Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky, Ph.D. in Biology, 2007
Colorado State University, M.S. in Biology, 2002
Black Hills State University, B.S. in Biology, *cum laude*, 1998

APPOINTMENTS

Professor, University of Kentucky, Department of Biology (2023 - Current)
Associate Professor, University of Kentucky, Department of Biology (2017 - 2023)
Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky, Department of Biology (2011 - 2017)
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Washington Department of Genome Sciences and Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason (2007 - 2011)
Research Assistant, University of Kentucky (2002 - 2007)
Research Fellow, University of Kentucky (2002 - 2003, 2006 - 2007)
Research Assistant, Colorado State University (1999 - 2002)
Teaching Assistant, Colorado State University (1999 - 2001)
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Black Hills State University (1996 - 1999)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

ACTIVE

NIH R35 02/01/19 - 12/31/29 $4,005,775 *
Functional Analysis of Programmed Genome Rearrangement
Goals - The major goals of this project are dissecting the underlying molecular mechanisms of programmed genome rearrangement and the functions of eliminated genes.
Role - PI: 3.57 calendar months of effort per year.
*Funding includes two 5-year grant cycles as Co-PI.

NIH R24 - Voss (PI) 04/01/12 - 02/28/26 $6,083,634 *
Research Resources for Model Amphibians
Goals - The major goals of this project are to support research using the *Ambystoma mexicanum* by developing a genome assembly and epigenomic datasets.

Role - Co-PI with 2.5 calendar months of effort per year *(reduced to 1.79 months effort in 2019-22 to adjust for effort on R35)*. My specific duties include the design and analysis of all genomic and epigenomic studies.
*Funding includes three 4-year grant cycles as Co-I and Co-PI (current cycle) and a supplement that was awarded in the amount of $150,000 in 2015.

COMPLETED AT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

NSF MCB - Smith (PI) 07/15/19 - 06/30/25 $900,000
Reconstructing the Biology of Ancestral Vertebrate Genomes
Goals - The major goals of this project are to characterize the evolution of genome biology and structure, over deep vertebrate ancestry.
Role - PI: 1.0 calendar months of effort per year.

DOD/ARO - Voss (PI) 08/01/17 - 1/31/2024 $443,419
Identification of Regeneration-Specific Enhancers from a Highly Regenerative Amphibian Model
Goals - The major goals of this project are identify enhancers and epigenetic signatures that mediate reprogramming in the context of regeneration.
Role - Co-I with 0.5 calendar months of effort per year.

NIH R01 - Seifert (PI) 03/13/17 - 02/29/21 $1,655,500
Macrophage phenotype orchestrates mammalian tissue regeneration
Goals - The major goals of this project are to identify macrophage subtypes that regulate regeneration and manipulate inflammation to stimulate regeneration in response to injury.
Role - Co-I with 0.24 calendar months of effort per year *(reduced to 0.15 months effort in 2019 to adjust for effort on R35)*. My specific duties include consultation and participation in bioinformatics analyses.

NIH R01 08/23/13 - 08/22/19 $1,414,708
*** Replaced by current R35 ***
Programmed Genome Rearrangement and the Genetics of Somatic Recombination
Goals - The major goals of this project are dissecting the molecular basis of programmed genome rearrangement and testing the hypothesis that deleted genes contribute to cancer or other genomic disease.
Role - PI: 2.0 calendar months of effort per year.

NIH S10 - Morris (PI) 07/01/16 - 06/30/17 $597,054
Equipment Grant for Purchase of a Light Sheet Microscope
Goals – Purchase of a light sheet microscope to enhance ongoing research activities supported by NIH.
Role - Co-I, one of several primary users.

BioNano Genomics Grant Program 04/13/15 - 04/13/16 4 optical maps
Improving the Lamprey Genome Assembly
Goals - The major goals of this project are to improve the assembly of the lamprey genome and understanding of the process of programmed genome rearrangement by generating optical maps from somatic (blood) and germline (sperm) DNA. http://www.bionanogenomics.com/grant/
Role – PI

MBL-UC Collaboration Award 02/20/15 - 02/19/16 $40,000
The Molecular Evolution of a Neuron
Goals - The major goals of this are to sequence individual neurons from zebrafish and lamprey in order to identify transcriptional signatures characteristic of Mauther neurons.

