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### Education:

1981 B.A. Human Ecology, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME.

1989 Ph.D, Microbiology, Cornell University, Ithaca NY  
Minors: Biochemistry & Genetics  
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Thesis Title: Ultrastructural organization, chemical composition, and manganese-oxidizing properties of the sheath of *Leptothrix discophora* SP-6.

### Professional Experience:

1984-89 Teaching & Research assistant, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

1989-1991 Research Associate, Center for Microbial Ecology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

1991-1992 Visiting Research Associate, Dept of Microbial Ecology, Institute of Biological Sciences, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark, worked in the group of Niels Peter Revsbech, learning microelectrode construction and studying a microbial iron oxidizing community.

1992-96 Research Associate, Center for Microbial Ecology, MSU

1996-2007 Research Scientist, American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA.  
1996-2008 Affiliate Faculty, Biological Sciences, George Mason University

2007-2010- Senior Research Scientist, Bigelow Laboratory  
Research Scientist, Colby College, Waterville, ME

### Professional Societies:

American Society for Microbiology  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Geophysical Union

### Expeditions:

Sept., 1988, Investigation of iron bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI.  
R/V *Moana Wave*; DSV *Pisces V*.

April, 1998, Investigation of iron bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Guaymas Basin, Gulf of California and 21°N, Pacific Ocean, R/V *Atlantis*, DSV *Alvin*, operated by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

October, 1998, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. DSV *Pisces V*

December, 2003, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. DSV *Pisces V*

June, 2004, Investigation of Soufriere hot springs, St. Lucia, W.I. Collected samples of various hydrothermal fluids and high temperature microbial Fe-mat samples.

October, 2004, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. DSV *Pisces*

September, 2005. An exploration of Banded Iron Formations in South Africa, with Dr. Nic Beukes, University of Johannesburg.

October-November, 2006, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. RVMelville/ ROV *Jason2*.

October, 2007, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. RV *Kilo Moana*/ ROV *Jason2*

September - October, 2008, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. RV *Thomas T Thompson*/ ROV *Jason2*

September - October, 2009, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents, Loihi Seamount, HI. RV *Kilo Moana*/ ROV *Jason2*. Co-chief scientist.

October – November, 2012, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing bacteria at hydrothermal vents & testing a new microbial mat sampler, Mid-Atlantic Ridge, RV *Knorr*/ROV *Jason2*.

March, 2013, Investigation of lithotrophic iron-oxidizing communities at Loihi Seamount, HI. RV *Thomas T Thompson*/ROV *Jason2*/AUV *Sentry*

July, 2014, Nine day visit to the Toolik Field Station NSF Long-Term Ecological Research Station, 69°75' N on the North Slope of the Brooks Range, Alaska to investigate iron-cycling microbes.

November, 2014, Ring of Fire – Ironman, 22 day research cruise to investigate submarine volcanos along the Mariana Forearc, Guam. RV *Roger Revelle*/ROV *Jason 2*

May, 2015, Visiting scientist IPGP, Paris France, month-long visit to work with colleagues on a project related to the discovery of Fe-oxidizing bacteria at the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

**Publications:**

Chan, C.S., S.M. McAllister, A.H. Leavitt, Glazer, B.T., and D. Emerson. 2016. The architecture of iron microbial mats reflects the adaptation of chemolithotrophic iron oxidation in freshwater and marine environments. *Frontiers in Microbiology* 7:796. Doi: 10.3389/fmicb.2016.00796

Chan, C.S., D. Emerson, and G.W. Luther III. 2016. The role of microaerophilic Fe-oxidizing microorganisms in producing banded iron formations. *Geobiology*. Doi: 10.1111/gbi.12192

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Emerson, D. 2016. The irony of iron – biogenic iron oxides as an iron source to the ocean. *Frontiers in Microbiology*. 6:1502 doi: 10.3389/fmicb.2015.01502

Emerson, D., J. Scott, J. Benes, and W.B. Bowden. 2015. Microbial iron oxidation in the Arctic tundra and the implications for biogeochemical cycling. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*. 81:8066-8075. DOI:10.1128/AEM.02832-15

Sanders, J.G., A.C. Beichmann, J. Roman, J.J. Scott, D. Emerson, J.J. McCarthy, and P.R. Girguis. 2015. Baleen whales host a unique gut microbiome with similarities to both carnivores and herbivores. *Nature Communications*. 6:8285 DOI: 10.1038/nrcommms9285

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unique to marine iron-oxidizing habitats. PLoS ONE. 10(3): 30119284. Doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0119284.

