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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of Systems and Computational Biology

Expected Jan. 2018

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences

Masters of Science in Biomedical Science

January 2015

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences Qualifying exam thesis title: "The Influence of the Gut Microbiome on Xenobiotic Metabolism"

Bachelor of Arts in Biology (Major) and Educational Studies (Minor)

May 2012

Swarthmore College

Research Experience

Ph.D. Candidate in the laboratory of Dr. Libusha Kelly

August 2013 - Present

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dept. of Systems and Computational Bio.

- Coordination, processing and library preparation of RNA and DNA from human fecal samples
- Taxonomic and functional classification of metagenomic datasets
- Network analysis of select enzyme classes to identify core and variable phylogenetic lineages

Post-baccalaureate Research Program in the laboratory of Dr. Ann Stevens

Fall 2012 – July 2013

Virginia Tech, Dept. of Biological Sciences

 Validation of RNA-Seq predicted OpaR Control of Transcription Factors in Vibrio parahaemolyticus through qRT-PCR

Summer Internship at Merck & Co., Research Adviser: Dr. Russell G. Maus

Summer 2010

- Used HPLC and LC-MS to determined the structure of a degradate found in a Merck product
- Designed experiments demonstrating that the degradation reaction was the result of stainless steel interacting with the product.

Summer Internship at Merck & Co., Research Adviser: Dr. Haihong Fan

Summer 2009

Pharmaceutical Analytical Chemistry

- Optimized a method using surface plasmon resonance for a kinetic study of the Argonaute 2 protein-RNA interaction.
- Determined which of many single stranded RNA variations had the best binding ability to the human Ago2 protein.

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Summer Internship at Allozyne (Biotechnology Company), Research

Summer 2008

Adviser: Dr. Marcello Marelli

Identified a site in a GFP-mutant where it is possible to recognize a nonnatural amino acid through mass spectrometry.

Summer Internship at National Institute of Health, Research Adviser: Dr.

Summer 2007

Maribeth V. Eiden

Laboratory of Virology,

Evaluated the pharmacological modulation of cell signaling kinases on viral vector entry

Summer Internship at Temple University School of Medicine, Research

Summer 2006

Adviser: Dr. Hong Wang

Department of Pharmacology

Genotyped CBS mice for hyperhomocysteinemia mouse model

Summer Internship at Temple University School of Medicine, Research

Summer 2005

Adviser: Dr. Nae Dun & Sioke Le Dun

Department of Pharmacology

Use of Immunohisotchemical Techniques to Localize Visfatin in the Central Nervous System of Mice

Teaching Experience

President of the eiSci Science High School Mentoring Program

2013 -present

Bronx, NY

- Founding member of Einstein Science (eiSci) High School Science mentoring program
- Develop and facilitate science curriculum for 9th and 10th grade students
- Formerly clinic/lab coordinator

Student coordinator, mentor and tutor for high school students from

2008-2012

Chester County public school district

Swarthmore, PA

- Developed curriculum to improve reading comprehension, cultural enrichment and college preparation
- Tutoring in math

Peer tutor for Introductory Biology at Swarthmore College

Fall semester of 2011

Swarthmore, PA

Paid peer mentor position for which students apply and must receive faculty support 'seconding' the self nomination

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Scholarship

Publications

- Wallace, B. D., Roberts, A. B., Pollet, R. M., Ingle, J. D., Biernat, K. A., Pellock, S. J., Venkatesh, M.K.,
 Guthrie, L.,... Redinbo, M. R. (2015). Structure and Inhibition of Microbiome β-Glucuronidases
 Essential to the Alleviation of Cancer Drug Toxicity. Chemistry & Biology, 22(9), 1238–49.
- Burke, A. K., Guthrei, L.T. C., Modise, T., Cormier, G., Jensen, R.V., McCarter, L.L., and Stevens, A.M. (2015). OpaR Controls a Network of Downstream Transcription Factors in *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* BB22OP. PLoS ONE, 10(4): e0121863.

Conferences and Presentations

- **Guthrie,L**, Gupta,S, Johanna Daily,J, Kelly,L. The gut microbiome drives individual differences in metabolism of anti-cancer drugs. Poster presentation delivered at the New England Science Symposium in April 2016.
- Guthrie,L, Gupta,S, Johanna Daily,J, Kelly,L. Links between microbial metabolism and variable drug response. Poster presentation delivered at the 115th General Meeting for the American Society of Microbiology in June 2015.
- **Guthrie, LTC,** Kernell, AL, Kruchko, DH, Jensen, RV, McCarter, LL, and Stevens, AM. 2013. Validation of RNA-Seq predicted OpaR Control of Transcription Factors in *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* through qRT-PCR. Poster presentation delivered at the Mid-Atlantic Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting.
- Guthrie, LTC and Marelli, M. 2008. Method for Determining the Efficiency of the Incorporation of Nonnatural Amino Acids at Specific Sites on a Target Protein. Poster presentation delivered at the Systems Institute of Biology Summer Interns Poster Session and Swarthmore College Sigma Xi Poster Session.
- Guthrie, LTC and Eiden, MV. 2006. The Evaluation of Pharmacological Modulation of Cell Signaling Kinases on Viral Vector Entry. Poster presentation delivered at the NIH Summer Poster Day.
- Guthrie, LTC and Wang, H. 2005. Genotyping of CBS mice for hyperhomocysteinemia. Oral and poster presentation delivered at the Minority Trainee Research Forum.

Research Interests

- · Human gut microbiome in health and disease
- Cell signaling
- Microbe-host interactions and symbiosis
- Sociomicrobiology
- Microbial pathogenesis

Technical Skill

- Bioinformatic and network analysis
- Animal Handling Skills (Anesthetizing Rats, Rat Tissue Perfusion, Sectioning Tissue)
- Analytical Chemistry Skills (HPLC, LC-MS)

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• Molecular and Microbiology Skills (DNA Microarray, Protein-RNA interaction analysis using surface plasmon resonance, PCR, Site Directed Mutagenesis, Transformation, Gram-Staining, Western Blotting, Gel Electrophoresis, RT-PCR, PCR, RNA Extraction, Sequencing)

Graduate Coursework

- Strategies for Techniques for Analyzing Microbial Communities (Marine Biological Laboratory)
- Systems Biology Seminar
- Introduction to Systems Biology
- Biochemistry
- Microbes
- Viruses
- Immunology
- Molecular Cell Biology
- Computational Biology of Proteins
- Quantitative Skills for the Biomedical Researches
- Mechanisms of Disease
- Advanced Microbial Genetics (Virginia Tech)
- Life Sciences Biochemistry (Virginia Tech)
- Graduate Seminar: Microbiology (Virginia Tech)