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APPOINTMENTS

- Jan. 2014–Present **Assistant Professor of Microbial Ecology**
Department of Biology, East Carolina University
- Dec. 2014–Present **Visiting Research Assistant Professor**
Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University
- Jan. 2013–Nov. 2014 **Visiting Research Associate**
Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University
- Dec. 2012–Dec. 2013 **National Institute of Food and Agriculture Postdoctoral Fellow**
Department of Biology, Indiana University, Mentor: Jay T. Lennon
- Dec. 2011–Nov. 2012 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Kellogg Biol. Station, Michigan State Univ., Advisors: Sieglinde S. Snapp & Jay T. Lennon

EDUCATION

- November 2011 **Ph.D. in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Advisor: Angela D. Kent
- July 2006 **M.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Advisor: Michelle M. Wander
- May 2003 **B.S. in Honors Biology and Chemistry, Distinction and Honors in Biology**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Advisor: Martha U. Gillette

PUBLICATIONS (*undergraduate co-author, §graduate student co-author)

- 2018 Peralta, A.L., Y. Sun, M.D. McDaniel and J.T. Lennon (2018) Crop rotational diversity increases disease suppressive capacity of soil microbiomes. *Ecosphere*. In press.
McCoy, K.A. and A.L. Peralta (2018) Pesticides could alter amphibian skin microbiomes and the effects of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*. Special Issue: Ecology of Amphibian-Microbial Symbioses. *Frontiers in Microbiology*. 9:748.
- 2017 Peralta, A.L., M.E. Muscarella, and J.W. Matthews (2017) Wetland management strategies lead to tradeoffs in ecological structure and function. *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*. 5:74. <http://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.253>
- 2016 Peralta, A.L., E.R. Johnston*, J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2016) Abiotic correlates of microbial community structure and nitrogen cycling functions vary within wetlands. *Freshwater Science*. 35(2):573–588.
- 2014 Peralta, A.L., D. Stuart, A.D. Kent, and J.T. Lennon (2014) A social-ecological framework for ‘micromanaging’ microbial services. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*. 12(9):524–531. *featured on cover
Peralta, A.L., S. Ludmer*, J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2014) Bacterial community response to changes in soil redox potential along a moisture gradient in restored wetlands. *Ecological Engineering* 73:246-253.
Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2014) Habitat specialization along a wetland moisture gradient differs between ammonia oxidizing and denitrifying microorganisms. *Microbial Ecology* 68:339-350.
- 2013 Peralta, A.L., S. Ludmer*, and A.D. Kent (2013) Hydrologic history constrains microbial community composition and nitrogen cycling under experimental drying/wetting treatments. *Soil Biology & Biochemistry* 66:29-37.

2012 Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, D.N. Flanagan, and A.D. Kent (2012) Environmental factors at dissimilar spatial scales influence plant and microbial communities in restored wetlands. *Wetlands* 32:1125-1134.

2010 Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2010) Microbial community structure and denitrification in a wetland mitigation bank. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 76:4207-4215.

Matthews, J. W., A.L. Peralta, P. Baldwin*, A. Soni*, A.D. Kent, and A.G. Endress (2009) Local and landscape correlates of non-native species invasion in restored wetlands. *Ecography* 32:1031-1039.

2009 Matthews, J. W., A.L. Peralta, D.N. Flanagan, P. Baldwin*, A. Soni*, A.D. Kent, and A.G. Endress (2009) Relative influence of landscape versus local factors on plant community assembly in restored wetlands. *Ecological Applications* 19:2108-2123.

2008 Peralta, A.L. and M.M. Wander (2008) Soil organic matter dynamics under soybean exposed to elevated [CO₂]. *Plant and Soil* 303:69-81.

BOOK CHAPTER

2012 Burton, J.L., M. Drigo, Y. Li, A. Peralta, J. Salzer, K. Varala, B. Hannon, and J.D. Westervelt (2012) A model of evaluating hunting and contraception as feral hog population control methods. In *Ecologist-Developed Spatially Explicit Dynamic Landscape Models*. Editors J.D. Westervelt and G.L. Cohen. Springer, New York.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018-2021 North Carolina DENR DEQ. "Reducing Non Point Sources of Pollution and Improving Water Quality in the Lick Creek Watershed." Co-PI (\$143,050)

2017-2018 North Carolina Ocean Energy Program. "An integrative environmental and ecological assessment of the Gulf Stream current environment of the coast of Cape Hatteras, NC. Co-PI (\$181,108)

