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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2010, Botany, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh & University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Dissertation: Systematics and biogeography of the pantropical genus *Manilkara* (Sapotaceae)
Advisor: James Richardson Co-Advisors: Graham Stone & Richard Milne
- M.Sc. 2002, Biodiversity & Taxonomy of Plants
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh & University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Thesis: *Codonopsis*: a revision of the Nepalese species and investigation of generic limits
Advisor: Mark Watson
- B.Sc. 1998, Ethnobotany, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A.
Cornell Nepal Study Programme, 1996, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
Project: A survey of medicinal plants used in Tibetan medicine in Sagarmatha National Park

EMPLOYMENT & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 12/2020–present *Adjunct Professor*, City University of New York, Doctoral Faculty of The Graduate School and University Center's Ph.D. Program in Biology
- 7/2018–present *Assistant Curator*, Institute of Systematic Botany, New York Botanical Garden
- 4/2014–1/2023 *Myanmar Program Coordinator*, Institute of Systematic Botany, New York Botanical Garden
- 5/2012–3/2014 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Cullman Program for Molecular Systematic Studies, New York Botanical Garden
- 10/2011–4/2012 *Floristic Researcher*, Great Himalaya Trail Project, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- 3–9/2011 *Research Fellow*, Sibbald Trust, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- 2007–2011 *Assistant to the Nomenclature Editor*, TAXON, Journal of the International Association for Plant Taxonomy
- 2005–2006 *Research Assistant*, Botanical Inventory of Loango National Park, Gabon, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- 2004–2006 *Botanical Trainer*, Darwin Initiative Project: Taxonomic Training in a Neglected Biodiversity Hotspot in Lao P.D.R., Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- 2003–2004 *Research Assistant*, Prometheus II Project, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- 10/1999–8/2001 *Project Coordinator*, High Altitude Herbal Medicine Initiative, Tengboche Development Project, Sagarmatha National Park, Solu-Khumbu, Nepal
- 8/1999 *Botanist*, Project Dengke, Share and Care Foundation, Luoxu Nature Reserve, Ganzi TAP, China
- 9/1998–4/1999 *Research Assistant*, Awa Ethnobotany Project, Institute of Economic Botany, New York Botanical Garden

- 5–8/1998 *Intern, Medicinal Plants of the Middle East Project, Institute of Economic Botany, New York Botanical Garden*
- 9/1997–4/1998 *Curatorial Assistant, Pringle Herbarium, University of Vermont*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- National Science Foundation, (DBI-2100755): *Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Bringing Asia to digital life: mobilizing underrepresented Asian herbarium collections in the US to propel biodiversity discovery*. M. Pace & K. Armstrong July 20, 2021- August 31, 2025. \$629,237.
- Microsoft AI for Earth. *Sólarsteinn: an AI for mobilizing geographic data from natural history collections*. D.P. Little, K. Armstrong & T. Clabby. 2021. \$15,000.
- National Science Foundation, (DEB-1457702): *Floristic inventory and capacity-building in a neglected biodiversity hotspot: Myanmar's Northern Forest Complex*. May 1, 2015 – Sept. 17, 2021. \$675,000.
- Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, *Establishment of a Plant Conservation and Forest Resource Management Program in Myanmar*. October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2019. \$688,208, and a bridge for an additional \$200,000. Total = \$888,208.
- Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, *Laying the groundwork for plant conservation and capacity-building in Myanmar*. April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015, \$200,000.
- Sibbald Trust Fellowship from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 2011, for taxonomic revision of Asian-Pacific *Manilkara* (Sapotaceae)
- Carnegie Research Grant from the Carnegie Trust 2008 (£2,500), travel grant for Ph.D. field research in Indonesia
- Monica Cole Research Grant from the Royal Geographical Society 2008 (£1,000), travel grant for Ph.D. field research in Indonesia
- Davis Expedition Fund from the University of Edinburgh 2008 (£2,650), travel grant for Ph.D. field research in Indonesia
- Systematics Research Fund from the Systematics Association 2008 (£1,000), travel grant for Ph.D. field research in Indonesia
- James Rennie Bequest from the University of Edinburgh, 2007 (£500), travel grant for Ph.D. field research in Indonesia
- Royal Scottish Geographical Society, 2007 (£275), travel grant for Ph.D. field research in Indonesia
- Torrance Bequest from the University of Edinburgh, 2006- 2009 (£37,000) Ph.D. scholarship
- SYNTHESYS – Synthesis of Systematic Resources Grant, 2005 (£2,500), travel grant for visiting the Wageningen herbarium (Netherlands) to identify specimens collected in Gabon
- Davis Expedition Fund from the University of Edinburgh, 2004 (£2,500), travel grant for field research in Myanmar
- Carnegie Research Grant from the Carnegie Trust, 2004 (£750), travel grant for field research in Myanmar
- Global Green Grants, 2000 (\$3,000), grant to develop a high-altitude medicinal plant nursery in the Mt. Everest region of Nepal
- Himalayan Fair, 2000 (\$1,000), grant to develop a high-altitude medicinal plant nursery in the Mt. Everest region of Nepal

