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**Education:** 

In Progress: Ph.D. Oceanography

University of Washington School of Oceanography

Advised by Dr. Daniel Grünbaum

Acquired: M.S. Oceanography

> University of Washington School of Oceanography

Advised by Dr. Daniel Grünbaum

B.S. Aquatic Biology – Magna Cum Lade

University of California, Santa Barbara

Distinction in the major

June 2005

Santa Barbara, CA

Expected 2014

December 2009

Seattle, WA

Seattle, WA

**Research Experience:** 

Ph.D. Thesis: Quantification of transitional swimming

> behaviors in harmful algae: Implications for pelagic and benthic population distributions.

January 2010 present

In situ optical detection and characterization of harmful algae. \*Instrumentation development

June 2010 - present

Masters Research:

Pelagic-benthic transition of the harmful alga, Heterosigma akashiwo: Changes in swimming and their implications for benthic distributions September 2006 -December 2009

Year round germination potential and emergence rates of Alexandrium catenella cysts collected from surface sediments in

September 2006 – November 2007

Quartermaster Harbor, WA.

Undergraduate research: Disease transmission in the purple urchin,

Strongulocentrotus purpuratus.

January 2004 -

June 2005

#### **Publications:**

**Tobin, E.D.**, Grünbaum, D. and Cattolico, R.A. 2013. Behavioral and physiological changes during benthic-pelagic transition in the harmful alga, *Heterosigma akashiwo*: Potential for rapid bloom formation. (In Prep)

**Tobin, E.D.**, Grünbaum, D. and Cattolico, R.A. 2011. Pelagic-benthic transition of the harmful alga, *Heterosigma akashiwo*: Changes in swimming and their implications for benthic distributions. Harmful Algae 10(6): 619-628.

**Tobin, E.D.** and Horner, R.A. 2011. Germination characteristics of *Alexandrium catenella* cysts from surface sediments in Quartermaster Harbor, Puget Sound, Washington, USA. Harmful Algae 10(1): 216–223.

Lester, S.E., **E.D. Tobin**, and M.D. Behrens. 2007. Disease dynamics and the potential role of thermal stress in the sea urchin, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*. Can. J. Fish. Aquati. Sci. 64: 314-323.

## **Presentations:**

<b>15th International Conference on Harmful Algae</b> "Benthic-pelagic transitions in the harmful alga, <i>Heterosigma akashiwo</i> : Assessing the influence of swimming behaviors and growth on bloom formation. (Oral Presentation)	November 2012
ASLO/AGU 2012 Ocean Sciences Meeting "Quantification of transitional swimming behaviors in the harmful alga, Heterosigma akashiwo, and their implications for pelagic and benthic distributions." (Poster)	February 2012
Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference "An optical remote sensor for detection and prediction of Heterosigma akashiwo Harmful Algal Blooms." (Poster )	October 2011
Rotary Club of South Everett/Mukilteo "Harmful Algal Blooms in Puget Sound." (Oral Presentation)	August 2011
Phycological Society of America Annual Meeting "Motility during pelagic-benthic life-stage transitions for the harmful alga, Heterosigma akashiwo and the implications for bloom dynamics." (Oral Presentation)	July 2011
EEAW/WSTA Conference	March 2011

"Harmful Algal Blooms in Puget Sound." (Oral Presentation)

### 14th International Conference on Harmful Algae

"Motility during life-stage transitions of the harmful alga, Heterosigma akashiwo: Assessing implications for bloom dynamics." (oral presentation) November 2010

## H2O Seminar Series - UW, Oceanography

"Towards a remotely sensed early-warning capability for *Heterosigma akashiwo* HABs." (oral presentation)

March 2010

# Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) Annual Meeting

"Life cycle transition of the harmful alga, *Heterosigma akashiwo*: Changes in swimming and implications for cyst distribution." (oral presentation)

January 2010

## Fifth U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algal Blooms

"Swimming behavior during pelagic-benthic transition of the harmful algal, *Heterosigma akashiwo*: Implications for cyst distribution." (poster)

October 2009

# **COSEE-OLC** and Washington Sea Grant's Communicating Ocean and Marine Sciences

"Germination of *Alexandrium catenella* cysts from surface sediments in Quartermaster Harbor, WA." (poster).

November 2008

#### **PNW-SEATAC Annual Meeting**

"Germination of *Alexandrium catenella* cysts from surface sediments in Quartermaster Harbor, WA." (poster).

March 2008

### Fourth U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algal Blooms

"Germination of *Alexandrium catenella* cysts from surface sediments in Quartermaster Harbor, WA." (poster).

October 2007

## **Fellowships and Awards:**

ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting - Outstanding Student Presentation

February 2012

NSF, IGERT Ocean Change Fellowship

Sept. 2011 – Aug. 2013

• The Link Foundation Ocean Engineering and Instrumentation Fellowship

July 2011- July 2012

PSA Annual Meeting - Bold Award: best graduate student paper

July 2011

NSF, OACIS GK-12 Teaching Fellowship

June 2008 - June 2010

# **Teaching and Outreach:**

<ul> <li>Volunteer as an on-board marine science educator for the Ocean Inquiry Project</li> </ul>	2007 - Present
<ul> <li>Workshop organizer/presenter - 2011 EEAW/WSTA conference.</li> <li>Workshop title: What's in the Water? Puget Sound Maine Science</li> <li>Research for the Classroom.</li> </ul>	March 2011
<ul> <li>Volunteer Science Judge for the Washington Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl</li> </ul>	2007-2011
Co-instructor, Marine Science at Garfield High School. Seattle, WA	2008-2010
Guest lecturer at Lopez Island High School in the San Juan Islands.	May 2010
<ul> <li>Volunteer for The Pacific Science Center's "Marine exploration weekend."     Designed and presented the "Who Will I Be When I Grow Up?" exhibit.     Participants learned about the various life stages of marine invertebrates,     observing planktonic larvae and even created one of their own.</li> </ul>	April 2008, 2009
<ul> <li>Teaching Assistant for the course "Best Teaching Practices in the High School Classroom" at the University of Washington. This course provides new GK-12 fellows with the latest science teaching pedagogy and skills</li> </ul>	Fall 2009
<ul> <li>Participant of the "Communicating Ocean Sciences" course. A course designed to improve students' ability to communicate scientific knowledge.</li> </ul>	Spring 2007
• Guest presenter at Ballard High School, Seattle City Schools.	May 2007
<ul> <li>Volunteer for the Echo Lake Elementary science night. "Sea ice experiment: salt water vs. fresh water ice" and "Puget Sound Plankton"</li> </ul>	March 2007
<ul> <li>Volunteer for Science night at North City Elementary. "The Great Plankton Race"</li> </ul>	March 2007

# **Professional Memberships:**

- American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO)
- Phycological Society of America (PSA)
- Washington State Teachers Association (WSTA)
- International Society for the Study of Harmful Algae (ISSHA)
- Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)