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Field, E.K., A. Sczyrba, A.E. Lyman, C.C. Harris, T. Woyke, R. Stepanauskas, and D. Emerson. 2015. Single cell genomics reveals metabolic potential of uncultivated marine Zetaproteobacteria at Loihi Seamount. ISME J. 9:857-870.

MacDonald, D.J., A.J. Findlay, P. Hredzak-Showalter, S.M. McAllister, S.T. Krepski, S.G. Cone, J. Scott, S.K. Bennett, C.S. Chan, D. Emerson, and G.W. Luther III. 2014. Using in situ voltammetry as a tool to search for iron oxidizing bacteria: from fresh water wetlands to hydrothermal vent sites. Environmental Science: Processes and Impacts. 16:2117-2126.

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Guest editor, December, 2009 issue of *Geomicrobiology Journal*: Microbiology of Seamounts.

Guest editor, 2012. Special Topics Issue: The microbial ferrous wheel: iron cycling in terrestrial, freshwater, and marine environments. *Frontier in Microbiology: Microbiological Chemistry*.

**Patents:**

A Diffusion Gradient Chamber System. Inventors, John Breznak, David Emerson, and John Koh. U.S. Patent # 5,589,352

Needle type Microbiosensor. Inventors, David Emerson, Serban Peteu, and R. Mark Worden. U.S. Patent #5,611,900

Large Scale Biogenic Production of Iron Oxyhydroxides. Inventor, David Emerson, Preliminary Patent, filed November, 2015.

**Invited Talks and Symposia.**

Emerson, D. Comparative analysis of extracellular electron transfer in neutrophilic iron-oxidizing bacteria. Joint Chinese-American workshop on extracellular electron transfer. Peking University, Beijing China, March, 2015.

Microbial iron oxidation in the Arctic tundra and the implications for biogeochemical cycling. Toolik Field Station, Long-term ecological research meeting, Woods Hole, MA February, 2015.

Microbial strategies for controlling biogenic Fe-oxidation. ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, May 2013.

Gradients within gradients: population and community structure within Fe-oxidizing microbial mats. ISME14, Copenhagen, Denmark, August, 2012

Mild steel corrosion in nearshore marine environments: assessing the presence of iron-oxidizing bacteria and characterizing the overall bacterial community. International Conference on Marine Corrosion and Fouling, Seattle, WA, June, 2012

What can microbial iron oxidation in modern environments tell us about oxygenation events in the past. Astrobiology Science Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2012

Biogeochemistry and microbiology of microaerobic Fe(II) oxidation. Electron transfer at the microbe-mineral interface. University of East Anglia, United Kingdom, April, 2012

Lessons in divergence and convergence in marine and freshwater iron-oxidizing bacteria. Invited talk, American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA, December, 2011

Emerging patterns in deep-sea microbial iron mats. Invited talk, Goldschmidt, Knoxville, TN, 2010

The Nexus that Thrives: How Hydrology and Geochemistry at Seamounts Provide Habitats for Microbes. Keynote Talk, SBN Workshop, Scripps Inst. of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA, March, 2009.

Microbes vs minerals: oxygen-dependent microbial iron oxidation at circumneutral pH. American Chemical Society, Fall Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2008.

Microbial ecology of aerobic, neutrophilic iron oxidation. Biogeochemical Processes of the Iron Cycle: From Microbes to Minerals, Telluride Science Research Center Workshop, July 28-August 1, 2008

The way life should be: using gradients to capture microbes and study their behavior. DOE Genomes to Life Meeting, Bethesda, MD, February, 2008.

Iron cycling at Loihi Seamount. Am. Geophys. Union. Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December, 2007

Letting the microbes do the weaving: understanding the braid of microbiology, mineralogy, and geochemistry. Geobiology Symposium. Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2007

FeMO A Microbial Observatory for the Study of Neutrophilic Iron Oxidizing Bacteria and the Microbial Iron Cycle. Microbial Observatories Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March, 2007.

Role of a unique population of lithotrophic, Fe-oxidizing bacteria in forming microbial Fe-mats at the Loihi Seamount. Astrobiology Science Conference, March 2006, Washington, D.C. Co-convenor of session on Elements of Life.

Rust Never Sleeps. Convenor of symposium session at Am. Soc. Microbiol. Ann. Mtg., Washington, D.C. June 2003 (Received a write-up in Biomednet News)

Of Rust and Microbes: Elucidating the Role of Bacteria in Iron Oxidation at Circumneutral pH. NEMPET Lecturer, NEMPET 2002, Blue Mountain Lake, NY, June 2002.

Life at the energetic edge: Kinetics of circumneutral iron oxidation by lithotrophic iron oxidizing bacteria isolated from the wetland plant rhizosphere. Invited Talk, Am. Geophys. Union Spring Meeting, Washington D.C. May, 2002.