AWARDS

- Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 2001. M.Sc. Award for Distinction on Thesis
- University of Vermont, 1998, Undergraduate Award for Outstanding Achievement in Botany

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Nagahama, A., Sugawara, T., Aung, M.M., Poulsen, A., **Armstrong, K.E.** & Tanaka, N. Contributions to the Flora of Myanmar IX: five new distributional records of flowering plants from Chin State, Tanintharyi Region, and Kachin State. *Bulletin of the National Museum of Nature and Science Series B* (under review April 2023).
- Floden, A, Nwe, T.Y. & **Armstrong, K.E.** A new *Polygonatum*, *P. bifolium* species (Asparagaceae: Nolinoideae: Polygonateae) from Myanmar and a checklist of the species known to occur there. *Novon* (under review, April 2022)
- Fritsch, P.W., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Aung, M.M. & Lu, L. 2023. *Gaultheria* (Ericaceae) of Myanmar: an updated species list for the country, a new species, and a new species combination. *Phytotaxa* Published online 3 May 2023. doi.org/10.11646/phytotaxa.595.1.3
- Randriarisoa, A., Naciri, Y., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Boluda, C., Daffreville, S. & Gautier, L. 2022. A genus sinks, another one emerges: Generic circumscription within subtribe Manilkarinae (Sapotaceae). *Taxon*. Published online 31 December 2022. https://doi.org/10.1002/tax.12863
- Ling, T.C., Inta, A., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Little, D.P., Tiansawat, P., Yang, Y.P., Phokasem, P, Tuang, Z.K., Sinpoo, C., & Disayathanoowat, T. 2022. Traditional Knowledge of Textile Dyeing Plants: A Case Study in the Chin Ethnic Group of Western Myanmar. *Diversity*. 14(12), 1065; https://doi.org/10.3390/d14121065
- Wood, J.R.I., Nwe, T.Y. & **Armstrong K.E.** 2022. Two new species of *Staurogyne* (Acanthaceae) from northern Myanmar. *Kew Bulletin*. Published online 10 August 2022. doi:10.1007/S12225-022-10042-3
- Low, Y.W., Rajaraman, S, Tomlin, C.M., Ahmad, J.A., Ardi, W.H., **Armstrong, K.**, Athen, P., Berhaman, A., Bone. R.E., Cheek, M., Cho, N.R.W., Choo, L.M., Cowie, I.D., Crayn, D., Fleck, S., Ford, A.J., Forster, P.I., Girmansyah, D., Goyder, D.J., Gray, B., Heatubun, C.D., Ibrahim, A., Ibrahim, B., Jayasinghe, H.D., Kalat, M.A, Kathriarachchi, H.S., Kintamani, E., Koh, S.L., Lai, J.T.K., Lee, S.M.L., Leong, P.K.F., Lim, W.H., Lum, S.K.Y., Mahyuni, R., McDonald, W.J.F., Metali, F., Mustaqim, W.A., Naiki, A., Ngo, K.M., Niissalo, M., Ranasinghe, S., Repin, R., Rustiami, H., Simbiak, V.I., Sukri, R.S., Sunarti, S., Trethowan, L.A., Trias-Blasi, A., Vasconcelos, T.N.C., Wanma, J.F., Widodo, P., Wijesundara, D.S.A., Worboys, S., Yap, J.W., Yong, K.T., Khew, G.S.W., Salojarvi, J., Michael, T.P., Middleton, D.J., Burslem, D.F.R.P., Lindqvist, C., Lucas, E.J., Albert, V.A.. 2022. Genomic insights into rapid speciation within the world’s largest tree genus. *Nature Communications* Published online 12 September 2022. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32637-x
- Tanaka, N., Ohi-Toma, T, Suksathan, P., Aung, M. M., Poulsen, A.D. & **Armstrong, K.E.** 2022. *Myanmaranthus roseoflorus*, A new genus and species of Marantaceae from Myanmar. *Journal of Japanese Botany* 97(4): 187–196.
- Wood, J.R.I., Aung M. M., Wells, T. & **Armstrong K.** 2022. *Strobilanthes* Blume (Acanthaceae) in Myanmar, a new species and an updated checklist. *Kew Bulletin* Published online 15 June 2022. doi: 10.1007/S12225-022-10033-4.
- Sweeney, P.W., Nwe, T.Y. & **Armstrong K. E.** 2022. *Garcinia yaatapsap* (Clusiaceae), a new species from northern Myanmar. *Phytotaxa* 545 (2): 121–127. doi.org/10.11646/phytotaxa.545.2.1
- Tong, Y.H, Fritsch, P., Tan, Y.H., Aung, M.M., Yang, B, & **Armstrong, K.** 2022. Novelities in Myanmar *Agapetes* (Ericaceae) with an updated checklist of species from the country. *Nordic Journal of Botany*. Published online 4 March 2022. doi: 10.1111/njb.034961–14
- Bartholomew, B., **Armstrong K.E.**, Rong, L. & Fritsch, P.W. 2021. *Perrotettia taronensis* B.M.Barthol. & K.Armstr., sp. nov. (Dipentodontaceae), a new species from northwestern Yunnan Province, China and northern Kachin State, Myanmar and a re-examination of the Asian and Australasian taxa of *Perrotettia*. *PhytoKeys*.183: 67–76. doi:10.3897/phytokeys.183.71505
- Murray, N.J., Keith, D. A., Duncan, A., Tizard, R., Ferrer-Paris, J., Worthington, T.A., **Armstrong, K.**, Hlaing, N., Htut, W.T., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z. & Grantham, H. 2020. Myanmar’s terrestrial ecosystems: status, threats and conservation opportunities. *Biological Conservation* vol. 252, December 2020. doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2020.108834

