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EDUCATION

- 2010 **Ph.D.** in Molecular Genetics
Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2003 **Honors B.Sc., with High Distinction**, in Molecular Genetics and Microbiology
Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor

Department of Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology
College of Literature, Science and the Arts
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2017 – Present

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- Since 2021 Department of Biological Chemistry – Affiliate Faculty Member
Since 2020 Program in Chemical Biology – Faculty Member
Since 2019 Global CO₂ Initiative – Faculty Member
Since 2018 Program in Biophysics – Dry appointment Faculty Member
Since 2017 Department of Microbiology and Immunology – Dry appointment Faculty Member
Since 2017 Genetics Training Grant - Faculty Member
Since 2017 Cellular Biotechnology Training Program – Faculty Member
Since 2017 Program in Biomedical Sciences – Faculty Member
2017-2019 Molecular Mechanisms in Microbial Pathogenesis Training Grant – Faculty Member

GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

- 2010-2016 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, National Institutes of Health
Advisor: Dr. Kiyoshi Mizuuchi
Project: Cell-free reconstitution of DNA segregation and cell-division positioning systems
- 2003-2010 **Graduate Student**, Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto
Advisor: Dr. Barbara Funnell
Thesis Project: Analysis of the Nucleoprotein Complexes Essential for Plasmid Partition

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2024 CAREER Award, National Science Foundation
2018-2019 Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award, Program in Biology, University of Michigan
2015-2016 Stadtman Investigator semi-finalist, NIH
2014 Cozzarelli Prize, National Academy of Sciences
2013-2014 Fellows Award for Research Excellence, NIH

2011-2015 Nancy Nossal Postdoctoral Fellowship, NIH
 2010 Barbara Vivash Award - Best PhD Thesis, University of Toronto

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Since 2014 American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) member
 Since 2010 American Society for Microbiology (ASM) member

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Project Title: "CAREER: ATP-driven Spatial Regulation of a Biomolecular Condensate in Bacteria"
 (Award #1941966)

Amount: \$1,300,000
 Granting Agency: NSF/BIO – MCB Cluster
 Funding Period: 12/15/2019 – 11/30/2024
Role: PI
Status: Active

Project Title: "Organelle trafficking, inheritance, and homeostasis in bacteria"
 (Award #1817478)

Amount: \$899,954
 Granting Agency: NSF/BIO – MCB Cluster
 Funding Period: 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2023
Role: PI
Status: Active

Project Title: "Nucleoid structure and function in plastids" (Award #1934703)

Amount: \$6,344 (Vecchiarelli Direct portion)
 Granting Agency: NSF/BIO – MCB Cluster
 Funding Period: 8/1/2019 – 12/31/2023
Role: Co-PI (Lead PI - Andrzej Wierzbicki)
Status: Active

INTERNAL FUNDING

Project Title: "Mining the gut microbiome for novel protein organelles involved in host-microbe interactions."

Amount: \$60,000 (Vecchiarelli Direct portion - \$20,000)
 Granting Agency: mCubed Classic Grant
 Funding Period: 2019-2022
Role: Co-PI (Team: Anthony Vecchiarelli, Tobias Giessen, Thomas Schmidt)
Status: Active

Project Title: "Facilitating the Publication of a Review Paper written by the MCDB 401 Class."

Amount: \$500
 Granting Agency: Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT) Instructional Development Grant
 Funding Period: 2018-2019
Role: PI
Status: Completed

EXTERNAL FUNDING TO VECCHIARELLI LAB MEMBERS

2019-2022 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship – Lisa Tran (**\$46,000/year**)
 2018 American Society for Microbiology, Capstone Fellowship – Pusparanee Hakim (**\$2,000**)

INTERNAL FUNDING TO VECCHIARELLI LAB MEMBERS

2019 CEW+ Scholar: Pusparanee Hakim (**\$5,500**)
 2019 Rackham Candidate Research Fellowship: Joseph Basalla (**\$1,500**)
 2018-2021 Michigan Life Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship: Joshua S. MacCready (**\$25,000/year**)
 2018 Rackham Candidate Research Fellowship: Lisa Tran and Rees Rillema (**\$1,500**)
 2017 Rackham Candidate Research Fellowship: Pusparanee Hakim (**\$1,500**)

