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**EDUCATION**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison** Madison, WI  
 - 4th year Microbiology PhD Candidate *Sep 2016 - Present*  
 - PhD Minors: Life Sciences Communication and Biotechnology   
 - Advisors: Dr. Garret Suen and Dr. Hannah Carey GPA: 4.00/4.00  
**University of Michigan**  Ann Arbor, MI  
 - Bachelor of Science with High Distinction *Graduation: Apr 30, 2015* - Majors: Microbiology (High Honors) and Spanish GPA: 3.85/4.00  
 - Honors Thesis: Ecology of Verrucomicrobia in a Freshwater Estuary

**SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS**

Becker S\*, Chiang E\*, Platinga A, Carey H, Suen G, Swoap S. (2020) Stevia supplementation does not rescue high  
 fat diet-induced obesity, glucose interolerance, or microbiota changes. *FEMS Microbiol. Ecol.* 96(6):fiaa079.  
 doi: 10.1093/femsec/fiaa079 *\* co-first author*  
Schmidt ML, Biddanda, BA, Weinke AD, **Chiang E**, Januska F, Props R, Denef VJ (2020) Microhabitats shape  
 diversity-productivity relationships in freshwater bacterial communities. *FEMS Microbiol. Ecol.* 96(4):fiaa029.  
 doi: 10.1093/femsec/fiaa029.  
Regan MD, **Chiang E**, Martin SL, Porter WP, Assadi-Porter FM, Carey HV. (2019) Shifts in metabolic fuel use coincide  
 with maximal rates of ventilation and body surface rewarming in an arousing hibernator. *Am. J. Physiol. Regul.  
 Integr. Comp. Physiol.* 316(6):R764-R775. doi: 10.1152/ajpregu.00379.2018. **Chiang E**, Schmidt ML, Berry MA, Biddanda BA, Burtner AM, Johengen TH, Palladino D, Denef VJ (2018)  
 Verrucomicrobia are prevalent in north-temperate freshwater lakes and display class-level preferences between  
 lake habitats. *PLoS ONE* 13(3):e0195112. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0195112.  
Denef VJ, Carrick HJ, Cavaletto J, **Chiang E**, Johengen TH, Palladino D, Vanderploeg HA (2017) Lake bacterial  
 assemblage composition is sensitive to biological disturbance caused by an invasive filter feeder. *mSphere*  
 2:e00189-17. doi:10.1128/mSphere.00189-17.  
Denef VJ, Mueller RS, **Chiang E**, Liebig JR, Vanderploeg HA (2016) Chloroflexi CL500 11 populations that predominate  
 deep lake hypolimnion bacterioplankton rely on nitrogen-rich DOM metabolism and C1 compound oxidation.  
 *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 82(5):1423-1432. doi:10.1128/AEM.03014-15.  
McCarthy A, **Chiang E**, Schmidt ML, Denef VJ (2015) RNA Preservation Agents and Nucleic Acid Extraction Method  
 Bias Perceived Bacterial Community Composition. *PLoS ONE* 10(3):e0121659.   
 doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0121659.

**SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS**

Poster, “The Hibernating Squirrel Microbiome Has Seasonal Shifts in Genomic Composition.” American Association for  
 the Advancement of Science 2020 Annual Meeting, Feb 16, 2020. Seattle, WA.  
Presentation, “The Hibernation Microbiome: Seasonal Shifts in Carbohydrate Metabolism.” Microbiology Doctoral  
 Training Program Student Seminar – Special Recruitment Seminar, Jan 31, 2020, Madison, WI  
Presentation, “Science Policy Internship with FASEB.” Biotechnology Training Program Seminar, Sep 25, 2019, Madison,  
 WI.  
Presentation, “Solving the Mysteries of Hibernation.” Kettle Moraine Evening with Nature, Sep 12, 2019,  
 Campbellsport, WI.  
Poster, “The hibernating squirrel microbiome responds to seasonal dietary shifts by altering its functional potential.”  
 2019 Congress on Gastrointestinal Function, Apr 16, 2019, Chicago, IL.  
Poster, “The hibernating squirrel microbiome responds to seasonal dietary shifts by altering its functional potential.”  
 Biotechnology Training Program Winter Banquet, Feb 28, 2019, Madison, WI.  
Presentation, “Hibernation: How Do They Survive the Winter?” Science On Tap – Mincoqua, Jan 2, 2019, Minocqua,  
 WI.  
Presentation, “Winter is Coming: A Stark Look at the Hibernator Microbiota.” Biotechnology Training Program  
 Seminar, Nov 7, 2018, Madison, WI  
Presentation, “Winter is Coming: A Stark Look at the Hibernator Microbiota.” Microbiology Doctoral Training Program  
 Student Seminar, Sep 26, 2018, Madison, WI  
Poster, “The hibernating squirrel microbiome responds to seasonal dietary shifts by altering its functional potential.”  
 17th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Aug 12, 2018, Leipzig, Germany.  
Poster, “The hibernating squirrel microbiome responds to seasonal dietary shifts by altering its functional potential.”  
 7th Conference on Beneficial Microbes, Jul 8, 2018, Madison, WI.  
Poster, “Linking bacterial taxonomic shifts with function in hibernating squirrels.” Madison Microbiome Meeting,  
 Apr 25, 2018, Madison, WI.  
Poster, “Linking bacterial taxonomic shifts with function in hibernating squirrels.” Biotechnology Training Program  
 Winter Banquet, Feb 29, 2018, Madison, WI.  
Poster, “Ecology of freshwater Verrucomicrobia, an abundant yet understudied bacterial phylum.” Beckman  
 Symposium, Aug 8, 2015, Irvine, CA.  
Poster, “Ecology of Verrucomicrobia in a Freshwater Estuary.” American Society of Microbiology General  
 Meeting, Jun 2, 2015, New Orleans, LA.  
Poster, “Ecology of Verrucomicrobia in a Freshwater Estuary.” Program in Biology Undergraduate Research  
 Poster Session, Jun 2, 2015, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Presentation, “RNA Preservation Agents and Nucleic Acid Extraction Method Bias Perceived Bacterial  
 Community Composition.” University of Michigan Microbial Ecology Working Group, Oct 30, 2014,  
 Ann Arbor, MI  
Poster, “Deceptive sexual swellings as a counterstrategy to infanticide.” Undergraduate Research  
 Opportunity Symposium, Apr 18, 2012, Ann Arbor, MI.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