- Henderson, A., Aung, M. M. & **Armstrong, K.** 2020. A remarkable new *Iguanura* (Arecaceae, Arecoideae, Areceae) from northern Myanmar. *Phytotaxa* 446:1. doi.org/10.11646/phytotaxa.446.1.10
- Tanaka, N., **Armstrong K.** & Aung, M.M. 2020. Taxonomic studies on Zingiberaceae of Myanmar II: *Curcuma stolonifera* (Subgenus *Eucomate*), a new species from the northwestern region. *Brittonia* DOI 10.1007/s12228-020-09619-8.
- Middleton, D.J., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Aung, M.M., Baba, Y., Balslev, H., Chayamarit, K., Chung, R.C.K., Conn, B.J., Fernando, E.S., Fujikawa, K., Kiew, R., Luu, H.T., Newman, M.F., Nobuyuki, T., Tagane, S., Thomas, D., Utteridge, T.M.A., van Welzen, P. Tran, T.B., Widyatmoko, D., Yahara, T. & Wong, K.M. 2019. Progress on Southeast Asia's Flora Projects. *Garden's Bulletin Singapore* 71(2): 1-52. doi: 10.26492/gbs71(2).2019-01
- Henderson, A. & **Armstrong, K.** 2019. Photo Feature: *Trachycarpus* in Myanmar. *Palms* 63(4) 179-181.
- Hughes, M., Aung, M. M. & **Armstrong, K.E.** 2019. An updated checklist and new species of *Begonia* (*B. rheophytica*) from Myanmar. *Edinburgh Journal of Botany* 76(2): 285-295. doi.org/10.1017/S0960428619000052
- Rodda, M., Aung, M. M. & **Armstrong, K.E.** 2019. A new species, a new subspecies, and new records of *Hoya* (Apocynaceae, Asclepiadoideae) from Myanmar and China. *Brittonia*. DOI 10.1007/s12228-019-09575-y
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Stone, G.N., Nicholls, J.A., Valderrama, E., Anderberg, A.A., Smedmark, J., Gautier, L., Naciri, Y., Milne, R. and Richardson, J.E. 2014. Patterns of diversification amongst tropical regions compared: a case study in Sapotaceae. *Frontiers in Genetics*. 5:362.
- Richardson, J.E., Bakar, A.M., Tosh, J., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Smedmark, J. Anderberg, A. Slik, F. & Wilkie, P. 2014. The influence of tectonics, sea-level changes and dispersal on migration and diversification of Isonandreae (Sapotaceae). *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* 174(1) 130-140.
- Armstrong, K.E.** 2013. A revision of the Asian-Pacific species of *Manilkara* (Sapotaceae). *Edinburgh Journal of Botany*. 70 (1) 7-56.
- Harris D.J., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Walters, G.M., Wilks, C., Mouandza Mbembo, J.-C., Niangadouma, R., Wieringa, J.J., & Breteler, F.J. 2012. Phytogeographical analysis and checklist of the vascular plants of Loango National Park, Gabon. *Plant Ecology and Evolution* 145(5): 242-257.
- Sosef, M.S.M., Harris, D. J., & **Armstrong, K.E.** 2007. Novitates Gabonenses 64. A new species of *Campylopermum* (Ochnaceae) from coastal Gabon. *Blumea* 52(1): 15-19.
- Pullan, M., **Armstrong, K.**, Paterson, T., Cannon, A., Kennedy, J., Watson, M., McDonald, S., & Raguenaud, C. 2005. The Prometheus Description Model: An examination of the taxonomic description-building process and its representation. *Taxon* 54(3): 751-765.
- Paterson, T., Kennedy, J.B., Pullan, M.R., Cannon, A., **Armstrong, K.**, Watson, M.F., Raguenaud, C., McDonald, S., & Russell, G. 2004. A universal character model and ontology of defined terms for taxonomic description. *Data Integration in the Life Sciences; Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics* 2994: 63-78.

