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EDUCATION

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, La Jolla, California

Ph.D., Marine Biology

June 20, 2017

Advisors: Terry Gaasterland, Ron Burton

Specialization: Interdisciplinary Environmental Research

Dissertation Topic: Transcriptome Resource Development for Doryteuthis opalescens and Embryonic Gene Expression Response to Low Oxygen and Low pH Conditions

Stanford University, Stanford, California

M.S., Biology 2009

Advisor: Fiorenza Micheli

B.S. with Honors, Biological Sciences

2009

Advisor: William Gilly

Honors Thesis: Venom Synthesis and Gene Expression Analysis of Toxins in the Venom Ducts of Conus californicus Maintained in Tissue Culture

RESEARCH Interests

Adaptation; evolution; genomics; genetic response to climate change stressors; bioinformatics; open science; global change; ocean acidification; marine conservation biology

PUBLICATIONS

Mascuch, S.J., Boudreau, P.D., Carland, T.M., Pierce, N.T., Olson, J., Hensler, M.E., Choi, H., Campanale, J., Hamdoun, A., Nizet, V., Gerwick, W.H., Gaasterland, T., and Gerwick, L. Marine Natural Product Honaucin A Attenuates Inflammation by Activating the Nrf2-ARE Pathway. Journal of natural products 81.3 (2017): 506-514. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jnatprod.7b00734

Lindström J. B., Pierce N.T. and Latz M. I. Role of TRP channels in dinoflagellate mechanotransduction. In press, Biological Bulletin

Navarro, M.O., Kwan, G.T., Batalov, O., Choi, C., Pierce, N.T., Levin, L.A. "Development of embryonic market squid, Doryteuthis opalescens, under chronic exposure to low environmental pH and [O2]." PloS One (2016).

Pereira, R.J., Barreto, F.S., Pierce, N.T., Carneiro, M., Burton, R.S. "Transcriptome-Wide Patterns of Divergence During Allopatric Evolution." Molecular Ecology (2016).

Elliger, C.A., Richmond, T.A., Lebaric, Z.N., Pierce, N.T., Sweedler, J.V., Gilly, W.F. "Diversity of conotoxin types from Conus californicus reflects a diversity of prey types and a novel evolutionary history." Toxicon. 57 (2): 311-322 (2011).

SUBMITTED / In Prep

Pierce, N.T., Navarro, M.O., Burton, R.S., Gaasterland, T. "Effect of low pH and low O2 conditions on developmental gene expression and hatching of Doryteuthis opalescens embryos" In Review.

Honors & AWARDS

Fellowships

National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology, 2017-2020, \$207,000 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in Biology, 2010-2016 National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT): Global Change, Marine Ecosystems and Society 2010-2013

San Diego Fellowship, 2010-2012

UCSD Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Diversity Fellowship, 2010-2012

Research Grants and Awards

Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Mentoring Award \$500, 2014, 2015

Ocean Global Change Biology Gordon Research Conference: Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship \$520, 2014

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Graduate Student Excellence Travel Award \$700, 2014 Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation IGERT Research Grant,\$11,500, 2012

Stanford University VPUE Summer Research Grant, \$5200, 2008

Stanford University Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Research Grant, \$5200, 2007 Chicano & Latino Community Awards, Stanford University, 2005/6/7/8/9

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ocean To Table Fish and Fisheries Event by SIO-UCSD, NOAA Southwest Fisheries, August 2016. "Biology of the California Market Squid, *Doryteuthis opalescens*" *Invited talk*

SIO 242C: Big Data Analysis in Computational Molecular Biology, 2015. "Techniques for Differential Expression Analysis of $de\ novo\ RNA$ -Seq Data" $Invited\ lecture$

Plant and Animal Genome Conference, San Diego, CA, 2015. Waksmunski, A., **N.T Pierce**, Gaasterland, T. "Automated *de novo* Transcriptome Analysis of Eukaryotic Organisms" *Poster*

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Student Symposium, San Diego, CA 2014. "Gene Expression Response of California Market Squid to high-CO2, low-O2 conditions" Winner, best poster

Ocean Global Change Biology Gordon Research Conference, Waterville Valley, NH, 2014. "Gene Expression Response of California Market Squid to high-CO2, low-O2 conditions" *Poster*

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA, 2013. "Gene Expression Response of California Market Squid to Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Conditions" *Invited talk*

CSU Fullerton English as a Second Language Marine Science Symposium. "Global Change Impacts to Marine Organisms" $2012\ Invited\ lecture$

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), Seattle, WA, 2012. **N.T Pierce**, M.O. Navarro, and R.S. Burton. "Gene Expression Response of California Market Squid, *Doryteuthis opalescens*, to high-CO2/low-pH, low O2 conditions" *Poster*

Evolution, Ottawa, Canada, 2012. **N.T. Pierce** and R.S. Burton. "Variation-Aware Transcriptome Alignment Improves Gene Expression Analyses in *Tigriopus californicus*" *Poster*

Evolution, Norman, OK, 2011. **N.T Pierce** and R.S. Burton. "High Resolution Melting (HRM) Genotyping in *Tigriopus californicus*: An Application to Heat Stress Response" *Poster*

SELECTED	
Service,	
Outreach,	&
Teaching	

SIO Bioinformatics Users Group - Co-founder	2015-Present
Software Carpentry - Workshop Organizer and Instructor	2014-Present
Ocean Discovery Institute - Volunteer Scientist	2011-Present
SIO Team for Inclusion, Engagement, and Diversity in Science (TIDES)	2010-Present
SIO 132: Intro to Marine Biology - Teaching Assistant	2016
SIO Diversity Initiatives Coordinator - Designed Position; Hiring Committee Mem	aber 2016
Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) STEM Conference for Girls - Co-led Workshop	2016
Intermediate RNA-Seq Workshop @ UCDavis - Instructor & Developer	2015
Birch Aquarium at Scripps SEA Days - Volunteer scientist	2014
NOAA Climate Change Student Summit - Volunteer Scientist	2012
Stanford University, Biology 44Y: Core Biology Laboratory - Course Assistant	2009
Stanford University Center For Teaching and Learning - Peer Tutor	2004-2009

SKILLS

Add'l Languages: Spanish Computer programs and skills: Python; R; Git; Bash; LATEX

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