***Graduate Research Assistant,* Dr. Garret Suen and Dr. Hannah Carey**,University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 - Investigated microbe-host interactions in hibernating mammals to understand *Jan 2017 – Present*  
 the link between bacterial taxonomy and function  
 - Worked with an interdisciplinary team to perform *in vivo* stable isotope-assisted labeling experiments  
 - Increased bioinformatics proficiency by analyzing amplicon sequencing and metagenomic data  
***Undergraduate Researcher / Lab Technician*, Dr. Vincent Denef**, University of Michigan *Sep 2012 – Aug 2016*  
 - Optimized fluorescent *in situ* hybridization microscopy protocol, extracted DNA/RNA, prepared samples  
 for amplicon sequencing, created cultures  
 - Collected water and sediment sample from Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan  
 - Applied statistical and bioinformatics techniques to analyze bacterial 16S rRNA data using mothur and R  
***Undergraduate Researcher*, Ruthven Museum of Natural History**, University of Michigan *May 2012 – Jul 2012*  
 - Analyzed mite abundance and distribution on preserved lizard specimens  
***Undergraduate Research Opportunity Student*, Dr. Jacinta Beehner**, University of Michigan *Sep 2011 – Apr 2011* - Compared hormone levels with chest patch sexual swellings in gelada baboons (*Theropithecus gelada*)  
 - Conducted hormone elutions and assays, analyzed chest patch color using Photoshop

**AWARDS**

- Dr. Leonard E. Mortenson Graduate Scholarship *Apr 2020*  
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Student Research Travel Grant *Mar 2020*  
- Honorable Mention – AAAS 2020 Annual Meeting Poster in “Biochemistry & Molecular Biology” *Mar 2020*  
- National Science Policy Network Professional Development Fund Award *Dec 2019*  
- NSF Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (INTERN) Supplemental Funding *Jul 2019*  
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship *Sep 2018 – Aug 2023*  
- NIH Biotechnology Training Program Traineeship *Jan 2017 – Aug 2019*

- Dr. Leonard E. Mortenson Graduate Scholarship *Apr 2019*  
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Student Research Travel Grant *Sep 2018*

- Bacteriology Graduate Student Travel Award *May 2018*

- Phi Beta Kappa *Mar 2015*

- Beckman Scholars Fellowship *May 2014 – Aug 2015*

- American Society of Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship *May 2014 – Dec 2014*

- University of Michigan Honors Summer Fellowship  *May 2014 – Aug 2014*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Co-Instructor*, Biotechnology Center**, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Nov 2017 – Present* - Co-instructed workshops teaching analysis of amplicon sequencing data with mothur and R ***Graduate Teaching Assistant*, University of Wisconsin-Madison** *Sep 2017 – Dec 2017* - Assisted in teaching Emerging Infectious Diseases and Bioterrorism (MM&I 554)  
 - Encouraged student discussion, graded exams and homework  
***Guest Instructor*, Microbiology Capstone Course**, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Jan 2017 – May 2017* - Designed student research projects in collaboration with Dr. Robin Kurtz and Dr. Melissa Christopherson  
 - Collected samples for students, taught bioinformatics, and directly aided in bacterial genome assembly  
***Biochemistry Study Group Leader*, Science Learning Center**, University of Michigan *Sep 2013 – Apr 2015*  
 - Created engaging activities to help students enhance their understanding of biochemistry  
 - Formed strong sense of community to encourage collaborative discussion between students

