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EDUCATION

Present	Ph.D. Candidate, Biological Sciences Advisor: Antonis Rokas 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

2021	Presentation award, Canadian Fungal Research Network and Great Lakes Mycology Conference
2021	Graduate Research Excellence Award in Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2021	Smriti Bardhan Scholarship, Vanderbilt University
2021	Registration award, Science Talk '21
2020	Favorite Artist Award, Catalyst: A Virtual Sci-Art Exhibition
2020	Oral presentation award, SACNAS – The National Diversity in STEM Virtual Conference
2020	Registration scholarship, SACNAS – The National Diversity in STEM Virtual Conference
2020	Best Talk Honorable Mention, Canadian Fungal Research Network Meeting
2020	Trainee-of-the-Year, Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation
2019	Gilliam Predoctoral Fellowship, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2019	Ann Bernard Martin Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, Vanderbilt University
2019	Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Institutes of Health
2019	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation
2019	Graduate student travel grant, Vanderbilt University
2019	Curb Center Fellow, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University
2018	<i>GENETICS</i> Peer Review Training Program, Genetics Society of America
2018	Best poster award, Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Seminar
2018	Best poster award, Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Conference
2018	Best poster award, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2018	T-shirt design contest winner, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University
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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Evolution of technologically and medically significant fungi
- Evolution and function of DNA repair
- Genome evolution and phylogenomics

TEN HIGHLIGHTED PUBLICATIONS (see end of CV for all publications)

First author

Steenwyk, J.L.[^], *et al.* (2021) PhyKIT: a UNIX shell toolkit for processing and analyzing phylogenomic data. [^]Corresponding author. *Bioinformatics*. DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btab096

Steenwyk, J.L.[^], *et al.* (2020). ClipKIT: a multiple sequence alignment-trimming software for accurate phylogenomic inference. [^]Corresponding author. *PLOS Biology*. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3001007

Steenwyk, J.L.^{*}, A.L. Lind^{*}, *et al.* (2020). Pathogenic allodiploid hybrids of *Aspergillus* fungi. ^{*}Equal contributors. *Current Biology*. DOI: 10.1016/j.cub.2020.04.071

Steenwyk, J.L., *et al.* (2020). Biosynthetic gene clusters, secondary metabolite profiles, and cards of virulence in the closest nonpathogenic relatives of *Aspergillus fumigatus*. *Genetics*. DOI: 10.1534/genetics.120.303549

Steenwyk, J.L., *et al.* (2019). Extensive loss of cell cycle and DNA repair genes in an ancient lineage of bipolar budding yeasts. *PLOS Biology*. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3000255

Steenwyk, J.L., *et al.* (2019). A robust phylogenomic timetree for biotechnologically and medically important fungi in the genera *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*. *mBio*. DOI: 10.1128/mBio.00925-19

Middle author

Shen, Xing-Xing[^], **J.L. Steenwyk**, & A. Rokas (2021). Dissecting incongruence between concatenation- and quartet-based approaches in phylogenomic data. [^]Corresponding author. *Systematic Biology*: in press.

Li, Y., **J.L. Steenwyk**, *et al.* (2021). A genome-scale phylogeny of the kingdom Fungi. *Current Biology*. DOI: 10.1016/j.cub.2021.01.074

Shen, X.-X.[^], **J.L. Steenwyk**, *et al.* (2020). Genome-scale phylogeny and contrasting modes of genome evolution in the fungal phylum Ascomycota. [^]Corresponding author. *Science Advances*. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abd0079

Shen, X.-X.^{*}, D.A. Opulente^{*}, J. Kominek^{*}, X. Zhou^{*}, **J.L. Steenwyk**, *et al.* (2018). ^{*}Equal contributors. Tempo and mode of genome evolution in the budding yeast subphylum. *Cell*. DOI: 10.1016/j.cell.2018.10.023

SOCIETIES

Genetics Society of America, American Society for Microbiology, Mycological Society of America, Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science

