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Research Interests ___

I am a microbiologist with strong computational skills broadly interested in the links between environmental health and public health. My current research focuses on host-microbe interactions in the human small intestine and the role of microbial ecology in diarrheal disease and childhood stunting. I am passionate about understanding the mechanisms underlying environmental enteropathy — a subclinical condition characterized by increased inflammation and permeability of the small intestine — which plays a role in persistent undernutrition and is estimated to impact between 50-90% of children in low- and middle-income countries. I work collaboratively with clinicians, epidemiologists, statisticians, microbiologists, immunologists, and other scientists both locally and globally to answer research questions related to these topics.

Education_

Stanford University Stanford, CA

PHD ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

September 2019

- Thesis Title: Enteric Pathogens: Measurement, Metrics, and Mitigation
- I developed a nano-liter qPCR chip to simultaneously detect 17 enteric pathogens, developed new analytical metrics that incorporate the quantity of individual pathogens into a composite total pathogen quantity score, and evaluated the efficacy of water, sanitation, handwashing, and nutrition interventions at reducing enteric pathogens in 14-month old children in rural Bangladesh.
- Advisors: Dr. Stephen Luby, MD and Dr. Alfred Spormann

Pennsylvania State University

State College, PA

MS Environmental Engineering

May 2011

- Thesis Title: Remediation of high-strength mine impacted water with crab shell substrate mixtures: laboratory column and field pilot tests
- Advisor: Dr. Rachel Brennan

United States Military Academy

West Point, NY June 2001

BS ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Research and Work Experience _____

2019-present	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Stanford University — Primary Mentor: David Relman, MD
2014-2019	Graduate Research Assistant, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University
2012-2013	Global Health Researcher, Innovations for Poverty Action, Dhaka, Bangladesh & Kakamega, Kenya
2011-2012	Graduate Research Assistant, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University
2009-2011	Graduate Research Assistant, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Penn State University
2008-2011	Environmental Project Engineer, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Johnstown, Pennsylvania
2004-2007	Medical Company Commander & Env. Engr. , U.S. Army 10 th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum, NY & Baghdad, Iraq
2001-2004	Public Health Officer, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Landstuhl, Germany

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED & PUBLISHED

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19. **Grembi JA**, Nguyen AT, Riviere M, Heitmann GB, Patil A, Athni TS, Djajadi S, Ercumen A, Lin A, Crider Y, Mertens A, Karim MA, Islam MO, Miah R, Famida SL, Hossen MS, Mutsuddi P, Ali S, Rahman MZ, Hussain Z, Shoab AK, Haque R, Rahman M, Unicomb L, Luby SP, Arnold BF, Bennett A, Benjamin-Chung J. (2024). Influence of hydrometeorological

