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Scientific Background:

Since 1999 I have maintained an active research programme in arachnid systematics, publishing monographs, taxonomic revisions, molecular and morphological phylogenetic analyses, smaller species descriptions and biological observations on several groups. I have a particular research interest in southern-temperate and Australasian micro-spiders, including families of Araneoidea and Archaeoidea.

Education:

Ph.D. (Distinction) University of Western Australia, 2009

B.Sc. (Honours IA) University of Queensland, 2004

B.Sc. (Zoology and Entomology) University of Queensland, 2003

Awards:

2009: University of Western Australia **Robert Street Prize** for research excellence

2004: University of Queensland **University Medallist**

2003: University of Queensland **F. A. Perkins Prize** for Entomology

2002: University of Queensland **F. A. Perkins Prize** for Entomology

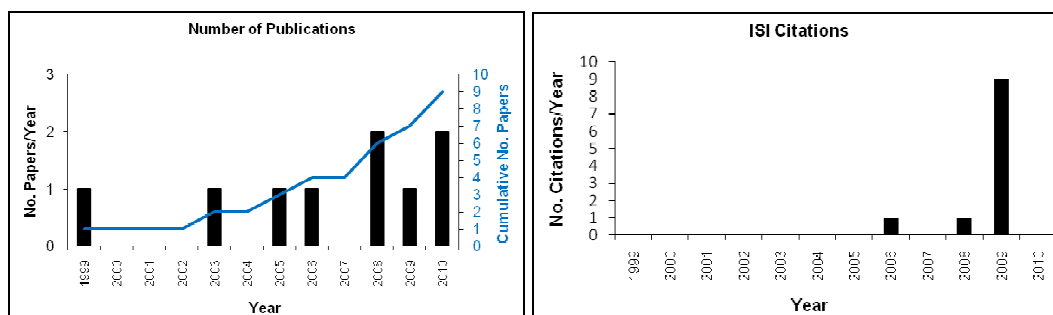
Employment:

2009-Present: *Postdoctoral Research Officer*, Department of Terrestrial Zoology, Western Australian Museum.

2004: *Tutor and Research Assistant* for Associate Professor Stephen Barker, University of Queensland.

2002: *Tutor* in 3rd Year Genetics at the University of Queensland.

Refereed Publications 1999-2010 (* denotes significant publications):



Rix, M.G. and Harvey, M.S. (2010). The first pararchaeid spider (Araneae: Pararchaeidae) from New Caledonia, with a discussion on spinneret spigots and egg sac morphology in *Ozarchaea*. *Zootaxa* **in press**.

Citations = 0; Impact Factor = 0.740.

***Rix, M.G.** and Harvey, M.S. (2010). The spider family Micropholcommatidae (Arachnida, Araneae, Araneoidea): a relimitation and revision at the generic level. *ZooKeys* **36**: 1-321.

Citations = 0; Impact Factor = NA.

Rix, M.G., Roberts, J.D. and Harvey, M.S. (2009). The spider families Synotaxidae and Malkaridae (Arachnida: Araneae: Araneoidea) in Western Australia. *Records of the Western Australian Museum* **25**: 295-304.

Citations = 0; Impact Factor = NA.

Rix, M.G. (2008): A new species of *Micropholcomma* (Araneae: Araneoidea: Micropholcommatidae) from Western Australia. *Records of the Western Australian Museum* **24**: 341-346.

Citations = 0; Impact Factor = NA.

***Rix, M.G.**, Harvey, M.S. and Roberts, J.D. (2008). Molecular phylogenetics of the spider family Micropholcommatidae (Arachnida: Araneae) using nuclear rRNA genes (18S and 28S). *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* **46**: 1031-1048.

Citations = 7; Impact Factor = 3.871.

***Rix, M.G.** (2006). Systematics of the Australasian spider family Pararchaeidae (Arachnida: Araneae). *Invertebrate Systematics* **20**: 203-254.

Citations = 3; Impact Factor = 1.232.

***Rix, M.G.** (2005). A review of the Tasmanian species of Pararchaeidae and Holarchaeidae (Arachnida, Araneae). *The Journal of Arachnology* **33**: 135-152.

Citations = 1; Impact Factor = 0.547.

Rix, M.G. (2003). Blastobasine coleophorid moths as prey for the Australian araneid spider *Celaenia calotoides* Rainbow. *Memoirs of the Queensland Museum* **49**: 28.

Citations = 0; Impact Factor = NA.

Rix, M.G. (1999). A new genus and species of ant-mimicking jumping spider (Araneae: Salticidae) from southeast Queensland, with notes on its biology. *Memoirs of the Queensland Museum* **43**: 827-832.

Citations = 0; Impact Factor = NA.

Publications Submitted:

Rix, M.G., Harvey, M.S. and Roberts, J.D. (submitted). A revision of the tetricellin spider genus *Raveniella* (Araneae: Araneoidea: Micropholcommatidae): exploring patterns of phylogeny and biogeography in an Australian biodiversity hotspot. Submitted to *Invertebrate Systematics*.

Wojcieszek, J.M., Harvey, M.S. and **Rix, M.G.** (submitted). Optimised captive husbandry conditions for the Western Australian 'Marri Millipede' *Antichiropus variabilis* (Diplopoda: Polydesmida: Paradoxosomatidae), with notes on natural history. Submitted to *Records of the Western Australian Museum*.

Grants:

2009-2012: Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Research Grant (No. 209-08): "Systematics of the Australian Assassin Spiders (Araneae: Archaeidae): exploring biogeographic patterns in an ancient and iconic arachnid lineage." Amount: AUD \$210,000.

2006-2009: Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Ph.D. Research Scholarship. Amount: AUD \$80,000.

Conference Presentations:

Molecular phylogenetics of the spider family Micropholcommatidae. Presented to the XVII World Congress of Arachnology, São Pedro, São Paulo, Brazil, 7 August 2007.

Ribosomal RNA Secondary Structure Variation in Spiders (Arachnida, Araneae). Presented to the Universitas 21 Undergraduate Research Conference, The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA, 7 April 2005.

Conferences Attended:

17th International Congress of Arachnology (São Pedro, Brazil, 2007)

Universitas 21 Undergraduate Research Conference (Charlottesville, USA, 2005)

22nd International Congress of Entomology (Brisbane, Australia, 2004)

14th International Congress of Arachnology (Chicago, USA, 1998)

2nd International Congress of Herpetology (Adelaide, Australia, 1993)

Professional Appointments:

2009-Present: Editor of *Australasian Arachnology* (newsletter of the Australasian Arachnological Society).

2006-Present: Associate Editor (Araneae: Palpimanoidea, Eresoidea) for the international journal *Zootaxa*.

Memberships:

American Arachnological Society

Australasian Arachnological Society

International Society of Arachnology

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