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Murray, N.J. Grantham, H. Keith D & **Armstrong K.E.** *Alpine cliffs and scree* (pp 239-242) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Grantham, H. Tizard, R., Murray N.J. & Keith D.A. *Alpine herbfield* (pp 247-250) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.

- Armstrong, K.E.**, Grantham, H., Murray, N.J. & Keith, D. A. *High mountain scrub* (pp 243-246) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Grantham, H. & Keith D.A. *Kachin mountain conifer forest* (pp 158-161) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Grantham, H., Murray, N.J. & Keith D.A. *Kachin montane temperate broadleaf forest* (pp 183-187) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Grantham, H. & Keith, D.A. *Kachin warm temperate rainforest* (pp 174-178) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Tizard, R. & Grantham, H. *Kachin-Sagaing low elevation evergreen subtropical rainforest* (pp 77-82) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Tizard, R. & Grantham, H. *Kachin-Sagaing mid elevation subtropical rainforest* (pp 83-88) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Tizard, R. & Grantham, H. *Kachin Hills subtropical rainforest* (pp 89-93) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
- Murray, N.J. Grantham, H., Tizard, R., Keith D & **Armstrong K.E.** *Sagaing warm temperate rainforest* (pp 170-173) in Murray, N.J., Keith, D.A., Tizard, R., Duncan, A., Htut, W.T., Hlaing, N., Oo, A.H., Ya, K.Z., Grantham, H. (2020) *Threatened Ecosystems of Myanmar: An IUCN Red List of Ecosystems Assessment. Version 1.0*. Wildlife Conservation Society. ISBN: 978-0-9903852-5-7. DOI: 10.19121/2019.Report.37457.
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- Newman, M., Ketphanh, S., Svengsuksa, B., Thomas, P. Sengdala, K., Lamxay, V., & **Armstrong, K.** 2007. A checklist of the vascular plants of Lao PDR. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Edinburgh.
- Armstrong, K.** Svengsuksa, B., & Hul, S. 2006. A glossary of French, Lao and English botanical terms. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Edinburgh.
- Armstrong, K.E.** *Codonopsis* (Campanulaceae). In: The Flora of Nepal. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. [Submitted, 2002]