- risk factors on child diarrhea and enteropathogens in rural Bangladesh. *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*. 18(5): e0012157. doi: 10.1371/journal.pntd.0012157
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- 16. Jung DK*, Tan S*, Hemlock C, Mertens AN, Stewart CP, Rahman MZ, Ali S, Raqib R, Grembi JA, Karim MR, Shahriar S, Roy AK, Bakir S, Shoab AK, Famida SL, Hossen MS, Mutsuddi P, Akther S, Rahman M, Unicomb L, Hester L, Granger DA, Erhardt J, Naved RT, Al Mamun MM, Parvin K, Colford Jr., JM, Fernald, LCH, Luby SP, Dhabhar FS, Lin A. (2023). Micronutrient status during pregnancy is associated with child immune status in rural Bangladesh. Current Developments in Nutrition. 7(8):101969 doi: 10.1016/j.cdnut.2023.101969. PMID: 37560460; PMCID: PMC10407622.
- 15. Shalon D*, Culver RN*, Grembi JA*, Folz J*, Treit P, Shi H, Rosenberger FA, Dethlefsen L, Meng X, Yaffe E, Aranda-Diaz A, Geyer PE, Mueller-Reif JB, Spencer S, Patterson AD, Triadafilopoulos G, Holmes SP, Mann M, Fiehn O, Relman DA, Huang KC. (2023). Profiling of the human intestinal microbiome and bile acids under physiologic conditions using an ingestible sampling device. *Nature*. 617:581–591. doi: 10.1038/s41586-023-05989-7. PMID: 37165188; PMCID: PMC10191855.
- 14. Folz J, Culver R, Morales J, **Grembi JA**, Tridafilopoulos G, Relman D, Huang KC, Shalon D, Fiehn O. (2023). Human metabolome variation along the upper intestinal tract. *Nature Metabolism*. 5:777–788. doi: 10.1038/s42255-023-00777-z. PMID: 37165176; PMCID: PMC10229427.
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- Grembi JA, Rogawski McQuade ET. (2022). Introducing riskCommunicator: An R package to obtain interpretable effect estimates for public health. *PLoS ONE*. 17(7):e0257708. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0265368. PMID: 35849588; PMCID: PMC9292119.
- 11. Flaherty KE, **Grembi JA**, Ramachandran VV, Haque F, Khatun S, Rahman M, Maples S, Becker TK, Spormann AM, Schoolnik GK, Hryckowian AJ, Nelson EJ. (2021). High-throughput low-cost nl-qPCR for enteropathogen detection: A proof-of-concept among hospitalizaed patients in Bangladesh. **PLoS ONE**. 16(10):e0257708. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0257708. PMID: 34597302; PMCID: PMC8486112.
- 10. Lin Y, **Grembi JA**, Goots SS, Sebastian A, Albert I, Brennan RA. (2021). Advantageous microbial community development and improved performance of pilot-scale field systems treating high-risk acid mine drainage with crab shell. **Journal of Hazardous Materials**. 420:126665. doi: 10.1016/j.jhazmat.2021.12666. PMID: 34351284.
- 9. Fuhrmeister ER, Ercumen A, **Grembi JA**, Islam M, Pickering AJ, Nelson KL. (2020). Shared bacterial communities between soil, stored drinking water, and hands in rural Bangladeshi households. *Water Research X*. 9:100056. doi: 10.1016/j.wroa.2020.100056. PMID: 32529181; PMCID: PMC7276488.
- 8. **Grembi JA**, Lin A, Karim Md. A, Islam Md. O, Miah R, Arnold BF, Rogawski McQuade ET, Ali S, Rahman Md. Z, Hussain Z, Shoab AK, Famida SL, Hossen Md. S, Mutsuddi P, Rahman M, Unicomb L, Haque R, Taniuchi M, Liu J, Platts-Mills J, Holmes SP, Stewart CP, Benjamin-Chung J, Colford JM, Houpt E, and Luby SP. (2020). Effect of Water, Sanitation, Handwashing and Nutrition Interventions on Enteropathogens in Children 14 Months Old: A Cluster-Randomized Controlled Trial in Rural Bangladesh. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*. 227(3):434-447. doi: 10.1093/infdis/jiaa549. PMID: 32861214; PMCID: PMC9891429
- 7. Nelson EJ, **Grembi JA**, Chao DL, Andrews JR, Alexandrova L, Rodriguez PH, Ramachandran VV, Sayeed MA, Wamala JF, Debes AK, Sack DA, Hryckowian AJ, Haque F, Khatun S, Rahman M, Chien A, Spormann AM, Schoolnik GK. (2020). Gold Standard Cholera Diagnostics Are Tarnished by Lytic Bacteriophage and Antibiotics. *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*. 58(9):e00412-20. doi: 10.1128/JCM.00412-20. PMID: 32611794; PMCID: PMC7448619.

- Grembi JA, Mayer-Blackwell K, Luby SP, Spormann AM. (2020). High-Throughput Multiparallel Enteropathogen Detection via Nano-Liter qPCR. Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology. 10:351. doi: 10.3389/fcimb.2020.00351. PMID: 32766166; PMCID: PMC7381150.
- 5. **Grembi JA***, Nguyen LH*, Haggerty TD, Gardner CD, Holmes SP, Parsonnet J. (2020). Gut microbiota plasticity is correlated with sustained weight loss on a low-carb or low-fat dietary intervention. *Scientific Reports*. 10:1405. doi: 10.1038/s41598-020-58000-y. PMID: 31996717; PMCID: PMC6989501.
- 4. Lin A, Ali S, Arnold BF, Rahman MZ, Alauddin M, Grembi JA, Mertens AN, Famida SL, Akther S, Hossen MS, Mutsuddi P, Shoab AK, Hussain Z, Rahman M, Unicomb L, Ashraf S, Naser AM, Parvez SM, Ercumen A, Benjamin-Chung J, Haque R, Ahmed T, Hossain MI, Choudhury N, Jannat K, Alauddin ST, Minchala SG, Cekovic R, Hubbard AE, Stewart CP, Dewey KG, Colford JM, Luby SP. (2020). Effects of Water, Sanitation, Handwashing, and Nutritional Interventions on Environmental Enteric Dysfunction in Young Children: A Cluster-randomized, Controlled Trial in Rural Bangladesh. Clinical Infectious Diseases. 70(5):738-747. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciz291. PMID: 30963177.
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- 1. **Grembi JA**, Sick BA, Brennan RA. (2016). Remediation of High-Strength Mine-Impacted Water with Mixed Organic Substrates Containing Crab Shell and Spent Mushroom Compost. *Journal of Environmental Engineering*. 142:04015075. doi: 10.1061/(ASCE)EE.1943-7870.0001023