2017-2020 US Environmental Protection Agency, Science to Achieve Results Program-Integrating Human Health and Well-Being with Ecosystem Services. "Community-level Management of Human Health Risks from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) with Defensive Natural Capital Investments," Co-PI (\$399,226)

2016-2018 Water Resources Research Initiative – North Carolina Sea Grant. "Managing Nitrogen Removal Capacity in a Stormwater Wetland." Sponsor for Graduate Student Fellowship R. Bledsoe (\$9,966)

2016-2019 North Carolina DENR, Department of Marine Fisheries Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses "Linking Water Quality, Food Quality, and Larval Fish Condition to Determine Strategic Habitat Area Quality." PI (\$161,877)

2016-2019 NC Dept. of Justice Environmental Enhancement Fund. "The Effects of Stormwater Control Measures on Town Creek: Quantifying Water Quality Improvements and Stormwater Reduction in an Impaired Urban Watershed," Co-PI (\$110,209)

2015-2017 The Nature Conservancy. "Greenhouse Gas Monitoring in Restored Pocosin Wetlands." Co-PI (\$88,363)

2015 ECU Center for Sustainability Interdisciplinary Summer Research Award. "Getting the 'N' out of Stormwater: Harnessing Microorganisms for Sustaining Water Quality and Development," Co-PI (\$11,451)

2012-2015 National Institute of Food and Agriculture Postdoctoral Fellowship. "Land use legacies in soils: Effects of Crop Diversity on Plant-Soil-Microbial Interactions," PI (\$125,991)

2008, 2011 Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Graduate Summer Travel Grant

2004, 2008-2011 University of Illinois Graduate College Travel Grant

2008-2010 Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biol. Summer Research Grant

2009-2011 Illinois Water Resources Center Research Assistantship

2007-2008 Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Research Assistantship

2002 Pfizer Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
2001-2002 Colgate-Palmolive Undergraduate Research Fellowship

AWARDS (faculty)

2018 East Carolina University 2017-2018 Scholar-Teacher Award
2017 East Carolina University Coastal Maritime Council Coastal Scholar Award

AWARDS (student)

2010 John G. and Evelyn Hartman Heiligenstein Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
2008 Student Presentation Awards for poster presentation: 12th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Cairns, Australia
Illinois State Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Champaign, IL
2002, 2003, 2004*, 2005*, 2008* List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (semesters followed by * indicate instructor ratings were outstanding)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 Wetlands Ecology and Management, Instructor, Dept. of Biology, East Carolina Univ.
ECU Bioinformatics Workshop, Guest Instructor, Dept. of Biology, East Carolina Univ.
2015-present (alt. yrs.) Microbial Ecology, Instructor, Dept. of Biology, East Carolina University (spring)
2014-present Microbiology, Instructor, Dept. of Biology, East Carolina University (fall)
2009 Honors Ecology and Evolution, Teaching Assistant, School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois
2008 Ecology, Teaching Assistant, School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois
2004-2005 Introductory Soils Laboratory, Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois
2002-2003 Accelerated Chemistry Laboratory I & II, Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Illinois

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2018 Peralta, A.L. (2018) University of Kansas, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Seminar. "Microbiomes in coupled natural and human systems." February 5, 2018.
2017 Peralta, A.L. and M.E. Muscarella (2017) Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting. "How can we manage microbial functions to restore ecosystem services in human-dominated landscapes?" Organized Oral Session: "Integrating Functional and Phylogenetic Diversity to Understand the Delivery of Ecosystem Services" Aug. 9, 2017.
Peralta, A.L. (2017) Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting. "It's time to get out of our microbial silos." Ignite Session: "Integrating Microbial Silos to Enhance Ecosystem Services" Aug. 8, 2017
Peralta, A.L. (2017) East Carolina University, Coastal Water Resources Center Seminar Series. Managing microbiomes to enhance water quality. March 29, 2017.
2016 Peralta, A.L. (2016) Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Seminar Series. Managing microbiomes to enhance and restore ecosystem services. Oct. 27, 2016.
Peralta, A.L. (2016) Society of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting, Symposium. Corpus Christi, TX. Can social-ecological frameworks be used to enhance wetland restoration of microbial ecosystem functions? June 2, 2016.
Peralta, A.L. (2016) Illinois Natural History Survey. Champaign, IL. "Micromanaging" human-dominated ecosystems for enhanced microbial functions. January 19, 2016.

