

# JL Weissman

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## Positions

### **Full-Time:**

**Assistant Director of Proposal Development**, City College of New York, New York, NY, 2023 - Present

**Assistant Professor of Computational Biology**, Schmid College of Science and Technology, Chapman University, Orange, CA, Spring 2023 (*tenure track, resigned for family reasons*)

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Marine and Environmental Biology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2020 - 2022

Advisor: Jed A. Fuhrman

### **Adjunct Appointments:**

**Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biology**, Division of Science, the City College of New York, New York, NY, 2023 - Present

**Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences**, Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2023 - Present

**Adjunct Instructor of Natural Sciences**, School of Art, The Cooper Union, New York, NY, 2023 - Present

## Education

**Ph.D., Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics** (BEES; Fall 2019), University of Maryland College Park, College Park, MD

*Investigating the Distribution of CRISPR Adaptive Immune Systems Among Prokaryotes*

Advisors: Philip L.F. Johnson & William F. Fagan

**Graduate Certificate, Computation and Mathematics for Biological Networks** (COMBINE; Fall 2019), University of Maryland College Park, College Park, MD

*Network-Based Prediction of Novel CRISPR-Associated Genes in Metagenomes*

**B.A., Mathematics and Biology** (Spring 2015), Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

*Modeling Stochastic Traps*

Advisors: Csilla Szabo & Bruce Robertson

### **Summer Schools:**

EMergent Ecosystem Responses to ChanGE Summer Program, EMERGE, NH, 2022

Microbial Diversity Course, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, 2018

The Search for Selection, NIMBioS, Knoxville, TN, 2018

Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, 2017

Quantitative Laws II, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Italy, 2016

## External Funding

**NSF BRC-BIO (*awarded, declined when left Chapman position*)** (\$442,368),

National Science Foundation, 2023

*Genomic and Metagenomic Maximum Growth Rate Estimation to Understand and Predict the Trajectories of Warming Permafrost Communities*

**Simons Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Marine Microbial Ecology** (\$246,100),

Simons Foundation, 2020-2023

*Drafting an Atlas of Prokaryotic Immune Strategy in the Global Oceans*

## **Publications** (\*corresponding)

### **Preprints/Submitted:**

1. Buchanan P.J., X. Sun, J.L. Weissman, E. Zakem. **Oxygen intrusions sustain aerobic nitrite oxidation in anoxic marine zones.** *bioRxiv*
2. Weissman\* J.L., E.R.O. Dimbo, A.I. Krinos, C. Neely, Y. Yagües, D. Nolin, S. Hou, S. Laperriere, D.A. Caron, B. Tully, H. Alexander, J.A. Fuhrman. **Estimating the maximal growth rates of eukaryotic microbes from cultures and metagenomes via codon usage patterns.** *bioRxiv*
3. Ignacio-Espinoza J.C., S. Laperriere, Y. Yeh, J.L. Weissman, S. Hou, M. Long, J.A. Fuhrman. **Ribosome-linked mRNA-rRNA chimeras reveal active novel virus host associations.** *bioRxiv*
4. Dimbo E.R.O., J.A. Fuhrman, J.L. Weissman\*. **No Relationship between Minimum Doubling Time and Genome Length in Microbial Eukaryotes.** *in revision*
5. Connors E., A. Dutta, R. Trinh, N. Erazo, S. Dasarathy, H. Ducklow, J.L. Weissman, Y. Yeh, O. Schofield, D. Steinberg, J. Fuhrman, J.S. Bowman. **Microbial community structure predicts bacterial production across regions in a random forest regression model.** *in revision*

