Sarah Stevens

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Education

University of Wisconsin - Madison

PhD Candidate - Microbiology Doctoral Training Program - **2012-Present** SciMed GRS Fellow

University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign

Bachelor of Science - Molecular and Cellular Biology - **2007-2011**Minor in Informatics
James Scholar Honors

Research

University of Wisconsin - Madison, McMahon Lab

Graduate Research Assistant - 2012-Present

Classifying reference genomes (composite genomes from metagenomes and single-cell genomes) for unculturable but common freshwater bacteria and understanding how the related populations change through time using our metagenomic time series.

University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign, Metcalf Lab

Visiting Researcher - 2011-2012

Assembled genomes from isolates belonging to the archaeal genus *Methanosarcina* and analyzed shared genomic features of members of this genus.

University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign, Whitaker Lab

Undergraduate Research Assistant - 2010-2011

Studied insertion sequences in *Sulfolobus* islandicus in an independent project, Culturing archaea, organized sample/culture database, cleaned-up and prepped lab equipment.

Organizations

Molecular Microbial Ecology and Evolution (MoMiEE) focus group

Co-Chair - 2014-Present

MoMiEE provides an opportunity for researchers to discuss new computational tools and learn bioinformatics skills together. In addition, I lead python study group for those interesting in

learning python.

Software Carpentry

Instructor - 2015-Present

Data Carpentry Genomics Hack-a-thon

Contributor - Mar. 23-25, 2015

DOE Joint Genome Institute

Intern/Affiliate - Jan. 2015-Mar. 2015

Presentations

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., Chan, L.-K., Malfatti, S., Schwientek, P., Tremblay, J., ... Mcmahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Genome-wide Selective Sweeps in Natural Bacterial Populations Revealed by Time-series Metagenomics (Oral Presentation). 15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology. August 24, 2014. Seoul, South Korea. https://goo.gl/6iunzo

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., ... Mcmahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Dynamics of Sequence-Discrete Bacterial Populations Inferred Using Metagenomes (Poster Presentation). 15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology. August 24, 2014. Seoul, South Korea. https://goo.gl/qsYL32

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., ... Mcmahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Dynamics of Sequence-Discrete Bacterial Populations Inferred Using Metagenomes (Poster Presentation). SciMed GRS Poster Session 2014. Sept. 03, 2014. Madison, WI.

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., ... Mcmahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Dynamics of Sequence-Discrete Bacterial Populations Inferred Using Metagenomes (Poster Presentation). DOE Joint Genome Institute User Meeting 2014. Walnut Creek, CA. https://goo.gl/6iunzo

Stevens, S. L. R. and K. D. Malmstrom. Complementing Metagenomes with Single Amplified Genomes (Poster Presentation). Raper Symposium 2013. University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Publications

Bendall, M. L.*, **Stevens, S. L. R.***, Chan, L.-K., Malfatti, S., Schwientek, P., Tremblay, J., ... Malmstrom, R. R. (*submitted to ISMEJ*). Genome-wide selective sweeps and gene-specific sweeps in natural bacterial populations. *Equal contributors

Teaching

McMahon Git Workshop

Instructor - July 2015

Software Carpentry Workshop - University of Wisconsin - Madison Helper - Jan. 13-16 2015, Jun. 3-4, 2015

Bioinformatics Basics: Microbial Ecology and Evolution - Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy Intersession

Instructor - Jan. 2015

Microbiology 304: Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory - University of Wisconsin - Madison

 $Teaching \ Assistant/Instructor - {\bf Fall \ 2013}$