FUNDING

Howard Hughes Medical Institute	Principal co-investigator (shared with Antonis Rokas), 09/19-09/22, Examining the loss of diverse DNA repair genes and long-term hypermutation in a lineage of budding yeasts, Gilliam Fellowship, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, \$150,000
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National Institutes of Health	Principal investigator, 08/19-08/22, Examining the loss of diverse DNA repair genes and long-term hypermutation in a lineage of budding yeasts, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31), \$88,128 (declined)
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow	Principal investigator, 08/19-08/22, The consequences of aberrant cell cycle and DNA repair processes in budding yeast, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, \$72,000 (declined)
Curb Center ArtLab Fellow	Principal investigator, 12/18-04/19, Bridging the gap between artist and scientist, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, \$300

INVITED TALKS

2021	Artist-in-Residence program, Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation
2021	CanFunNet and Great Lakes Mycology Conference
2021	Sandler Fellows Seminar, University of California, San Francisco
2021	Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, Iowa State University
2021	Medical Mycology Trainee Seminar Series, University of Utah
2021	Mycology Graduate Student Organization, University of Georgia
2021	MicroSeminar, International Society for Microbial Ecology
2021	Alliance for Diversity in Science and Engineering, Young Researchers Conference
2021	Andrew Murray Lab seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge
2020	Institute of Insect Sciences, Zhejiang University
2020	Evan Eichler Lab seminar, University of Washington, Seattle
2020	Genetics Society of America, Early Career Scientist Seminar Series
2020	Nicole King Lab seminar, University of California Berkeley
2020	The National Diversity in STEM Conference, SACNAS
2020	Canadian Fungal Research Network Meeting
2020	Trainee-of-the-year talk, Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation
2020	Day of Wond'ry, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Genetics Society of America, Early Career Scientist Seminar Series
2019	Gordon Research Conference, Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Easton, MA
2019	Gordon Research Seminar, Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Easton, MA (declined)
2019	Focal Point, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	30 th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2019	Phylogenomics and Evolution Group, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2018	ArtLab Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2015	TedXClarkUniversity, Clark University, Worcester, MA

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

2021	Students' Mycology Colloquium, Mycological Society of America
2020	Evolution Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University
2019	DNA Damage and Response Journal Club, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Research in Progress Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Biological Sciences Annual Retreat, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

2019	Science club at the library, Nashville Public Library, Nashville, TN
2018	Nashville Science Club, Jackalope Brewing Company, Nashville, TN
2017	Mycological Society of America, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2016	Mycological Society of America, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
2016	Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Conference, Clark University, Worcester, MA

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

2019-Pres.	Olivia Zheng
2018-Pres.	Megan A. Phillips
2018-2019	Benjamin Buckman
2018	Devin G. Arrants

WORKSHOP TEACHING

2019	Organizer and instructor, Values-based leadership, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Founder and instructor, 'A beginner's guide to making figures in R', Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Instructor, Workshop on Phylogenomics, Evolution and Genomics, Český Krumlov, Czech Republic
2019	Instructor, Workshop on Genomics, Evolution and Genomics, Český Krumlov, Czech Republic

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	Guest lecture, Science Communication Tools and Techniques, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2017-2019	Teaching Assistant, Introductory Biology Lab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2016	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Biostatistics, Clark University, Worcester, MA
2014-2015	Teaching Assistant, Cell Biology, Clark University, Worcester, MA

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2021	Biology of Genomes, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories
2021	Science Talk '21, Science Talk
2020	HHMI Gilliam Fellows Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2020	Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation Annual Symposium, Virtual Conference
2020	The Allied Genetics Conference, Virtual Conference
2019	HHMI Investigators Science Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Bethesda, MD
2019	Gilliam Fellows Annual Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Bethesda, MD
2019	Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Gordon Research Conference, Easton, MA
2019	Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Gordon Research Seminar, Easton, MA
2019	30 th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2019	Asperfest pre-meeting at 30 th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2018	Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Conference, Holderness, NH
2018	Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Seminar, Holderness, NH
2018	Department of Biological Sciences Annual Retreat, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2015	Bumpus Symposium, Clark University, Worcester, MA
2015	Traina Scholars Presentation, Clark University, Worcester, MA
2015	Summer Research Presentation, Clark University, Worcester, MA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Pres.** Antonis Rokas Lab at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Doctoral Research. Evolution of medically and technologically significant fungi.
- 2015-2016** John Gibbons Lab at Clark University, Worcester, MA. Undergraduate and Master's Research. Copy number variation in the human pathogen, *Cryptococcus gattii*.
- 2015-2016** Robert Drewell Lab at Clark University, Worcester, MA. Undergraduate and Master's Research. Genome-wide methylation patterns in the social amoeba, *Dictyostelium discoideum*.
- 2014** Ite A. Laird-Offringa Lab at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Bridging the Gaps Summer Scholar. Mapping 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. Fresh and marine water microbial diversity.