Lithotrophic iron oxidation at circumneutral pH. American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December, 2000

Lithotrophic iron oxidation at circumneutral pH: From the rhizosphere to the hot hydrosphere and the groundwater in-between. Theis 2000, National Groundwater Association, Jackson Hole, WY, September, 15-18, 2000

**Lectures:**

Institute Physics of the Globe, Paris (IPGP), May 2015

University of Jena, Jena, Germany, May 2015

CNRS, University of Marseille, May 2015

Delft Technical University, Delft, Netherlands, October, 2014

Tuebingen University, Tuebingen, Germany, October, 2014

Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark, August 2012.

Microbial Diversity Course, Marine Biological Laboratory, Wood's Hole, MA, July, 2012

Miami University of Ohio, March, 2012

University of Minnesota, September, 2011

University of Delaware, College of Marine Sciences, September, 2011

Los Alamos National Laboratory, May, 2011

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, October, 2009

Max Planck Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology, Marburg, Germany, August, 2009

Microbial Diversity Course, Marine Biological Laboratory, Wood's Hole MA, July, 2007

Cornell University, September, 2006  
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science, Boothbay Harbor, ME, August, 2005  
Max Planck Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology, Marburg Germany, May, 2005  
Center for Marine Biotechnology, Baltimore, MD, April, 2005  
James Madison University, April, 2004  
Johns Hopkins University, October, 2001  
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, September, 2001  
University of Virginia, June, 2001  
California Institute of Technology, May, 2001  
University of Maine, September, 2000  
Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institute of Washington, December, 2000.  
Invited speaker, Microbial Diversity Course, Marine Biological Laboratory, Wood's Hole, MA, July, 1999.

**Public Talks:**

The Amazing Life of Iron. Midcoast Audobon Society, Camden ME, April 2016.

Zetahunters: Anatomy of an expedition to a league under the sea. Cafe Scientifique, Boothbay Harbor, ME, Summer 2013.

Do you know where the iron for your ships comes from. Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME, May 2013

The Beneficial Microbe in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Headtide Pub, Alna, ME, June, 2012

What do Mars and the Sheepscot River have in common? Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association, Sheepscot, ME, February, 2012

The Beneficial Microbe in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Colby College, October, 2011

Mountaineering in the ocean: discoveries about the least explored mountain ranges in the solar system. Café Scientifique, Boothbay Harbor, ME, Summer 2010.

From the USS Monitor to Mars – Hunting for novel microbes. Café Scientifique, Boothbay Harbor, ME, Summer 2008.

**Scientific Workshops:**

Developing Submergence Science for the Next Decade, DESCEND-2 Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, January 14-15, 2016.

Single Cell Genomics Workshop, Boothbay Harbor, ME, June 14-18, 2015

Limits to Life Workshop, C-DEBI, Redondo Beach, Los Angeles, CA, April 7 & 8, 2014

Bioenergetics and subsurface metabolisms, DEBI RCN Meeting, USC, Los Angeles, CA April 9 & 10, 2014

NSF Earthcube Workshop, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, June 5 – 7, 2013.

DCO Deep Life Meeting, Portland Oregon, May 13-15, 2013.

C-DEBI First All Hands Mtg, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, May 16-17, 2011

SBN Workshop, Seamounts. Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA, March 19-21, 2009

DUSEL Workshop. Lead, SD, April 21-24, 2008.

NEON Workshop. Lod Cook Conference Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, Feb 14-16, 2008.

National Culture Collection System workshop, USDA George Washington Carver Center, Beltsville, MD, November 13-14, 2007.

Sequencing Bergey's, DOE workshop, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, March 8-9, 2007

Strategic Impacts Workshop. NASA Astrobiology Institute, Boulder, CO, Jan. 18-19, 2007.

Seamount Biogeosciences Network. Scripps Institute of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA, March 24-25, 2006

Microbial Systems Exploration Initiative. NASA Astrobiology Institute, Chicago, IL, Nov. 18 – 20, 2005

A Tree of Life Workshop, The Institute for Genomic Research, Rockville, MD, Nov 3 – 4, 2005

First American German Workshop in Biogeochemical Gradients. Tuebingen, Germany, May 4-7, 2005

Census of Marine Life Workshop. Sloan Foundation, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA, September 7-9, 2003.

Microbial Observatories/Life in Extreme Environments Workshop, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, September 22-24, 2002.

European Community - United States, Workshop on Biological Infrastructure, sponsored by the EC, NSF, and NIH; Valencia, Spain, May 21-23, 2001.

Microbe-metal interactions. Department of Energy, NABIR Program, Warrenton, VA, Sept. 12-13, 2000.

