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EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Boulder Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Ph.D. 2021

**Advisor: Dr. Noah Fierer*

University of California, Davis Biochemistry & Molecular Biology with Honors Minor: Quantitative Biology & Bioinformatics

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EMPLOYMENT

April 2021 - **Post-doctoral Researcher: Trait-based Assembly of Microbial Communities in Permafrost**University of New Hampshire, Durham NH, USA

Advisor: Dr. Jessica Ernakovich

 Characterize abiotic and biotic drivers of seasonal and decadal microbial community assembly in thawing permafrost as member of the EMERGE Biological Integration Institute

2015 - 2021 Graduate Research Assistant: Structure and Function of Terrestrial Microbial Communities University of Colorado, Boulder CO, USA

Advisor: Dr. Noah Fierer

- **Microbial communities of Alaskan mosses:** Used 'omics tools to examine the diversity, structure, and function of microbial communities associated with boreal mosses and their relationship to N₂-fixation in high-latitude biomes.
- Effects of climate on microbial primary succession: Investigated the impact of climate on community traits during primary succession of microbial communities in sand microcosms
- Non-homologous annotation of genes of unknown function in soils: Ecological modeling and annotation of genes of unknown function in soil metagenomes.

Summer Graduate Research Assistant: Automating Community Land Model (CLM) at Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) site

National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder CO, USA

Advisor: Dr. Will Wieder

- Parameterized and validated point-simulations of CLM at Niwot Ridge LTER
- Wrote pipeline to download, clean, and gap-fill LTER and NEON data for use as CLM atmospheric forcings

2014 - 2015 **Junior Specialist Researcher: Host-microbe interactions of Seagrass microbiomes** *University of California, Davis, Davis CA, USA*

Supervisors: Drs. Jonathan Eisen and Jenna Morgan Lang

- Sequenced and analyzed 16S libraries to explore the microbial communities associated with the seagrass *Zostera marina*.
- Coordinated and oversaw the collection and sequencing of *Zostera marina* microbiome samples collected from a global network of researchers (Zostera Experimental Network).

2011 - 2014 Undergraduate Research Assistant: Sequencing and Assembly of Bacterial Isolate Genomes University of California, Davis, Davis CA, USA

Advisors: Drs. Jonathan Eisen and David Coil

• Sequenced, assembled, and annotated reference genomes of the bacteria *Synergistes jonesii* and of a novel bacterial isolate (genus *Leucobacter*)

PUBLICATIONS

(Total = 10, First Author = 2)

Forthcoming (papers submitted, in review, and in revision)

1. **Holland-Moritz, H.**, Vanni, C., Fernandez-Guerra, A., Bissett, A., Fierer, N., *Under review at ISMEJ*, An ecological perspective on microbial genes of unknown function in soil

Peer Reviewed

- 1. Vincent, K., **Holland-Moritz, H.**, Solon, A.J., Gendron, E.M.S., Schmidt, S.K., *In press at Frontiers in Microbiology*, Crossing Treeline: Bacterioplankton communities of alpine and subalpine Rocky Mountain Lakes
- 2. Dragone, N. B., Henley, J. **Holland-Moritz, H.**, Diaz, M., Hogg, I., Lyons, W.B., Wall, D. Adams, B., Fierer, N., *In press at mSystems*, Elevational constraints on the composition and genomic attributes of soil microbial communities in the Transantarctic Mountains.
- 3. Stuart, J., **Holland-Moritz, H.E.**, Jean, M., Miller, S.N., Ponciano, J.M., McDaniel, S.F., Mack, M.C. 2021. The relationship of C and N stable isotopes to high latitude moss-associated N₂-fixation. *Oecologia*
- 4. **Holland-Moritz, H.**, Stuart, J., Lewis, L. R., Miller, S., Mack, M., Ponciano, J.M., McDaniel, S., and Fierer, N. 2021. The bacterial communities of Alaskan mosses and their contributions to N₂-fixation. *Microbiome*
- 5. Stuart, J., **Holland-Moritz, H.,** Lewis, L., Jean, M., Miller, S., McDaniel, S., Fierer, N., Ponciano, J. M., and Mack, M., 2020. Host identity as a driver of moss-associated N₂-fixation rates in Alaska. *Ecosystems*
- 6. Jean, M., **Holland-Moritz**, **H.**, Melvin, A., Johnstone, J., and Mack, M. 2020. Experimental assessment of tree canopy and leaf litter controls on the microbiome and nitrogen fixation rates of two boreal mosses. *New Phytologist*
- 7. Carini, P., Delgado-Baquerizo, M., Hinckley, E. S., **Holland-Moritz, H.** Brewer, T. E., Rue, G., Vanderburgh, C., McKnight, D., and Fierer, N. 2020. Effects of Spatial Variability and Relic DNA Removal on the Detection of Temporal Dynamics in Soil Microbial Communities. *mBio*.
- 8. Ward, L. M., Cardona, T., and **Holland-Moritz, H.** 2019. Evolutionary Implications of Anoxygenic Phototrophy in the Bacterial Phylum Candidatus Eremiobacterota (WPS-2). *Front. Microbiol*.
- 9. **Holland-Moritz, H.**, J. Stuart, L. R. Lewis, S. Miller, M. C. Mack, S. F. McDaniel, and N. Fierer. 2018. Novel bacterial lineages associated with boreal moss species. *Environmental Microbiology*
- Gunawardana, M., S. Chang, A. Jimenez, D. Holland-Moritz, H. Holland-Moritz, T. P. La Val, C. Lund, M. Mullen, J. Olsen, T. a Sztain, J. Yoo, J. a Moss, and M. M. Baum. 2014. Isolation of PCR quality microbial community DNA from heavily contaminated environments. *Journal of microbiological methods*.