ELECTRONIC & OTHER MEDIA

- Jones, L. & **Armstrong, K.** 2019. *Myanmar mystery solved*. NYBG Hand Lens post: <http://sweetgum.nybg.org/science/the-hand-lens/explore/narratives-details/?irn=7410>
- Armstrong, K.** & L. Jones 2019. *From 1920's adventure narrative to new species – a new Begonia from Myanmar*. NYBG Hand Lens post: <http://sweetgum.nybg.org/science/the-hand-lens/explore/narratives-details/?irn=7281>
- King, S. 2019. *The first steps towards the Flora of Myanmar* in the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh's blog: Botanic Stories. <https://stories.rbge.org.uk/archives/31297>
- Olander, S.B. & **Armstrong, K.E.** 2019. IUCN RedList assessments for 14 species of *Manilkara* (Sapotaceae) [<https://www.iucnredlist.org>]. (Submitted).
- Little, D. & **Armstrong K.** 2016. *Myanmar by the Numbers* in the New York Botanic Garden blog: Science Talk - exploring the science of plants, from the field to the lab. <https://www.nybg.org/blogs/science-talk/2016/01/myanmar-by-the-numbers/>
- Swanson, S. & **Armstrong K.** 2016. *Forest Primeval: Trekking Through Myanmar's Northern Forest Complex* in the New York Botanic Garden blog: Science Talk - exploring the science of plants, from the field to the lab. <https://www.nybg.org/blogs/science-talk/2016/04/forest-primeval-trekking-through-myanmars-northern-forest-complex/>
- Harris, D.J., Moutsamboté, J.M., **Armstrong, K.E.**, Kami, E., Mouandza, J.C., Niangadouma, R., Walters, G., & Wortley, A.H. 2009. *Plantes d'Afrique Centrale: la collections de référence en images*. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. ISBN 978-1-90612924-8.
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INVITED TALKS

- The William & Lynda Steere Herbarium at the New York Botanical Garden – A Virtual Visit*. Harvard Business School Club of New York. January 14, 2021. Presented jointly with Matthew Pace.
- New York Botanical Garden Myanmar Program 2018-19 Research Overview*, Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, February 26, 2019.
- New York Botanical Garden Myanmar Program 2017-18 Research Overview*, Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, March 6, 2018.
- Mapping Botanical Diversity in the Hkakaborazi-Hponganrazi Landscape*. UNESCO Scientific Research Workshop on Biodiversity in the Northern Mountain Forest Complex. Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. December 6-8, 2017.
- Floristic Inventory & Capacity Building in Myanmar's Northern Forest Complex*. First Flora of Myanmar Meeting. Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Myanmar. December 4, 2017.
- Floristic Inventory & Capacity Building in Myanmar's Northern Forest Complex*. NYBG Plant Research and Conservation Advisory Council meeting, New York, New York. October 12, 2017.
- Integrated botanical research in the old world tropics: examples from Sapotaceae systematics and Myanmar floristics*, Missouri Botanical Garden, September 5, 2017.

- Signing ceremony for Memorandum of Understanding between the New York Botanical Garden and the Myanmar Forest Department Forest Department*, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. May 23, 2017.
- The New York Botanical Garden's collaborative research program in Myanmar*. Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. June 16, 2016.
- Botanical Diversity in the Hkakaborazi-Hponganrazi Landscape*. UNESCO Scientific Research Workshop on Biodiversity in the Northern Mountain Forest Complex. Yangon, Myanmar, June 6-8, 2016.
- Laying the groundwork for plant conservation and forest resource management in Myanmar, 2016 update* (with Charles Peters). Helmsley Charitable Trust, Myanmar grantees meeting. Yangon, Myanmar. January 28-30, 2016.
- NYBG Scientists in Myanmar, Tackling 21st century Challenges* (with Charles Peters & Doug Daly). Andrew Carnegie Distinguished Lecture. Christie's New York, New York, January 12, 2016.
- Documenting Myanmar's flora through botanical exploration, data collection, dissemination & training*. Coordinated the meeting *Encouraging Botanical Research for Biodiversity Conservation in Myanmar* for twenty government, university and NGO collaborators from nine different institutions, and presented talk. Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. March 12, 2015.
- Laying the groundwork for plant conservation and forest resource management in Myanmar* (with Charles Peters). Helmsley Charitable Trust Myanmar grantees meeting, Yangon, Myanmar, October 4-5, 2014.
- Documenting Myanmar's flora through botanical exploration, data collection, dissemination & training*. Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Myanmar, May 8, 2014.
- Systematics and biogeography of the pantropical genus Manilkara (Sapotaceae)*. Linnean Society, Conversazione, London, England 2009. [poster]

