JIYING LI

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Education

Ph.D. University of Minnesota, USA

September

2014

Limnology and Oceanography – Water Resources Science

Thesis Title: Sediment diagenesis in large lakes Superior and Malawi, geochemical cycles and budgets and comparison to marine sediments

M.Sc. University of Minnesota, USA

June

2011

Water Resources Science

Thesis Title: Diagenesis and sediment-water exchanges in organic-poor sediments of Lake Superior

B.Sc. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

June

2008

Environmental Science and Engineering

Professional experiences

Postdoctoral Researcher

7/23/2018 -

Present

Large Lakes Observatory, University of Minnesota Duluth

Advisors: Prof. Sergei Katsev and Prof. Tedy Ozersky

Postdoctoral Researcher

9/1/2016 -

6/30/2018

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough

Advisor: Prof. Maria Dittrich

Postdoctoral Researcher

9/1/2014 -

7/31/2016

Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Delaware

Advisor: Prof. Deb Jaisi

Research experiences

Research interests

- Aquatic biogeochemistry
- Sediment early diagenesis: carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, iron and sulfur cycles
- Stable isotope geochemistry
- Plankton ecology and nutrient dynamics and

Research projects

7/21/2018 – Present: Postdoctoral researcher at Large Lakes Observatory, University of Minnesota Duluth (Supervisors: Prof. Sergei Katsev and Prof. Tedy Ozersky)

- 1. Responses of sediment C-N-P cycles to shifts in benthic communities in the upper Great Lakes: impacts of the invasive species zebra and quagga mussels
- 2. Planktonic polyphosphate metabolism and its role in phosphorus cycling in the upper Great

Lakes (Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron)

9/1/2016 – 6/30/2018: Postdoctoral research at Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough (Supervisor: Prof. Maria Dittrich)

- 1. Polyphosphate metabolisms in phytoplankton responding to nutrient variability
- 2. Internal loading of phosphorus in Lake of the Woods, USA/Canada: mechanisms and controls of nutrient exchanges at the sediment-water interface

9/1/2014 – 7/31/2016: Postdoctoral research at Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Delaware (Supervisor: Prof. Deb Jaisi)

- 1. Phosphorus sources, limitation, and biological turnover in the Chesapeake Bay (phosphate oxygen isotope study)
- 2. Tracing phosphorus sources in anoxic contamination plumes in the Cape Cod Aquifer using phosphate oxygen isotopes

9/1/2008 – 8/30/2014: Doctoral research at Large Lakes Observatory, University of Minnesota Duluth (Advisor: Prof. Sergei Katsev)

- 1. Sediment carbon and nutrient cycling in Lake Superior
- 2. Carbon and nutrient cycling in tropical meromictic Lake Malawi, East Africa

Fieldwork

- Lakes Michigan and Huron, USA, *R/V Blue Heron* (May-Jun. 2019, **Chief Scientist**; Aug. 2019, **Scientist**)
- Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Lake Huron, USA, R/V Blue Heron (Jul-Aug. 2018, Scientist)
- Lake of Woods, Canada (Sep. 2017, Scientist)
- Bay of Quinte, Lake Ontario, Canada (Oct. 2016, Scientist)
- Chesapeake Bay, USA), R/V Kehrin (4 cruises 2014 -2015, Scientist)
- Lake Superior, USA/Canada, R/V Blue Heron (8 cruises 2009- 2012, Student Scientist)
- Lake Malawi, Malawi, R/V Ndunduma (Jan. 2011, Student Scientist)

Technical experiences, training, and courses

- Scanning electron microscope operation training (Hitachi S-5200 SEM), Centre for Nanostructure Imaging, University of Toronto, 03/17/2017
- Isotope ratio mass spectrometer (IRMS Delta V, TCEA, GasBench II) maintenance: Environmental Biogeochemistry Laboratory, University of Delaware, 09/01/14-07/31/2016
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometers equipment training (Bruker AV600, Bruker AV400), NMR laboratory, University of Delaware, 10/13/2015
- X-ray powder diffraction equipment training (Bruker Advance D-8), Materials Characterization Lab, University of Delaware, 8/10/2014
- Practical Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometry course (50 hours), Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Delaware, 9/1/2015- 10/6/2015

Teaching and mentoring

Mentoring:

