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EDUCATION

2016-2021	Doctor of Philosophy, Biology	Duke University
2013-2016	Bachelor of Science, Biology	University of Miami

POSITIONS

2022-present	NSF Postdoctoral Fellow in Biology	Indiana University
2021-2022	Postdoctoral Associate	Indiana University
2017-2020	Visiting Scientist	University of Sydney
2013-2016	Research Scientist	University of Miami

PUBLICATIONS

in prep

Davidson, PL, Moczek, AP. Genome evolution underlies nutrition-responsive regulatory development in horned dung beetles.

in review

Devens, HR, **Davidson, PL**, Byrne, M, Wray, GA. Hybrid epigenomes reveal extensive local genetic changes to chromatin accessibility contribute to divergence in embryonic gene expression between species. bioRxiv

Davidson, PL, Lessios, HA, Wray, GA, McMillan, WO, Prada, C. High quality genome assembly of the sea urchin *Echinometra lucunter*, a model for speciation in the sea.

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2021

Song, H*, Guo*, X*, Sun, L*, Wang, Q*, Han, F. Wang, H, Wray, GA, **Davidson, PL**, Wang, Q, Hu, Z, Zhou, C, Yu, Z, Yang, M, Feng, J, Shi, P, Zhou, Y, Zhang, L, Zhang, T. Hard clam genome reveals massive expansion and diversification of inhibitors of apoptosis underlying stress adaptation. ***BMC Biology.*** 19,15. Link

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2019 **Davidson, PL**, Thompson, JW, Foster, MW, Moseley, MA, Byrne, M, Wray, GA. A comparative analysis of egg provisioning using mass spectrometry during rapid life history evolution in sea urchins. ***Evolution & Development.*** 21:188-204. Link

2017 **Davidson, PL**, Koch, BJ, Schnitzler, CE, Henry, JQ, Martindale, MQ, Baxevanis, AD, Browne, WE. The maternal-zygotic transition and zygotic activation of *Mnemiopsis leidyi* genome occurs within the first three cell cycles. ***Molecular Reproduction & Development.*** 84:1218-1229. (Cover feature) Link

*equal contribution

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022-2024	NSF Postdoctoral Fellow in Biology	$138,000
2019,2022	Developmental Biology of the Sea Urchin Travel Award	sum: $1,300
2019	Duke University Graduate Travel Award	$500
2018	Duke Biology Grant-in-Aid Award	$1,000
2015	U of Miami Institute for Data Science and Computing Fellowship	$500
2015	Beyond the Book Summer Research Scholarship	$4,000
2013-2016	President's Scholarship, Gables Scholarship, Foote Fellowship	NA

TEACHING

Instructor

2019	Marine Research in the Gulf of Mexico, Field Course	Duke TIP

Teaching Assistant

2020	Molecular Biology, Lab (3 sections)	Duke University
2019	Genetics and Evolution, Lab (2 sections)	Duke University
2015	Introduction to Marine Biology, Lecture and Lab	University of Miami

Guest Lecturer

2022	Introduction to Differential Gene Expression in R	Indiana University

PRESENTATIONS

2023	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Departmental Seminar University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, USA	Invited Speaker
2022	Evolution and Core Processes in Gene Expression Stower's Institute, Kansas City, KS, USA	Invited Speaker
2022	Evolution of Networks in Changing Worlds (Symposium) University College London, London, UK	Invited Speaker
2022	Developmental Biology of the Sea Urchin XXVI Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, USA	Speaker
2019	Pan-Am Society for Evolutionary Developmental Biology University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA	Poster
2018	Developmental Biology of the Sea Urchin XXV Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, USA	Speaker
2018	Developmental and Stem Cell Biology (Seminar Series) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA	Speaker
2016	Undergraduate Research, Creativity, and Innovation Forum University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA	Poster

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

2022	Bug Fest Educator Science event for local community focused on insect education.	Bloomington, IN
2022	IU GROUPs Scholars Program Intensive summer research program for 1st gen. and underrepresented incoming college students. Mentored research project on "Hox gene evolution in Coleoptera".	Bloomington, IN
2021-pres.	Moczek Lab Outreach Initiative Teaching and developing science education modules for local high schools.	Bloomington, IN
2021	Science Fest Educator Local science education event for K-12	Bloomington, IN
2017-2018	Co-Chair, Duke Biology Graduate Steering Committee	Durham, NC
2015-2016	UConnect Research Mentor Peer-mentor program for increasing accessibility of undergraduate research opportunities	Coral Gables, FL

REFERENCES

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