PRE-PRINTS IN REVIEW

- 4. Nguyen A, Heitmann GB, Mertens A, Ashraf S, Rahman, MZ, Ali S, Raman M, Arnold BF, Grembi JA, Lin A, Ecrumen A, Benjamin-Chung J.Pathways through which water, sanitation, hygiene, and nutrition interventions reduce antibiotic use in young children: a mediation analysis of a cluster-randomized trial. https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.10.13.24315425
- 3. Niven AG, Islam M, Nguyen A, MMertens A, Pickering AJ, Kwong LH, Alam M, Sen D, Islam S, Rahman M, Unicomb L, Hubbard AE, Luby SP, **Grembi JA**, Colford JM, Arnold BF, Benjamin-Chung J, Ercumen A. Rainfall and Temperature Modify Effects of On-Site Sanitation Intervention on E. coli Contamination in Bangladeshi Households. https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.08.22.24312444
- 2. Ercumen, A, Mertens, AN, Butzin-Dozier, Z, Jung, DK, Ali, S, Achando, BS, Rao, G, Hemlock, C, Pickering, AJ, Stewart, CP, Tan, S, **Grembi, JA**, Benjamin-Chung, J, Wolfe, M, Ho, G, Rahman, MZ, Arnold, CD, Dentz, HN, Njenga, SM, Meerkerk, D, Nadimpalli, M, Islam, MA, Hubbard, AE, Null, C, Colford, JM, Arnold, BF, Luby, SP, Rahman, M, Lin, A. Can Drinking Water, Sanitation, Handwashing, and Nutritional Interventions Reduce Antibiotic Use in Young Children? https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.05.10.24307069v1
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SOFTWARE

1. riskCommunicator is an R/CRAN package to estimate interpretable epidemiological effects using parametric g-computation with bootstrap resampling to obtain confidence intervals. [Available on CRAN, >12,900 downloads]

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants_	

2022-2024 NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship (1F32DK130574), NIH, NIDDK	3 years of salary
2022-2024 Grant INV-037857 (Lead Author), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	\$ 2,134,000
2021-2023 Dr. George Rosenkranz Prize , Stanford Health Policy	\$ 100,000
2021-2022 Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University School of Medicine	½ year salary
2018 Seed Grant Award, Stanford Center for Innovations in Global Health	\$ 50,000
2016-2018 Jim and Gaye Pigott Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University	3 years of salary
2016-2017 Grant OPP1161946 (Lead Author), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	\$ 650,000
2015 Microbome Seed Grant, Stanford Microbiome Consortium	\$ 20,000
2014 Seed Grant, Stanford Center for Innovations in Global Health	\$ 25,000
2011-2016 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation	3 years of salary
2011 David A. Long Scholarship, Pennsylvania American Waterworks Association	½ year salary
2010 Scholarship, American Society of Mining and Reclamation	
2010 Poster Presentation Award, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association	
2010 George W. Johnstone Graduate Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University	½ year salary
2009 College of Engineering Recruitment Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University	1 year of salary

- 2004, 2006 Meritorious Service Medal, U.S. Army
- 2003, 2007 Commendation Medal, U.S. Army
 - 2003 Parachutist Badge Distinguished Honor Graduate, U.S. Army
 - 2002 Expert Field Medical Badge, U.S. Army
 - 2000 Air Assault Badge, U.S. Army
- 1998-2001 Superintendent's Award, United States Military Academy