### **Peer Reviewed:**

1. Gregor R., J. Johnston, L. Shu Yang Coe, T. Evans, D. Forsythe, R. Jones, D. Muratore, B.F. Rodrigues de Oliveira, R. Szabo, Y. Wan, J. Williams, Queer and Trans in Microbiology Consortium, J.L. Weissman\*. 2023. **Building a Queer- and Trans-Inclusive Microbiology Conference.** *in press, mSystems*
2. McDonald M.D., C. Owusu-Ansah, J.B. Ellenbogen, Z.D. Malone, M.P. Ricketts, S. Frolking, J.G. Ernakovich, M. Ibba, S.C. Bagby, J.L. Weissman\*. 2023. **What is Microbial Dormancy?.** *in press, Trends in Microbiology*
3. Fletcher-Hoppe C., Y.C. Yeh, Y. Raut, J.L. Weissman, J.A. Fuhrman. 2023. **Symbiotic diazotrophic UCYN-A strains co-occurred with El Niño, relaxed upwelling, and varied eukaryotes over 10 years off Southern California Bight.** *ISME Communications* 3(1), 63
4. Weissman\* J.L., M. Peras, T.P. Barnum, J.A. Fuhrman. 2022. **Benchmarking community-wide estimates of growth potential from metagenomes using codon usage statistics.** *mSystems* 7(5), e00745-22.
5. Tao J., W. Wang, J.L. Weissman, Y. Zhang, S. Chen, Y. Zhu, C. Zhang, and S. Hou. 2022. **Size-fractionated microbiome observed during an eight-month long sampling in Jiaozhou Bay and the Yellow Sea.** *Scientific Data* 9(1), 1-8.
6. Gleich S.J., J.A. Cram, J.L. Weissman, D.A. Caron. 2022. **NetGAM: Using generalized additive models to improve the predictive power of ecological network analyses constructed using time-series data.** *ISME Communications* 2(1), 23
7. Weissman\* J.L., S. Hou, J.A. Fuhrman. 2021. **Estimating maximal microbial growth rates from cultures, metagenomes, and single cells via codon usage patterns.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118(12), e2016810118.
8. Weissman\* J.L., E.O. Alseth, S. Meaden, E.R. Westra, J.A. Fuhrman. 2021. **Immune Lag Is a Major Cost of Prokaryotic Adaptive Immunity During Viral Outbreaks.** *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* 288, 20211555.
9. Weissman J.L., ..., P.L.F. Johnson, D. Karig, W.F. Fagan, S. Bewick. 2021. **Exploring the functional composition of the human microbiome using a hand-curated microbial trait database.** *BMC Bioinformatics* 22(1), 1471-2105.
10. Tully B.J., J. Buongiorno, ..., L.E. Valentin-Alvarado, J.L. Weissman, BVCN Instructor Consortium. 2021. **The Bioinformatics Virtual Coordination Network: an open-source and interactive learning environment.** *Frontiers in Education* 6, 394.
11. Weissman J.L., A. Stoltzfus, E.R. Westra, P.L.F. Johnson. 2020. **Avoidance of Self During CRISPR Immunization.** *Trends in Microbiology* 28(7), 543-553.
12. Weissman J.L. & P.L.F. Johnson. 2020. **Network-Based Prediction of Novel CRISPR-Associated Genes in Metagenomes.** *mSystems* 5(1), e00752-19.

13. Martí-Carreras J., ..., J.L. Weissman, V. Zalunin, A. Efremov, B. Busby. 2020. **NCBI's Virus Discovery Codeathon: Building the "FIVE" – Federated Index of Viral Experiments API index.** *Viruses* 12(12), 1424.
14. Weissman J.L., W.F. Fagan, P.L.F. Johnson. 2019. **Linking high GC content to the repair of double strand breaks in prokaryotic genomes.** *PLOS Genetics* 15(11), e1008493.
15. Weissman J.L., R. Laljani, W.F. Fagan, P.L.F. Johnson. 2019. **Visualization and prediction of CRISPR incidence in microbial trait-space to identify drivers of antiviral immune strategy.** *The ISME Journal* 13(10), 2589-2602.
16. Bewick S., E. Gurarie, J.L. Weissman, J. Beattie, C. Davati, R. Flint, P. Thielen, F. Breitwieser, D. Karig, W.F. Fagan. 2019. **Trait-Based Analysis of the Human Skin Microbiome.** *Microbiome* 7(1), 101.
17. Weissman J.L., W.F. Fagan, P.L.F. Johnson. 2018. **Selective maintenance of multiple CRISPR arrays across prokaryotes.** *The CRISPR Journal* 1(6), 405-413.
18. Weissman J.L., R. Holmes, R. Barrangou, S. Moineau, W.F. Fagan, B. Levin, P.L.F. Johnson. 2018. **Immune Loss as a Driver of Coexistence During Host-Phage Coevolution.** *The ISME Journal* 12(2), 585-597.

#### Outreach Publications:

1. Weissman J. L., S. Hou, J.A. Fuhrman. **Using DNA to Predict How Fast Bacteria Can Grow.** *Frontiers Young Minds*.
2. Weissman J. L., H.H. Yiu, P.L.F. Johnson. 2019. **What Bacteria Do When They Get Sick.** *Frontiers Young Minds*.

