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### EDUCATION:

- 2000 Ph.D. Environmental Sciences, concentration in Ecology/Geochemistry  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Macko  
Dissertation: The exploitation of variable nutrient pools by aquatic predators in tidal freshwater and chemosynthetic communities: a multiple stable isotope and compound specific approach
- 1996 M.S. Environmental Sciences, concentration in Ecology  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Advisor: Dr. Arthur Bulger  
Thesis: Susceptibility of the early life stages of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) and adult blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*) to acidification in Shenandoah National Park
- 1992 B.S. Biology  
Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT  
Advisor: Dr. Diane Brousseau  
Senior project: Comparison of bivalve hemocytes using the feuglen picromethyl blue staining method

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2008- **Assistant Professor, tenure track:** Department of Biology, American University  
2003 Chair: Graduate Environmental Studies Program  
Developed and directed course structure and lecture material  
Directed and co-directed M.S. students and undergraduate research projects  
Supervised Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistants
- 2004 **Visiting Rice Professor:** Center for Environmental Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University  
Appointed to encourage collaboration between American University and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). VCU Field facility access given to conduct tidal-freshwater biogeochemical research: investigating the influence of anadromous fish in nutrient availability/usage in oligotrophic -tidal freshwater ecosystems
- 2003- **Assistant Professor, full-time temporary:** Department of Biology, American  
2001 University  
Developed and directed course structure and lecture material  
Co-directed M.S. students and undergraduate research projects  
Supervised Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistants
- 2001- **Postdoctoral Associate:** Department of Marine Sciences, University of Georgia  
2000 Coastal biogeochemistry  
Organized multiple PI long-term geochemistry projects  
Integrated research results to address project goals  
Directed field and laboratory research efforts with graduate students and technicians

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1999- **Teaching Assistant:** Organismal Biology BI 204, University of Virginia  
1997

1997 **Instructor:** Department of Biology, University of Virginia  
Taught Organismal Biology, BIO 204 (summer course)  
Developed lesson plans and supervised Teaching Assistant

1996 **Environmental Consulting:** The Environmental Company Inc. Charlottesville, VA.  
Contracted for land use surveys to predict costs of United States Air Force training  
missions. Deployments to: Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Nevada,  
North Carolina, South Carolina and Utah for independent GPS survey work

1995 **Teaching Assistant:** Plants and Insects EVSC 425, University of Virginia

**Technical skills:** stable isotope mass spectrometry (including GC/C/IRMS), gas  
chromatography, ion chromatography, organic geochemical extraction methods, total organic  
carbon analysis, various color chromatography methods for dissolved nutrients and  
reduction/oxidation species

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

*Trout Unlimited Award:* For outstanding contributions to cold water fisheries research, May 2000  
Award amount \$1,000

*Outstanding Teaching Award:* Biology Department, American University (BIO 396; Marine  
Mammals), Fall 2002 (for Spring 2002 term)

*Outstanding Teaching Award:* Biology Department, American University (CHEM 220;  
Environmental Resources and Energy), spring 2003 (for Fall 2002 term)

*Outstanding Teaching Award:* Biology Department, American University (BIO 499; Senior  
Seminar, Fall 2005 (for Spring 2005 term)

*Outstanding Teaching Award:* Biology Department, American University (BIO 396/696;  
Environmental Geology), Spring 2008 (for Fall 2007 term)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **REFEREED ARTICLES**

1. Dennis TE, **MacAvoy** SE, Steg MB and Bulger AJ: 1995. The association of water chemistry  
variables and fish condition in streams of Shenandoah National Park (USA). Water, Air, and Soil  
Pollution 85:365-370.

2. **MacAvoy** SE and Bulger AJ: 1995. Survival of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) embryos and  
fry in streams of different acid sensitivity in Shenandoah National Park, USA. Water, Air and Soil  
Pollution 85:445-450.

3. **MacAvoy** SE and Zaepfel RC: 1997. Effects of MS-222 on hematocrit: First field  
measurements of hematocrit in blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*). Transactions of the  
American Fisheries Society 126(3):500-503.