PUBLICATIONS

Vecchiarelli Lab member

* Equal contribution

% co-corresponding author

Research Manuscripts (Since starting at UM in Jan 2017)

1. Beaufay F*, Amemiya HM*, Guan J, Basalla JL#, Meinen BA, Chen Z, Mitra R, Bardwell JCA, Biteen JS, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Freddolino PL%, Jakob U (2021)%. Polyphosphate drives bacterial heterochromatin formation. *Science Advances*. 7(52):eabk0233. doi: 10.1126/sciadv.abk0233.

[Press Release - Bacterial genome is regulated by an ancient molecule](#)

For this collaboration, my student (Basalla JL) and I participated in the experimental design and data analysis for Figure 5A to D and Movies S1 to S7.

2. Landino J, Leda M, Michaud A, Swider ZT, Prom M, Field CM, Bement WM, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Goryachev AB, Miller AL (2021). Rho and F-actin self-organize within an artificial cell cortex. *Current Biology*. 31(24):5613. doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2021.10.021.

[Press Release - U-M researchers create artificial cell cortex, a system to study how cells divide](#)

For this collaboration, I participated in experimental design and trained the first author (Landino J) in developing the cell-free reconstitution approach used in all figures.

3. Hakim P#, Hoang Y#, **Vecchiarelli AG** (2021). Dissection of the ATPase active site of McdA reveals the sequential steps essential for carboxysome distribution. *Molecular Biology of the Cell*. 32(20):ar11. doi: 10.1091/mbc.E21-03-0151.
4. Rillema R*#, Y Hoang*#, MacCready JS#, **Vecchiarelli AG** (2021). Carboxysome Mispositioning Alters Growth, Morphology, and Rubisco Level of the Cyanobacterium *Synechococcus elongatus* PCC 7942. *mBio*. 12(4):e0269620. doi: 10.1128/mBio.02696-20.
5. MacCready JS*#, Tran L*#, Basalla JL#, Hakim P#, **Vecchiarelli AG** (2021). The McdAB system positions α -carboxysomes in proteobacteria. *Molecular Microbiology*. 116(1):277-297. doi: 10.1111/mmi.14708.

6. Raghunathan S, Chimthanawala A, Krishna S, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Badrinarayanan A (2020). Asymmetric chromosome segregation and cell division in DNA damage-induced bacterial filaments. *Molecular Biology of the Cell*. 31:2920. doi: 10.1091/mbc.E20-08-0547

For this collaboration, I participated in experimental design and developed plasmid constructs.

7. MacCready JS[#], Basalla JL[#], **Vecchiarelli AG** (2020). Origin and evolution of carboxysome positioning systems in cyanobacteria. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, 37:1434. doi: 10.1093/molbev/msz308
8. MacCready JS[#], Hakim P[#], Young EJ, Hu L, Liu J, Osteryoung KW, **Vecchiarelli AG**[%], Ducat DC[%] (2018). Protein Gradients on the Nucleoid Position the Carbon-fixing Organelles of Cyanobacteria. *eLife* 7:e39723. doi: 10.7554/eLife.39723

- [eLife Interview - First Paper as PI – Anthony Vecchiarelli](#)
- [eLife Insight - Carboxysomes: How bacteria arrange their organelles](#)
- [eLife Digest - A place for everything.](#)
- [Press Release - How bacteria organize their factories and what it means for a bioeconomy](#)
- [F1000 Recommendation](#)

This paper was a collaboration with the Ducat lab at MSU. The 1st author, Joshua MacCready, was a PhD student in the Ducat lab, who then joined my lab as a postdoc in 2017. The 2nd author is Dr. Vecchiarelli's PhD student who performed all biochemical and protein interaction experiments. MacCready, Ducat, and Vecchiarelli wrote the paper. Final author position was chosen on a coin toss. Estimated breakdown of contributions, based on data in figures: Vecchiarelli lab, 45%; Ducat lab, 45%; Liu lab 10%.