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

*Social Media Committee,* Microbiology Doctoral Training Program,University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 - Led a team of PhD students and the program administrator in creating a sustainable *May 2020 - Present*  
 infrastructure for students to contribute to the program’s social media presence  
 - Developed a Social Media Handbook and Style Guide to charge the committee with its objectives, dictate  
 social media etiquette, evaluate social media performance and interaction, and ensure a consistent online  
 brand  
 - Created resources to help PhD students improve their science communication in social media and web design *Admissions Committee*, Microbiology Doctoral Training Program,University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 - Evaluated applications from prospective PhD students for the Microbiology *Nov 2019 – Feb 2020*  
 Doctoral Training Program *Meta-Review Supervisor*, National Science Policy Network 2020 Election Initiative *Nov 2019 – Dec 2019* - Participated in the 2020 Election Initiative to impact 2020 election cycle discussions and advocate for science-  
 and evidence-based policymaking- Reviewed and edited meta-reviews for publication as online resources cataloguing existing policies, resources,  
 and stakeholders about various scientific topics  
*Invited Speaker*, Kettle Moraine Evening with Nature, Campbellsport, WI *Sep 12, 2019* - Presented two stories about hibernation from the perspective of a hibernating squirrel and its gut microbes  
 - Engaged in informal discussion with local Minocqua, WI residents about implications of hibernation research *Science Policy Fellow*, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology,Bethesda, MD- Worked for the nation’s largest biological and biomedical research advocacy group in *May 2019 – Aug 2019*  
 their Office of Public Affairs on the Legislative Affairs team  
 - Helped to coordinate a congressional briefing about NSF-funded research addressing the public health  
 concern of antimicrobial resistance  
 - Attended congressional briefings and hearings; participated in stakeholder meetings for science agencies (e.g.  
 NSF) and professional societies (e.g. ASM, AAAS)  
 - Wrote articles for the FASEB Washington Update newsletter to inform society members of the latest news  
 in science policy and advocacy *Invited Speaker*, Science On Tap – Minocqua, Minocqua, WI *Jan 2, 2019*  
 - Presented two stories about hibernation from the perspective of a hibernating squirrel and its gut microbes  
 - Engaged in informal discussion with local Minocqua, WI residents about implications of hibernation research  
***Social Media Manager*, Carey Lab**, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Nov 2018 - Present* - Administered Carey Lab twitter handle (@13liner) to increase public recognition and interaction by highlight  
 work from Carey Lab members and collaborators *Gaining STEAM! Scientist*, JKX Comics, University of Wisconsin-Madison  *Oct 2018 – May 2019* - Created a comic book about hibernation microbiology by integrating science, story-telling, and art through  
 a collaboration with JKX Comics and local Madison artists  
 - Incorporated the comic into outreach activities to improve participant engagement and learning *Wisconsin Idea STEM Fellow*, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Jun 2018 – Present* - Learned interactive teaching strategies and outreach evaluation techniques  
 - Developed an interactive hibernation microbiology outreach activity for elementary school-aged children  
 - Worked with fellows-in-training to develop and improve their outreach activities  
***Social Media Manager*, Microbiology Doctoral Training Program**, UW-Madison *Nov 2017 - Present* - Managed Microbiology Doctoral Training Program (MDTP) twitter handle (@UWMadisonMDTP)   
 - Increased public recognition by highlight news and work from MDTP trainers and students  
***Designer and Volunteer*, Science Saturday**, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Sep 2017 - Present* - Co-developed and implemented outreach activities with the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery and  
 Morgridge Research Institute to teach hibernation physiology and microbe-host physiology  
***Student Recruitment Team*, Microbiology Doctoral Training** Program, UW-Madison*Aug 2017 – Apr 2019* - Organized four recruitment weekends to welcome prospective PhD students and share the research and  
 environment that UW-Madison offers  
 - Coordinated student hosts, faculty interviews, student panels, activities, and dinner reservations   
***Social Media Manager*, Suen Lab**, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Dec 2016 - Present* - Administered Suen Lab twitter handle (@suenlab) to increase public recognition by highlighting work from  
 Suen Lab members and collaborators