4. **MacAvoy** SE, Macko SA, Garman GC. 1998. Tracing marine biomass into tidal freshwater  
ecosystems using stable sulfur isotopes. Naturwissenschaften 85:544-546.

5. **MacAvoy** SE, Macko SA, McIninch SP, Garman GC. 2000. Marine nutrient contributions to  
freshwater apex predators. Oecologia 122:568-573.

6. **MacAvoy SE**, Macko SA, Garman GC. 2001. Isotopic turnover in aquatic predators: quantifying the exploitation of migratory prey. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 58(5):923-932.
7. **MacAvoy SE**, Carney RS, Macko SA, Fisher C. 2002. The use of chemosynthetically derived nutrients by large, mobile, benthic predators in the Gulf of Mexico. Marine Ecology Progress Series 225:65-78.
8. **MacAvoy SE**, Macko SA, Joye SB. 2002. Fatty acid carbon isotope signatures in chemosynthetic mussels and tube worms from Gulf of Mexico hydrocarbon seep communities. Chemical Geology 185:1-8.
9. **MacAvoy SE**, Macko SA, Carney RS. 2003. Links between chemosynthetic production and mobile predators on the Louisiana continental slope: Stable carbon isotopes of specific fatty acids. Chemical Geology 201:229-237. **Selected paper** for inclusion in Elsevier's Journal of Geobiology 2003.
10. **MacAvoy SE** and Bulger AJ. 2004. Sensitivity of blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*) to moderate acidification events in Shenandoah National Park, USA. Water, Air and Soil Pollution 153(1-4):125-134.
11. **MacAvoy SE**, Fisher CR, Carney RS, Macko SA. 2005. Nutritional associations among fauna at hydrocarbon seep communities in the Gulf of Mexico. Marine Ecology Progress Series 292:51-60.
12. **MacAvoy SE**, Macko SA, Arneson LS. 2005. Growth versus metabolic tissue replacement in mouse tissues determined by stable carbon and nitrogen isotope analysis. Canadian Journal of Zoology 83(5):631-641.
13. Arneson LS and **MacAvoy SE**. 2005. Carbon, nitrogen and sulfur diet-tissue discrimination in mouse tissues. Canadian Journal of Zoology 83:989-995.
14. Weston NB, Porubsky W, Smarkin V, Erickson M, **MacAvoy SE**, Joy SB. 2006. Porewater stoichiometry of terminal metabolic products, sulfate and dissolved organic carbon and nitrogen in estuarine intertidal creek-bank sediments. Biogeochemistry 77:375-408.
15. Arneson LS, **MacAvoy SE** and Bassett E. 2006. Metabolic protein replacement drives tissue turnover in adult mice. Canadian Journal of Zoology 84(7):983-993.
16. **MacAvoy SE**, LS Arneson, Bassett E. proof received 8/06. Oecologia. Correlation of tissue turnover rate with metabolic rate in mouse and rat using stable isotope analysis.
17. Tarboush RA, **MacAvoy SE**, Macko SA, Connaughton V. 2006. Contribution of catabolic tissue replacement to the turnover of stable isotopes in *Danio rerio*. Canadian Journal of Zoology 84(10):1453-1460.
18. Baker DM, **MacAvoy SE**, Kim K. 2007. Relationship between water quality,  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ , and aspergillosis of Caribbean sea fan corals. Marine Ecology Progress Series 343:123-130.
19. **MacAvoy SE**, Morgan E, Carney RS, Macko SA. 2008. Chemoautolithotrophic production as a fuel for heterotrophs in hydrocarbon seeps: an examination of mobile benthic fauna and seep residents. Journal of Shellfish Research 27(1):153-161.
20. **MacAvoy SE**, Carney RS, Morgan E, Macko SA. 2008. Stable isotope variation among the mussel *Bathymodiolus childressi* and associated heterotrophic fauna at four cold-seep communities in the Gulf of Mexico. Journal of Shellfish Research 27(1):147-151.