Non-Peer Reviewed

- 1. **Holland-Moritz, H. E.**, D. R. Bevans, J. M. Lang, A. E. Darling, J. A. Eisen, and D. A. Coil. 2013. Draft genome sequence of *Leucobacter sp.* strain UCD-THU (phylum *Actinobacteria*). *Genome announcements* 1:e00325--13.
- 2. **Holland-Moritz, H. E.**, D. A. Coil, J. H. Badger, G. I. Dmitrov, H. Khouri, N. L. Ward, F. T. Robb, and J. A. Eisen. 2014. Draft genome sequence of the pyridinediol-fermenting bacterium *Synergistes jonesii* 78-1. *Genome announcements* 2:e00833–14.

PRESENTATIONS

Seminars and Invited Talks

2021	Microbes, mosses, and metagenomes, EEB seminar, Case Western University
2021	Microbial Assembly in Thawing Permafrost, Regional Conference on Permafrost, Boulder, CO USA/Virtual (invited talk)
2021	"Ecological Assembly", EMERGE Biological Integration Institute Summer Workshop (invited talk)
2020	Microbes, mosses, and metagenomes, Departmental Colloquium, University of Colorado, Boulder
2020, 2018, 2017	Research Experience for Community College Students (RECCS) Program, Q&A panelist and invited talk "How to communicate your research."
2016	EBIO Lunch and Learn, University of Colorado, Boulder
2014	UC Davis Bioinformatics Club, invited talk "rRNA Sequence Analysis in QIIME."

Conference Oral Presentations

2021	Microbial Assembly in Thawing Permafrost, American Geophysical Union, New Orleans/Virtual
2020	Primary succession of microbial communities in terrestrial environments: an experimental cross-site investigation, Ecological Society of America General Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA/Virtual Meeting (Contributed talk)
2019	Phylogenetic and Environmental Controls on N_2 -fixation in the boreal moss microbiome, Front Range Microbiome Symposium, Fort Collins, CO, USA. (Contributed Talk and poster)
2017	Taxonomic and Functional Attributes of the Boreal Moss Microbiome, Future Arctic Conference on Bryophytes and Lichens, Quebec, Canada (Contributed Talk)
2017	Taxonomic and Functional Attributes of the Boreal Moss Microbiome, Guild of Rocky Mountain Ecologists and Evolutionary Biologists, Nederland, CO, USA (Contributed Talk)

Poster Presentations

- 2018 Holland-Moritz, HE, Stuart, J, Lewis, LR, Ponciano, JM, McDaniel, S, Mack, M, Fierer, N
 "Phylogenetic and Environmental Controls on the Boreal Moss Microbiome" Poster Presentation,
 2018, International Society for Microbial Ecology Meeting, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2014 **Holland-Moritz, HE**, Lang, JM, Stachowicz, J, Eisen, JA "Exploring the biogeography of microbial communities on the surface of seagrasses." Poster Presentation: *20th Annual International Conference on Microbial Genomics* 2014 Lake Arrowhead, CA, USA.
- 2014 Holland-Moritz, HE, Lang, JM, Stachowicz, J, Eisen, JA "The Seagrass Microbiome" Poster Presentation at: University of California, Davis *Undergraduate Research Symposium* 2014. Davis, CA, USA.