Presentations

- Armstrong, K.E.** *Steps towards documenting the flora of Myanmar*. Part of the Colloquium: The Contribution of Regional Flora Projects to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. Botany2021-Virtual. July 23, 2021. [talk]
- Randriarisoa, A.R., Naciri, Y., Boluda, C., Dafreville, S., **Armstrong, K.** & Gautier, L. *Generic circumscription, species delimitation and conservation in a related group of Western Indian Ocean Sapotaceae: Faucherea Lecomte, Labourdonnaisia Bojer, & Labramia A.DC.* Association for the Taxonomic Study of the Flora of Tropical Africa Meeting, Zambia, March 2020 [poster]
- Armstrong, K.E.** & Aung, M. M. *Floristic Inventory and Capacity Building in Myanmar's Northern Forest Complex (2017-2021)* Forest Research Institute, Yezin, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, December 16, 2020. [poster]
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Stone, G.N., Milne, R. & Richardson, J.E. *Systematics and taxonomy of the tribe Mimosopeae and subtribe Manilkarinae*. 3rd International Meeting of Sapotaceae Researchers, Reserva Duke, Manaus, Brazil 2011 [talk]
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Stone, G.N., Milne, R. & Richardson, J.E. *Biogeography of the pantropical genus Manilkara*. 3rd International Meeting of Sapotaceae Researchers, Reserva Duke, Manaus, Brazil 2011 [talk]
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Stone, G.N., Milne, R. & Richardson, J.E. *Systematics and biogeography of the pantropical genus Manilkara (Sapotaceae): A Malesian perspective*. Southeast Asian Gateway Evolution Meeting, London, England 2009 [poster].
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- Armstrong, K.E.**, Richardson, J.E., Milne, R. & Clayton, J. *Systematics and biogeography of the pantropical genus Manilkara (Sapotaceae): A Malesian perspective*. 7th International Flora Malesiana Symposium, Leiden, Netherlands 2007. [poster]
- Armstrong, K.E.**, Richardson, J.E., Milne, R. & Clayton, J. *Systematics and biogeography of the pantropical genus Manilkara (Sapotaceae)*. 3rd Biennial International Biogeography Society Conference, Tenerife, Spain 2007. [poster]
- Armstrong, K.E.** *Cultivation of high-altitude herbs in Sagarmatha National Park for use in traditional Tibetan medicine*. Conservation of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants in South Asia Meeting, Pokhara, Nepal 2001. [poster]
- Armstrong, K.E.** *High-altitude plants used in traditional Tibetan medicine in Sagarmatha National Park*. Conservation & Utilization of Himalayan Medicinal Resources Symposium, Kathmandu, Nepal 2000. [poster]

BOTANICAL FIELDWORK

- Myanmar, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, March 3 – April 4, 2019
- Myanmar, Hponganrazi Wildlife Sanctuary, Kachin State, April 20 – May 22, 2018
- Myanmar, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, March 8 – April 10, 2018
- Myanmar, Hkakaborazi National Park, Kachin State, May 28 – June 20, 2017
- Myanmar, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, March 8 – April 10, 2017
- Myanmar, Layshi, Naga Hills & Naung Hkio, Shan State, November 7 – December 2, 2017
- Myanmar, Hponganrazi Wildlife Sanctuary, Kachin State, October 2 – November 27, 2016
- Myanmar, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, September 5 – October 1, 2016
- Myanmar, Popa Mountain National Park, Mandalay Division, February 3 – 6, 2016
- Myanmar, Hkakaborazi National Park, Kachin State, October 11 – November 18, 2015
- Myanmar, Tanintharyi Nature Reserve, Thanantharyi Region, March 14 – 30, 2015
- Myanmar, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, October 14 – November 7, 2014
- Myanmar, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, May 2 – 24, 2014
- Vanuatu, Tafea Province, Tanna Island, June 1 – July 4, 2014
- Indonesia, West Papua (Jayapura, Yapen, Manokwari, Sorong), Sulawesi, January-April, 2008
- Lao P.D.R., Nakai Nam Theun National Biodiversity Conservation Area, April-May 2006
- Gabon, Loango National Park, Ogooué-Maritime Province, April-May 2005
- Lao P.D.R., Nakai Nam Theun National Biodiversity Conservation Area, Sept-October 2005
- Lao P.D.R., Nakai Nam Theun National Biodiversity Conservation Area, February-March 2005
- China, Gaoligong Shan National nature Reserve, Yunnan April-May 2004
- Belize, Hill Bank, Las Cuevas Research Stations, January 2002
- Nepal, Annapurna Conservation Area, June 2001
- Nepal, Sagarmatha National Park, May 1999- September 2001
- China/Tibet, Luoxu Nature Reserve, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, August 1999
- Costa Rica, Santa Rosa, Monte Verde, Serro de la Muerte, Osa, December-January 1996
- Nepal, Rolwaling Himal, Dolakha & Sagarmatha National Park, Khumbu, November 1996