#### Teaching

##### Teaching at City College (Proposal Development),

- Developed and facilitated **Early Career Faculty Writing Club** (F23-S24)
- Developed and taught **Writing an Effective DOE Promoting Inclusive and Equitable Research (PIER) Plan Workshop** (October 24)

##### Teaching at The Cooper Union,

- Developed & taught interdisciplinary non-major course **RS-201-I: Genomes & Society** examining the science and the social implications of genomics (F23)

##### Teaching at Chapman University,

- Redesigned & Taught **BIOL317: General Microbiology** (S23)
- Developed interdisciplinary upper-level elective **BIOL460: Genomes & Society** examining both the science and the social, ethical, and historical context of human genomics research

**Instructor**, Qlife Quantitative Biology Winter School: Quantitative Viral Dynamics Across Scales, Département de Biologie, École normale supérieure, Paris, France, March 2022

**Facilitator**, Marine and Environmental Biology Statistics Reading Group, USC, 2020-2022

**Instructor**, Bioinformatics Virtual Coordination Network, 2020-2021

<https://biovcnet.github.io/>

**Guest Lecturer**, University of Maryland College Park

- BIOL709F: Statistics and Modeling for Biologists, Spring 2018
- BSCI464: Microbial Ecology, Spring 2018
- BSCI405: Population and Evolutionary Genetics, Spring 2017

**Teaching Assistant, Calculus for the Life Sciences**, Department of Biology, University of Maryland College Park, Fall 2015

**Teaching Assistant, Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics (BEAM)**, The Art of Problem Solving Foundation, Cambridge, MA, Summer 2012 and 2015

**Project Head, Bard Math Circle**, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, 2011-2015

## Mentoring

**Faculty Adviser**, *oSTEM at Chapman*, Chapman University, 2023

**Panelist**, *Path of Professorship Workshop*, MIT, 2022

**Panelist**, *Effective Time Management for New Graduate Students (Orientation)*, USC, 2022

**Workshop Organizer**, *Mentoring Undergraduate Researchers: A Practical Guide for Graduate Student Mentors*, University of Maryland College Park, 2019

**Undergraduate Researchers Mentored** (\**coauthor*, †*presented at symposium or conference*)  
*Chapman University*:

Athenna Gonzalez (Spring 2023)

*University of Southern California*:

Edward-Robert Dimbo\* (Winter 2021 - Summer 2022; GGURE)

James Rosas† (Summer 2021; National Summer Undergraduate Research Project, nsurp.org)

Yuniba Yagües\*† (Summer 2020; National Summer Undergraduate Research Project, nsurp.org)

Oscar Escobedo† (Summer 2020; National Summer Undergraduate Research Project, nsurp.org)

*University of Maryland College Park*:

Rohan Laljani\*† (Fall 2017 - Summer 2019)

Vinay Veluvolu† (Summer 2018 - Summer 2019)

Julia Gall† (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019; College Park Scholars)

Cori Butkiewicz (Summer 2017 - Spring 2018)

Nicholas Penn (Spring 2017 - Summer 2017)

## Service

**Member**, Committee on Inclusive Excellence, National Organization of Research Development Professionals, NORDP, 2023-

**Co-Founder**, Working Group on Trans- and Queer-Inclusive Conferences in Microbiology, 2022-2023

**Organizer**, Inclusive Teaching Workshop, Chapman University, 2023

**DEI Taskforce Member**, Schmid College, Chapman University, 2022-2023

**Facilitator**, DEI Journal Club on Ableism in Evolutionary Biology, USC, 2022

**Reviewer**, CAREER Awards, NSF, 2022

**Session Co-Chair**, Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2022

**DEI Committee Member**, Dept. of Marine and Environmental Biology (MEB), USC, 2021-2022

**DEI Subcommittee on Reporting Member**, MEB, USC, 2021-2022

**Judge**, ASM Early Career Flash Talks, October 2021

**Conference Organizing Committee**, Holistic Bioinformatics Approaches Used in Microbiome Research, Bioinformatics Virtual Coordination Network, Summer 2020-Summer 2021

**Facilitator**, Pride Month Workshop on Queering Professionalism, USC, June 2021

**Co-Organizer**, Pride Month Programming for MEB, USC, June 2021

**Poster Judge**, CRISPR 2021 Meeting, June 2021

**Secretary-Treasurer**, BEES Student Taskforce (BEESst), UMD-CP, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

**Co-President**, BEES Student Taskforce (BEESst), UMD-CP, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

**Graduate Mentor**, Biological Sciences Graduate Program, UMD-CP, Fall 2016, 2017

**Journal Reviewer**: ISME J, PNAS, Current Biology, Nature Communications, mSystems, Microbiome, Proceedings B, PLoS Comp Bio, Marine Genomics, npj Biofilms and Microbiomes, BMC Bioinformatics, J Theor Biol

