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## Education

### **University of Wisconsin – Madison**

*Aug. 2016-present*

Ph.D. candidate in the Microbiology Doctoral Training Program

- Laboratory of Dr. Katherine McMahon, Departments of Bacteriology and Civil and Environmental Engineering

### **University of Arkansas – Fayetteville**

*Aug. 2012-May 2016*

Bachelor of Science in Biology with Statistics Minor, Cum Laude Honors

- GPA: 3.71/4.0
- Honors Thesis: Natural Variation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump in *S. cerevisiae*

## Research Experience

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

*Jan. 2017 - present*

*McMahon Lab – Departments of Bacteriology and Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison WI*

- Main dissertation project studying bacterial communities of engineered wastewater systems using a combination of genome-resolved metagenomics approaches and enrichment culture techniques
- Developing computational workflows and approaches for high-throughput assembly and analysis of freshwater lake metagenomes
- Lab data and systems administrator for storing large-scale metagenomic data and associated metadata

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

*Aug. 2013-Aug. 2016*

*Lewis Lab – Department of Biological Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR*

- Studied the natural variation of stress defense mechanisms in the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, specifically salt stress
- Developed a protocol for creating transposon deletion libraries in wild strains of *S. cerevisiae*

### **Summer Undergraduate Research Intern**

*May-Aug. 2014*

*Broach Lab – Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Penn State Hershey, Hershey, PA*

- Investigated interactions and movements of chromosomes during quiescence in the budding yeast *S. cerevisiae* using fluorescence microscopy

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

**1. McDaniel E.A., Stuecker T.N., Veluvolu M., Gasch A.P., Lewis J.A. Independent Mechanisms for Acquired Salt Tolerance versus Growth Resumption Induced by Mild Ethanol Pretreatment in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.** mSphere. *Editor's Pick*. Nov 2018, 3 (6) e0057418; DOI: 10.1128/mSphere.00574-18

## Preprints and Submissions

**2. Peterson B.D., McDaniel E.A., Schmidt A.G., Lepak R.F., Tran P.Q., Marick R.A., Ogorek J.M., DeWild J.F., Krabbenhoft D.P., McMahon K.D. Mercury methylation traits dispersed across diverse anaerobic microbial guilds in a eutrophic sulfate-enriched lake.** April 2020. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/2020.04.01.018762

**1. McDaniel E.A., Peterson B., Stevens S.L.R., Tran P.Q., Anantharaman K., McMahon K.D.. Expanded Phylogenetic Diversity and Metabolic Flexibility of Microbial Mercury Methylation.** Jan. 2020. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/2020.01.16.909358. *Under Review*.

## Datasets, Software, and Teaching Resources (non-peer reviewed)

2. **McDaniel E.A.** elizabethmcd/R-amplicons: Analyzing 16S Amplicon Data in R Course (Version v1.0). Zenodo. July 2020. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3942709>. Course website at <http://elizabethmcd.github.io/R-amplicons/>.

1. **McDaniel E.A.**, Anantharaman, K., McMahon K.D. **metabolisHMM: Phylogenomic analysis for exploration of microbial phylogenies and metabolic pathways**. Dec. 2019. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/2019.12.20.884627.

## **Oral Presentations**

### **Invited Talks and Plenary Sessions**

5. Examining Long-Term Microbial Population Dynamics At Multiple Scales Using Enrichment Bioreactors As Model Ecosystems. **Microbial Ecology and Water Engineering (MEWE) conference**. Hiroshima, Japan. Nov. 2019.

4. Expanded Phylogenetic Diversity and Metabolic Flexibility of Microbial Mercury Methylation. Evolution Series Seminar. **University of Wisconsin – Madison JF Crow Institute for the Study of Evolution**. Sept. 2019.

3. Integrating Anvi'o Tools into your Workflow: Insights from a Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) System. **Resolving Microbial Communities at Strain-Level Symposium**. Penryn, UK. Aug. 2018.

2. Natural Variation in Yeast Uncovers Novel Regulation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump. **Southeastern Regional Yeast Meeting**. Tuscaloosa, AL. March 2016.

1. Natural Variation in Yeast Uncovers Novel Regulation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump. **Southeastern Regional Yeast Meeting**. Little Rock, AR. March 2015.

### **Internal Seminars**

3. “Best” Practices in Metagenomic Binning and Annotation. **Computational Biology, Ecology, and Evolution (ComBEE) ‘Omics Study Group session**. University of Wisconsin – Madison. ComBEE ‘Omics Study Group Session. Dec. 2019.