Role - Co-PI: my specific duties included the development of computational approaches to the analysis of transcriptomic datasets and cross-species comparisons. Collaboration with Morgan (Woods Hole Marine Biological) and Hale (University of Chicago) labs.

Department of Defense (ARO: Voss PI) 08/25/11 - 10/31/15 $375,000
Genome Sequencing to Enable a Model Salamander for Tissue Regeneration Research
Goals - The major goals of this project are to support regeneration research by developing genomic sequence information for Ambystoma mexicanum and a draft assembly of chromosome 14.
Role - Co-I with 1.2 calendar months of effort per year. My specific duties include the development of chromosome microdissection techniques and analysis of resulting datasets.

Subaward (from NIH-R24: Amemiya PI) 04/01/12 - 3/31/15 $63,950
Germline sequence resources & analyses in a vertebrate model that undergoes PGR
Goals - The major goal of this project are to generate an annotated draft assembly of the lamprey germline genome via next gen sequencing.
Role – Subcontract with 1.0 calendar months of effort per year. My specific duties included the design of sequencing studies and analysis of resulting datasets.

Bell Fellowship - Woods Hole MBL 07/01/14 - 08/31/14 $25,000*
Defining the conserved molecular pathways underlying successful regeneration after SCI
Goals – development of comparative genomics approaches to identify conserved molecular responses underlying successful regeneration after SCI in lamprey and salamander, utilizing parallel injury models, data collection, molecular manipulations, and data analysis methods.
Role - Co-I, my duties include the development of computational methods for characterizing gene expression and comparing patterns between species.
*Award administrated by MBL and covered travel costs.

Subaward (from NIH-R01: Tsonis PI) 04/01/12 - 05/31/13 $100,000
Development of a genome resources for newt
Goals – Develop a linkage map for the newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens*)
Role – Subcontract: my specific duties include the development of an informative cross, development of methods for genotyping this large genome and analysis of multilocus genotypes. Collaboration with Voss lab.

OTHER COMPLETED GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Fellowship (NIH, F32) (2009 - 2010)
UW Genome Training Grant Postdoctoral Fellowship (NIH, T32-NSRA) (2007-2008)
Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Kentucky (2006)
Graduate Student Support Grant, University of Kentucky (2003)
Travel Support: G. Flora Ribble Enrichment Fund (2002 - 2005)
Graduate Academic Fellowship, University of Kentucky (2002)
Black Hills State University Biology Scholarship (1997)

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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47) Hockman D, Chong-Morrison V, Green SA, Gavriouchkina D, Candido-Ferreira I, Ling ITC, Williams RM, Amemiya CT, ***Smith JJ,*** Bronner ME, Sauka-Spengler T (2019) **A genome-wide assessment of the ancestral neural crest gene regulatory network.** *Nature Communications,***10**: 4689.

