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Education

Ph.D. Crop and Soil Science – Environmental Toxicology 08/2016 – 05/2020

Ph.D. Environmental Science and Policy 08/2016 – 05/2020

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA

Advisor: Prof. Wei Zhang

Dissertation: Antibiotic Resistance and Bacterial Microbiome in Lettuce-Soil Systems

B.Sc. Environmental and Conservation Sciences 09/2013 – 06/2016

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Experiences

Postdoctoral Research Scientist 06/2020 – present

Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University in the City of New York

Mentor: [Andrea Baccarelli, MD, Ph.D.](#)

- Investigated Association of childhood and perinatal blood metals with children gut microbiome in a Canadian gestation cohort.
- I am studying whether the gut microbiome can mediate the MRI brain measures, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) behaviors and diagnosis affected by different levels of flame retardants/metals exposure in childhood.
- I am implementing machine learning models to predict psychological disorders, i.e., ADHD, autism, obsessive-compulsive, and depression, in children from ABCD study.

Graduate Research Assistant 08/2016 – 05/2020

Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, Michigan State University

Advisor: [Wei Zhang, Ph.D.](#)

Committee members: Drs. Ashley Shade, Elliot Ryser, Hui Li

- Investigated the changes in antibiotics resistance genes (ARGs) and bacterial communities in soil-surface- and overhead irrigated lettuce influenced by pharmaceuticals
- Investigated uptake and accumulation of antibiotics, the associated impact on the bacterial microbiome assembly in growth chamber grown lettuce
- Performed wet microbiology and molecular microbiology experiments to investigate *Salmonella* concentration, extract DNA, and run PCR and gel electrophoresis
- Performed uptake and accumulation experiment, extraction and analysis of antibiotics using LC-MS/MS
- Developed reproducible computational workflow to analyze high dimension ARGs data
- Automated large 16s rRNA sequencing data analyses in high-throughput computing clusters

Environmental Science and Policy Fellow 09/2016 – 05/2020

Environmental Science and Policy Program, Michigan State University

- Designed and analyzed an interdisciplinary survey on “Machine learning and statistical models to predict customers’ willingness to buy and pay more for labeled products”
- Conducted an interdisciplinary literature review with 4 team members on “Nonpoint source pollution in the Raccoon River, Iowa a case study and its applications to Michigan”
- Conducted an interdisciplinary proposal with 3 team members “An integrated modeling framework of agricultural nutrient transport in Southeast Michigan”

Student Research Assistant, University of Alberta

06/2015 – 02/2016

Department of Renewable Resources

Mentor: [Scott Chang, Ph.D.](#)

- Assisted laboratory work on a reclamation project - salt migration and salinity exposure to plants.

Teaching Experiences

- SHARP Epigenetics Boot Camp, Columbia University Summer 2020
- CSS 340: Applied Soil Physics, Michigan State University Spring 2018 and Spring 2019
- CSS 330: Soil Chemistry, Michigan State University Spring 2019
- RenR 299: Environmental and Forestry Spring Field School, University of Alberta Spring 2015