- Co-advisor: Master student Blandine Barthod at University of Toronto Scarborough, Sep 2017- July 2018
- Co-advisor: undergraduate work-study student Oleksandra Kashun at University of Toronto Scarborough, Sep 2016- Dec 2017
- Advisor: undergraduate volunteer student Dushara Ragavachari at University of Toronto Scarborough, July – Dec 2017

Teaching:

• Guest lecturer: *Limnology (Microbial redox reactions)*, University of Minnesota Duluth, Fall 2018

- Guest lecturer: *Limnology (Nutrient cycling)*, University of Toronto Scarborough, Spring 2018
- Guest lecturer: Current Questions in Mathematics and Sciences (Questions in aquatic sciences), University of Toronto Scarborough, Spring 2017
- Laboratory instructor and teaching assistant: *General Physics II*, Fall 2009; *General Physics I*, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 at University of Minnesota Duluth

Outreach and other professional activities

Outreach activities:

- Science on Deck, Duluth, MN, August, 30, 2019: guiding public tours for research and facilities on *R/V* Blue Heron
- Science on Deck, Duluth, MN, August, 31, 2018: guiding public tours for research and facilities on *R/V* Blue Heron
- Science on Deck at the Discovery World, Milwaukee, WI, August 4, 2018: guiding public tours on *R/V* Blue Heron and talking to public about research on invasive mussels in the Great Lakes
- Agricultural Day, Newark, DE: volunteering at education exhibits about agriculture and natural resources
- Science Friday on *R/V* Blue Heron, Duluth, MN, July 18, 2014: guiding public tours for research and facilities on *R/V* Blue Heron
- Minnesota Regional Science Fair, Duluth, MN, Feb 5, 2011: serving as judge for K-12 student science projects

Manuscript reviewer: Continental Shelf Research, Journal of Coastal Research, Environmental Science & Technology, Geochemica et Cosmochimica Acta, Limnology & Oceanography, PLOS ONE, Journal of Great Lakes Research, Environmental Pollution

Fellowships and awards

- Elsevier Early Career Scientist Most Notable Paper Award (2018), International Association for the Great Lakes Research
- Water Resources Science Program Summer Fellowship (2014), University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
- University of Minnesota Distinguished Master's Thesis Award Nomination (2011) by Water Resources Science Program, University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
- Water Resources Science Block Grant Summer Fellowship (2010), University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
- Physics Summer Research Fellowship (2009), Department of Physics, University of Minnesota Duluth.

Publications

- 1. **Li, J.**, D. Plouchart, A. Zastepa and M. Dittrich. 2019. Picoplankton accumulate and recycle polyphosphate to support high primary productivity in coastal Lake Ontario. *Scientific Reports* 9: 19563
- 2. **Li, J.** and M. Dittrich. 2019. Dynamic polyphosphate metabolism in cyanobacteria responding to phosphorus availability. *Environmental Microbiology* 21: 572-583

3. **Li, J.**, Y. Zhang, and S. Katsev. 2018. Phosphorus recycling in deeply oxygenated sediments in Lake Superior controlled by organic matter mineralization. *Limnology and Oceanography*. 63: 1372-1385

- 4. **Li, J.**, E. T. Brown, S. A. Crowe, and S. Katsev. 2018. Sediment geochemistry and contributions to carbon and nutrient cycling in a deep meromictic tropical lake: Lake Malawi (East Africa). *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. 44: 1221-1234 (2018 Elsevier Early Career Most Notable Paper Award)
- 5. **Li, J.**, P. Reardon, J. P. McKinley, Y. Bai, S. Joshi, K. Bear, and D. P. Jaisi. 2017. Water column particulate matter a key contributor to phosphorus regeneration in coastal eutrophic environments, the Chesapeake Bay. *Journal of Geophysical Research Biogeosciences*. 122: 737-752
- 6. **Li, J.,** Y. Bai, K. Bear, S. Joshi, and D. P. Jaisi. 2017. Phosphorus availability and turnover in the Chesapeake Bay: Insights from nutrient stoichiometry and phosphate oxygen isotope ratios. *Journal of Geophysical Research Biogeosciences*. 122: 811-824
- 7. Fakhraee, M., **J. Li** and S. Katsev. 2017. Significant role of organic sulfur in supporting sedimentary sulfate reduction in low-sulfate environments. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. 213: 502-516
- 8. Katsev S., Verburg P., Lliros M., Minor E., Kruger B., and **Li J.**. 2017. Tropical meromictic lakes: Specifics of meromixis and case studies of Lakes Tanganyika, Malawi, and Matano. In Ecology of Meromictic Lakes, edited by R. Gulati, A. Degermendzhy, and E. Zadereev. Springer.
- 9. Crowe, S. A., A. H. Treusch, M. Forth, **J. Li**, C. Magen, D. E. Canfield, B. Thamdrup, S. Katsev. 2017. Novel anammox bacteria and nitrogen loss from Lake Superior. *Scientific Reports*. 7: 13757
- 10. **Li, J.**, and S. Katsev. 2014. Nitrogen cycling in deeply oxygenated sediments: Results in Lake Superior and implication to marine sediments. *Limnol. Oceanogr.* 59 (2): 465–481
- 11. **Li, J.** S. A. Crowe, D. Miklesh, M. Kistner, D. E. Canfield, and S. Katsev. 2012. Carbon mineralization and oxygen dynamics in sediments with deep oxygen penetration, Lake Superior. *Limnol. Oceanogr.* 57:1634-1650

