# Joshua M. Helgoe

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#### Education

# Florida International University, Miami, FL

2020-Present

Ph.D. candidate in Biology

### University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2014 - 2016

M.S. in Marine Science; GPA: 3.82

### University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2011 - 2015

B.S. in Marine Science (double focus in biological and chemical oceanography), Spanish minor GPA: 3.85; magna cum laude

#### **Publications**

- **Helgoe, J.**, Oswald, K., & Quattro, J. (2019). A comprehensive analysis of the mislabeling of Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) products in Spain. *Fisheries Research*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1016/j.fishres.2019.105400
- John, S. G., **Helgoe, J.**, et al. (2018). Biogeochemical cycling of Fe and Fe stable isotopes in the Eastern Tropical South Pacific. *Marine Chemistry*, 201, 66-76.
- John, S. G., **Helgoe, J.**, & Townsend, E. (2018). Biogeochemical cycling of Zn and Cd and their stable isotopes in the Eastern Tropical South Pacific. *Marine Chemistry*, 201, 256–262.
- Schlitzer, R., et al. [293 GEOTRACES collaborators, including **Helgoe, J.**]. (2018). The GEOTRACES intermediate data product 2017. *Chemical Geology*, 493, 210-223.

## Professional Experience

#### Quality Assurance Specialist (contractor), Sunopta, Inc., Edina, MN Jan 2020 - Mar 2020

- Built a dynamic Risk Assessment Excel tracker for all company suppliers and raw materials
- Rewrote, calibrated, and implemented an improved Risk Assessment model

### **Dive Apprentice**, Barbados & Bonaire

May 2019 - Jul 2019

- Intensively apprenticed one-on-one with an experienced NAUI Course Director in Barbados
- Successfully completed a 100+ hour AAUS scientific diving training course in Bonaire
- Attained qualification as the following:
  - o AAUS Scientific Diver
  - o NAUI Divemaster
  - o NAUI Rescue Diver; NAUI EANx Diver; NAUI DEMP; Nitrox Gas Blending Technician; Resort Regulator Repair Technician

#### Quality Assurance Specialist (contractor), Sunopta, Inc., Edina, MN Aug 2018 - Apr 2019

- Acquired and standardized product data across 18 company manufacturing plants
- Successfully transferred all product data to Siemens Interspec alongside a small team

#### North Pacific Groundfish Observer, Alaskan Observers, Dutch Harbor, AK Apr 2017 - May 2018

- Acquired catch data while living on a diversity of commercial fishing vessels (200+ sea days)
  - o Designed random sampling procedures for every haul

- o Collected species composition, sex, length, weight, otolith, and genetic data
- o Gathered marine mammal and seabird data
- o Identified every sampled marine species using dichotomous keys
- Accomplished NOAA observer mission objectives under dangerous operating conditions
- Operated as the lead observer overseeing data quality

### Genetics Researcher, USC, Columbia, SC

Jul 2013 - Aug 2016

- Designed, acquired funding, and implemented master's thesis project as a sophomore
- Independently collected over 600 samples of commercially sold Atlantic cod from markets and restaurants across eight cities in Spain
- Conducted DNA extraction, PCR, gel electrophoresis, ethanol precipitation, and sequencing
- Used Sequencher and BioEdit to prepare chromatograms, and used BOLD and GenBank to assign each DNA sequence to species to determine instances of market mislabeling

#### Teaching Assistant, USC, Columbia, SC

Aug 2015 - Jul 2016

• Led and taught five lab sections (over 80 students) of Oceans and Society (MSCI 210)

## Chemical Oceanography Lab Technician, USC, Columbia, SC

Apr 2014 - Feb 2016

- Developed the highest ever resolution profiles of Fe, Zn, and Cd concentration and stable isotopes in the Eastern Tropical South Pacific
  - Extracted stable isotopes with extreme care from seawater samples in a trace metal, sterile clean lab (quantities were in parts per billion)

# Aquatics Intern, Newport Aquarium, Newport, KY

Jun 2013 - Jul 2013

• Maintained the Jellyfish Gallery (i.e. husbandry, water changes, brine shrimp cultivation, etc.)

# Population and Community Biology Lab Technician, USC, Columbia, SC Jan 2013 - May 2013

• Dissected and analyzed fiddler crab metabolic capacity in response to climate change

### Paleoceanographic Geochemistry Lab Technician, USC, Columbia, SC Aug 2012 - Dec 2012

- Prepared seafloor sediment for neodymium isotope mass spectrometry analysis
- Picked and cleaned fossilized fish teeth and forams
- Ran chromatography columns in clean lab

#### Awards and Honors

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Graduate with Leadership Distinction in research
- Magellan Scholar (received \$2500 grant for research)
- Ceny Walker Undergraduate Fellowship recipient (received \$2500 grant for research)
- Prepared and presented research at the 2014 American Geophysical Union (AGU) conference
- Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for best oral presentation at the 2016 USC graduate Baruch Retreat

#### Skills

- Spanish language proficiency (ACTFL intermediate-mid)
- Laboratory management and equipment use (e.g., PrepFAST sampling robot, microgram balance, fluorimeter, flow cytometer, pipetting, mass spectrometer) (6 years)
- Data analysis and management (8 years)
- Grant writing (1 year)

- DNA preservation, extraction, amplification, purification, and analysis (3 years)
- Clean lab (2 years)
- ArcGIS (basics); C++ (basics); HTML (basics); Python 3 (basics); R (basics); Excel (advanced)
- Multiple dive certs (listed above); NAUI Divermaster; AAUS Scientific Diver
- SOLO Wilderness First Responder