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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 - Led a team of PhD students and the program administrator in creating a sustainable *May 2020 - Present*  
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 environment that UW-Madison offers  
 - Coordinated student hosts, faculty interviews, student panels, activities, and dinner reservations  ***Editorial Board Member*, University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Journal** *Sep 2012 – Apr 2015* - Assisted students in improving writing submissions for publication  
 - Coordinated meetings with corporate sponsors and university departments to increase journal funding  
 - Performed outreach by conducting presentations to inform undergraduates about research opportunities  
***Co-President*, Arabian Dance Ensemble**, University of Michigan *Sep 2011 – Apr 2015*  
 - Instructed beginning belly dance class and created choreography to teach students  
 - Oversaw usage of group funds, coordinated costume purchases, and organized performances

**SKILLS**

- **Lab Skills:** DNA/RNA extraction, PCR, gel electrophoresis, DNA library preparation, Illumina MiSeq  
 sequencing, fluorescent *in situ* hybridization microscopy, limnology field work and sample collection,  
 squirrel trapping  
- **Bioinformatics:** R (advanced), perl (familiar), python (familiar), mothur (advanced), bash (familiar),  
 HTML (intermediate), CSS (intermediate), amplicon sequencing analysis, metagenomic analysis- **Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)

**OUTREACH**

Science Storytellers at the AAAS 2020 Annual Meeting *Feb 2020*  
Saturday Science – Get Set to Meet a Pet Vet (620 attendees) *Nov 2019*  
Wisconsin Science Festival (2570 attendees) *Oct 2019*NSF GRFP Workshop Panelist: How to Address the Broader Impact in Your Fellowship Application *Oct 2019*  
Kettle Moraine Evening with Nature: Solving the Mysteries of Hibernation (18 attendees) *Sep 2019*Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History – Magnificent Marine Microbes (181 participants) *Jul 2019*NSF Advocacy Capitol Hill Day – American Physiological Society *May 2019*Gaining STEAM! Showcase – Saturday Science (109 participants) *May 2019*Saturday Science – Aldo Leopold Day *Jan 2019*Science on Tap – Minocqua (144 attendees) *Jan 2019*WXPR Radio Interview *Dec 2018*Saturday Science – Creepy Crawlies *Oct 2018*Saturday Science – The Science of Healthy Living (552 attendees) *Aug 2018*Wisconsin Science Festival *Oct 2017*  
Saturday Science – The Buzz in Your Backyard *Oct 2017*  
Saturday Science *Sept 2017*  
Science Expeditions *Mar 2017*  
Capital Science and Engineering Fair *Feb 2017*  
Wisconsin Science Festival *Oct 2016*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Representing Your Data: How to Design Compelling Visuals *Mar 20, 2020*  
American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting *Feb 2020*  
Mini-Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering Workshop *Feb 11, 2020*  
Scientifically Tested Methods to Reduce Racism and Promote Inclusion *Feb 10, 2020*  
Web Design for the Sciences *Sep 2019 – Dec 2019*  
Communicating Science Conference – Chicago *Aug 2019*  
Science Advocacy Training – American Physiological Society *May 2019*  
Science Policy Internship – Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology *May 2019 – Aug 2019*  
Beyond the Bench: Careers in Science Policy and Communication *May 2019*  
Life Sciences Communication Symposium *Jan 2019 – May 2019*  
Scientific Writing *Jan 2019 – May 2019*  
Getting the message across *Oct 12, 2018*  
Life as a Scientific Editor: It’s all about Communication *Sep 20, 2018*  
Wisconsin Idea STEM Fellows *Jun 27, 2017 - Present*  
Life Sciences Career Day *Apr 13, 2017*  
Empowering People to Break the Prejudice Habit: Creating Inclusion and Overcoming Bias *Dec 14, 2017*  
Building Your Networking Confidence *Nov 30, 2017*  
DELTA – Communicating Science with Everyone *Sep 2017 – Dec 2017*  
Improv for Scientists (Medicine 710) *Sep 2017 – Oct 2017*DELTA – NSF Application Broader Impacts Workshop *Oct 4, 2017*  
Oral Science Communication Through Improv Workshop *Jun 26, 2017*  
CIRTL – Developing a CV or Resume *Jun 22, 2017*  
What Graduate Students Need to Know about Successful Negotiation A*pr 13, 2017*  
Science Writing as a Career *Apr 06, 2017*  
Careers in Government Research Labs *Mar 28, 2017*Public Opinion of Life Science Issues (LSC 902) *Sep 2016 – Dec 2016*  
Writing Science as a Story (Comp Bio 675) *Nov 2016 – Dec 2016*

**PEER-REVIEW**

PLOS ONE *Feb 2019*  
Science (co-reviewer) *Jan 2019*  
Scientific Reports (co-reviewer) *Oct 2018*  
Environmental Microbiology (co-reviewer)  *Apr 2018*

**MENTEES**

Yuhan Xie, Computer Science Undergraduate Student *Jun 2018 – Aug 2018*  
Hannah Grauer, High School Student *Sep 2017 – Oct 2018*Darby Gilfillan, Visiting Undergraduate Student *Jul 2017 – Aug 2017*