SERVICE

- 2020-Pres.** Founder and Chief Officer, SciArt with Purpose, <https://jlsteenwyk.com/sciart.html>
- 2019-Pres.** Co-chair, Communication and Outreach Subcommittee, Genetics Society of America
- 2019-Pres.** Member, Steering Committee, Early Career Leadership Program, Genetics Society of America
- 2019-Pres.** Inclusion Coordinator, The Evolutionary Studies Initiative at Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2019-Pres.** Graphic Illustrator, The Evolutionary Studies Initiative at Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-Pres.** Educational outreach booth design and execution, MEGAMicrobe, Nashville, TN
- 2017-Pres.** Member of the Dean of Graduate Student's survey quantitative analysis subgroup, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-Pres.** Judge, Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- 2018-2021** Volunteer Deputy, American Society of Microbiology Vanderbilt University Chapter, Nashville, TN
- 2017-2021** Communications chair, Inclusivity in Biosciences Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2020** Panelist at the Communication and Outreach Workshop, The Allied Genetics Conference, Genetics Society of America
- 2019-2020** President, Inclusivity in Biosciences Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2019-2020** Co-chair, MEGAMicrobe, Vanderbilt Institute for Infections, Immunology and Inflammation, Nashville, TN
- 2018-2019** Vice President, Inclusivity in Biosciences Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2013-2019** Administrator and Owner, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry for Researchers and Students Group, LinkedIn
- 2019** Peer review workshop leader, 30th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
- 2018-2019** Vice President, Graduate Student Association, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2018-2019** Vice co-chair, MEGAMicrobe, Vanderbilt Institute for Infections, Immunology and Inflammation, Nashville, TN
- 2017-2018** Secretary, Graduate Student Association, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-2018** Scientific consultant, Little Harpeth Brewing, Nashville, TN

- 2017** Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science, Volunteer Science Teacher, West End Middle School, Nashville, TN
- 2014-2015** Undergraduate Subcommittee for Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Faculty Search Committee, Clark University, Worcester, MA
- 2014-2015** Science Education Outreach Blogger, C-DEBI Sci-Curious Blog

ART SHOWS

- 2021** Science Talk '21, Science Talk
- 2020** Catalyst: A Virtual Sci-Art Exhibition, Michigan State University
- 2020** Day of Wond'ry, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2020** Fire-Exhibition, Kefi Collective at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2019** Biomedical Sciences Winter Show, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2019** Focal point, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2019** Connecting the Dots, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2018** ArtLab opening reception, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2018** The Intersection between Art and Science, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Nature Communications; Molecular Biology and Evolution; Systematic Biology; Methods in Ecology and Evolution; Genome Biology and Evolution; Genetics; G3: Genes | Genomes | Genetics; BMC Genomics; Nature Communications Biology; PLOS One; Molecular Genetics and Genomics; and others

POPULAR SCIENCE ARTICLES

- (5) Simopoulos, M.A.C., A.F. Cisneros, A.D. Mendoza, C. Bautista, **J.L. Steenwyk**, N. Ahmad. Hurdles and advances to making science gender-neutral, *ecrLife*. November 26, 2020
- (4) Mendoza, A.D., C. Bautista, E.A. Marnik, C.M.A. Simopoulos, & **J.L. Steenwyk**. Navigating fake news as a scientist, *ecrLife*. October 8, 2020
- (3) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & M. Jonika. How to get started in science communication, *ecrLife*. August 21, 2020
- (2) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & A. Rokas. A new hybrid fungus is found in hospitals and linked to lung disease, *The Conversation*. June 4, 2020
- (1) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & A. Rokas. An outlaw yeast thrives with genetic chaos – and could provide clues for understanding cancer growth, *The Conversation*. May 21, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Preprints