- 2015 Peralta, A.L. (2015) Duke University Program in Ecology Seminar Series. “Micromanaging” human-dominated ecosystems for enhanced microbial functions. December 1, 2015.
- Peralta, A.L. (2015) East Carolina University, Department of Biology. ECU Biology Nerd Nite - Homecoming 2015; Title: If you build it, will they come? Restoring ecosystems many microbes at a time. October 16, 2015.
- Peralta, A.L. (2015) UNC Institute of Marine Science Seminar Series. Can social-ecological frameworks be used to enhance restoration of microbial functions? September 17, 2015.
- Peralta, A.L. (2015) Microbial community structure and function in human-dominated landscapes: An interdisciplinary approach. Guest lecture for Explorations in Data Analyses for Metagenomic Advances in Microbial Ecology (EDAMAME) Workshop at Michigan State University. Hickory Corners, MI. June 25, 2015.
- Peralta, A.L., C.N. Balakrishnan, and S.M. Barribeau (2015) Social media and the (young) scientist. Research In Progress Seminar. Dept. of Biology, East Carolina University.
- 2014 Peralta, A.L. (August 2014) Microbial community structure and function in human-dominated ecosystems. Explorations in Data Analyses for Metagenomic Advances in Microbial Ecology (EDAMAME) Workshop, Kellogg Biology Station, Michigan State Univ.
- 2013 Placella, S.A., A.L. Peralta, and J.T. Lennon (2013) Dormancy dynamics of soil bacteria: Can moisture variability promote microbial diversity? National Cooperative Soil Science Conference & AFRI Project Directors Meeting. Annapolis, MD, USA. June 17-20, 2013.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2013) Land use legacies in restored wetlands: Implications for microbial community structure and nitrogen cycling function. Society of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting. Duluth, MN, USA. April 2-6, 2013.
- Peralta, A.L. (March 2013) Microbial community structure and function in human-dominated ecosystems. Department of Biology, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.
- 2012 Peralta, A.L. (July 2012) Soil ecology and soil organic matter management. Invited guest lecture presented to Michigan State University’s International Agroecology, IPM, and Sustainable Agriculture Short Course, Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, MI.
- 2009 Peralta, A.L. (October 2009) Microbial community ecology. Invited guest lecture to Honors Integrative Biology-Ecology and Evolution course, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.

PRESENTATIONS (*undergraduate co-author, §graduate student co-author)

- 2018 Austin, S.S.*, R. Bledsoe§, and A.L. Peralta (2018) Examining seasonal nitrogen removal potential in a constructed stormwater wetland. Water Resources Research Initiative Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. March 14-15, 2018. Poster presentation.
- Bledsoe, R.§, S.S. Austin*, and A.L. Peralta (2018) Denitrification potential and greenhouse gas production in a constructed stormwater wetland. Water Resources Research Initiative Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. March 14-15, 2018. Oral presentation.
- Hinckley, B.§, J.R. Etheridge, and A.L. Peralta (2018) Investigating precipitation and draw-down effects on nitrogen dynamics in waterfowl impoundments. Water Resources Research Initiative Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. March 14-15, 2018. Oral presentation.
- Hinckley, B.§, J.R. Etheridge, and A.L. Peralta (2018) Examining the link between laboratory-based microbial activity and field-scale water quality changes. Water Resources Research Initiative Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. March 14-15, 2018. Oral presentation.
- 2017 Peralta, A.L., E.Z. Bean, and J.P. Hochard (2017). “Microbial community structure and water quality function in coastal urban water bodies experiencing environmental stressors.” Bi-annual Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation Conference. Providence, RI. November 5-9, 2017. Oral presentation.
- Bledsoe, R.§ and A.L. Peralta (2017). “Integrating hydrology, plant communities, and microbial communities to enhance mitigation of greenhouse gas fluxes.” Society of Freshwater Science Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. June 4-8, 2017. Oral presentation.
- Stacy, A.§, M.W. McCoy, and A.L. Peralta (2017). “Salinization impacts on historically freshwater aquatic communities.” Society of Freshwater Science Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. June 4-8, 2017. Poster presentation.