## Community Engagement

**Co-Founder**, Postdoc Outreach Project with LA Public Library, USC, 2020-2022

**Project Mentor**, Terps in Space, 2017, 2018, 2022

**Tutor & Mentor**, Joint Educational Project, USC, Spring 2020

**Lead Organizer**, Frontiers Young Minds Writing Group, USC, Winter-Spring 2020

**Panel Reviewer**, Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) 2016-2019

**Maryland Day Organizer**, Biological Sciences, UMD-CP, 2016-2018  
**Project Leader**, Bard Math Circle, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, 2013-2015  
**Public Talk**, GradTerps Exchange, University of Maryland, Spring 2019  
**Public Talk**, Skype a Scientist, Summer 2020

### **Fellowships and Awards**

COMBINE Network Science Fellowship (\$35,859, UMD/NSF DGE-1632976, 2018)  
Devra Kleiman Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, UMD, 2018)  
GAANN Mathematical Biology Fellowship (\$74,598, UMD/U.S. Department of Education, 2015)  
The Flagship Fellowship (\$50,000, UMD, 2015)  
The Dean's Fellowship (\$10,000, UMD, 2015)  
The Harry J. Carman Scholarship (Bard College, 2014)  
The John Bard Scholarship (Division of Science, Math and Computing, Bard College, 2013)  
George I. Alden Scholar (George I. Alden Trust, 2012)  
The Excellence and Equal Cost Scholarship (Bard College, 2011)  
The Bishop Scholarship (The Bishop Scholarship Foundation, 2011)

### **Invited Talks**

1. Track Hub, American Society for Microbiology, TX, 2023 (Declined)
2. Physics of Life Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA, 2022
3. Department of Biology, California State University Los Angeles, CA, 2022
4. Department of Biology, University of Minnesota Duluth, MN, 2022
5. Simons Collab. on Comp. Biogeochem. Modeling of Marine Ecosystems (CBIOMES), 2021
6. Center for Dark Energy Biosphere Investigations (C-DEBI), 2021
7. Department of Biology, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 2021
8. Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, Rutgers University, NJ, 2021
9. Department of Biology, Chapman University, CA, 2021
10. Department of Biology, Westchester University, PA, 2021
11. Department of Biology, Lake Forest College, IL, 2021
12. Department of Biology, San Diego State University, CA, 2021
13. Computation and Mathematics for Biological Networks (COMBINE), UMD, MD, 2020
14. Department of Marine and Environmental Biology, USC, CA, 2020
15. Environment and Sustainability Institute, University of Exeter, Penryn, UK, 2019
16. Clemson University, Clemson, SC, Dec 2018

### **Conference Presentations (\**poster*, †*talk*)**

#### **Predicting maximal microbial growth rates from genomes and metagenomes for prokaryotes and eukaryotes**

- Marine Microbes, Gordon Research Conference and Seminar, Switzerland, May 2022<sup>†\*</sup>
- Fifth Workshop On Trait-Based Approaches to Ocean Life, Knoxville, TN, January 2022<sup>\*</sup>
- Microbial Ecology & Evolution Virtual (MEEVirtual), online, August 2020<sup>\*</sup>
- CBIOMES Annual Meeting, online, June 2020<sup>\*</sup>

#### **Linking selection for high GC content to repair of double strand breaks in prokaryotic genomes**

- Microbial Population Biology, Gordon Research Conference and Seminar, NH, July 2019<sup>\*</sup>

#### **Ecology Shapes Microbial Immune Strategy: Temperature and Oxygen as Determinants of the Incidence of CRISPR Adaptive Immunity**

- CRISPR Ecology and Evolution, the Royal Society, London, UK, February 2019<sup>\*</sup>
- Microbial Eco-Evolutionary Dynamics, Instituto Gulbenkian De Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal, October 2018<sup>\*</sup>

#### **Is Having more than one CRISPR array adaptive?**

- Microbial Population Biology, Gordon Research Conference and Seminar, NH, July 2017<sup>\*</sup>

#### **Immune Loss as a Driver of Coexistence During Host-Phage Coevolution**

- Evolution in Philadelphia Conference (EPiC), UPenn, April 2017<sup>†</sup>
- Molecular Coevolution Workshop, Princeton Center for Theoretical Science, April 2016<sup>\*</sup>