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025 - University of Chicago Department of Human Genetics – **Evolution and Function of Programmed DNA Loss in Lamprey and Hagfish.** (Chicago, Il)
2024 - Markey STRONG Scholars Program – **What Can an Ugly Fish Teach Us About Cancer?** (Lexington, Ky)
2024 – Fondation des Treilles Meeting on Programmed DNA elimination – **Evolution and Function of Programmed DNA loss in Cyclostomes**. (Tourtour, France)
2022 – University of Chicago - **Deep Evolutionary Perspectives on Vertebrate Genome Reprogramming**. (Zoom)
2022 – Universidad de Concepción - **Cyclostome Genomes: Changes in Form and Function Over Eons and Across Development.** (Concepcion, Chile)
2022 – Aquatic Models of Human Disease - **Cyclostome Genomes: Changes in Form and Function Over Eons and Across Development.** (Woods Hole, MA)
2022 – Colombian Science Day (Seminar in memory of Jean Paul Delgado Charris) - **Salamander Genome Evolution and Genome Assemblies: moving toward new models.** (Zoom: hosted by Universidad de Antioquia)
2022 – Kentucky Forensic Laboratory System Central Laboratory - **Modern Developments in DNA Sequencing Technologies.** (Frankfort, KY)
2021 – University of Kentucky Physiology Department - **Deep Evolutionary Perspectives on Vertebrate Genome Reprogramming.** (Lexington, KY)
2021 – Meldale College - **Deep Evolutionary Perspectives on Vertebrate Genome Reprogramming** (Zoom)
2020 - University of Illinois PEEC - **Deep Evolutionary Perspectives on Vertebrate Genome Reprogramming** (Zoom)
2020 - SMBE 2020 virtual symposium on germline / soma distinctions – **Programmed Genome Rearrangement in Lamprey** (Zoom)
2019 - University of Manitoba, International Lamprey Genomics Workshop - **Current and emerging genomic resources for various lamprey species** (Winnipeg, Canada)
2019 - University of California Merced - **The sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*): Genome reprogramming over eons and embryogenesis** (Merced, CA)
2019 - Carnegie Institute for Embryology - **The sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*): Genome reprogramming over eons and embryogenesis.** (Baltimore, MD)
2019 - François Jacob Conference: Evolution, Structure and Function of Chromosomes High Order Structure - **Evolution of Vertebrate Genome Biology: Eons and Embryogenesis.** (Paris, France)
2019 - Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle - **Lessons from extreme vertebrate genomes: Big (axolotl) and ugly (lamprey).** (Paris, France)
2018 - Purdue University - **The sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*): Genome reprogramming over eons and embryogenesis** (West Lafayette, IN)
2018 - Aquatic Models of Human Disease - **The sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*): Genome reprogramming over eons and embryogenesis** (Woods Hole, MA)
2018 - NIGMS Director's Early-Career Investigator Lecture - **Ancient Bloodsuckers, Disposable Genes, and What It All Means [**https://www.nigms.nih.gov/News/meetings/Pages/2018-NIGMS-Directors-Early-Career-Investigator-Lecture.aspx or https://videocast.nih.gov/summary.asp?live=27347&bhcp=1] (Bethesda, MD).
2017 - Pennsylvania State University - **Evolution of Vertebrate Genome Biology: Eons and Embryogenesis** (State College, PA)
2017 - University of Louisville - **A Deep Evolutionary Perspective on Genome Reprogramming and Stability** (Louisville, KY)

2016 - University of New Hampshire - **Evolution Vertebrate Genome Biology: Eons and Embryogenesis** (Durham, NH)
2016 - Stowers Institute Genome Assembly Technology Group - **A Deep Evolutionary Perspective on Vertebrate Genome Biology** (Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas City, MO)
2016 - American Museum of Natural History - **Evolution Vertebrate Genome Biology: Eons and Embryogenesis** (New York, NY)
2015 - Cellular and Structural Biology Postgraduate Programme - **The Biology of Ancestral Vertebrate Genomes** (Instituto de Biologia, UNICAMP, Brazil)
2015 - 4th Brazilian Meeting of Cytogenetics - **Evolution of Genome Structure in the Vertebrate Lineage** (Atibaia, Brazil)
2015 - Genome 10K Conference - **Evolution of Genome Structure in the Vertebrate Lineage** (Santa Cruz, CA)
2015 - Department of Molecular and Cell Biology Departmental Seminar Series - **Large-Scale Genomic Change on Developmental and Geological Timescales** (University of Connecticut, Storrs)
2014 - Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution - **Evolution of Genome Structure in the Vertebrate Lineage.** (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
2014 - Departmental Seminar Series - **Large-Scale Genomic Change on Developmental and Geological Timescales** (HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, Huntsville)
2014 - Evolution and Development Seminar - **Evolution of Genome Structure in the Vertebrate Lineage.** (University of Colorado, Boulder)
2014 - Cell Biology, Stem Cells and Development Program Seminar Series - **Large-Scale Genomic Change on Developmental and Geological Timescales** (University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver)
2014 - UVA Biochemistry And Molecular Genetics Department Seminar Series - **Large-Scale Genomic Change on Developmental and Geological Timescales** (University of Virginia, Charlottesville)
2013 - Departmental of Veterinary Sciences Seminar Series - **Changes in Genome Structure Over Evolutionary and Developmental Time: Lessons from the Lamprey Genome.** (University of Kentucky)
2013 - University Seminar Series - **Lessons from the Lamprey Genome: Origin and Evolution of Large-Scale Change.** (University of Nebraska, Kearney)
2013 - Science Pub - **Why Should We Care About the Genome of an Ugly Fish?** (University of Nebraska, Kearney)
2013 - MATH and PIZZA - **Lessons from the Lamprey Genome: Origin and Evolution of Large-Scale Change.** (University of Kentucky)
2013 - Stowers Institute Seminar Series - **Origin and Evolution of Large-Scale Genomic Change.** (Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas City, MO)
2013 - 24th CDB Meeting: Genomics and Epigenomics with Deep Sequencing - **Lessons from the Lamprey Genome: Origin and Evolution of Large-Scale Change.** (Kobe, Japan)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Programmed Genome Rearrangements and the Genetic Consequences of Pluripotency.** (San Diego, CA)
2013 - NSF EPSCoR Bioinformatics Workshop - **Evolution of Recombination and Genome Structure.** (Little Rock, AR)
2011 - North American Society for Comparative Endocrinology - **Co-Chair NASCE 2011 Workshop: Genomic tools and applications in comparative endocrinology: Development and analysis of lamprey genome assembly: challenges and insights.** (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI)
2010 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Tight Regulation of Large-Scale Somatic Rearrangement in a Vertebrate Genome.** (San Diego, CA)
2010 - University of Kentucky - **Vertebrate Genome Rearrangement and Developmentally Regulated Gene Loss.** (Lexington, KY)
2008 - Black Hills State University - **Deep Evolutionary Perspectives on the Structure of Vertebrate Genomes.** (Spearfish, SD)