9. Sundararajan K, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Mizuuchi K, Goley ED (2018). Species- and C-terminal linker-dependent variations in the dynamic behavior of FtsZ on membranes in vitro. *Molecular Microbiology* 110, 47. doi: 10.1111/mmi.14081

For this collaboration, I participated in experimental design and trained the first author (Sundararajan K) in developing the cell-free reconstitution approach used in all figures.

10. Hu L, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Mizuuchi K, Neuman KC, Liu J (2017). Brownian ratchet mechanism for faithful segregation of low-copy-number plasmids. *Biophysical Journal* 112, 1489. doi: 10.1016/j.bpj.2017.02.039

Manuscript Preprints

1. Basalla JL[#], Mak CA[#], Limcaoco JM[#], **Vecchiarelli AG**. The carboxysome-positioning protein McdB of *Synechococcus elongatus* forms condensates as a hexamer with disordered pH-sensing N-terminal MoRFs. *BioRxiv*.
2. Pulianmackal LT[#], Ravi K[#], Limcaoco JM[#], Yang S[#], Tran MK[#], Zhang J[#], **Vecchiarelli AG**. Multiple ParA/MinD ATPases separately position disparate cargos in a bacterial cell. *BioRxiv*.

Reviews and Commentaries (Since starting at UM in Jan 2017)

1. MacCready JS[#], **Vecchiarelli AG** (2021). Positioning the Model Bacterial Organelle, the Carboxysome. *mBio* 12(3):e02519. doi: 10.1128/mBio.02519-19
2. Groaz A, Moghimianavval H, Tavella F, Giessen TW, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Yang Q, Liu AP (2020). Engineering spatiotemporal organization and dynamics in synthetic cells. *Wiley Interdiscip Rev Nanomed Nanobiotechnol*. 21:e1685. doi: 10.1002/wnan.1685.

3. Azaldegui CA, **Vecchiarelli AG**[%], Biteen JS[%] (2020). The emergence of phase separation as an organizing principle in bacteria. *Biophysical Journal*. 28:S0006. doi: 10.1016/j.bpj.2020.09.023.
[Press Release - Understanding the 'membrane' in membraneless organelles](#)
4. Tarnopol RL, Bowden S, Hinkle K, Balakrishnan K, Nishii A, Kaczmarek CJ, Pawloski T, **Vecchiarelli AG** (2019). Lessons from a Minimal Genome: What are the Essential Organizing Principles of a Cell Built from Scratch? *ChemBioChem* 20, 2535. doi: 10.1002/cbic.201900249
[All authors are undergraduates from my course "Building a Synthetic Cell"](#)
5. MacCready JS[#] & **Vecchiarelli AG** (2018). In long bacterial cells, the Min system can act off-center. *Molecular Microbiology* 109:268. doi: 10.1111/mmi.13995
6. Mizuuchi K & **Vecchiarelli AG** (2017). Mechanistic insight of the Min oscillator via cell-free reconstitution and imaging. *Physical Biology*. 15, 031001. doi: 10.1088/1478-3975/aa9e5e
7. Hu L, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Mizuuchi K, Neuman KC, Liu J (2017). Brownian Ratchet Mechanisms of ParA-mediated partitioning. *Plasmid* 92, 12. doi: 10.1016/j.plasmid.2017.05.002

Pre-faculty Position - Research Manuscripts (Prior to Jan. 2017)

1. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Li M, Mizuuchi M, Hwang LC, Seol Y, Neuman KC, Mizuuchi K (2016). Membrane-bound MinDE complex acts as a toggle switch that drives Min oscillation coupled to cytoplasmic depletion of MinD. *PNAS* 113, E1479. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1600644113
[PNAS Highlight – Sherratt DJ. Oscillation helps get division right](#)
2. Longhua Hu, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Mizuuchi K, Neuman KC, Liu J (2015). Directed and persistent movement arises from mechanochemistry of the ParA/ParB system. *PNAS* 112, E7055. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1505147112
3. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Seol Y, Neuman KC, Mizuuchi K (2015). A moving ParA gradient on the nucleoid directs subcellular cargo transport via a chemophoresis force. *BioArchitecture* 4, 154. doi: 10.4161/19490992.2014.987581
4. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Li M, Mizuuchi M, Mizuuchi K (2014). Differential affinities of MinD and MinE to anionic phospholipid influence Min patterning dynamics in vitro. *Molecular Microbiology* 93, 453. doi: 10.1111/mmi.12669
5. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Neuman KC, Mizuuchi K (2014). A propagating ATPase gradient drives transport of surface-confined cellular cargo. *PNAS* 111, 4880. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1401025111
 - [Cozzarelli Prize at PNAS](#)
 - [PNAS Science Sessions Podcast](#)
 - [PNAS Highlight - Kiekebusch & Thanbichler. Plasmid segregation by a moving ATPase gradient.](#)
6. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Havey JC, Ing L, Wong E, Waples W, Funnell BE (2013). Dissection of the ATPase active site of P1 ParA reveals multiple active forms essential for plasmid partition. *Journal Biological Chemistry* 288, 17823. doi: 10.1074/jbc.M113.469981
7. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Hwang LC, Mizuuchi K (2013). Cell-free study of F plasmid partition provides evidence for cargo transport by a diffusion-ratchet mechanism. *PNAS* 110, E1390. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1302745110
8. Hwang LC*, **Vecchiarelli AG***, Han YW, Mizuuchi M, Harada Y, Funnell BE, Mizuuchi K (2013). ParA-mediated plasmid partition driven by protein pattern self-organization. *EMBO Journal* 32, 1238. doi: 10.1038/emboj.2013.34
 - [EMBO Highlight - Sherratt DJ. Plasmid partition: sisters drifting apart.](#)

9. **Vecchiarelli AG** & Funnell BE (2013). Probing the N-terminus of ParB using cysteine-scanning mutagenesis and thiol modification. *Plasmid* 70, 86. doi: 10.1016/j.plasmid.2013.02.002
10. Havey JC, **Vecchiarelli AG**, Funnell BE (2012). ATP-regulated interactions between P1 ParA, ParB & non-specific DNA that are stabilized by the plasmid partition site. *Nucleic Acids Research* 40, 801. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkr747
11. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Han YW, Tan X, Mizuuchi M, Ghirlando R, Biertümpfel C, Funnell BE, Mizuuchi K (2010). ATP control of dynamic P1 ParA-DNA interactions: a key role for the nucleoid in plasmid partition. *Molecular Microbiology* 78, 78. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2958.2010.07314.x
 - [Highlight - Howard & Gerdes. What is the mechanism of ParA-mediated DNA movement?](#)
 - [2010 highlight from the ASM blog "Small Things Considered"](#)
12. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Schumacher MA, Funnell BE (2007). P1 partition complex assembly involves several modes of protein-DNA recognition. *Journal Biological Chemistry* 282, 10944. doi: 10.1074/jbc.M611250200

Pre-faculty Position – Reviews and Book Chapters (Prior to Jan. 2017)

1. **Vecchiarelli AG**[%], Taylor JA, Mizuuchi K[%] (2015). Reconstituting ParA/ParB-mediated transport of DNA cargo. Building a Cell from its Component Parts. *Methods in Cell Biology* 128, Chapter 13. doi: 10.1016/bs.mcb.2015.01.021
2. **Vecchiarelli AG**, Mizuuchi K, Funnell BE (2012). Surfing biological surfaces: exploiting the nucleoid for partition and transport in bacteria. *Molecular Microbiology* 86, 513. doi: 10.1111/mmi.12017
 - [Rated a "Must Read" by the Faculty of 1000](#)

EXTERNAL RESEARCH TALKS AND SEMINARS (Invited Speaker)

