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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Duke University

Collections Manager, Lichens

- Manage and develop a collection of over 160,000 lichen specimens, including accessions, gifts and loans.
- Maintain a database of lichen specimens using Specify 6.
- Oversee work-study students in preparation and georeferencing of lichen specimens.
- Answer inquiries and help visitors from the scientific community and the general public, including thin-layer chromatography of lichen specimens.
- Perform phylogenetic, taxonomic and floristic research on lichens.

### Durham NC

October 2017 – present

### Cornell University

Curator of the Plant Pathology Herbarium

- Manage a collection of about 400,000 fungus and lichen specimens, including all filing and loan records.
- Develop and maintain database of fungus and lichen specimens using Specify 6.
- Develop collections policies and plans for an entire herbarium.
- Oversee workflow and data entry for three NSF ADBC grant-funded projects, and data management for one NSF DBI award.
- Assist visitors and answer inquiries from the scientific community and the general public. Create outreach programs and exhibition materials for the general public.
- Perform taxonomic and floristic research on fungi and lichens.

### Ithaca NY

April 2011 – September 2017

### Berkshire Museum

Natural Science Coordinator

- Curate permanent natural history galleries and special exhibitions.
- Plan and deliver interpretive natural science programming for school groups and the general public.
- Manage a diverse collection of 15,000 natural history objects including shells, minerals, birds, insects, mammals, and plants.
- Assist with the care and feeding of live animals (aquarium and vivarium)

### Pittsfield MA

August 2008 – March 2011

### New York State Museum

Volunteer (unpaid position)

- Help with curation and identification tasks in a collection of 20,000 lichen specimens.
- Perform taxonomic and floristic research on lichens.

### Albany NY

September 2007 – March 2011

### The Natural History Museum

Curator of Lichens

- Manage a collection of 400,000 natural history specimens, including all filing and loan records.
- Assist with exhibitions and interpretive programming.
- Assist visitors and answer inquiries from the government, the scientific community and the general public.
- Perform taxonomic and floristic research on lichens.

### London UK

June 2004 – March 2008

Acting Manager of the Cryptogamic Herbarium

- Develop collections policies, and space allocation/usage, for the cryptogamic herbarium (algae, pteridophytes, bryophytes, lichens and myxomycetes).
- Supervise three botany curators.

April 2006 – September 2007

### Harvard University

Curatorial/Research Associate, Farlow Herbarium

- Manage a large collection of natural history specimens, including all filing and paperwork.
- Manage work experience students and volunteers, assist visitors, and answer inquiries.
- Perform taxonomic and floristic research on lichens.

### Cambridge MA

January 1998 – May 2004

### James Madison University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Biology

- Teach courses in General Botany (lectures) and Molecular Biology (labs).

### Harrisonburg VA

Fall 1997

**Smithsonian Institution**  
Botany Department Intern, National Museum of Natural History

**Washington DC**  
Summer 1991

**Boyce-Thompson Institute for Plant Research**  
Plant Taxonomist

**Ithaca NY**  
Summer 1990

**Cornell University**  
Curatorial Assistant, L.H. Bailey Hortorium

**Ithaca NY**  
January 1989 – May 1991

## EDUCATION

**Doctorate (Ph.D.)**  
Botany  
**Bachelors (B.S.)**  
Plant Science

**Duke University**  
May 1997  
**Cornell University**  
May 1991

## SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- LaGreca, S. 2020. *Chrysothrix bergeri* (Ascomycota: Arthoniales: Chrysothricaceae), a new lichen species from the southeastern United States coastal plain, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. *Plant and Fungal Systematics* 65: 509-514.
- Perlmutter, G., E. Rivas Plata, S. LaGreca, A. Aptroot, R. Lücking, A. Tehler & D. Ertz. 2020. *Biatora akompsa* is revealed as a disjunct North American species of *Pentagenella* (Opegraphaceae) through molecular phylogenetic analysis and phenotype-based binning. *The Bryologist* 123: 502-516.
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doi:10.1017/S0024282920000110
- Miadlikowska, J., N. Magain, W.R. Buck, R. Vargas Castillo, G.T. Barlow, C.J. Pardo-De la Hoz, S. LaGreca & F. Lutzoni. 2020. *Peltigera hydrophila*, a new semi-aquatic cyanolichen species from Chile. *Plant and Fungal Systematics* 65: 210–218.
- LaGreca, S., S. Goyette & I.D. Medeiros. 2018. The lichens of Lizard Lick, North Carolina. *Evansia* 35: 53-57.
- Berger, F., S. LaGreca & A. Aptroot. 2016. *Lithothelium bermudense* sp. nov., a new saxicolous lichen from Bermuda. *Mycotaxon* 131: 527-533.
- LaGreca, S. 2015. The Richard P. Korf Herbarium and CUP's geographical collections: the enduring legacy of a globe-trotting mycologist. *Ascomycete.org* 7: 245-254.
- Berger, F. & S. LaGreca. 2014. Contributions to the lichen flora of Bermuda—Part I. New records, new combinations, and interesting collections of lichenized ascomycetes. *Evansia* 31: 41-68.