GRANTS

(totaling \$15,551)

Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EBIO) Graduate Research Grant	2019	\$2500
Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant (2019)	2019	\$1000
Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EBIO) Graduate Research Grant	2018	\$2500
EBIO Travel Grant	2018	\$300
CU Boulder Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant	2017	\$500
Wood's Hole Marine Biological Laboratory Summer Scholarship	2016	\$8751
NSF-GRFP Honorable Mention	2017 2016 2015	

TEACHING

Courses and Workshops

Co-instructor – Graduate Course: Sewage Metagenomics	2020
Lead – Using Make and Makefiles for automating analysis pipelines Workshop	2020
Lead – Collaboration and Version Control with git Workshop and Hackathon	2020
Lead – Science and the Creative Process Workshop	2019
Co-instructor – High-throughput sequence data workshop series	2018
Lab Instructor – Principles of Ecology	2017

Pedagogical Training

Graduate course in Mentorship and Leadership in STEM 2017

MENTORSHIP

Graduate Students

Sean Schaefer	2021
Louisa Kimmell	2021
Joy O'Brien	2021

Undergraduates

Mikayla Lopez	Summer 2021
Savanna Pierce	Summer 2019
Lady Grant	2018 - 2019
Maya Montoya-Pimolwatana	2017 - 2018
Alexander Kaaua	2015 - 2016
Ruth Lee	2014 - 2015
Briana Pompa-Hogan	2014 - 2015

High School Students

Henna Hundal Summer 2014

AWARDS

Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Graduate Student Service Award	2019
Integrated Studies Honors Scholar	2011-2014
University of California Regents Scholar	2010-2014

SELECTED SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

1. Educator

- Lead instructor in numerous data science skills workshops including workshops focused on version control, make, reproducible science, and best practices in scientific coding (2020)
- Created microbial analysis pipeline tutorial and led workshops in its use for CU Boulder Center for Microbial Exploration. (2019-2020)
- Contributed multiple workshops on quantitative topics including R, multivariate analysis, and Bayesian statistics to EBIO Department's weekly "Quantitative Discussion" working group (2016-2019).

2. Committee Service

- Co-organized the departmental graduate student orientation. (2020, 2017)
- Served as the Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty. Led efforts to improve mentorship, financial stability, and accessibility for graduate students. (2017-2019)
- Colloquium committee member and travel coordinator for weekly colloquium series for CU Boulder's EBIO Department. (2015 - 2019)

- Graduate student representative on Departmental Climate and Graduate Degree Program Committees for departmental 7-year ARPAC review. (2018)
- Graduate student representative to two faculty search committees. (2018)
- Organized and ran departmental graduate student writing cooperative. (Summer 2017)
- Drafted departmental Inclusion, Diversity, and Excellence in Academics (IDEA) plan, led initiative to increase diversity of graduate student applicant pool, and foster an inclusive graduate student environment as member of EBIO Diversity and Inclusion Working Group (2017-2021)

3. Mentor

• Served as a peer mentor for four graduate students in departmental mentoring program. (2016-2019)

4. Science Communicator

- Designed, coordinated, and carried out community science research project focused on microbial succession with middle and high school educators across the USA. (2018 - 2019)
- Co-chair and participant of CU Boulder Evolution Outreach Committee. Annually organized
 "Teaching Controversial Science Topics" workshop for local middle and high school teachers, and
 Museum Family Day on evolution. (2015 2019)
- "Mysterious Microbes of Soil" Workshops and Webinar series. Helped organize, plan, and run workshops for K-12 teachers and gave public webinar presentations focused on microbial ecology. (2016)

5. Reviewer

- For journals including: Applied and Environmental Biology, Global Change Biology, PeerJ, American Journal of Botany, Ecosystems, Functional Ecology, and Trends in Microbiology.
- Invited judge for undergraduate research presentations at the annual EBIO departmental Spring Symposium (2018).

FURTHER RELEVANT RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

Participant, EMERGE-BII Summer Institute, Virtual - a two-week workshop on integrative permafrost ecosystem biology with courses in modeling, microbial processes, multi-omics itegration, isotopic gas flux measurements,	2021
Participant, Anvi'o workshop, University of California, Irvine - a multi-day workshop focused on the use of Anvi'o in 'omics analyses	2017
Participant, MBL Microbial Diversity Course, Woods Hole, MA - a 6.5 week course dedicated to training students in laboratory and theoretical aspects of microbial diversity	2016
Research Internship, Drs. Manjula Gunawardana and Marc Baum, Oak Crest Institute of Science - Researched extraction methods of PCR-quality DNA from heavily hydrocarbon-polluted environmental samples (e.g. asphalt pools).	2009 - 2010

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computational: Terminal/Bash (proficient), Git version control (proficient), R (proficient), Linux (proficient), use of high power computing systems (proficient), Python (familiar with), Perl (familiar with), C (familiar with), LaTeX (familiar with)

Bioinformatics: Genome assembly, metagenomics (read-based and assembly), environmental amplicon-sequencing analysis, phylogenetic tree-building, gene annotation, plotting and visualization of biological data, hierarchical bayesian modeling, terrestrial climate modeling with Community Land Model (CLM)

Language (ILR Scale): English (native), French (full professional proficiency), German (limited working proficiency), Japanese (limited working proficiency), Arabic (elementary proficiency)

Other: Social Media (Twitter: @hhollandmoritz)

REFERENCES

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