May 2022	Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Seminar Series – University of Maryland. In-person
Apr 2022	Cell Biology Seminar Series – Sick Kids Hospital, University of Toronto, ON, Canada. Virtual
Apr 2022	Bacteriology Seminar Series – University of Wisconsin-Madison. Virtual
Apr 2022	Bacterial Cell Biology Seminar Series – UC Louvain. Brussels, Belgium. Virtual
Apr 2022	Biochemistry Seminar Series – University of Nebraska. Virtual
Apr 2022	Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar Series – Western University. Virtual
Mar 2022	Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Seminar Series – Simon Fraser University. Virtual
Dec 2021	Cell Bio Virtual – ASCB/EMBO Meeting. Virtual
Oct 2021	Institute of Molecular Biology Seminar Series – University of Oregon. Virtual
Jun 2021	ASM World Microbe Forum. Virtual Session Chair and Speaker.
Mar 2021	Department of Biology Seminar Series. Virtual Talk. Brandeis University
Nov 2020	CauloConference 2.0. Virtual
Aug 2020	Plant and Microbial Cytoskeleton GRC. Proctor Academy, Andover, NH, US Session Chair, postponed due to COVID
July 2020	Lorentz Workshop on Reconstituting Biology. Leiden, Netherlands Invited Speaker, postponed due to COVID
July 2020	Symposium on Inorganic Carbon Utilization by Photosynthetic Organisms, Princeton University Invited Speaker, postponed due to COVID
Dec 2019	American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
Oct 2019	Biology Seminar Series, University of Toronto, Mississauga, ON
Sept 2019	Biological Sciences Seminar Series, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
July 2019	Laboratory of Molecular Biology Seminar Series, NIH, Bethesda, MD
May 2019	Midwest Conference on Protein Folding, Assemblies & Molecular Motions, Notre Dame, IN
April 2019	Cell Biology of Prokaryotes Conference, Bad Staffelstein, Germany

April 2019	Microbiology Seminar Series, Max Planck Institute, Marburg, Germany
June 2018	American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA Moderator & Speaker – Trafficking, Inheritance, & Homeostasis of Bacterial Organelles Moderator & Speaker – Organelles and the Cytoskeleton in Bacteria
Mar 2018	Molecular Biology Seminar Series, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
Sept 2017	Biochemistry Department Seminar Series, Duke University, Durham, NC
Sept 2017	Lambda Lunch, NIH, Bethesda, MD
June 2017	American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Pre-faculty position

Dec 2016	American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Aug 2016	Molecular Genetics of Bacteria and Phages Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI
Feb 2016	Department of Biology, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
Dec 2015	Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Dec 2015	American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
Jun 2015	Nucleic Acids Gordon Research Conference, Biddeford, ME
Dec 2015	Earl Stadtman Symposium, NIH, Bethesda, MD
Jun 2015	Prokaryotic Cell Biology, American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC
Mar 2015	Department of Biology, Queens University, Kingston, ON, Canada
Dec 2014	Earl Stadtman Symposium, NIH, Bethesda, MD
Dec 2014	Microbiology Department, UC Davis, Davis, CA
Apr 2014	Biochemistry Seminar, Microbiology & Immunology, University of Ottawa, ON, Canada
Mar 2014	American Physical Society Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
Jun 2013	American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
May 2013	Chromosome Dynamics Gordon Research Conference, Barga, Italy
Mar 2013	The Bauer Forum, Harvard University, MA

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS (*Invited Speaker*)

Mar 2022	Biological Chemistry Seminar Series. Speaker
Sept 2021	Responsible Conduct of Research (PIBS 503). Discussion Leader
Oct 2019	Human Genetics (HG632). Guest Lecturer, Genetic Training Program
Mar 2019	Microbial Physiology (MCDB 600). Guest Lecturer
Oct 2018	Biophysics Seminar Series. Speaker
Nov 2017	Department of Microbiology and Immunology Seminar Series
Oct 2017	Quantitative Biology Seminar Series. Speaker

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS BY VECCHIARELLI LAB MEMBERS (*Invited Speaker*)