- Armstrong, L.[§], M. Ardón, and A.L. Peralta (2017). “Can hydrologic restoration decrease greenhouse gas fluxes from pocosin wetlands? Society of Freshwater Science Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. June 4-8, 2017. Poster presentation.
- Hinckley, B.[§], J.R. Etheridge, and A.L. Peralta (2017). “Examining nutrient dynamics in waterfowl impoundments in coastal North Carolina.” Society of Freshwater Science Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. June 4-8, 2017. Oral presentation.
- C. Forbes*, A. Stucy[§], and A.L. Peralta (2017) Manipulating moisture and salinity to examine microbial nitrogen removal potential in constructed stormwater wetland sediments. Water Resources Research Initiative Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. March 15-16, 2017. Poster presentation.
- Bledsoe, R.[§], E.Z. Bean, and A.L. Peralta (2017) Managing nitrogen removal capacity in an undersized constructed stormwater wetland. Water Resources Research Initiative Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. March 15-16, 2017. Poster presentation.
- 2016 Peralta, A.L., C. Eakins, R. Bledsoe[§], and C. Goodwillie (2016) “Investigating long-term nutrient additions on microbial life-history, biodiversity, and carbon mineralization” 16th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Montreal, Canada. 21-26 August 2016. Poster presentation.
- Bledsoe, R.[§] and A.L. Peralta (2016) “Connecting microbial community structure to wetland hydrology and greenhouse gas fluxes” 16th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Montreal, Canada. 21-26 August 2016. Poster presentation.
- 2015 Peralta, A.L., C. Eakins, J. Thigpen[§], and C. Goodwillie (2015). Investigating the impact of long-term nutrient additions on microbial biodiversity and carbon sequestration potential. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. August 10-14, 2015. Oral presentation.
- Eakins, C.D. *, K. Dorronsoro*, Y. Sun, and A.L. Peralta (2015) Cultivating the unseen majority: Soil microbial response to long-term nutrient additions. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. August 10-14, 2015. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., Y. Sun, and J.T. Lennon (2015) Disease suppressiveness of soil microbial communities affected by crop diversity. National Institute of Food and Agriculture Principle Director’s Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 4-5, 2015. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L. and Y. Sun (2015) Effects of crop diversity on plant-soil microbial interactions. Kellogg Biological Station Long-term Ecological Research All Scientist Meeting, East Lansing, MI. April 15-16, 2015. Poster presentation.
- Eakins, C.D. *, K. Dorronsoro*, Y. Sun, and A.L. Peralta (2015) Cultivating the unseen majority: Soil microbial response to long-term nutrient additions. ECUs Research and Creative Achievement Week, Greenville, NC. March 23-27, 2015. Poster presentation.
- 2014 Peralta, A.L. and J.W. Matthews (2014) Overcoming agricultural legacies when restoring wetland ecosystems: Can management strategy override land use history? Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Portland, OR. May 18-24, 2014. Oral presentation.
- 2013 Peralta, A.L. and J.T. Lennon (2013) Land use legacies on soil microbial communities in human-dominated ecosystems. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. August 4-9, 2013. Oral presentation.
- Peralta, A.L. and S.S. Snapp (2013) Exploring soil carbon sequestration potential through plant-soil-microbial interactions. Kellogg Biological Station Long-term Ecological Research All-Scientist Meeting. East Lansing, MI. April 4-5, 2013. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., C.M. Ugarte, M.M. Wander, and A.D. Kent (2013) Tracking soil bacterial community response to organic management strategy. Indiana Small Farm Conference, Danville, IN. March 1-2, 2013. Poster presentation.
- 2012 Peralta, A.L., S.W. Culman, S.D. Sprunger, J.T. Lennon, and S.S. Snapp (2012) Microbial contributions to carbon sequestration potential in response to perennality. Soil Science Society of America Meeting, Cincinnati, OH. October 14-17, 2012. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., C.M. Ugarte, M.M. Wander, and A.D. Kent (2012) The biological basis of soil fertility: Microbial community response to organic management strategy. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. August 5-10, 2012. Oral presentation.

