

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

Obtaining and 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 content 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

Teaching

Software Carpentry Workshop - University of Wisconsin - Madison

Instructor - **Jan. 14-15, 2015**

Software Carpentry Workshop - Northwestern University

Instructor - **Nov. 10-11 2015**

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 - **Fall 2013**

Presentations

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., Chan, L.-K., Malfatti, S., Schwientek, P., Tremblay, J., ... McMahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Tracking Microbial Populations Through Time Using Single-cell Genomes and Metagenomics. UW Center for Limnology. December 2015. Madison, WI.

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., Chan, L.-K., Malfatti, S., Schwientek, P., Tremblay, J., ... McMahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Genome-wide and Gene-specific Selective Sweeps in Freshwater Bacterial Populations Revealed Using Metagenomics. JF Crow Institute for the Study of Evolution Seminar Series. October 2015. Madison, WI.

Stevens, S. L. R., Bendall, M. L., Chan, L.-K., Malfatti, S., Schwientek, P., Tremblay, J., ... McMahon, K. D. Malmstrom, R. R. Genome-wide and Gene-specific Selective Sweeps in Freshwater Bacterial Populations Revealed Using Metagenomics. 14 Symposium Society for Aquatic Microbial Ecology. August 2015. Uppsala, Sweden <https://goo.gl/RcrxhJ>

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 2014. Seoul, South Korea. <https://goo.gl/6iunz0>

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 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. September 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/6iunz0>

Publications

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