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Employment

- January 2016 to present** Assistant Professor, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA
- September 2012 to January 2016** HHMI Research Associate, Prof. Jorge Dubcovsky's laboratory, UC Davis, USA.
- October 2009 to September 2012** Postdoctoral Researcher, Prof. Jorge Dubcovsky's laboratory, UC Davis, USA.
- November 2003 to August 2004** Assistant Plant Virologist, Central Science Laboratory, York, UK.

Education

- 2009** PhD, "Understanding the roles of green revolution genes in wheat". University of Bristol - based in Prof. Peter Hedden's laboratory, Rothamsted Research, UK.
- 2005** MSc (Distinction), Plant biotechnology for emerging economies, University of Sussex, UK.
- 2003** BSc, Genetics, University of Leeds, UK.

Peer-reviewed publications

Moretti M.L., Alárcon-Reverte R., **Pearce S.**, Morran S. and Hanson B.D. 2017. Transcriptome of putative tonoplast transporters in response to glyphosate and paraquat stress in *Conyza bonariensis* and *Conyza canadensis* and selection of reference genes for qRT-PCR. *PLoS ONE* 12:e0180794.

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- Tabbita F., **Pearce S.**, and Barneix A.J. 2017. Breeding for increased grain protein and micronutrient content in wheat: Ten years of the *GPC-B1* gene. *Journal of Cereal Science* 73:183-191.
- Pearce S.**, Kippes N., Chen A., Debernardi J.M. and Dubcovsky J. 2016. RNA-seq studies using wheat PHYTOCHROME B and PHYTOCHROME C mutants reveal shared and specific functions in the regulation of flowering and shade-avoidance pathways. *BMC Plant Biology* 16:141.
- Pearce S.**, Vazquez-Gross H., Herin S.Y., Hane D., Wang Y., Gu Y.Q. and Dubcovsky J. 2015. WheatExp: An RNA-seq expression database for polyploid wheat. *BMC Plant Biology* 15:299.
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- Pearce S.**, Tabbita F., Cantu C., Buffalo V., Avni R., Vazquez-Gross H., Zhao R., Conley C.J., Distelfeld A. and Dubcovsky J., 2014. Regulation of Zn and Fe transporters by the *GPC1* gene during early wheat monocarpic senescence. *BMC Plant Biology* 14:368.
- Nitcher R., **Pearce S.**, Tranquilli G. and Dubcovsky J., 2014. Effect of the Hope *FT-B1* allele on wheat heading time and yield components. *Journal of Heredity* 105: 666-675.
- Lv B., Nitcher R., Han X., Wang S., Ni F., Li K., **Pearce S.**, Wu J., Dubcovsky J. and Fu D., 2014. Characterization of *FLOWERING LOCUS T1 (FT1)* gene in *Brachypodium* and wheat. *PLoS ONE* 9: e94171.
- Zhu J., ***Pearce S.**, Burke A., See D.R., Skinner D.Z., Dubcovsky J. and Garland Campbell K., 2014. Copy number and haplotype variation at the *VRN-A1* and central *FR-A2* loci are associated with frost tolerance in hexaploid wheat. *Theoretical Applied Genetics* 127: 1183-1197. *Joint-first author.
- Avni R., Zhao R., **Pearce S.**, Jun Y., Uauy C., Tabbita F., Fahima T., Slade A., Dubcovsky J. and Distelfeld A., 2014. Functional characterization of *GPC-1* genes in hexaploid wheat. *Planta* 239: 313-324.
- Pearce S.**, Vanzetti L. and Dubcovsky J., 2013. Exogenous gibberellins induce wheat spike development under short days only in the presence of *VRN1*. *Plant Physiology* 163: 1433-1445.
- Pearce S.**, Zhu J., Boldizsár A., Vágújfalvi A., Burke A., Garland-Campbell K., Galiba G. and Dubcovsky J., 2013. Large deletions in the *CBF* gene cluster at the *Fr-B2* locus are associated with reduced frost tolerance in wheat. *Theoretical Applied Genetics* 126: 2683-2697.

