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AFFILIATION

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EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Scholar 2014-present
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

EDUCATION

PhD: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 2008-2013
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
Thesis: "The robustness of ecological communities: theory and application"

BSc and MSc: Physics 2003-2008
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

AWARDS

Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship 2012
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Lotka-Volterra Outstanding Paper award 2010
95th annual ESA meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

SKILLS

Languages Hungarian (native), English, German

Software C, ~~TeX~~ L^AT_EX, MARKDOWN, MATHEMATICA, MATLAB,
MICROSOFT OFFICE, PYTHON, R

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **G Barabás**, S Allesina (2015). Predicting global community properties from uncertain estimates of interaction strengths. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface* 12: 20150218, doi:10.1098/rsif.2015.0218
- [2] S Allesina, J Grilli, **G Barabás**, S Tang, J Aljadeff, A Maritan (2015). Predicting the stability of large structured food webs. *Nature Communications* 6: 7842, doi:10.1038/ncomms8842
- [3] J Grilli, **G Barabás**, S Allesina (2015). Metapopulation persistence in random fragmented landscapes. *PLoS Computational Biology* 11(5): e1004251, doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004251
- [4] MJ Smith, E Sander, **G Barabás**, S Allesina (2015). Stability and feedback levels in food web models. *Ecology Letters*, 18:593–595
- [5] **G Barabás**, L Pásztor, G Meszéna, A Ostling (2014). Sensitivity analysis of coexistence in ecological communities: theory and application. *Ecology Letters*, 17: 1479–1494
- [6] **G Barabás**, G Meszéna, A Ostling (2014). Fixed point robustness of interacting structured populations. *Theoretical Population Biology*, 92: 97–106
- [7] **G Barabás**, R D’Andrea, R Rael, G Meszéna, A Ostling (2013). Emergent neutrality or hidden niches? *Oikos*, 122: 1565–1572
- [8] **G Barabás**, A Ostling (2013). Community robustness in discrete-time periodic environments. *Ecological Complexity*, 15, 122–130
- [9] **G Barabás**, R D’Andrea, A Ostling (2013). Species packing in nonsmooth competition models. *Theoretical Ecology*, 6: 1–19
- [10] R D’Andrea, **G Barabás**[†], A Ostling (2013). Revising the tolerance-fecundity trade-off; or, on the consequences of discontinuous resource use for limiting similarity, species diversity, and trait dispersion. *American Naturalist*, 181: E91–101
- [11] **G Barabás**, S Pigolotti, M Gyllenberg, U Dieckmann, G Meszéna (2012). Continuous coexistence or discrete species? A new review of an old question. *Evolutionary Ecology Research*, 14: 523–554
- [12] **G Barabás**, G Meszéna, A Ostling (2012). Community robustness and limiting similarity in periodic environments. *Theoretical Ecology*, 5: 265–282
- [13] **G Barabás**, G Meszéna (2009). When the exception becomes the rule: the disappearance of limiting similarity in the Lotka–Volterra model. *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, 258: 89–94

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- [14] **G Barabás**, R D’Andrea (in review). The effect of intraspecific variation and heritability on community pattern and robustness. *Ecology Letters*
- [15] **G Barabás**, MJ Michalska-Smith, S Allesina (in revision). The effect of intra- and interspecific competition on coexistence in multispecies communities. *American Naturalist*

[†]Equal contribution with first author

- [16] JT Wootton, EL Sander, AK Henry, **G Barabás** (in revision). Temporal variability predicts species importance in an ecological interaction network.
- [17] R Rael, R D'Andrea, **G Barabás**, A Ostling (in revision). Emergent niche structuring leads to increased differences from neutrality in species abundance distributions. *Ecology*
- [18] **G Barabás**, MJ Michalska-Smith, S Allesina (proposal accepted). Self-regulation and the stability of large ecosystems. *Biology Letters*
- [19] J Grilli, M Adorioso, S Suweis, **G Barabás**, JR Banavar, S Allesina, A Maritan (in review). The geometry of coexistence in large ecosystems. *Nature Communications*; preprint at *arXiv:1507.05337 [q-bio.PE]*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Workshop leader (4 years)