2006 - Centre College - **Gene Order Data from a Model Amphibian (*Ambystoma*): New Perspectives on Vertebrate Genome Structure and Evolution.** (Danville, KY)

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

2025 - Vertebrate Genomes Project Meeting – **Dissecting functional elements in giant genomes using the first generation of high-quality salamander assemblies.** (Rockefeller University, NY).
2017 - Latin American Society for Developmental Biology - **Developmentally Programmed Rearrangement of the Lamprey Genome** (Medellin, Colombia)
2016 - Lamprey Immunity Conference 2016 - **Genome Rearrangements Over Evolution and Development** (Liaoning Normal University, Dalian, China)
2014 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **A Fishy Tale of Two Sequenced Vertebrate Genomes: Lamprey and Coelacanth.** (San Diego, CA)
2012 - The Biology of Genomes - **Programmed gene deletions segregate pluripotent germline cell lineages in a vertebrate.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories, NY)
2011 - Stem Cell Biology - **Involvement of programmed genome rearrangements in lineage sorting of pluripotency functions in a basal vertebrate** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories, NY) (J. Smith first Author, presented by C. T. Amemiya)
2010 - Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology - **Tight Regulation of Large-Scale Genome Rearrangement: The Sea Lamprey (*Petromyzom marinus*).** (Seattle, WA)
2009 - Fifth International Symposium on Vertebrate Sex Determination - **The Salamander (Ambystoma mexicanum): Perspectives on Very Old and Very Young Sex Chromosomes.** (Kona, HI)
2005 - Evolution Meeting - **Evolution of Vertebrate Genomes: Perspectives from Tiger Salamander.** (Fort Collins, CO)
2004 - Evolution Meeting - **Comparative Genetics of Amphibian Metamorphosis: *Ambystoma tigrinum* Species Compl (ex.** (Fairbanks, AK)

POPULAR PRESS INTERVIEWS (recent highlights)

2021 - **The curious case of the shrinking genome** (Knowable Magazine)

2021 - **Sandworm/Lamprey evolution** (NOVA)

2021 - **The axolotl: critically threatened in Mexico, but a popular pet in China** (*Diálogo Chino*)

2021 - **Model Organism: Axolotl** (99% Invisible: episode 457)

2021 - **Axolotls Can Teach Us How to Regenerate Like Pokemon** (SYFY WIRE)

2021 - **Complete Axolotl Genome Could Pave the Way Toward Human Tissue Regeneration** (Gizmodo)

2021 - **A Bloodsucking Fish May Not Be the Vertebrate Ancestor We Thought** (Gizmodo)

2019 - **The axolotl** (Sirius Radio: BYU Radio - Small Wonders)

2019 - **New Genome Sheds Light on the Axolotl, a Master of Regeneration** (Discover Magazine)

2019 - **Seeking Superpowers in the axolotl Genome** (New York Times)

2019 – **Could Salamanders at UK Hold the Key to Limb Regeneration** (WKYT)