Dec 2021	Y Hoang. American Society for Cell Biology . Virtual Talk.
Mar 2021	Pusparanee Hakim. Regulation & Development Meeting . Virtual Talk. Dept of Molecular Microbiology, John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK
Aug 2020	Sinyu Yang. Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium . Virtual Talk Dept of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Michigan. 2 nd Place Speaker Award.
Aug 2019	Joshua MacCready. Molecular Genetics of Bacteria and Phages Meeting . University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI
Oct 2018	Joshua MacCready. Microbiology Super Group . University of Michigan
Aug 2018	Joshua MacCready. Plant & Microbial Cytoskeleton Conference, GRC . Andover, NH
Jun 2018	Pusparanee Hakim. American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting . Atlanta, GA
Mar 2018	Pusparanee Hakim. Microbiology Super Group . University of Michigan

LAB POSTER PRESENTATIONS (*Only presenter names are shown*)

Dec 2021	Y Hoang. American Society for Cell Biology. Virtual
Dec 2019	Joseph Basalla. American Society for Cell Biology. Washington, DC
Aug 2019	4 Posters - Pusparanee Hakim (Top 10 of 300 posters), Rees Rillema, Joseph Basalla, Lisa Tran. Molecular Genetics of Bacteria & Phages Meeting. University of Wisconsin-Madison
April 2019	Pusparanee Hakim. Connell Symposium. University of Michigan
Aug 2018	Pusparanee Hakim. Plant & Microbial Cytoskeleton Conference, GRC. Andover, NH
Jun 2018	Pusparanee Hakim. American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA
Mar 2017	Pusparanee Hakim, Ce Wang (2 independent posters). American Society for Microbiology Regional Meeting. East Lansing, MI

Pre-faculty position – poster presentations by AG Vecchiarelli

Dec 2016	American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, USA
Feb 2016	Biophysical Society Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, USA
Dec 2015	American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA, USA
Jun 2015	Boston Bacterial Meeting. Boston, MA, USA
May 2015	Chromosome Dynamics Gordon Research Conference. Waterville Valley, NH, USA
Feb 2014	Biophysical Society Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, USA
May 2013	Chromosome Dynamics Gordon Research Conference. Barga, Italy
Apr 2012	Chromosome Dynamics Workshop. Woods Hole, MA, USA
Feb 2012	Biophysical Society Meeting Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA, USA
May 2009	Chromosome Dynamics Gordon Research Conference. Barga, Italy
Aug 2007	International Symposium on Plasmid Biology. Lake Tahoe, CA, USA

TEACHING**BIO 207: Introductory Microbiology** (W18, W19, W20, W21, W22)

- Taught 50% of course with 150 to 200 undergraduates enrolled
- Lectured on topics including microbial growth, cell biology, and molecular biology
- 2019 Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award, Program in Biology

MCDB 472: Building a Synthetic Cell (F18, F20)

- Designed and taught entire course with 25-30 undergraduates enrolled
- Course addresses a grand scientific challenge of this century: building a from scratch
- Students learn how we define a cell as “living” & where the transition from chemistry to biology lies
- 2018 Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award, Program in Biology

MCDB 600: Microbial Physiology (F19, W20)

- Graduate students and postdocs present their research on the physiology and molecular biology of bacteria and phage.
- Course coordination and speaker scheduling

MCDB 614: Experimental Models in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (F17)

- Taught two weeks of this graduate-level course designed to introduce students to research approaches & model organisms
- Also performed Checkpoint #1 exam preparation, office hours, and grading

MENTORSHIP

Postdoctoral Fellows:**Y Hoang**, Since August 2020**Joshua MacCready** (Michigan Life Sciences Postdoctoral Fellow, MCDB), May 2018 – Jan 2021Graduate Students:**Claudia Mak** Graduate student, Biological Chemistry, Since W21**Joseph Basalla** Graduate student, MCDB, Since W19**Lisa Tran** NSF GRFP, Graduate student, PIBS – Micro/Immunology Dept), Since W18**Pusparanee Hakim** Graduate student, MCDB - Graduated F21

- Now a Senior Research Associate in Dr. Luke Chao's Lab at Harvard Medical School.

