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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Biochemistry • Fall 2017

University of Texas at Austin

Advisor: Adrian Keatinge-Clay

Elements of Computing Program: Data Science Track • Fall 2017

University of Texas at Austin

Relevant Computer Science Coursework: Data Visualization, Data Analytics, Databases, Software Design, Software Engineering, Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Biostatistics

Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with Honors • Spring 2010

University of California Santa Cruz

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student • Keatinge-Clay Lab • August 2012 - Present

Department of Molecular Biosciences, University of Texas at Austin

- Active researcher on several completed and ongoing projects focusing on the structural and mechanistic characterization of polyketide synthase domains.
- Developed enzyme assays and mutagenesis screens to characterize substrate tolerance and mechanism of action of bacterial biosynthetic enzymes.
- Employed recombinant DNA technology and X-ray crystallography to design and construct custom fusion proteins for synthetic biology applications.

Research Technician • June 2011 - August 2012

Molecular Sciences Institute – Berkeley, CA

- Constructed and maintained recombinant *S. cerevisiae* strain collection.
- Performed metabolic engineering experiments on *S. cerevisiae* strains using flow cytometry and fluorescent microscopy leading to development of yeast strains for production of commercially relevant chemicals.
- Statistical analysis of *S. cerevisiae* gene expression data.

Research Assistant • Ottemann Lab • June 2010 – June 2011

Department of Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology – University of California Santa Cruz

- Assisted with design and execution of *in vitro* experiments on chemotaxis proteins from the human pathogen *H. pylori*.

TEACHING

- **Spring 2017** – BCH369 – Fundamentals of Biochemistry
- **Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013** – BCH339F – Foundations of Biochemistry
- **Spring 2016** – BIO361 – Human Infectious Diseases
- **Fall 2015** – BIO326M – Intro to Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- **Spring 2014** – BCH369L – Biochemistry Laboratory
- **Spring 2011 (UCSC)** – BIOC100C – Integrative Biochemistry of Metabolic Pathways

AWARDS

- **Spring 2017** – College of Natural Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award
- **Summer 2015** - College of Natural Sciences Continuing Research Fellowship
- **Spring 2013** - RB and Margaret Lewis Fellowship in Biochemistry

CONFERENCES

- **July 2017** – Gordon Research Conference: Enzymes, Cofactors & Metabolic Pathways - Waterville Valley, NH. Poster: Structure and Function of a Pyran Synthase Domain from a *trans*-acyltransferase Polyketide Synthase
- **November 2015** - Hokkaido University Ambitious Leader's Program Conference. Sapporo, Japan. Poster: A Polyketide Synthase Ketoreductase Class Correlates with Atypical Module Architecture

- **January 2015** - Enzyme Mechanisms Conference – Galveston, TX. Poster: Investigation of Polyketide Synthase Methyltransferases

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

- **Programming** • Python, R, Bash, git/github
- **Database** • MySQL, MongoDB
- **Data Visualization** • PyMol, R studio, ggplot, Tableau
- **Web** • HTML, CSS, Javascript, Node.js, jQuery

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Wagner DT**, Zhang Z, Meodod R, Piel P, Keatinge-Clay AT. Structure and Function of a Pyran Synthase Domain from a *trans*-Acyltransferase Polyketide Synthase. [In Preparation]
2. **Wagner DT***, Zeng J*, Bailey CB*, Gay DC, Yuan F, Manion HR, Keatinge-Clay AT. Structural and Functional Trends in Dehydrating Bimodules from *trans*-Acyltransferase Polyketide Synthases. *Structure*. 2017 Jun.
3. Zeng J, **Wagner DT**, Zhang Z, Moretto L, Addison JD, Keatinge-Clay AT. Portability and Structure of the Four-Helix Bundle Docking Domains of *trans*-Acyltransferase Modular Polyketide Synthases. *ACS Chem Biol*. 2016 Sep.
4. **Wagner DT***, Stevens DC*, Mehaffey MR, Manion HR, Taylor RE, Brodbelt JS, Keatinge-Clay AT. α -Methylation follows condensation in the gephyronic acid modular polyketide synthase. *Chem Commun (Camb)*. 2016 Jul.
5. Stevens DC*, **Wagner DT***, Manion HR, Alexander BK, Keatinge-Clay AT. Methyltransferases excised from *trans*-AT polyketide synthases operate on N-acetylcysteamine-bound substrates. *J Antibiot (Tokyo)*. 2016 Jul.
6. Gay DC*, **Wagner DT***, Meinke JL, Zogzas CE, Gay GR, Keatinge-Clay AT. The LINKS motif zippers *trans*-acyltransferase polyketide synthase assembly lines into a biosynthetic megacomplex. *J Struct Biol*. 2016 Mar.
7. Fage CD, Isiorho EA, Liu Y, **Wagner DT**, Liu HW, Keatinge-Clay AT. The structure of SpnF, a standalone enzyme that catalyzes [4 + 2] cycloaddition. *Nat Chem Biol*. 2015 Apr.
8. Gay G, **Wagner DT**, Keatinge-Clay AT, Gay DC. Rapid modification of the pET-28 expression vector for ligation independent cloning using homologous recombination in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Plasmid*. 2014 Nov.
9. Hughes AJ, Tibby MR, **Wagner DT**, Brantley JN, Keatinge-Clay AT. Investigating the reactivities of a polyketide synthase module through fluorescent click chemistry. *Chem Commun (Camb)*. 2014 May.
10. Zdraljevic S, **Wagner D**, Cheng K, Ruohonen L, Jäntti J, Penttilä M, Resnekov O, Pesce CG. Single-cell measurements of enzyme levels as a predictive tool for cellular fates during organic acid production. *Appl Environ Microbiol*. 2013 Dec.

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