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

2025 – The Biology of Genomes - **Evolutionary Insights from Core and Germline-Specific Chromosomes of Lamprey and Hagfish Genomes.** (Vertebrate Genomes Project Meeting, Rockefeller University, NY)
2025 – The Biology of Genomes - **Evolutionary Insights from Germline-Specific Chromosomes of Lamprey and Hagfish Genomes.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2025 – The Biology of Genomes - **Dissecting functional elements in giant genomes using the first generation of high-quality salamander assemblies.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2023 – Society for Developmental Biology - **Programmed DNA Loss and Genome Evolution in Cyclostomes** (Chicago, Il)
2023 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Programmed DNA Loss in Lampreys and Hagfish** (San Diego, CA)
2023 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Chemical Screening to Probe Mechanisms of Programmed DNA Loss in Sea Lamprey** (San Diego, CA)
2022 - Aquatic Models of Human Disease - **Cyclostome Genomes: Changes in Form and Function Over Eons and Across Development.** (Woods Hole, MA)
2022 - Epigenetics & Chromatin - **Lamprey and Lightsheet: A New Perspective on Programmed DNA Loss in Sea Lamprey.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2022 - Epigenetics & Chromatin - **Dissecting mechanisms underlying programmed DNA elimination in lamprey.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2019 - Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students - **Developmental Atlas to Characterize the Advancement of Programmed Genome Rearrangement in Lampreys.** (Anaheim, California)
2019 - Salamander Models in Cross-Disciplinary Biological Research - **Analysis of global DNA methylation reveals a changing CpG methylation landscape during axolotl embryo tail regeneration.** (Boston, MA).
2019 - Society for Developmental Biology 79th Annual Meeting - **Understanding the role of Polycomb-group Proteins during Programmed Genome Rearrangement in Sea Lamprey.** (Boston, MA).
2019 - The Biology of Genomes - **Genome reprogramming over eons and embryogenesis—Lessons from the sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus).** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2019 - The Biology of Genomes - **Improving and using a chromosome-scale assembly of the enormous (32 Gb) axolotl genome.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2019 - The Biology of Genomes - **Functional characterization of programmatically eliminated genes in the sea lamprey.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2019 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Understanding the role of Polycomb-group proteins during Programmed Genome Rearrangement in sea lamprey.** (San Diego, CA)
2019 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Landscape of Repetitive Elements in Somatically Excluded Chromosomes of the Sea Lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*).** (San Diego, CA)
2018 - Population, Evolutionary and Quantitative Genetics Conference - **Functional parallels between programmed DNA loss in sea lamprey and Polycomb-mediated silencing.** (Madison, Wisconsin)
2018 - Population, Evolutionary and Quantitative Genetics Conference - **Integrative Cytogenetics of the Sea Lamprey Chromosome Elimination.** (Madison, Wisconsin)

2018 - Population, Evolutionary and Quantitative Genetics Conference - **Comparative genomic analysis of programmed DNA elimination in lamprey.** (Madison, Wisconsin)
2017 - International Society of Developmental Biology - **A Deep Evolutionary Perspective on Vertebrate Genome Biology.** (Singapore, Singapore)
2016 - The Biology of Genomes - **A Deep Evolutionary Perspective on Vertebrate Genome Biology.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2016 - The Biology of Genomes - **Understanding the Sea Lamprey Transcriptome During Programmed Genome Rearrangement.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2016 - The Biology of Genomes - **Epigenetic, Cytogenetic and Cellular Aspects of Programmed DNA Elimination in Vertebrate Sea Lamprey (Petromyzon marinus).** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2016 - The Biology of Genomes - **Characterization of a Large Vertebrate Genome and Sex Chromosomes Using Shotgun and Laser-Capture Chromosome Sequencing.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2016 - Advances in Genome Biology and Technology - **The Lamprey Genome: Deep Insights, Deep Challenges** (Orlando, Florida)
2014 - The Biology of Genomes - **The Sea Lamprey Meiotic Map Resolves Ancient Vertebrate Genome Duplications.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Laser Capture Microdissection and Whole Chromosome Amplification for Sequencing Large Genomes.** (San Diego, CA)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Small RNAs and Programmed Genome Rearrangement.** (San Diego, CA)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Analysis of Pluripotency Genes in Spinal Cord Regeneration of the Sea Lamprey (Petromyzon marinus).** (San Diego, CA)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Genomic Characterization of the Germline Marker vasa in a Species that Undergoes Programmed Genome Rearrangement.** (San Diego, CA)
2013 - The Biology of Genomes - **Timing and outcome of the last pan-vertebrate genome duplication.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories, NY)
2013 - NSF EPSCoR Bioinformatics Workshop - **Genome Sequencing Projects at the University of Kentucky.** (Little Rock, AR)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Programmed Genome Rearrangements and the Genetic Consequences of Pluripotency.** (San Diego, CA)
2013 - Plant and Animal Genomes Conference - **Construction of a Comprehensive Linkage Map in the Sea Lamprey, Petromyzon marinus.** (San Diego, CA)
2011 - Keystone Symposium on Evolutionary Developmental Biology - **Tight Regulation of Large-Scale Somatic Rearrangement in a Basal Vertebrate Genome.** (Tahoe City, CA)
2010 - The Biology of Genomes - **Tight Regulation of Large-Scale Somatic Rearrangement in a Basal Vertebrate Genome.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories, NY)
2009 - The Biology of Genomes - **Megabase-Scale Rearrangements are Tightly Regulated in a Basal Vertebrate Genome.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories, NY)
2008 - The Biology of Genomes - **Developmentally Regulated Rearrangement of the Lamprey Genome.** (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories, NY)
2002 - Microevolution of Developmental Processes - **Comparative EST Analysis of Regeneration: Axolotl Limb vs. Zebrafish Fin.** (Indiana University, IN)
2000 - Evolution Meeting - **Conserved Chromosomal Segments in the Large Salamander Genome.** (Knoxville, TN)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