## ABSTRACTS IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Tarboush R, SE **MacAvoy**, SA Macko and VP Connaughton. 2002. Turnover of stable isotopes due to growth and metabolism in zebrafish, *Danio rerio*. EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 83: 19 (AGU B31A-11)

S.E. **MacAvoy**, T. Jamil, S.A. Macko and L. Arneson. 2003 "Effects of metabolic rate and diet quality upon tissue carbon, sulfur and nitrogen stable isotope turnover rate in small mammals" EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 84: 46 (B31E-0366)

L. Arneson, S.A. Macko and S.E. **MacAvoy**. 2003 " Effects of metabolic rate and diet quality upon tissue sulfur stable isotope turnover rate in small mammals". 2003. EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 84: 46 (B31D-0343)

SE **MacAvoy**, CR Fisher, RS Carney, SA Macko. 2004. Nutritional associations among fauna at hydrocarbon seep communities in the Gulf of Mexico. EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 85(17) B51A-01

E Morgan, S **MacAvoy**, R Carney. 2005. Importance of Chemolithoautotrophic Production to Mobile Benthic Predators in the Gulf of Mexico. EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 85(18) H51E-01

SE **MacAvoy**, E Morgan, Fisher CR, Carney RS, Macko SA. 2006. Chemoautolithotrophic Primary Production as a Fuel for Heterotrophs in Hydrocarbon Seeps: an Examination of Mobile Benthic Fauna and Seep Residents. EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 87(36) B43A

SE **MacAvoy**, E Ewers, and KL Bushaw-Newton. 2007. Biogeochemical snapshot of an urban water system: The Anacostia River, Washington DC. EOS Transactions of the American Geophysical Union 88 (52) B51D-03

## OTHER: PEER REVIEWED "GRAY" LITERATURE (final research reports)

**MacAvoy** SE and Bulger AJ: **1999**. Susceptibility of the early life stages of brook trout, *Salvelinus fontinalis*, and adult blacknose dace, *Rhinichthys atratulus*, to acidification in Shenandoah National Park. Chapter 6A, in: Bulger AJ, BJ Cosby, AC Dolloff, KN Eshleman, JR Webb, JN Galloway. 1999. The "Shenandoah National Park: Fish in Sensitive Habitats (SNP:FISH) " Final Report. An Integrated Assessment of Fish Community Responses to Stream Acidification. 570 pp. and interactive computer model.

Bulger AJ, Steg M, Dennis TE, **MacAvoy** SE: **1999**. Stream chemistry and fish species richness in Shenandoah National Park. Chapter 6C, in: Bulger AJ, BJ Cosby, AC Dolloff, KN Eshleman, JR Webb, JN Galloway. 1999. The "Shenandoah National Park: Fish in Sensitive Habitats (SNP:FISH) " Final Report. An Integrated Assessment of Fish Community Responses to Stream Acidification. 570 pp. and interactive computer model.

Fisher CR, Bergquist DC, Freytag JR, Ward RT, Andras JP, Begly B, Schaeffer S, Nelson K, McMullin E, Carney RC, **MacAvoy** SE, Macko SA, Van Horn M: **2000**. Long lives and deep roots: Tubeworms in Gulf of Mexico chemosynthetic communities. Mineral Management Service ITM abstracts

**MacAvoy** SE and Bushaw-Newton K. **2007**. Nutrient flow and biological dynamics in the Anacostia River. Final Report Water Resources Research Institute, Washington, DC

**LECTURES: PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (ORAL).**  
**\*indicates presenter**

4/22/94 American Fisheries Society Meeting of the Virginia and Potomac Chapters, Lurray, VA  
"Coincidence of low pH, high aluminum stream flow and high mortality of brook trout sac fry in Shenandoah National Park" S.E. **MacAvoy\*** and A.J. Bulger

6/2/95 East Coast Trout Culture and Management Workshop II, American Fisheries Society, State College, PA  
"Acidification effects on survival of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) embryos and fry in Shenandoah National Park" S.E. **MacAvoy\*** and A.J. Bulger

5/16/97 Chesapeake Regional Association of Biogeochemists, Gloucester Point, VA  
"Determination of freshwater vs. marine contributions to exotic aquatic predators in tidal river ecosystems of Virginia" S.E. **MacAvoy\***, S. A. Macko and G.C. Garman