- 2011 Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, E. Johnston, S. Ludmer, and A.D. Kent (2011) Abiotic controls on community structure and function of nitrogen cycling microorganisms in wetland ecosystems. Ecological Society of America Meeting, Austin, TX. August 7-12, 2011. Oral presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, E. Johnston, S. Ludmer, and A.D. Kent (2011) Linking microbial community structure to water quality function in restored floodplain wetlands. Midwest-Great Lakes Society for Ecological Restoration Chapter Annual Meeting. Springfield, IL, USA. April 1-3, 2011. Oral presentation.
- 2010 Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2010) Linking microbial community structure to water quality function: Investigating nitrogen cycling influenced by hydrology in wetland ecosystems. Illinois Water Conference, Champaign, IL., Oct. 3-5, 2010. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2010) Linking microbial community structure to water quality function: Investigating nitrogen cycling influenced by hydrology in wetland ecosystems. The 13th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Seattle, WA, USA. August 22-27, 2010. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2010) Investigating variation in microbial community composition along a moisture gradient. Emiquon Science Meeting 2010, Lewistown, IL. March 4, 2010. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2010) Investigating variation in microbial community composition along a moisture gradient. 12th Annual Graduates in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium. Urbana, IL. February 6, 2010. Oral presentation.
- 2009 Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2009) Microbial community dynamics related to nitrogen cycling during early floodplain development. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM. August 2-7, 2009. Oral presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2009) Microbial community dynamics related to nitrogen cycling during early floodplain development. Great Lakes Regional Biogeochemistry Symposium, Hickory Corners, MI. May 28-29, 2009. Poster presentation.
- A.D. Kent, A.L. Peralta, D.N. Flanagan, J.W. Matthews (2009) A soil microbial ecology perspective of wetland restoration. The 109th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Philadelphia, PA. May 17-21, 2009. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2009) Microbial-mediated nitrogen cycling during early floodplain development. Planet U: The human story of climate change Conference. Urbana, IL. April 8, 2009. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2009) Investigating nitrogen cycling during early floodplain development from a microbial community perspective. 2nd Annual Emiquon Science Meeting. Lewistown, IL. March 12, 2009. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2009) Improving functional assessment of wetland restoration from a microbial community approach. 11th Annual Graduates in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium. Urbana, IL. February 7, 2009. Oral pres.
- 2008 Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, D.N. Flanagan, A.G. Endress, and A.D. Kent (2008) A microbial community ecology approach to wetland mitigation assessment. The 12th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Cairns, Australia. Aug. 17-22, 2008. Poster presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, D.N. Flanagan, A.G. Endress, and A.D. Kent (2008) A community ecology approach to wetland mitigation assessment. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI. August 3-8, 2008. Poster presentation.
- Kent, A.D., A.L. Peralta, D.N. Flanagan, and J.W. Matthews (2008) Wetland assessment from a soil microbial ecology perspective. American Society for Limnology and Oceanography Meeting, St. John's, Newfoundland. June 8-13, 2008. Oral presentation.
- Peralta, A.L., J.W. Matthews, and A.D. Kent (2008) Wetland mitigation bank assessment from a soil microbial ecology perspective. Illinois State Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Urbana, IL. April 4-5, 2008. Poster presentation.
- 2004 Peralta, A.L. and M.M. Wander (2004) Short-term changes in labile soil organic C and N fractions under soybeans exposed to elevated CO₂. Soil Science Society of America Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. Poster presentation.