- (2) Phillips, M.A., **J.L. Steenwyk**[^], X.-X. Shen, & A. Rokas[^] (2021). Examination of gene loss in the DNA mismatch repair pathway and its mutational consequences in a fungal phylum. ([^]Corresponding authors). bioRxiv. DOI: 10.1101/2021.04.13.439724.
- (1) **Steenwyk, J.**, J. St. Denis, J. Dresch, D. Larochelle, & R. Drewell (2017). Whole genome bisulfite sequencing reveals a sparse, but robust pattern of DNA methylation in the *Dictyostelium discoideum* genome. bioRxiv. DOI: 10.1101/166033

Peer Review Published

- (38) Mead, M.E. *, **J.L. Steenwyk***, L.P. Silva, P.A. de Castro, N. Saeed, F. Hillmann, G.H. Goldman, & A. Rokas (2021). An evolutionary genomic approach reveals both conserved and species-specific genetic elements related to human disease in closely related *Aspergillus*

fungi. *Equal contributors. Genetics: *in press*.

- (37) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, M.E. Mead, P.A. Castro, C. Valero, A. Damasio, R.A.C. Santos, A.L. LaBella, Y. Li, S.L. Knowles, H.A. Raja, N.H. Oberlies, X. Zhou, O.A. Cornely, F. Fuchs, P. Koehler[^], G.H. Goldman[^], A. Rokas[^] (2021). Genomic and phenotypic analysis of COVID-19-associated pulmonary aspergillosis isolates of *Aspergillus fumigatus*. [^]Corresponding authors. Microbiology Spectrum: *in press*.
- (36) LaBella, A.L., D. Opulente, **J.L. Steenwyk**, C.T. Hittinger, & A. Rokas (2021). Signatures of optimal codon usage in metabolic genes inform budding yeast ecology. PLOS Biology. PMID: 33872297; DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3001185.
- (35) **Steenwyk, J.L.** (2021). Evolutionary divergence in the DNA damage response among fungi. mBio. PMID: 33727357; DOI: 10.1128/mBio.03348-20
- (34) Shen, Xing-Xing, **J.L. Steenwyk**, & A. Rokas (2021). Dissecting incongruence between concatenation- and quartet-based approaches in phylogenomic data. Systematic Biology. PMID: 33616672; DOI: 10.1093/sysbio/syab011
- (33) **Steenwyk, J.L.**[^], T.J. Buida III, A.L. LaBella, Y. Li, X.-X. Shen, & A. Rokas[^] (2020). PhyKIT: a UNIX shell toolkit for processing and analyzing phylogenomic data. [^]Corresponding authors. Bioinformatics. PMID: 33560364; DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btab096
- (32) Li, Y., **J.L. Steenwyk**, Y. Chang, Y. Wang, T.Y. James, J.E. Stajich, J.W. Spatafora, M. Groenewald, C. Dunn, C.T. Hittinger, X.-X. Shen[^], A. Rokas[^] (2020). A genome-scale phylogeny of the kingdom Fungi. [^]Corresponding authors. Current Biology. PMID: 33607033; DOI: 10.1016/j.cub.2021.01.074
- (31) **Steenwyk, J.L.** (2021). A portrait of budding yeasts: A symbol of the arts, sciences and a whole greater than the sum of its parts. Yeast. PMID: 32869892; DOI: 10.1002/yea.3518
- (30) **Steenwyk, J.L.**[^], T.J. Buida III, Y. Li, X.-X. Shen, & A. Rokas[^] (2020). ClipKIT: a multiple sequence alignment-trimming software for accurate phylogenomic inference. [^]Corresponding authors. PLOS Biology. PMID: 33264284; PMCID: PMC7735675; DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3001007
- (29) Li, Y., K.T. David, X.-X. Shen, **J.L. Steenwyk**, K.M. Halanych, & A. Rokas (2020). Feature Frequency Profile-based phylogenies are inaccurate. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. PMID: 33234569; PMCID: PMC7749326; DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2013143117
- (28) Shen, X.-X.[^], **J.L. Steenwyk**, A.L. LaBella, D.A. Opulente, X. Zhou, J. Kominck, Y. Li, M. Groenewald, C.T. Hittinger, & A. Rokas[^] (2020). Genome-scale phylogeny and contrasting modes of genome evolution in the fungal phylum Ascomycota. [^]Corresponding authors. Science Advances. PMID: 33148650; PMCID: PMC7673691; DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abd0079
- (27) Santos, R.A.C., O. Rivero-Menendez, **J.L. Steenwyk**, M.E. Mead, G.H. Goldman[^], A. Alastruey-Izquierdo, & A. Rokas[^] (2020). Draft genome sequences of four *Aspergillus* section *Fumigati* clinical strains. [^]Corresponding authors. Microbiology Resource Announcements. PMID: 33004453; PMCID: PMC7530925; DOI: 10.1128/MRA.00856-20
- (26) Filho, A.P.C., G.T.P. Brancini, P.A. de Castro, J.A. Ferreira, L.P. Silva, M.C. Rocha, I. Malavazi, J.G.M. Pontes, T. Fill, R. Silva, F. Almeida, **J.L. Steenwyk**, A. Rokas, T.F. dos Reis, L.N.A. Ries, & G.H. Goldman (2020). *Aspergillus fumigatus* G-protein coupled receptors GprM and GprJ are important for the regulation of the cell wall integrity pathway,

