Grayson Boyer

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FDUCATION

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

PHD IN BIOCHEMISTRY Expected Mar 2018 | Tempe, AZ Cum. GPA: 4.0

WASHINGTON STATE UNIV.

BS IN BIOCHEMISTRY May 2010 | Pullman, WA Summa cum laude

LINKS

Home://gmboyer.github.io Github://gmboyer LinkedIn://grayson-boyer Twitter://@gmboyer

SKILLS

DATA

Confidence intervals • Decision trees • Detrended correspondence analysis • K-means and hierarchical clustering • Discriminant analysis • Monte Carlo simulations • Nonmetric multidimensional scaling • Principal component analysis • Regex • Regression • Text mining • Visualization

LANGUAGES

R • Python • LATEX • basic SQL

SOFTWARE

Agilent Masshunter • EQ3/6 • Jupyter Notebooks • Mathematica • Microsoft Excel • SUPCRT92

SELECTED COURSEWORK

Computational Chemistry Theoretical Geochemistry Quantitative Biochemistry

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

ENKI PROJECT | TEAM MEMBER

May 2017 - Present

- Part of an NSF-funded **EN**abling **K**nowledge Integration (ENKI) initiative to develop, distribute, and educate in the use of free geochemical tools.
- Led the development of a Python/R-magic Jupyter notebook to calculate ionic charge balance of water samples with 50+ geochemical variables.
- Contributed R script to automate initial data cleanup, input file generation for EQ3/6 geochemical software, and datamining charge balance from thousands of output files.

GEOPIG | RESEARCH ASST. & TEACHING ASST.

Aug 2010 - Expected Mar 2018 | Tempe, AZ

- Used R to perform statistical analyses and visualization of environmental lipid abundance data across 30+ sample sites using a self-curated database of 3,500+ lipid structures.
- Performed statistical comparisons of observed environmental lipids and concurrent geochemical measurements to generate hypotheses regarding lipid energetic cost and function.
- Led multiple workshops introducing R and the CHNOSZ thermodynamic package to students and faculty (2011-2017).
- Curated and ensured quality control of the SLOP16 open source database containing numerous thermodynamic properties of 2,000+ chemical species.
- Mentored an undergraduate lab research assistant (2013-2014).
- Co-chaired the session "Reaction Kinetics, Thermodynamics, and Habitability" at the Astrobiology Science Conference in Mesa, AZ, on Apr 27, 2017.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- NASA Exobiology | Mar 2016 | \$852,865 "Geochemical and Biomolecular Changes at the Transition to Photosynthesis"
- NASA Astrobiology Institute Grant | Apr 2013 | \$10,758 "How do environmental C:N ratios influence C:N ratios of lipid biomarkers?"
- Arizona State Univ. Grad. Research Fellowship | Aug 2010 | \$19,000

PUBLICATIONS

- Boyer, GM, and Shock, EL. Thermodynamic favorability of thermophile lipid chain modifications across a temperature and redox gradient. (Forthcoming, December 2017)
- Boyer, GM, Schubotz, F, Woods, J, Shock, EL (2017) Thermophile lipid oxidation state suggests bioenergetic favorability of alkyl chain modification along temperature and redox gradients. (Manuscript in ed.)
- Shock, EL, Canovas, P, Yang, Z, **Boyer, GM**, Johnson, K, Robinson, K, Fecteau, K, Windman, T, Cox, A (2013) Thermodynamics of organic transformations in hydrothermal fluids. *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry*, 76(1): 311-350.
- Schulze-Makuch D, Méndez, A, Fairén, AG, von Paris, P, Turse, C, Boyer, GM, Davila AF, Resendes de Sousa António, M, Catling D, Irwin LN (2011) A two-tiered approach to assessing the habitability of exoplanets. *Astrobiology*, 11(10): 1041-1052.