MENTORING

University of Kentucky (2011-): Postdoctoral Fellows: Zachary Root**,** Vladimir Timoshevskiy, Nataliya Timoshevskaya, Girish Babu (2013 visiting Scholar from Indian Central Institute of Fisheries Education)**. Graduate Students:** Cleverson de Sousa Lima (current), Kaan Eşkut (current), Kasturi Rajandran (Graduated MS, 2025), Cody Saraceno (Graduated Ph.D. 2023), Kara Jones (Graduated Ph.D. 2023), Varun Dwaraka (co-advised: Graduated Ph.D. 2021), Charles Cassone (Graduated MS, 2021), Melissa Keinath (Graduated Ph.D., 2017), Kaleb Pretto Gatto (visiting student from Brazil), Stephanie Bryant (Graduated MS, 2016), Kalen Wright (Graduated MS, 2016), Lisa Taylor (left lab due to illness), Joseph Herdy (Graduated MS, 2014). **Undergraduates:** Hannah Rains, Nathan Duong, Ben Ziegelmeyer, Alexander Stewart, Stewart Tackett, Claire Scott, Rachel Farmer, Lauren Baur, Hunter Maxwell, Hannah Newberry, Myles Gibson, Brittany Wilkinson, Sarah Whelan, Kalen Wright, Zach Fortenberry, Morgan Siever, Aum Patel, Mackenzie Samson, Amber Hale, William Osborne, Patrick Osterhaus, Gena Wilson, Taylor Stuart, Kyj Mandzy, Jacob Drescher, Matthew Lohr, Rebecca Radcliffe. **High School Trainees**: Sarianna Denegri-Dittoe, Claire Dacey, Samantha Miculinich.

University of Washington & Benaroya Research Institute (2007-2011): Graduate Students: Anne Lyons. **Undergraduate Students:** Nicholas Noll**,** David German, Jeff Johnson. **Secondary School Students** Lauren Lewis – Internship through the Physician Scientist Training Program.

University of Kentucky (2002-2007): Undergraduates: D. Kevin Kump - four coauthored publications**,** Jonathan Hobbs**,** Shawn Mulberry**,** Brittany Dixon**. Secondary School Students:** Ryan Will – 1st Place, Central Kentucky Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Biochemistry Division 2007.

Colorado State University (1999-2002): Undergraduates: Nicholas J Maness - one coauthored publication, David C. King - one coauthored publication, Rebecca Hart - one coauthored publication.

AWARDS

2018 - NIGMS Director's Early-Career Investigator Lecture

2020 - University of Kentucky Excellent Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

TEACHING

Bioinformatics (Bio 520): Fall 2012-19, Spring 2020-22 (*developed this course*)
Undergraduate Seminar (Bio 425): Spring 2012, 2016, 2018, Fall 2019, 2020
Graduate Student Seminar (Bio 770): Spring 2013, 2014, 2017
Special Topics in Molecular and Cellular Genetics (Bio 601): Spring 2018, 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, 2022

SERVICE

2020 - current - ***Genome Research*** Editorial Board
2020 - Guest Editor for Special Issue on Chordate Genomics for ***Development***