Publications

Dr. Shen highlighted in **bold**; Corresponding authors underlined

1. **Shen, Y.**, Laue, H.E., Shrubsole, M.J., Wu, H., Bloomquist, T., Larouche, A., Zhao, K., Gao, F., Boivin, A., Gillet, V., Prada, D., Hunting, D.J., Takser, L., Baccarelli, A.A. (202_). Association of childhood and maternal metal exposure with children gut microbiome in a Canadian gestation cohort. (to be submitted)
2. Gao, F., **Shen, Y.**, Li, H., Zhang, W., Li, Y., Liu, C. Application of machine learning models to predict organic contaminants uptake by crop roots. (to be submitted)
3. Liu, S., **Shen, Y.**, Busch, A., Almansa, X.F., Norton, J., Safferman, S., Zhang, W. (202_) Biosolid application increases nitrogen and phosphorus availability and microbial activities in agricultural soils: a bi-decadal meta-analysis (2000–2020). (in preparation)
4. Chen, Z., Zhang, W., Peng, A., **Shen, Y.**, Jin, X., Stedtfeld, R.D., Boyd, S.A., Teppen, B.J., Gu, C., Zhu, D., Luo, Y., Li, H. (2021) Resilience of soil antibiotic resistance genes and bacterial communities exposed to antibiotics at environmentally relevant concentration. Environmental Science & Technology. (under review)
5. **Shen, Y.**, Hamm, J., Gao, F., Ryser, E.T., Zhang, W. (2021). Machine learning and statistical models to predict customers’ willingness to buy and pay more for labeled products. Journal of Food Protection. (in revision)
6. Gao, F., **Shen, Y.**, Sallach J.B., Li, H., Liu, C., Li, Y. (2021). Direct prediction of bioaccumulation of organic contaminants in plant roots from soils with machine learning models based on molecular structures. DOI: [10.21203/rs.3.rs-240794/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-240794/v1) (to be resubmitted).
7. **Shen, Y.**, Ryser, E.T., Li, H., Zhang, W. (2021). Bacterial community assembly and antibiotic resistance genes in the lettuce-soil system upon antibiotic exposure. Science of the Total Environment 146255.

8. **Shen, Y.**, Li, H., Ryser, E.T., Zhang, W. (2021). Comparing root concentration factors of antibiotics for lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) measured in rhizosphere and bulk soils. *Chemosphere* 262, 127677.
9. **Shen, Y.** (2020) Antibiotic Resistance and Bacterial Microbiome in Lettuce-Soil Systems. Dissertation, Michigan State University.
10. **Shen, Y.**, Stedtfeld, R.D., Guo, X., Bhalsod, G.D., Jeon, S., Tiedje, J.M., Li, H. and Zhang, W. (2019) Pharmaceutical exposure changed antibiotic resistance genes and bacterial communities in soil-surface- and overhead-irrigated greenhouse lettuce. *Environment International* 131, 105031.

Skills

Computational: R, Python, Linux, Unix, and high-performance computing clusters, GitHub
 Data analysis: big data analytics, metagenomics data analysis, machine learning, data visualization
 Laboratory: chemical hygiene, laboratory safety, hazardous waste; biosafety principles (level 1 and 2), and lab security awareness

Presentations

Presenter highlighted in **bold**

A. Voluntary Conference Presentations

1. **Yike Shen**, Elliot Ryser, Hui Li, Wei Zhang. 2020. Bacterial Community Assembly and Antibiotic Resistance Genes in the Lettuce-Soil System upon Exposure to Anthropogenic Antibiotics. American Society of Microbiology Conference – ASM Microbe 2020. Chicago, IL, June 18, 2020 (poster presentation). (held online due to COVID19).
2. **Yike Shen**, Elliot Ryser, Hui Li, Wei Zhang. 2019. Uptake and Accumulation of Antibiotics and Associated Impact on Bacterial Microbiome and *Salmonella* Survival in Lettuce. ASA - CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX, November 12 (oral presentation).
3. **Yike Shen**, Joseph Hamm, Feng Gao, Wei Zhang. 2019. Machine learning and statistical models to predict customers' buy and pay preferences for labeled products. Environmental Science and Policy Research Symposium 2019. East Lansing, MI, Oct 28 (oral presentation).
4. **Yike Shen**, Elliot Ryser, Hui Li, Wei Zhang. 2019. Understanding *Salmonella* Survival and Microbiome Changes in Lettuce Production under Antibiotic Stress. US-China Environment and Sustainability Forum at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI, October 2 (poster presentation).
5. **Yike Shen**, Elliot Ryser, Hui Li, Wei Zhang. 2019. Antibiotic resistance genes, microbiomes and *Salmonella* survival in lettuce exposed to antibiotics via soil surface irrigation. American Chemical Society National Meeting #257. San Diego, CA, August 25-29 (oral presentation).
6. **Yike Shen**, Robert D. Stedtfeld, Xueping Guo, Gemini D. Bhalsod, Sangho Jeon, James M. Tiedje, Hui Li, and Wei Zhang. 2018. Pharmaceutical Exposure Changed Bacterial Community and Antibiotic Resistance Gene Profiles in Surface- and Overhead-Irrigated Greenhouse Lettuce. American Chemical Society National Meeting #256. Boston, MA, August 19-23 (oral presentation).
7. **Yike Shen**, Gemini D. Bhalsod, Xueping Guo, Sangho Jeon, Tiffany Stedtfeld, Robert D. Stedtfeld, James M. Tiedje, Hui Li, and Wei Zhang. 2017. Antibiotic Stress Changed Microbial Community and Distribution of Antibiotic Resistance Genes in Surface and Overhead Irrigated