2. Eco-systems biology of a Microbial Community Performing Enhanced Biological Phosphorus Removal. **Microbiology Doctoral Training Program Seminar**. University of Wisconsin – Madison. Nov. 2018.

1. Bacterial Communities of Lab-Scale Wastewater Enrichments. **UW-Madison Bioscience Opportunities Preview Weekend Lightning Talk**. Sept. 2018.

### **Virtual Seminars and Plenary Sessions**

2. Characterizing Ecological Roles and Interactions of ‘*Candidatus Accumulibacter phosphatis*’ in Wastewater Systems. **MicroSeminar**. August 2020.

1. Applying Genome-Resolved Metagenomics to Elucidate the Microbial “Black Box” in Model Wisconsin Lakes. **Incorporating Data Science and Open Science Techniques in Limnology and Oceanography Virtual Summit**. July 2020.

## **Poster Presentations**

11. ComBEE: Computational Biology, Ecology, and Evolution: Enhancing computational literacy in the life sciences through peer-led study groups. **UW-Madison Data Science Hub Data Science Research Bazaar and Wisconsin Institute for Discovery “Illuminating Discovery” events**. Jan. & Feb. 2020. (Poster constructed and presented on behalf of ComBEE Team)

10. Microbiomes of Freshwater Lakes and Engineered Wastewater Systems. **Water @ UW Symposium**. Madison, WI. Oct. 2018. (Poster constructed and presented on behalf of McMahon Lab)

9. Expanded Phylogenetic and Metabolic Diversity of Microbial Mercury Methylation. **Department of Bacteriology Raper Symposium**. Madison, WI. *Sept. 2018*.
8. Comparative Genomics of Microbial Mercury Methylation. **International Society of Microbial Ecology Meeting**. Leipzig, Germany. *Aug. 2018*.
7. Long-Term Population Dynamics of '*Candidatus Accumulibacter phosphatis*' in Enhanced Biological Phosphorus Removal Sequencing-Batch Reactors. **Population, Evolutionary, Quantitative Genetics Conference**. Madison, WI. *May 2018*.
6. Comparative Genomics of Microbial Methylmercury Production. **Madison Microbiome Meeting**. Madison, WI. *April 2018*.
5. Comparative Genomics of Microbial Methylmercury Production. **Joint Genome Institute User Meeting: Genomics of Energy and Environment**. San Francisco, CA. *Mar. 2018*
4. Natural Variation in Yeast Uncovers Novel Regulation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump. **Arkansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Meeting**. Fayetteville, AR. *Nov. 2015*
3. Natural Variation in Yeast Uncovers Novel Regulation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump. **27<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology**. Levico, Terme, Trentino, Italy. *Sept. 2015*
2. Natural Variation in Yeast Uncovers Novel Regulation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump. **South Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology Joint Meeting**. Fayetteville, AR. *Sept. 2014*
1. Chromosome Interactions in Quiescent Yeast. **Penn State Hershey Summer Undergraduate Research Internship Programs Symposium**. Hershey, PA. *Aug. 2014*.

### Honors and Awards

Civil and Environmental Engineering Becker Travel Supplement Award - \$500	Nov. 2019
O.N. Allen Soil and Environmental Microbiology Small Grants Award - \$3,290	Aug. 2019
Department of Bacteriology Betley-Allen Fellowship Award	May 2019
University of Wisconsin-Madison Student Travel Grant - \$600	April 2019
Microbiology Doctoral Training Program Travel Award - \$1000	May 2018
Department of Bacteriology Travel Award - \$1000	May 2018
Southeastern Regional Yeast Meeting Travel Award - \$250	Mar. 2016
University of Arkansas Honors College Research Grant - \$1200	Jan. 2016
University of Arkansas Honors College Travel Grant - \$1200	Aug. 2015
Southeastern Regional Yeast Meeting Travel Award - \$250	Mar. 2015
University of Arkansas Honors College Research Grant - \$2500	Jan. 2015
University of Arkansas Academic Scholarship - \$2500	2014-2015
ASM South Central Branch Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Poster Award	Sept. 2014
University of Arkansas Academic Scholarship - \$1000	2013-2014
University of Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Scholarship - \$1000	2012-2016
University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award - \$39,040	2012-2016

### Teaching, Mentoring, and Service

#### **Bioinformatics Workshops (Helper/Teaching Assistant/Instructor/Course Development) Certified Carpentries Instructor as of June 2019**