- LaGreca, S. & H.T. Lumbsch. 2013. Taxonomic investigations of *Lecanora strobilina* and *L. symmicta* (Lecanoraceae, Lecanorales) in northeastern North America. *The Bryologist* 116: 287-295.
- LaGreca, S. 2012. The lichens of Windsor Jambos, Massachusetts. *Evansia* 29: 93-100.
- Carbone, M., C. Agnello & S. LaGreca. 2012. *Plectania seaveri* (Ascomycota, Pezizales), a new discomycete from Bermuda. *Mycotaxon* 120: 317-329.
- Alstrup, V., Aptroot, A., Divakar, P.K., LaGreca, S. & L. Tibell. 2010. Lichens from Tanzania and Kenya III. Macrolichens and calicioid lichens. *Cryptogamie, Mycologie* 31: 333-351.
- LaGreca, S. 2010. Highlights from Berkshire BioBlitz 2010—the first major biological survey in Berkshire County! Our BerkshireGreen Magazine (Sept-Nov 2010): 18-19.
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- Kantvilas, G. & S. LaGreca. 2008. *Lecanora subtecta*, an Australian species in the *Lecanora symmicta* group (Lecanorales). *Muelleria* 26: 72-76.
- Hawksworth, D.L. & S. LaGreca. 2007. New bottles for old wine: fruit body types, phylogeny, and classification. *Mycological Research* 111: 999-1000.
- LaGreca, S. 2006. Notes on the chemistry of *Maronea constans* and *Maronea polyphaea* (Fuscideaceae). *The Lichenologist* 38: 595-598.
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- LaGreca, S., Lay, E., Kneiper, E., Greene, D. & M. Lincoln. 2005. The lichens and bryophytes of the Boston Harbor Islands. *Northeastern Naturalist* 12 (Special Issue 3): 77-98.
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- Martin, M.P., LaGreca, S. and H.T. Lumbsch. 2003. Molecular phylogeny of *Diploschistes* inferred from rDNA sequence data. *The Lichenologist* 35: 27-32.
- Lincoln, M.S.G. and S. LaGreca. 2002. A new, northern location for the liverwort *Telaranea nematodes* (Gottsche ex Austin) M.A. Howe. *Evansia* 19: 69-70.
- LaGreca, S., and H.T. Lumbsch. 2001. No evidence from rDNA ITS sequence data for a placement of *Ramalinora* in the Ramalinaceae. *The Lichenologist* 33: 172-176.
- LaGreca, S., and H.T. Lumbsch. 2001. Three species of *Lecanora* new to North America, with notes on other poorly known lecanoroid lichens. *The Bryologist* 104: 204-211.
- LaGreca, S., and H.T. Lumbsch. 2001. The phylogenetic position of the Candelariaceae (Lecanorales) inferred from anatomical and molecular data. *Bibliotheca Lichenologica* 78: 211-222.
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morphological, and rDNA sequence data. *The Lichenologist* 29: 441-454.

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LaGreca, S. and R. Dirig. 2020. [Lichen checklist for:] Berkshire County, Massachusetts [website]. Consortium of North American Lichen Herbaria (CNALH): <http://lichenportal.org/portal/checklists/checklist.php?cl=1231&emode=0>, (First Posted 20 June 2012, Most Recent Update 12 January 2020), Madison, WI.

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LaGreca, S. 2011. The Lichens of Tower Road [blog post]. Cornell University Mushroom Blog: <http://blog.mycology.cornell.edu/2011/12/16/the-lichens-of-tower-road/> (Posted 16 December 2011), Ithaca, NY.