Greenhouse Lettuce. 4th International Symposium on the Environmental Dimension of Antibiotic Resistance. East Lansing, MI, August 13-17 (poster presentation).

8. **Yike Shen**, Gemini D. Bhalsod, Xueping Guo, Luxi Yang, Sangho Jeon, Robert D. Stedtfeld, James M. Tiedje, Hui Li, and Wei Zhang. 2017. Distribution of antibiotic resistance genes in surface and overhead irrigated greenhouse lettuce. American Society for Microbiology Conference - Innovative Microbial Ecology for Mitigation of Antibiotic Resistance and Bacterial Diseases. Crystal City, VA, March 22-25 (oral presentation).

B. Invited Oral Presentations

1. **Yike Shen**. Antibiotic Resistance in Vegetable Production and Consumer Preferences. Environmental Science and Policy Program, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA. April 1, 2020. Invited by Environmental Science and Policy Program.
2. **Yike Shen**. Antibiotic Resistance in Vegetable Production and Consumer Preferences. The Baccarelli Laboratory, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York City, NY, USA. February 18, 2020. Invited by Dr. Andrea Baccarelli.
3. **Yike Shen**. Assessing Antibiotics, Antibiotic Resistance Genes and Microbiome in Lettuce and Food Safety Related Consumer Preference.
 - a. EMBLab, Westlake University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. January 17, 2020. Invited by Dr. Feng Ju.
 - b. Institute of Nuclear-Agricultural Science, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. January 16, 2020. Invited by Dr. Haiyan Wang.
 - c. College of Environmental Science and Engineering, Nankai University, Tianjin, China. January 14, 2020. Invited by Dr. Zeyou Chen.
 - d. Institute of Plant Protection, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China. January 13, 2020. Invited by Dr. Yuanbo Li.
 - e. Institute of Soil-Water Resource and Environment, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. January 6, 2020. Invited by Dr. Bin Ma.
 - f. The International Youth Scholars Forum of Zhejiang A&F University, Zhejiang A&F University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. December 28, 2019. Invited by School of Environmental and Resource Sciences.
4. **Yike Shen** and Wei Zhang. The T concept of research in Environmental Dimension of Antimicrobial Resistance – Perspectives from an interdisciplinary Environmental Scientist in training. Institute of Soil-Water Resource and Environment, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. December 25, 2017. Invited by Dr. Bin Ma.

Awards

Awards from Michigan State University:

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| • Graduate Research Assistantship | 2016 – 2020 |
| • Institute for Integrative Toxicology Summer Travel Award | 2017 – 2020 |
| • Dissertation Completion Fellowship | 2019 |
| • Graduate School Travel Funds | 2019 |
| • College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Food Systems Fellowship | 2019 |
| • Environmental Science and Policy Program Travel Grant | 2017, 2019 |
| • Environmental Science and Policy Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship | 2016 |

External Awards

- ASM Travel Grant (American Society for Microbiology) 2017
- First Class Standing (University of Alberta) 2015, 2016
- Undergraduate Research Grant (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada - CREATE Grant) 2015
- ALES Student Engagement Fund (University of Alberta) 2015
- ZAFU - UofA (ALES) Award (University of Alberta) 2013
- National Scholarship of China (Ministry of Education in China) 2013

List of References

Reference 1: Postdoc Advisor

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