Rees Rillema MPathways student, MCDB, Sept. 2018 - Graduated W20

- Now a PhD Candidate in the Molecular Plant Science program at MSU.

Graduate Rotation Students:**Jordan Byrne** MCDB, W22**Carla Peralta** PCB, W22**Sarah VanDiepenbos** MCDB, W22**Holly Scheer** MCDB, F21**Miguel Jose Limcaoco** Bioinformatics, F21**Claire Dudley** MCDB, F21**Keerthikka Ravi** MCDB, W21**Christopher Azaldegui** Chemical Biology, W20**Christian Kelley** Biophysics, F19**Malak Bazzi** MCDB, W19**Lotte Van den Goor** MCDB, W18**Ritvija Agrawal** MCDB, W18**Candiliane Serrano Zayas** PIBS, CMB, W18**Ce Wang** MCDB, W17Undergraduates:**Xiaoyi Li** Volunteer, Since Feb 2022**Jhieh-Ling Yang** Work-study student, Since Feb 2022**Giselle King** Work-study student, Since Sept 2021**Maria Ghalmi** Work-study student, MCDB 300 and 400, Since Mar 2021**Sinyu Yang** Work-study student, MCDB 300 and 400, Since Sept 2019**Jeffery Zhang** Work-study student and NSF REU, Apr 2018 – Apr 2020**Jesus Galvez** UROP, sophomore, Sept 2019 – Apr 2020**Molly Cavanaugh** Volunteer, Sept 2018 - Apr 2019**Avery Liu** Work-study student, Feb. 2017 - June 2018

- Now a UNC School of Pharmacy

Jessica Zhang 3rd year Honors thesis, Sept 2017 - June 2018

- Now a PhD candidate in Biology, Stanford

Brice Calco 4th year Honors thesis, Sept 2017 - June 2018

- Now a Intramural Research Training Award, National Institutes of Health

Ian Lemersal UROP, sophomore, Sept 2017 - June 2018

- Now a Research Technician, La Jolla Institute for Immunology

Sponsored/Co-sponsored undergraduate independent research for credit:**Lara Mutluay** Co-Sponsor, MCDB 400, S21**Gaurie Gunasekaran** Co-Sponsor, MCDB 300, W21 and F21**Anati Azhar** MCDB Honors Thesis Reader, W20

Yu-En Huang Co-Sponsor, MCDB 400, W20
 Jordan McKaig Co-Sponsor, MCDB 300, W19
 Sierra Bowden Co-Sponsor, MCDB 300, W19

Graduate Thesis/Prelim. Committee (in addition to my own students):

Jennie Hibna, Simmons lab, MCDB (Since 2022)
Hannah Navarrete, Bardwell lab, Biological Chemistry (Since 2022)
Keerthikka Ravi, Huffnagle lab, MCDB (Since 2022)
Roesha Andre, Chapman lab, MCDB (Since 2021)
Frances Caroline Lowder, Simmons lab, MCDB (Since 2021)
Robert Benisch, Giessen Lab, Biomedical Engineering (Since 2020)
Christopher Azaldegui, Biteen lab, Chemistry (Since 2020)
Franco Tavella, Yang lab, Biophysics (Since 2020)
Lotte Van den Goor, Miller lab, MCDB (Since 2019)
Katherine Wozniak, Simmons lab, MCDB (Since 2018)
Sujeet Bhoite, Chapman lab, MCDB (Since 2018)
Tim Mladenovic, Pichersky lab, MCDB (Graduated 2021)
Claire Dudley, Miller lab, MCDB (Graduated 2021)
Sagardip Majumder, Liu Lab, Biomedical Engineering (Graduated 2019)

OUTREACH

2021-2022 **Developing the exhibit “Algae and the Climate Crisis” in the People and the Planet gallery at the UM Museum of Natural History.** The interactive exhibit explains climate change, the role cyanobacteria and carboxysomes have in carbon fixation, and ways for combating climate change. Exhibit opens Spring 2022.