Reviewer for: *Nature, Nature Genetics, Nature Communications, PLOS One, eLife, Current Biology, Genome Research, Evolution, Developmental Biology, GIGA, PEERJ, Briefings in Bioinformatics, Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Heredity, Genetica, Journal of Experimental Zoology, BMC Research Notes…*

Grant Reviews:

Panel Member

NIH Review Panel ZRG1 MGG-T	(2025)
NIH BRAIN U01 Armamentarium	(2024)
NICHD Dev. Biology and Reprod. SEP	(2024)
NIH Review Panel ZRG1-GVE	(2020)

ad hoc

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation	(2025)
NIH Developmental Biology - conflicted out	(2023)
NERC Pushing Frontiers Grant	(2020)
NSF	(2020)
Great Lakes Fisheries Commission Grant	(2019)
NSF CAREER ad hoc reviews	(2017, 2018)
South Africa National Research Foundation	(2018)
Great Lakes Fisheries Commission Grants	(2017)
Austrian Science Fund (FWF)	(2017)
French National Research Agency	(2016)

International Outreach:

2022 - Meeting with Māori whānau representatives to discuss the importance of lamprey genomics and the use of data from their lamprey species (Zoom).
2017 - Lead Instructor, Short Course in Bioinformatics for Non-Model Species. (University of Antioquia, Medellin, Columbia).
2015 - Guest lecture on genome evolution (Instituto de Biologia, UNICAMP, Brazil).
2013 - Presentation to visiting from Xi'an Goaxin No.1 High School in (China).
2012 - Co-taught Short Course in Bioinformatics for Next-generation Sequencing. (University of Antioquia, Medellin, Columbia).

Local Recruitment & Outreach:

2023 - Presentation to URM students through Markey STRONG Scholars Program
2022 - Presented a lecture on the development of modern sequencing technologies to the Kentucky Forensic Laboratory System Central Laboratory.
2020 - Judge for Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair (Zoom)
2016 - Developed and managed a booth that encouraged local primary and secondary students to examine chromosomes from diverse vertebrate taxa (T.H. Morgan BioBonanza).
2012-18 - Research presentations to visiting KBRIN scholars (Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network).
2014 - Presentation to visiting NCUR scholars (National Council on Undergraduate Research).
2014 - Reviewer for internal grant applications (Spring Research Support Grant Review Committee).
2013 - Presentation to visiting students from Henry County Middle School.
2012 - Participated in College of Arts and Sciences Open House for student recruitment.
2009 - Type 1 Diabetes Open House, Benaroya Research Institute, Seattle, WA.
2008 - Co-Organizer: Genome Training Grant Symposium, Department of Genome Sciences, University of Washington.
2004 - Science fair at Morton Middle School, Lexington, KY.

Local Service:

2023 - current - IACUC committee
Current – Biology Executive Committee
2024 - 2025 - Five-Year Hiring Plan Development Committee
2022 - University Misconduct Investigation Committee (chair of one confidential investigation)
2022 - Dual Hire Faculty Search Committee

2019-22 - Undergraduate Academic Advisor (~30 advisees per year)
2012-22 - Thomas Hunt Morgan Committee
2012-22 - Computational Support: Provided access to lab's internal computational resources for research (Biology, College of Medicine and collaborators in Colombia and Brazil) and for the Bio520 course to enable deep data analyses that are not feasible on the University's high-performance computing cluster.
2012-22 - Consultation: On several sequencing projects being performed by Voss, Linnen, McLetchie, OHara, Seifert, Harrison, Famulski and other labs.
2020 - Interim Chair of Seminar Committee (during Zoompocalypse 2020)
2014-19 - Center for Computational Sciences (CCS) Faculty Advisory Committee
2018-20 - Presidential Graduate Fellowship Proposal Review Committee
2018-19 - Five-Year Hiring Plan Development Committee
2019 - Biology Seminar Committee
2019-22 - Faculty Merit Review Committee
2014-18 - A&S Dean's Research/Scholarship Advisory Committee
2018 - Cell Biologist Search Committee
2012-13,16-17 - Graduate Affairs Committee
2016 - T.H. Morgan Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee
2015 - Cell Biologist Search Committee
2015,2019-2022 - Executive Committee
2014-15 - Research Support Grant Proposal Review Committee
2012-14 - Genetics Minor Committee
2013-14 - Developmental Biologist Search Committee
2012 - Cluster Hire Development Committee