2/4/99 American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM  
"Quantifying the contribution of anadromous clupeid fish to the diet of an introduced, apex predator (blue catfish, *Ictalurus furcatus*) in tidal freshwater using stable isotopes" S.E. **MacAvoy\***, S. A. Macko, S.P. McIninch, G.C. Garman

1/27/00 American Society of Limnology and Oceanography/American Geophysical Union, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX  
"Stable isotope analysis of chemosynthetic and heterotrophic animals associated with hydrocarbon seeps in the Gulf of Mexico" S.A. Macko, S.E. **MacAvoy\***, R.S. Carney, C.R. Fisher

5/29/01 American Geophysical Union, Spring Meeting, Boston, MA  
"Groundwater-derived nutrients and microbial community processes in pristine and developed coastal areas in the southeast USA" S.E. **MacAvoy**, N. Weston, W. Porubsky, S.B. Joye\*

11/5/01 Estuarine Research Federation, Fall Meeting, St. Pete Beach FL  
"Groundwater inputs and sediment biogeochemical processes in Georgia and South Carolina coastal ecosystems" S.B. Joye, S.E. **MacAvoy**, W. Porubsky, N. Weston\*

8/20/02 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD  
"Anadromous fish are marine nutrient vectors to the tidal freshwater fish communities of Virginia: Evidence from bulk and compound specific isotope analysis"  
S.E. **MacAvoy\***, S.P. McIninch, G.C. Garman, S.A. Macko

3/27/03 Marine Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Mystic, CT  
"Anadromous fish as marine nutrient vectors to the tidal freshwater fish communities of Virginia: bulk and compound specific isotope analysis"  
S.E. **MacAvoy\***, S.P. McIninch, G.C. Garman, S.A. Macko

8/28/03 10th Deep-sea Biology Symposium, Coos Bay, OR  
"Isotopically traced scenarios of background/foreground trophic interaction at Gulf of Mexico hydrocarbon seeps: Exporting or Importing?"  
Carney\* R.S., S.E. **MacAvoy**, S.A. Macko, C.R. Fisher

12/14/07 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA  
"Biogeochemical snapshot of an urban water system: The Anacostia River, Washington DC"  
S.E. **MacAvoy\***, E. Ewers, and KL Bushaw-Newton

**LECTURES: PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (POSTERS)**

**\*indicates presenter**

8/13-19/95 Gordon Conference, NH

"Bioassays with brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) embryos and fry in streams of different acid sensitivity in Shenandoah National Park, USA" S.E. **MacAvoy** and A.J. Bulger\*

"Water chemistry variables as predictors of blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*) condition factor in Shenandoah National Park (U.S.A.)" T.E. Dennis\*, S.E. **MacAvoy**, M.B. Steg, and A.J. Bulger

6/26-30/95 Acid Reign '95? Goteborg, Sweden.

"Survival of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) embryos and fry in streams of different acid sensitivity in Shenandoah National Park, USA." S.E. **MacAvoy** and A.J. Bulger\*

"Water chemistry variables as predictors of fish condition factor in Shenandoah National Park (U.S.A.)" T.E. Dennis, S.E. **MacAvoy**, M.B. Steg, and A. J. Bulger\*

8/29-9/2/99 American Fisheries Society, Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC

"Stream chemistry and fish species richness in Shenandoah National Park (Virginia, U.S.A.)" A.J. Bulger\*, M.B. Steg, T.E. Dennis, S.E. **MacAvoy**

1/23-25/00 American Society of Limnology and Oceanography/American Geophysical Union, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX

"Quantifying the contribution of anadromous fish to the diet of an introduced predator (blue catfish) in tidal freshwater using stable isotopes." S.E. **MacAvoy**\*, S.A. Macko, S.P. McIninch, G.C. Garman

8/4/00 LTER all scientist meeting, Snowbird UT

"Insights into trophic dynamics and organic matter preservation through compound specific isotope analysis" S.A. Macko\*, S.E. **MacAvoy**, M.J. Geyer