Presentations

- 1. **Li, J.**, V. Ianaiev, A. Huff, J. Zalusky, T. Ozersky, and S. Katsev. Benthic Shunt: dreissenid mussels now control phosphorus dynamics in Lake Michigan. IAGLR Conference, Brockport, NY, USA, June 10-14, 2019 (Oral)
- 2. **Li, J.**, A. Zastepa, S. Markovic, S. Watson, and M. Dittrich. Seasonal and spatial variability of polyphosphate in the water column of Hamilton Harbour. IAGLR Conference, Scarborough ON, Canada, June 18- 22, 2018 (Oral)
- 3. **Li, J.**, O. Kaskun, and M. Dittrich. Polyphosphate and intracellular Ca-carbonates in cyanobacteria in response to changing phosphorus levels. Geobiology Meeting, Banff AB, Canada. June 11- 14, 2017 (Poster)
- 4. **Li, J.** Keeping up with the literature. Invited speaker for Professional Development Workshop, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Delaware. Feb. 4, 2016
- 5. **Li, J.**, P. Reardon, S. R. Joshi, Y. Bai, K. Bear, N. Dhakal, N. Washton, and D. P. Jaisi. Internal cycling of phosphorus in the Chesapeake Bay: Comparison of P cycling in water and sediment columns. ASA-CSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN, USA. Nov. 15 -18, 2015 (Oral)
- 6. **Li, J.**, P. Reardon, Joshi, S.R., Bai, Y., Bear, K., Washton, N., Jaisi, D.P. Remineralization of organic phosphorus and precipitation of authigenic phosphate in the mid-Chesapeake Bay water column. Geological Society of America Annual meeting, Baltimore MD, USA. Nov 1- 4, 2015 (Oral)
- 7. Li, J. and S. Katsev. Large lakes as analogues for sediment cycling of carbon and nitrogen in

- coastal and deep Ocean. Ocean Science Meeting, Honolulu HI, USA. Feb. 23 28, 2014 (Oral)
- 8. **Li, J.** and S. Katsev. Diagenesis in freshwater vs. marine sediments: The importance of oxygen penetration for the carbon and nitrogen cycles. Gordon Research Conference, Biddeford ME, USA. August 4 9, 2013 (Poster)
- 9. **Li, J.** and S. Katsev. Carbon and nutrient cycling in sediments of Lake Malawi. IAGLR Conference, West Lafayette IN, USA. June 2 -6, 2013 (Oral)
- 10. **Li, J.**, S. A. Crowe, E. T. Brown, M. Dittrich, D. Miklesh and S. Katsev. 2011. Diagenetic mobility of Mn and Fe crusts in organic-poor sediments of Lake Superior. Goldschmidt Conference, Prague, Czech Republic. August 14- 19 (Poster)
- 11. **Li, J.**, S. A. Crowe, D. Miklesh, D. E. Canfield, and S. Katsev. Migrations of sediment redox boundaries as indicators of change in oligotrophic systems, Goldschmidt Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA. June 13- 18, 2010 (Oral)
- 12. **Li, J.,** S. A. Crowe, D. Miklesh, S. Katsev. Nutrient fluxes and temporal and spatial variability in organic poor sediment in Lake Superior. AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco, USA, Dec 14 -18, 2009 (Poster)