St Cecilia at the Tower Early Music Workshop, Ann Arbor & Saline, MI

2012-present

Instructor (11 years)

Ósükösd summer camp, at Eötvös Loránd University's Radnóti Miklós High School, Budapest Hungary

2005-present

Guest lecturer

Population and Community Ecology, University of Michigan

2014

Co-teacher & course co-designer (2 semesters, with Prof. Annette Ostling)

Modeling for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan

2012-2013

Teaching assistant (3 semesters)

Population and Community Ecology, University of Michigan

2009-2013

Instructor (2 years)

Summer sessions for WISE GISE program (Women in Science and Engineering: Girls in Science and Engineering) at University of Michigan

2012-2011

Teaching assistant (3 semesters)

Introductory Ecology, Genetics, and Evolution, University of Michigan

2008-2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for:

American Naturalist, Axios, Biological Journal of the Linnean Society, Ecological Complexity, Ecology Letters, eLife, Journal of Animal Ecology, Journal of Mathematical Biology, Journal of Theoretical Biology,

2010-present

Journal of Vegetation Science, Oikos, PeerJ, PLoS One, PLoS Computational Biology,
Scientific Reports, Theoretical Ecology, Theoretical Population Biology

Organizer

Expanding Your Horizons Network, Chicago

2015

Organizer

*Summer sessions for WISE GISE program (Women in Science and
Engineering: Girls in Science and Engineering) at University of Michigan*

2012-2011

PRESENTATIONS

**Contributed talk “The effect of intra- and interspecific competition
on coexistence in multispecies communities”**

University of Chicago Natural History Seminar, Chicago, IL, USA

2015

**Contributed talk “Predicting global community properties from uncertain
estimates of interaction strengths”**

100th ESA Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA

2015

Invited talk “Matrix binning: how lazy should we ecologists be?”

University of Michigan, MI, USA

2014

Invited talk “Community-wide sensitivity analysis: theory and application”

Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University, MI, USA

2014

**Contributed talk “Metapopulation structure and persistence
in random fragmented landscapes”**

99th ESA Conference, Sacramento, CA, USA

2014

**Contributed talk “Community-wide sensitivity analysis: theory
and application”**

Midwest Mathematical Biology Conference, La Crosse, WI, USA

2014

**Contributed talk “Applications of community-wide sensitivity calculations
to ecological theory, model analysis, and assessment of extinction risk”**

98th ESA Conference, Minneapolis, MN, USA

2013

**Contributed talk “Applications of community-wide sensitivity calculations
to ecological theory, model analysis, and assessment of extinction risk”**

Biodiversity in a Changing World, Montreal, Canada

2013

**Contributed talk “Robustness analysis of communities of
structured populations”**

97th ESA Conference, Portland, OR, USA

2012

Invited talk “The influence of nonsmooth competition on species packing” <i>Niche Theory and Speciation, Keszthely, Hungary</i>	2011
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Contributed talk “Coexistence by virtue of similarity versus dissimilarity: the implications of nonsmooth competition kernels” <i>96th ESA Conference, Austin, TX, USA</i>	2011
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Contributed talk “How should temporal niche segregation be defined?” <i>95th ESA Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, USA</i>	2010
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WORKSHOPS

CTW – Uncertainty, Sensitivity and Predictability in Ecology: Mathematical Challenges and Ecological Applications <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>	2015
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myCHOICE Scientific Teaching Workshop <i>Chicago, IL, USA</i>	2015
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Midwest Mathematical Biology Conference <i>La Crosse, WI, USA</i>	2014
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Niche Theory and Speciation <i>Keszthely, Hungary</i>	2011
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2nd Helsinki Summer School (Mathematical Ecology and Evolution) <i>Turku, Finland</i>	2010
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1st Helsinki Summer School (Mathematical Ecology and Evolution) <i>Turku, Finland</i>	2008
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ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Stefano Allesina, postdoctoral advisor <i>University of Chicago</i>	2014-present
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Annette Ostling, PhD advisor <i>University of Michigan</i>	2008-2013
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Géza Meszéna, MSc advisor <i>Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary</i>	2007-2008
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