secondary metabolite production, and virulence. mBio. PMID: 33051372; PMCID: PMC7554674; DOI: 10.1128/mBio.02458-20

- (25) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, M.E. Mead*, S.L. Knowles*, H.A. Raja, C.D. Roberts, O. Bader, J. houbraken, G.H. Goldman, N.H. Oberlies, & A. Rokas (2020). Biosynthetic gene clusters, secondary metabolite profiles, and cards of virulence in the closest nonpathogenic relatives of *Aspergillus fumigatus*. *Equal contributors. Genetics. PMID: 32817009; PMCID: PMC7536862; DOI: 10.1534/genetics.120.303549
- (24) Ries, L.N.A., L. Pardeshi, Z. Dong, K. Tan, **J.L. Steenwyk**, A.C. Colabardini, J.A.F. Filho, P.A. de Castro, L.P. Silva, N.W. Preite, F. Almeida, L.J. de Assis, R.A.C. dos Santos, P. Bowyer, M. Bromley, R.A. Owens, S. Doyle, M. Demasi, D.C.R. Hernández, L.E.S. Netto, M.T. Pupo, A. Rokas, F.V. Loures, K.H. Wong, & G.H. Goldman (2020). The *Aspergillus fumigatus* transcription factor RglT is important for gliotoxin biosynthesis and self-protection, and virulence. PLOS Pathogens. PMID: 32667960; PMCID: PMC7384679; DOI: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1008645
- (23) **Steenwyk, J.L.***, A.L. Lind*, L.N.A. Ries, T.F. dos Reis, L.P. Silva, F. Almeida, R.W. Bastos, T.F. de Campos Fraga da Silva, V.L.D. Bonato, A.M. Pessoni, F. Rodrigues, H.A. Raja, S.L. Knowles, N.H. Oberlies, K. Lagrou, G.H. Goldman^, A. Rokas^ (2020). Pathogenic allodiploid hybrids of *Aspergillus* fungi. *Equal contributors; ^Corresponding authors. Current Biology. PMID: 32502407; PMCID: PMC7343619; DOI: 10.1016/j.cub.2020.04.071
- (22) Mead, M.E.*, A.T. Borowsky*, B. Joehnk, **J.L. Steenwyk**, X.-X. Shen, A. Sil, & A. Rokas (2020). Recurrent loss of *abaA*, a master regulator of asexual development in filamentous fungi, correlates with changes in genomic and morphological traits. *Equal contributors. Genome Biology and Evolution. PMID: 32442273; PMCID: PMC7531577; DOI: 10.1093/gbe/evaa107
- (21) Santos, R.A.C., **J.L. Steenwyk**, O. Rivero-Menendez, M.E. Mead, L.P. Silva, R.W. Bastos, A. Alastruey-Izquierdo, G.H. Goldman^, & A. Rokas^ (2020). Genomic and phenotypic heterogeneity of clinical isolates of the human pathogens *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Aspergillus lentulus* and *Aspergillus fumigatiaffinis*. ^Corresponding contributors. Frontiers in Genetics. PMID: 32477406; PMCID: PMC7236307; DOI: 10.3389/fgene.2020.00459
- (20) Bastos, R.W., C. Valero, L.P. Silva, T. Schoen, M. Drott, V. Brauer, R. Silva-Rocha, A. Lind, **J.L. Steenwyk**, A. Rokas, F. Rodrigues, A. Resendiz-Sharpe, K. Lagrou, M. Marcet-Houben, T. Gabaldon, E. McDonnell, I. Reid, A. Tsang, B.R. Oakley, F. Loures, F. Almeida, A. Huttenlocher, N.P. Keller, L. Ries, G.H. Goldman (2020). Functional characterization of clinical isolates of the opportunistic fungal pathogen *Aspergillus nidulans*. mSphere. PMID: 32269156; PMCID: PMC7142298; DOI: 10.1128/mSphere.00153-20
- (19) Rokas, A., M.E. Mead, **J.L. Steenwyk**, N.H. Oberlies, & G.H. Goldman (2020). Evolving moldy murderers: *Aspergillus* section *Fumigati* as a model for studying the repeated evolution of fungal pathogenicity. PLOS Pathogens. PMID: 32106242; PMCID: PMC7046185; DOI: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1008315
- (18) Knowles, S.L., M.E. Mead, L.P. Silva, H.A. Raja, **J.L. Steenwyk**, G.H. Gustavo, A. Rokas, & N.H. Oberlies (2020). Gliotoxin, a known virulence factor in the major human pathogen *Aspergillus fumigatus*, is also biosynthesized by the non-pathogenic relative *A. fischeri*. mBio. PMID: 32047138; PMCID: PMC7018655; DOI: 10.1128/mBio.03361-19