TEACHING

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, PhD Program in Biology, Graduate Center, City College of New York, BIOL70605 & BIOL70606, Plant Taxonomy (lecture & lab), co-taught with Fabian Michelangeli, August 25, 2022 – January 26, 2023.
- Lecturer, City College of New York, BIOL 79302, Current Topics in Plant Biology
- Ph.D. Seminar: *Documenting botanical diversity through collections-based research*. October 30, 2020.

Co-ordinator & Lecturer, Botanical Training Workshop for Young Researchers in Myanmar.
University of Mandalay & Naung Hkio, Shan State. November 7-13, 2017.
Co-ordinator & Lecturer, Botanical Training Workshop for Young Researchers in Myanmar.
University of Mandalay & Popa Mountain Park, Myanmar. February 1-6, 2016.
Lecturer, Workshop on field botany and forestry techniques for Myanmar Forest Department rangers.
Htamanthi, Myanmar, May 15, 2014
Teaching Assistant, University of Edinburgh, Origin & Diversity of Life and Evolutionary Ecology of
Plants. 2008
Teaching Assistant, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh HND in Plantsmanship, Orders & Families of
Flowering Plants. 2007
Botanical Trainer, Darwin Initiative Project: *Taxonomic Training in a Neglected Biodiversity Hotspot
in Lao P.D.R* Workshops on specimen collection, field and herbarium-based plant identification
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Teaching Assistant, Gatsby Plants, University of Leeds, 2006
Demonstrator, Edinburgh Science Festival, Real Life Science Events, 2004

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC SERVICE

Managing Editor – Brittonia, July 2022 – present.
Associate Editor – Brittonia, August 2020 – June 2022.
Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, 2020 – present.
Reviewer of manuscripts and grant proposals for: Frontiers, Systematic Botany, Nature -
Scientific Reports, Phytotaxa, Journal of Biogeography, Candollea, Botanical Review,
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Society, National Science Foundation (ad hoc)
NYBG Strategic Planning, Foundational Exploration and Discovery Committee co-lead with
Mike Balick, July – October 2022
NYBG Herbarium Director Search Committee, October 2021 – March 2022.
NYBG Peer Committee, October 2021 – February 2022.
NYBG Strategic Planning, Collections Group member/presenter. July-November 2019
NYBG Barnaby Award Selection Committee Member 2018
Expert Panel Member - UNESCO Scientific Research Working Group on Biodiversity in the
Northern Mountain Forest Complex (Myanmar). 2016 – 2018.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Co-advisor for Akshay Surendra, Yale University, Forestry and Environmental Sciences & New
York Botanical Garden, 2019 – present. Project: *Plant-soil feedback in Dipterocarp forests of
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Co-advisor for David Woodbury, Yale University, Forestry and Environmental Sciences & New
York Botanical Garden, 2019 – present. Project: *Successional trajectories of Dipterocarp
forest fragments in the human-dominated landscapes of southern Sri Lanka.*
Co-advisor for Arun Dayanandan Yale University, Forestry and Environmental Sciences & New
York Botanical Garden, 2022 – present.

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RESEARCH TECHNICIANS

- Amy Sahud, Dec. 2022–present, Digitization Intern for the All Asia Digitization Program (funded by the National Science Foundation), New York Botanical Garden
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- Lance Jones, 2016–2019, Curatorial Assistant for the Myanmar Program (funded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust), New York Botanical Garden