9

- Mramba, L., Peter, G.F., Whitaker, V.M., and **Gezan, S.A.** 2018. Generating improved experimental designs with spatially and genetically correlated observations using mixed models. Agronomy 8(4): 40; doi:10.3390/agronomy8040040
- Agramonte, N.M., **Gezan, S.A.**, and Bernier, U. 2017. Comparative evaluation of a silicone membrane as an alternative to skin for testing mosquito repellents. Journal of Medical Entomology 54(3):631-637; doi: 10.1093/jme/tjw207
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- Aldridge, R.L., Kaufman, P.E., Bloomquist, J.R., **Gezan, S.A.**, and Linthicum, K.J. 2017. Application site and mosquito age influences malathion- and permethrin-induced mortality in *Culex quinquefasciatus* (Diptera: Culicidae). Journal of Medical Entomology 54(6):1692-1698; doi: 10.1093/jme/tjx160
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- **Gezan, S.A.** Dealing with a binary trait in biological studies. Invited Speaker. CIRAD. Montpellier, France. December 20, 2012 (*Invited speaker*)
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