- (17) Libkind, D., D. Peris, F.A. Cubillos, **J.L. Steenwyk**, D.A. Opulente, Q.K. Langdon, N. Bellora, A. Rokas, & C.T. Hittinger (2020). Into the wild: new yeast genomes from natural environments and new tools for their analysis. *FEMS Yeast Research*. PMID: 32009143; PMCID: PMC7067299; DOI: 10.1093/femsyr/foaa008
- (16) Rokas, A., M.E. Mead, **J.L. Steenwyk**, H.A. Raja, & N.H., Oberlies (2020). Biosynthetic gene clusters and the evolution of fungal chemodiversity. *Natural Product Reports*. PMID: 31898704; PMCID: PMC7332410; DOI: 10.1039/c9np00045c
- (15) Bodinakku, I., J. Shaffer, A.B. Connors, **J.L. Steenwyk**, E. Kastman, A. Rokas, A. Robbat, B. Wolfe (2019). Rapid phenotypic and metabolomics domestication of wild *Penicillium* molds on cheese. *mBio*. PMID: 31615965; PMCID: PMC6794487; DOI: 10.1128/mBio.02445-19
- (14) Mead, M.E.*, H.A. Raja*, **J.L. Steenwyk**, S.L. Knowles, N.H. Oberlies^, & A. Rokas^ (2019). Draft genome sequence of the griseofulvin-producing fungus *Xylaria flabelliformis* strain G536. *Equal contributors; ^Corresponding authors. *Microbiology Resource Announcements*. PMID: 31537670; PMCID: PMC6753274; DOI: 10.1128/MRA.00890-19
- (13) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & A. Rokas (2019). treehouse: a user-friendly application to obtain subtrees from large phylogenies. *BMC Research Notes*. PMID: 31455362; PMCID: PMC6712805; DOI: 10.1186/s13104-019-4577-5
- (12) Labella, A.L., D.A. Opulente, **J.L. Steenwyk**, C.T. Hittinger, & A. Rokas (2019). Variation and selection on codon usage bias across an entire subphylum. *PLOS Genetics*. PMID: 31365533; PMCID: PMC6701816; DOI: 10.1371/journal.pgen.1008304
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