LaGreca, S. 2011. The Daniel Clark Mineral Collection. *The Streakplate* [newsletter of the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club] 53 (4): 1-3.

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LaGreca, S. 2006. Lichens: from Europe to North America. *The Waterhouse Times* issue 54: 8.

LaGreca, S. 2006. [Review of:] F. S. Dobson: *Lichens: An Illustrated Guide to the British and Irish Species*. 5th rev. ed. *The Bryologist* 109: 586-587.

LaGreca, S. 2005. Begging for lichens at the Natural History Museum. *British Lichen Society Bulletin* 97: 43-48.

LaGreca, S. 2005. [Review of:] L. Zedda. The Epiphytic Lichens on *Quercus* in Sardinia (Italy) and Their Value as Ecological Indicators (Englera vol. 24). *The Bryologist* 108: 341-342.

LaGreca, S. 2003. *Relicti Lecti Culbersonii*. *The Bryologist* 106: 497-498.

LaGreca, S. 2003. Some lichens from "The Ledges" in Morrisville (Madison County). *New York Flora Association Newsletter* 14 (3): 10.

LaGreca, S. 2002. Lichens and bryophytes of the Boston Harbor Islands. Newsletter of the Friends of the Farlow 40: 1-3.

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## **RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

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LaGreca, S. An introduction to lichens: a focus on Bermuda. Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo, Flatts, Bermuda, 2017 [talk].

LaGreca, S., S. Leavitt & H.T. Lumbsch. Molecular systematics of the lichen genus *Ramalina* with an emphasis on the *Ramalina siliquosa* complex. Eight meeting of the International Association for Lichenology, Helsinki, Finland, 2016 [poster].

LaGreca, S.A. & K.T. Hodge. Digitizing a major fungus herbarium using a diversity of tools. SPNHC Annual Meeting, Cardiff, UK, 2014 [poster].

Hodge, K.H., T.R. Russo & S. LaGreca. Atkinson's fungi: documenting the legacy of Cornell's preeminent mycologist, George F. Atkinson. MSA Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, 2013 [poster].

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LaGreca, S. The lichens of Bermuda: historic specimens, species diversity, and levels of endemism. Bermuda Biological Station for Research, Inc., Bermuda, 2006; Department of Botany, The Natural History Museum, London, UK, 2006; Harvard University, 2006 [talks].

LaGreca, S. The history of lichenology in Britain, and the BM collections. Department of Botany, The Natural History Museum, London, UK, 2006 [talk].

## **RECENT COURSES TAUGHT**

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LaGreca, S. Crustose Lichen Workshop (a New York Flora Association workshop). Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 6-7, 2012.

LaGreca, S. & Lumbsch, H.T. Spot tests and TLC in lichen identification. Humboldt Field Research Station, Steuben, Maine. June 6-12, 2010.

LaGreca, S. An introduction to the lichens of New England. High Pond Farm, Plymouth, NH. September 12-14, 2008.

## **SOCIETIES**

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American Bryological & Lichenological Society (role: Editor for the journal *Evansia*)  
British Lichen Society  
Eastern Lichen Network  
Friends of the Farlow  
Finger Lakes Native Plant Society  
International Association for Lichenology (role: IAL Secretary)  
New York Flora Association

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Bermuda Zoological Society, Research Funding for "Molecular phylogenetic evaluation of endemic Bermudian lichen species", December 2019 [\$2,200]

Bermuda Zoological Society, Research Funding for "Revision of the lichen flora of Bermuda: evaluation of endemic Bermudian lichen species", May 2017 [\$1,736]

Field Museum, Visiting Scholarship for "Molecular systematics of the lichen genus *Ramalina* (Ramalinaceae) with an emphasis on the *Ramalina siliquosa* complex", May 2014 [\$1,625]

Bermuda Zoological Society, Research Funding for "Revision of the lichen flora of Bermuda: Walsingham Jungle", November 2007 [\$1,056]

Bermuda Biological Station for Research Inc., Grant-In-Aid for "Lichens as indicators of environmental health in Bermuda", August 2006 [\$1,656]

Harvard University, Friends of the Farlow Fellowship for "The species of *Ramalina* and *Usnea* in the R.H. Howe, Jr. Lichen Herbarium", September 2005 [\$2,405]

National Park Service, Research Contract for "A Bryophyte and Lichen Survey of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area", 2001-2002. [\$2,969]

## REFERENCES

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