INVITED TALKS

- 10. **Grembi, JA**. Measuring immune markers in small intestine samples collected with the CapScan device. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Microbiome Quarterly Research Symposium. Online. 2024 Sept 03.
- 9. **Grembi, JA**. Bifidobacterium: friend or foe? Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Division of Population Health Research Seminar. Online. 2023 December 14.
- 8. **Grembi, JA**. Profiling of the human intestinal microbiome and bile acids under physiologic conditions using an ingestible sampling device. Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Division of Intramural Research Tenure-Track Investigator Virtual Symposia: Disentangling host-microbe interactions through the analysis of high dimensional multi-omics data. Online. 2023 April 13.
- 7. **Grembi, JA**. Effects of water, sanitation, handwashing (WSH) and nutritional interventions on enteropathogen burden in young children: a cluster-randomized controlled trial in rural Bangladesh. Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds, Stanford, CA. 2019 Feb 21.
- 6. **Grembi, JA**, Mayer-Blackwell, K, Luby, SP, Spormann, AM. High-throughput multi-parallel nL-qPCR SmartChip for the detection of 17 enteric pathogens. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. 2018 Oct 29-31.
- 5. **Grembi, JA**, Mayer-Blackwell, K, Hoy-Schulz, YE, Parsonnet, J, Luby, SP, Spormann, AM. nL-qPCR pathogen chip: A tool for stool. Bay Area WASH Symposium, Berkeley, CA. 2017 Apr 5.
- 4. **Grembi, JA**. Gut microbiota of obese adults: predicting diet success. Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine & Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases Annual Retreat, Stanford, CA. 2016 May 3.
- 3. **Grembi, JA**, Sick, BA, Goots, SS, Lin, S, Brennan, RA. Remediation of high-strength mine impacted water with crab shell substrate mixtures: laboratory column and field pilot tests. National Meeting of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation, Bismarck, ND. 2011 June 1.
- 2. **Grembi, JA**, Sick, BA, Brennan, RA. Utilization of a sustainable resource to remediate high-strength mine-impacted water from a local abandoned mine: Crab-shell column study. American Chemical Society National Meeting, Boston, MA. 2010 Aug 22-26.
- 1. **Grembi, JA**. Evaluation of Alternative Particle Filtration Designs to Reduce RDX Losses in Dewatering Operations. Environment, Energy, and Sustainability Symposium (E2S2), Denver, CO. 2009 May 4-7.

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Teaching Experience _ June 2019 Microbial Ecology using R and Bioconductor, Course Moderator & Teaching Assistant San Francisco, CA Fall 2014 Environmental Microbiology, Graduate Teaching Assistant Stanford, CA Spring 2014 Design for a Sustainable World, Teaching Associate Stanford, CA Winter 2014 Current Topics in Sustainable Engineering, Teaching Associate Stanford, CA Fall 2009 Field Methods for Remediation Design, Graduate Teaching Assistant State College, PA Mentoring_ Summer 2024 Eliza Daigle, Undergraduate, Whitman College Remote Summer 2021 Mira Ramachandran, Undergraduate, University of California, Davis Stanford, CA 2019-2022 Rebecca Christensen, Undergraduate, Stanford University Stanford, CA Summer 2018 Areta Buness, Undergraduate, Stanford University Stanford, CA Summer 2013 Maneet Kaur, Undergraduate, University of California, Berkeley Bangladesh 2010-2011 Sara Goots, Undergraduate, Penn State University State College, PA 2010-2011 Shanxing Lin, Undergraduate, Penn State University State College, PA 2009-2010 Bradley Sick, Undergraduate, Penn State University State College, PA

Service & Professional Development _____

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2022-present Stanford Center for Innovations in Global Health, Postdoctoral Affiliate 2021-present Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute, Member 2016-present American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Member

Fall 2009 Amanda Brown, Undergraduate, Penn State University

2009-present American Society for Microbiology, Member

PEER REVIEW OF MANUSCRIPTS

Clinical Infectious Diseases American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Environmental Microbiology mSystems

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2018-2023 Stanford Military-Affiliated Advisory Committee, Member	Stanford, CA
2016-2023 Synopsys Science Fair, Volunteer Judge	San Jose, CA

State College, PA