- Krasileva K.V., Buffalo V., Bailey P., **Pearce S.**, Ayling S., Tabbita F., Soria M., Wang S., IWGS Consortium, Akhunov E., Uauy C. and Dubcovsky J., 2013. Separating homeologs by phasing in the tetraploid wheat transcriptome. *Genome Biology* 14: R66.
- Distelfeld A., **Pearce S.**, Avni R., Scherer B., Uauy C., Piston F., Slade A., Zhao R. and Dubcovsky J., 2012. Divergent functions of orthologous NAC transcription factors in wheat and rice. *Plant Molecular Biology* 78: 515-24.
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- Dhillon T., ***Pearce S.**, Stockinger E.J., Distelfeld A., Li C., Knox A.K., Vashegyi I., Vágújfalvi A., Galiba G. and Dubcovsky J., 2010. Regulation of freezing tolerance and flowering in temperate cereals: the *VRN-1* connection. *Plant Physiology* 153: 1846-58. *Joint-first author.
- Appleford N.E.J., Wilkinson M.D., Ma Q., Evans D.J., Stone M.C., **Pearce S.**, Powers S.J., Thomas S.G., Jones H.D., Phillips A.L., Hedden P. and Lenton J.R., 2007. Decreased shoot stature and grain alpha-amylase activity following ectopic expression of a gibberellin 2-oxidase gene in transgenic wheat. *Journal of Experimental Botany* 58: 3213-26.

Teaching

SOCR430 “Applications of Crop Biotechnology”. Co-taught with Dr. Pat Byrne, Fall 2016.

Invited lecturer: Class on “Vernalization and frost tolerance in wheat” as part of UC Davis graduate course PBI 293 “Post-harvest seminar series”, Spring 2013.

Invited lecturer: Class on “Gibberellins and the Green Revolution” as part of UC Davis graduate course HRT 298 “Horticulture and agronomy”, Fall 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Invited lecturer: Seminar on RNA-seq in “High-throughput sequence data analysis workshop” organized by the UC Davis Bioinformatics core, Fall 2014.

- PI on submitted grant “Developing Wheat Genome Editing Capacity at CSU”, Colorado Wheat Research Foundation.
- Co-PI on grant “Identification of new sources of genetic resistance to wheat streak mosaic virus” Colorado Wheat Research Foundation.

Awards

- 2017** Colorado Wheat Research Foundation: Developing wheat genome editing capacity at CSU. PI – Stephen Pearce. Co-PIs – Jennifer Cotter, Karl Ravet, Todd Gaines. \$23,094.
- Colorado Wheat Research Foundation: Identification of new sources of genetic resistance to wheat streak mosaic virus. PI – Kirk Broders. Co-PIs – Tessa Albrecht, Stephen Pearce. \$15,000.
- 2016** USDA/NIFA CAP grant: Validation, characterization and deployment of QTL for grain yield components in wheat. PI – Jorge Dubcovsky, Co-PIs (CSU), Stephen Pearce, Scott Haley, Pat Byrne, \$432,854.
- 2015** International Wheat Yield Partnership 1st competitive call for proposals: Molecular dissection of spike yield components in wheat. PI – Cristobal Uauy, Co-PIs – Jorge Dubcovsky, Stephen Pearce, Karim Ammar, US\$2.3M.
- 2014** UC Davis Signature Research in Genomics Program. Named investigator “Novel applications of large-scale genomics in research” - US\$42,000.
- 2009** JSPS fellowship, Dr. Shinjiro Yamaguchi’s laboratory, RIKEN institute, Yokohama, Japan. I won but elected not to take up this fellowship.
- 2006** Biotechnology Young Entrepreneurs Scheme. My team won this nationwide competition to develop and market a fictional biotechnology product, to teach commercialisation, patenting and business skills.

Presentations at international meetings

- 2016** **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Fall Symposium, St. Louis, MO, USA**
Talk: “Wheat functional genomics in the era of next generation sequencing.”
- Winter Wheat Workers Workshop, San Antonio, TX, USA.**
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- 2014** **HHMI Scientific meeting, Chevy Chase, MD, USA.**
Poster: “The role of gibberellins in wheat spike development.”
- 2012** **PAG 2012, San Diego, CA, USA.**
Poster: “Characterizing the effects of down-regulating the *GPC* genes on the wheat transcriptome during monocarpic senescence in wheat.”
- 2007** **19th IPGSA meeting, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.**
Poster: “Understanding the roles of green revolution genes in wheat.”
- 2006** **4th UK Small Grain Cereals Genetics and Genomics workshop, Cambridge, UK.**
Poster: “Understanding the roles of green revolution genes in wheat.”