2020-2021 **Developed “Microworlds”: A hands-on workshop for K-12 students at the UM Museum of Natural History.** Students assemble and keep the \$1 Foldscope to observe the microbial world around them. Students prepare, mount, and image microbial samples and share their images.

Winter 2019 **Hands-on presentations at Pittsfield Ann Arbor Library & UM Museum of Natural History.** Presented an activity developed by PhD student Lisa Tran that describes how cells use transport systems to ensure inheritance of essential components.

Fall 2018 **Speaker in a Science Café session called “Cyanobacteria: Toxic Tide or Treasure?”** held by the Museum of Natural History. Public audience discusses current science with experts.

Winter 2018 **Hands-on presentations at The Young Scientists Expo**, held by the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). Presented an activity related to the research in my lab entitled “How Green Bacteria Clean the Air” to hundreds of middle-school students and their families.

Fall 2017 **Hands-on presentations at UM Museum of Natural History**, presented an activity related to the research in my lab entitled “How Green Bacteria Clean the Air” to museum visitors for the following events: Scientists Spotlights and Discovery Days.

Fall 2017 **Participant in the Science Communication Fellows Program at the UM Museum of Natural History**, participated in two professional development workshops focused on building the skills to effectively engage public audiences and developing an inquiry-based hands-on activity to showcase the research in my lab to Museum visitors.

INTERNAL SERVICE

Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Department:

2021-2022 MCDB Faculty Search Committee
 Since 2020 MCDB Social Media Committee - Chair
 Since 2018 Microbiology Major Curriculum Steering Committee
 2017 - 2020 MCDB Graduate Admissions Committee

Microbiology and Immunology Department:
2018 Checkpoint #1 Exam Committee

OTHER UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SERVICE

Since 2021 **Advisory Committee Member.** Students Engaging with Community Outreach and New Disciplines (SECOND). Science Communication Training Program
 Since 2020 **Advisory Committee Member.** BioArtography
 Mar 2020-21 **Panelist.** LSA Dean's Office & Advance's NSF CAREER Workshop
 Jan 2018-20 **Presenter.** PIBS Graduate Student Recruitment Poster Session
 2018-2020 **Mentor.** Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)
 Nov 2019-20 **Panelist.** Future In Research, Science & Teaching (FIRST) for undergraduates
 May 2017-21 **Panelist.** "The Faculty Search Process: On-campus Interview" – NextProf Workshop
 Mar 2018 **Panelist.** Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Science Branding with Social Media

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Since 2021 **Postdoc Advisory Committee Member** for Dr. Amilcar Perez. Jie Xiao Lab, Johns Hopkins
 Nov 2021 **Attendee & Poster Judge.** ABRCAMS. Virtual
 June 2018 **Speaker.** Career Symposium. Molecular Genetics Dept, University of Toronto, ON, Canada
 Mar 2017 **Panelist.** Career Symposium. Molecular Genetics Dept, University of Toronto, ON, Canada

Reviewer for journals (~ 2 manuscripts per month):

Cell, eLife, Science Advances, Cell Systems, PLOS Genetics, Journal of Molecular Biology, Nature Communications, mBio, Applied & Environmental Microbiology, Journal of Bacteriology, Molecular Microbiology, and several others.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Since 2017 **MORE** Mentoring Workshop with every graduate student
 2021 **STRIDE** Faculty Recruitment Workshop
 2019 **CRLT** Workshop: It's in the Syllabus & Other First Gen College Student Experiences
 2018 **CRLT** in-class observation and consultation, MCDB 472
 2018 **CRLT** in-class observation and consultation, BIOL 207
 2017 **LSA Teaching Academy**

IN THE NEWS

2021 Anthony Vecchiarelli interviewed by *Science Magazine* for comment on paper published in *Cell*.
["Scientists coax cells with the world's smallest genomes to reproduce normally"](#)
 2019 Anthony Vecchiarelli interviewed by *Quanta Magazine* for comment on organelles and bacteria.
["Bacterial Complexity Revises Ideas About 'Which Came First?'"](#)