MENTORING

Present (ECU)– Postdoc: Yanmei Sun (2015-16); Graduate: Regina Bledsoe (PhD Student, current), Deborah Lichti (PhD Candidate, current, co-advised by D. Kimmel), Casey Eakins (MS Student, current), Brian Hinckley (MS Student, current, co-advised by R. Etheridge), Luise Armstrong (MS, 2017, co-advised by M. Ardón), Alexandra Stucy (MS, 2017), Joshua Thigpen (MS, 2015); Undergraduate: Michael Dozier (2017-), Samuel Austin (2016-), Megan Koceja (2016-), Corey Forbes (2016-17), David Morlock (2017), Stephen Glenn (2017), Juliana Haag (2016), J. Spencer Wilkinson III (2014-16), Jonathan LeCrone (2015-16), Morgan Beamon (2015-16), Julianna Haag (2016), Casey Eakins (2014-15), Katherine Dorronsoro (2014-15), Rene Vanek (2014), Sheridan Iroegbu (2014); Ebony Rodgers (MSU Undergraduate Research Apprentice, Bennett College); Sarah Ludmer (Undergraduate Research Asst., Awarded Helen E. Hess Award for outstanding research and High Distinction in Integrative Biology, Univ. of IL); Eric Johnston (Undergraduate Research Asst., Awarded Distinction in Integrative Biology, Univ. of IL); Lauren Endriukaitis (Undergraduate Research Asst., Univ. of IL); Omar Sinno (Undergraduate Research Asst., Univ. of IL); Neil Gottel (Undergraduate Research Asst., Univ. of IL); High School Mentee: Nicholas Nelson (IU Jim Holland Summer Science Research Program, Bishop Noll Institute)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ongoing	Ad hoc Journal Reviewer for Agronomy Journal, Environmental Microbiology, Estuaries & Coasts, Freshwater Biology, Freshwater Sciences, Functional Ecology, Hydrological Engineering, ISME-J, Journal of Applied Ecology, Journal of Environmental Quality, Plant and Soil, PLoS ONE, Scientific Reports, Science of the Total Environment, Soil Biology & Biochemistry, Water Research, Wetlands
2018	Program Committee Member, American Society for Microbiology, Annual Meeting Microbe 2019 and 2020 Co-organizer (w/ L. Kinsman-Costello) of Session “The Novel Biogeochemistry of Ubiquitous Understudied Urban Wetlands” at 12th International Symposium on Biogeochemistry of Wetlands (Biogeo2018) Panelist for National Institute of Food and Agriculture
2014, 2015, 2017-18	Panelist for National Science Foundation
2017-2018	Co-Chair, Microbial Ecology Section, Ecological Society of America
2016-2017	Secretary, Microbial Ecology Section, Ecological Society of America
2016-2018	Co-guest editor, Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene, Special Feature “Ghosts of land-use past: Do land-use legacy effects constrain the restoration of aquatic ecosystems?”
2016-2017	Participant, North Carolina Festival Invite-A-Scientist
2016	Panelist, North Carolina Wetlands Symposium, Restoration Panel Ad hoc Reviewer for European Union BiodivERsA
2015	Participant, Environmental North Carolina Stormwater Task Force Co-organizer (w/ S. Evans, J. Bowman) LTER All Scientist Mtg. Working Group: LTER based perspectives on microbial community structure, function, process Lead-organizer Ecological Society of America Organized Oral Session “Trait-based ecology at the micro-scale. Co-organized with J.T. Lennon, S.F. Paver Reviewer for INSTARS Society for Freshwater Sciences Diversity Program
2014-2016	Ad hoc Reviewer for National Science Foundation
2014	Co-organizer Joint Aquatic Sci. Meeting Special Session: “Ghosts of land-use past: Do land-use legacy effects constrain the restoration of aquatic ecosystems?”
2012	Outreach Volunteer and Field Tour Guide for Kellogg Biological Station LTER Co-organizer LTER All Scientist Meeting Working Group: Flooding farm fields, draining wetlands, and damming rivers: Effects of hydrologic regime change on nutrient cycling.
2012	Judge for Student Posters at the MSU Organic Food and Farming Reporting Session

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017 Veterans Affairs Liaison for Dept. of Biology
- 2014-2016, 2017-2016-2018 Committee Member, Biology Graduate Program Committee, Dept. of Biology
Member, East Carolina University Student Academic Appellate Committee
- 2016 Estuarine Ecology Search Committee, Dept. of Biology, East Carolina University
Workshop co-leader, Preparing and Inspiring Readiness for Achieving Teaching Excellence in Science – North Carolina public school teacher training workshops
- 2015 Microbiology Search Committee, Dept. of Biology, East Carolina University

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SERVICE

- 2011 Graduate Student Representative, Program in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation, Graduate School Admissions Committee
- 2004, 2007-2011 Committee Member, Annual Graduate Student Symposium
Graduate Students in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL
- 2008-2009 President, Graduate Students in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
- 2007-2011 Science Outreach Volunteer to Campus Middle School for Girls (Urbana, IL)
Science Outreach Volunteer, Orpheum Children's Science Museum (Urbana, IL)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- 2013 Software Carpentry Bootcamp, Bioinformatics Workshop, Bloomington, IN
- 2011 Mothur Workshop Participant, Bioinformatics Workshop, Romulus, MI
- 2010 Certificate in Business Administration, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
Stable Isotope Biogeochemistry, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Ecological Society of America, International Society for Microbial Ecology, Society of Wetland Scientists, American Society for Microbiology, Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, Society for Freshwater Science, Graduate Women in Science

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011 Harvest Assistant, Blue Moon Farm (Certified Organic Vegetable Farm), Urbana, IL
Wine Consultant, Corkscrew Wine Emporium, Urbana, IL
- 1999-2007 Musician, Bass guitar player for the band The Beauty Shop, Champaign, IL

Discography

Yr Money or Yr Life: Mud/Parasol Records, USA (2000) and Shoeshine Records, United Kingdom (2002)

Crisis Helpline: Shoeshine Records, United Kingdom (2004)

Yard Sale: Snapper Records/Shoeshine Records, United Kingdom (2006)

Just Some Demos EP: Independent release, USA (2007)

Touring for national and international album promotion

Performed at music venues in the UK to promote Crisis Helpline (2002, 2004, 2005)

Performed at festivals and music venues in the UK to promote Yard Sale (2005, 2006)

Performed at music venues in the USA to promote album sales (2006)