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Education

Present	Graduate Student Biological Sciences Advisor: Antonis Rokas Current GPA: 3.97	Vanderbilt University
2016	M.S. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Advisor: John G. Gibbons GPA: 3.98	Clark University
2015	B.A. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Advisor: Denis Larochelle Cumulative GPA: 3.84 Science GPA: 3.84	Clark University

Awards

2017	Graduate student travel grant, Vanderbilt University
2016	Graduate student council travel awards, Clark University
2015	Summa cum laude, Clark University
2014	Summer research scholar, Bridging the gaps, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine
2013	Global environmental microbiology scholar, Center for dark energy biosphere investigations, University of Southern California
2011	Jonas Clark Scholar, Clark University

Publications

Preprint:	Steenwyk J., Rokas A. (2017). Copy number variation in fungi and its implications for wine yeast genetic diversity and adaptation. bioRxiv. doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/233122
Preprint:	Steenwyk J., St. Denis J., Dresch J., Larochelle D., Drewell R. (2017) Whole genome bisulfite sequencing reveals a sparse, but robust pattern of DNA methylation in the <i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i> genome. bioRxiv. doi: 10.1101/166033
(2)	Steenwyk J., Rokas A. (2017). Extensive Copy Number Variation in Fermentation-Related Genes among <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> Wine Strains. G3: Genes Genomes Genetics. doi: 10.1534/g3.117.040105
(1)	Steenwyk J.L., Soghigian J.S., Perfect J.R. and Gibbons J.G. (2016). Copy number variation contributes to cryptic genetic variation in outbreak lineages of <i>Cryptococcus gattii</i> from the North American Pacific Northwest. BMC Genomics. doi: 10.1186/s12864-016-3044-0

Contributed Talks

- 2017** Mycological Society of America, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA
Extensive Copy Number Variation in Fermentation-Related Genes Among *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Wine Strains
- 2016** Mycological Society of America, Univ. of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Population structure and copy number variation in the fungal pathogen *Cryptococcus gattii*
- 2016** Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Conference, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Population structure and copy number variation in the fungal pathogen *Cryptococcus gattii*
- 2015** TedXClarkUniversity, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Instinct and Intelligence

Poster Presentations

- 2015** Bumpus Symposium, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Population structure and copy number variation in the fungal pathogen *Cryptococcus gattii*
- 2015** Traina Scholars Presentation, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Mapping the Auto-Immune Triggering Epitope of ELAVL4
- 2015** Summer Research Presentation, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Mapping the Auto-Immune Triggering Epitope of ELAVL4

Research Experience

- 2016-Pres.** Antonis Rokas Lab at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
- 2015-16** John Gibbons Lab at Clark University, Worcester, MA. Investigation of copy number variation in the human pathogen, *Cryptococcus gattii*.
- 2015-16** Robert Drewell Lab at Clark University, Worcester, MA. Investigation of genome-wide methylation patterns in *Dictyostelium discoideum*.
- 2014** Ite A. Laird-Offringa Lab at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Bridging the Gaps Summer Scholar. Project aim was to map the autoimmune triggering epitope of *ELAVL4* in small cell lung cancer.
- 2013** John Heidelberg and Eric Webb Labs at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Global Environmental Microbiology Summer Scholar. Investigation of fresh and marine water microbial diversity.

Teaching Experience

- 2017-Pres.** Teaching Assistant, Introductory Biology Lab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2016** Introduction to Biostatistics, Teaching Assistant, Clark University, Worcester, MA
- 2014-2015** Cell Biology, Teaching Assistant, Clark University, Worcester, MA

Service

- 2017-Pres.** Secretary, Graduate Student Association, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-Pres.** Communications chair, Inequalities in Biological Sciences Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-Pres.** Member, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-Pres.** Scientific consultant, Little Harpeth Brewing, Nashville, TN
- 2017** Educational outreach booth design and execution, MEGAMicrobe, Nashville, TN
- 2017** Judge, Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- 2017** Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science, Volunteer Science Teacher, West End Middle School, Nashville, TN
- 2014-15** Undergraduate Subcommittee for Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Faculty Search Committee, Clark University, Worcester, MA
- 2014-15** Science Education Outreach Blogger, C-DEBI Sci-Curious Blog

Manuscript reviewer

Public Library of Sciences (PLOS) One, Young Scientists Journal, Scholarly Undergraduate Research Journal