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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

- Dissertation project investigating 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

2. 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.** *mSystems*. In Press.

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

1. 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

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. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3942709>. Course website at <https://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. Recording available at <https://bit.ly/2BAOSGC>

Poster Presentations

7. ComBEE: Computational Biology, Ecology, and Evolution: Enhancing computational literacy in the life sciences through peer-led study groups. Presented at **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)

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

5. Expanded Phylogenetic and Metabolic Diversity of Microbial Mercury Methylation. Presented at **International Society of Microbial Ecology Meeting**. Leipzig, Germany. Aug. 2018., and **Department of Bacteriology Raper Symposium**. Madison, WI. Sept. 2018.

4. 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.

3. Comparative Genomics of Microbial Methylmercury Production. Presented at **Joint Genome Institute User Meeting: Genomics of Energy and Environment**. San Francisco, CA. Mar. 2018, and **Madison Microbiome Meeting**. Madison, WI. April 2018.

2. Natural Variation in Yeast Uncovers Novel Regulation of the Ena1p Sodium Pump. Presented at **South Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology Joint Meeting**. Fayetteville, AR. Sept. 2014, **27th International Conference on Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology**. Levico, Terme, Trentino, Italy. Sept. 2015, **Arkansas IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Meeting**. Fayetteville, AR. Nov. 2015.

1. Chromosome Interactions in Quiescent Yeast. **Penn State Hershey Summer Undergraduate Research Internship Programs Symposium**. Hershey, PA. Aug. 2014.

Honors and Awards

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| 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 nd 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**

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| Virtual Software Carpentry Workshop; <i>Helper</i> | Aug. 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 combee-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

- *Google Cloud Essentials Quest Badge*
- *From Data to Insights with Google Cloud Platform Specialization*

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