Biotic Survey's and Inventories Workshop. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Orcas Island, WA, May 18-21, 2000.

Lake Vostock Workshop: A curiosity or a focus for interdisciplinary investigations. American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C. November 7-8, 1998.

**Service.**

**Committees.**

2015- Member, Deep Submergence Science Committee, UNOLs advisory committee for the National Deep Submergence Facility

2009: Chair, Division I, General Microbiology, ASM

2008: Chair-Elect, Division I, General Microbiology, ASM

**Bigelow.**

Personnel Committee: 2010 – present

Technology Transfer Committee: 2012 – 2015

SRS Search Committee: 2012 – present

Postdoctoral Program coordinator: 2013 – 2015

Institutional Biosafety Committee: 2012- present

Budget Committee: 2011 - 2013

**Editorial Boards.** Applied and Environmental Microbiology; Geomicrobiology. Frontiers in Microbiological Chemistry (Associate Editor)

**Academic Responsibilities.**

**Courses :**

ES 287, The Impact of Climate Change on Ocean Life. Colby College, January, 2014.

ES 281, Marine Microbiology (From the virus to the whale, microbes rule the seas). Colby College, January, 2012.

Biology 515: Soil Science, co-instructed with Dr. Pat Megonigal, George Mason University, Spring 2000.

Biology 695, Seminar course, GMU Spring '97. Molecular ecology: Techniques and applications.

**Mentor:**

Graduate Students (all GMU):

Melissa Floyd (M.S, 2007.)

Shailaja Rao

Alexander Wooten



Johanna Weiss (Ph.D, 2002)  
Stephanie Backer

Postdoctoral:

Jake Beam, Ph.D  
Roman Barco, Ph.D (NSF Postdoctoral Fellow)  
Jarrod Scott, Ph.D  
Erin Field, Ph.D (East Carolina University)  
Emily Fleming, Ph.D (Cal State University, Chico)  
Adam Mumford, Ph.D (USGS, Reston, VA)  
Joyce McBeth (Canadian Light Source, Saskatoon, CAN)  
Jeremy Rentz, Ph.D (Assoc. Prof. Trine Univ, IN)  
Robin Sutka, Ph.D (at Thermo-Fisher, Billerica, MA.)  
Scott Neubauer, Ph.D (Faculty, Virginia Commonwealth Univ)  
Debra Ellis, Ph.D. Faculty member at U. Mass. -- Dartmouth

Visiting Scientist:

Chun Hou, M.S., Associate Professor, Yunnan University, Kunming, China  
Juanjuan Wang, NIOS, Netherlands (2.5 months 2009)  
Irina Adaktylou, M.S. student, University of Tuebingen (Nov/Dec 2012)  
Pauline Henri, Ph.D student, IGBP, Paris (December, 2013)  
Jiro Miro, Ph.D. student, University of Jena (April/July, 2015)

Technicians

David Cleland (ATCC)  
Paul Krader (ATCC)  
Cyndi Lydell (ATCC)  
Mike Peglar (ATCC)  
Todd Plaia (ATCC)  
Amy Smith (ATCC)  
Wendy Bellows (Bigelow)  
Mike Preston (Bigelow)  
Anna Leavitt (Bigelow)  
Sarabeth George (Bigelow)

External Thesis Committees:

Markus Maisch, University of Tuebingen, Germany  
Julia Otte, University of Tuebingen, Germany  
Sean McAllister, Ph.D, University of Delaware  
Roman Barco, Ph.D, University of Southern California, 2014  
Sean Krepski, M.S. University of Delaware, 2012  
Susan Vollrath, Ph.D, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, 2012  
Ravindra Naraine, M.S. St. Georges University, Grenada, 2010  
Dmitri Solobev, Ph.D, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, 2006

Undergraduates (only from time at Bigelow):

Davan Khana (NSF REU), University of Georgia (2015)  
Mark Ravachandran, Colby College (2014)  
Jade Enright, Colby College (2014)  
Sara Beth George, Colby College (Fall 2013)  
Kimberly Dempsey, Bowdoin College (2013)  
Campbell Belisle Haley (NSF REU), University of Maine (2013)  
Alyson Lowell (REU), University of Maine (2012)  
Anna Leavitt, Colby College (2012)  
Audrey Lyman, Colby College (2012, 2013)  
Alexandra Lopez (NSF REU), Interamerican University of Puerto Rico (2011)  
Eleanor French (HS student) (2011)  
Jennifer Fownes (NSF REU), Dartmouth College (2010)  
Amy Langdon (NSF REU - 2009), Swarthmore (2009, 2010)  
Katherine Farrar, Bowdoin (2009)  
Ivan Degroote, Stanford (2008)