Virtual Software Carpentry Workshop; <i>Helper</i>	August 2020
Amplicon Analysis in R Workshop; <i>Instructor and Developer</i>	April 2020
Virtual Software Carpentry Mini-Workshop; <i>Helper</i>	April 2020
Research Bazaar Software Carpentry Workshop; <i>Helper</i>	Jan. 2020
Carpentries Genomics Introduction to R; <i>Instructor</i>	Aug. 2019
Data Carpentry Workshop Introduction to R; <i>Instructor</i>	June 2019

Software Carpentry Workshop; <i>Helper</i>	June 2019
Microbiome & Data Science Hubs Git/Github Pages Workshop; <i>Instructor and Developer</i>	Mar. 2019
Resolving Microbial Communities at Strain-Level Resolution Symposium; <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Aug. 2018
ComBEE Git/Github Pages Workshop; <i>Instructor and Developer</i>	Sept. 2017
ComBEE Anvi'o Workshop; <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	May 2017
ComBEE Git Workshop; <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Mar. 2017
ComBEE R Study Group Introduction to R; <i>Instructor and Developer</i>	Sp. 2017

### **Computational Biology, Ecology, and Evolution (ComBEE) Study Group Co-Chair** Jan. 2017-present

ComBEE is a peer-led group for computational biology researchers on the UW-Madison campus. We hold study groups on the R and python programming languages, current topics in genomics, and host seminars from graduate students, postdocs, and professors on topics broadly ranging in ecology and evolution. Website at [combe-uw-madison.github.io](http://combe-uw-madison.github.io).

### **McMahon Lab Mentoring** 2017-present

*Graduate Student Mentor for Undergraduate Students, Research Experience Undergraduate Interns (REUs), and Masters Students carrying out independent projects and/or routine maintenance and sampling*

- *Kaela Amundson*: Characterization and Enrichment of Microorganisms Capable of Extracellular Electron Transfer. *Undergraduate Mentee* Fa. 2017-Sp. 2018.
- *Matthew Wolff*: Metagenomics of Freshwater Lake and Engineered Wastewater Microbial Communities. *Undergraduate Mentee* Sp.-Fa. 2018
- *Kali Denis*: Time-Series Analysis of Under-Ice Freshwater Bacterial Communities. *Undergraduate Mentee* Sp. 2018.
- *EBPR Team*: Mentored to date **6 undergraduate** students performing routine maintenance and sampling of lab-scale bioreactors simulating Enhanced Biological Phosphorus Removal (EBPR). Additionally mentored **2 masters** students through their thesis projects on EBPR.

### **Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer: Nature Microbiology, ISMEJ, mSystems** Fa. 2017-present

**Topics in Biotechnology Guest Lecturer on Wastewater Microbial Ecology** Sp. 2020

**Microbiology 551: Senior Capstone Guest Lecturer on 16S Workflows and Bioinformatics** Sp. 2020

**MEWE Multi-Omics Methods for Water Engineering Workshop Developer and Assistant** Nov. 2019

**Microbiology Doctoral Training Program Admissions Committee** Fa. 2019

**Data Science Hub Research Bazaar Planning Committee** Fa. 2019

**Microbiology 304: Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory Teaching Assistant** Sp. 2018

**BIOL 2323: General Genetics Drill Instructor** Sp. 2015

**University of Arkansas Office of Admissions Ambassador** Aug. 2013-Dec. 2015

### **Professional Development**

**Google Career Readiness Data Analyst Challenge** Summer 2020

**DELTA Research Mentor Training** Summer 2019

**Carpentries Instructor Training and Certification** April 2019

**IMG Microbial Genomics and Metagenomics Workshop, FISABIO** June 2017

**Anvi'o Workshop, University of Chicago** April 2017

**Data Carpentry Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison** Jan. 2017

### **Laboratory and Computational Skills**

**Laboratory Skills:** PCR Amplification and Cloning | Quantitative PCR | Flow Cytometry | Enrichment Culture Techniques and Bioreactor Operation | HPLC Analyte Analysis

**Computational Skills:** Bash/Unix | R/RStudio | Python | Git/Github | High-Throughput Computing (HT-Condor) | 16S Sequencing Preprocessing and Analysis | Metagenomic Assembly, Mapping, Binning, and Quality Assessment | Comparative Genomics (Anvi'o) | Google Cloud Platform | SQL and BigQuery