12/13/00 American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA

"Chemosynthetic production utilized by Gulf of Mexico heterotrophs: carbon isotope compositions of specific fatty acids" S.E. **MacAvoy**\*, S.A. Macko, S.B. Joye, C.R. Fisher, R.C. Carney

10/01 2nd International Symposium on Hydrothermal Vent Biology, Brest, France. "Change in tissue stable isotope composition in transplanted hydrocarbon seep mussels. S. Dattagupta, E.B. Smith, S.A. Macko, S.E. **MacAvoy**, C.R. Fisher\*

5/29/02 American Geophysical Union, Spring Meeting, Washington, DC

"Turnover of stable isotopes due to growth and metabolism in Zebrafish, *Danio rerio*" R. Tarboush\*, S.E. **MacAvoy**, S.A. Macko, V. Connaughton

3/27/03 Marine Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Mystic, CT

"Assessing pollution in gorgonians using stable isotope analysis". D.M. Baker\*, S.E. **MacAvoy**, S.A. Macko, K. Kim

12/10/03 American Geophysical Union, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

"Effects of metabolic rate and diet quality upon tissue sulfur stable isotope turnover rate in small mammals" L. Arneson, S.A. Macko and S.E. **MacAvoy**\*

12/10/03 American Geophysical Union, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

"Effects of metabolic rate and diet quality upon tissue carbon, sulfur and nitrogen stable isotope turnover rate in small mammals" S.E. **MacAvoy**\*, T. Jamil, S.A. Macko and L. Arneson

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4//04 International conference on use of isotopes in ecological studies, Wellington, NZ  
"Effects of metabolic rate and diet quality upon tissue sulfur stable isotope turnover rate in small mammals"

L. Arneson\*, S.E. **MacAvoy**, S.A. Macko

5/21/04 American Geophysical Union, International meeting, Montreal CANADA  
Nutritional associations among fauna at hydrocarbon seep communities in the Gulf of Mexico  
S.E. **MacAvoy**\*, C.R. Fisher, R.S. Carney, S.A. Macko

5/27/05 American Geophysical Union, Joint assembly with NABS and others, New Orleans, LA  
"Importance of Chemolithoautotrophic Production to Mobile Benthic Predators in the Gulf of Mexico"

E. Morgan\*, S.E. **MacAvoy**, R.S. Carney.

5/23-26/06 American Geophysical Union. Joint assembly with NABS and others. Baltimore MD.  
"Chemoautolithotrophic Primary Production as a Fuel for Heterotrophs in Hydrocarbon Seeps: an Examination of Mobile Benthic Fauna and Seep Residents"

S.E. **MacAvoy**\*, E. Morgan, C.R. Fisher, R.S. Carney, S.A. Macko

#### **LECTURES: INVITED**

10/18/98 Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for Environmental Studies  
"Investigations of hydrocarbon seep communities using stable isotopes"

11/23/98 Fairfield University, Marine Science Program and Department of Biology (honorary)  
"Life without light: Exploring the deep-sea communities in the Gulf of Mexico"

10/12/01 Georgetown University, Biology Department (honorary)  
"Life without light: Exploring the trophic interactions among chemosynthetic and heterotrophic fauna in the Gulf of Mexico"

2/5/02 University of Virginia, Department of Environmental Sciences  
"Life without light: Exploring the deep-sea communities in the Gulf of Mexico"

10/5/04 Fairfield University, Environmental Studies Program, Seminar Series (honorary).  
"Mysteries of the Deep Ocean: Life Without Light "

4/21/06 Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for Environmental Studies, Rice Collaborators Group.

"Anadromous fish as nutrient vectors to tidal freshwater: seasonal pulse utilized by primary producers and consumers"

9/5/06 University of Virginia, Department of Environmental Science  
"Exploring the Deep-sea communities of the Gulf of Mexico"

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

**MacAvoy** SE, Garman GC, Macko SA. in revision. Fisheries Bulletin. Anadromous fish as marine nutrient vectors: an analysis of freshwater fish guilds using carbon, nitrogen, sulfur stable isotopes and  $d^{13}C$  of specific fatty acids.

**MacAvoy** SE, Ewers E, Bushaw-Newton K. in submission Environmental Monitoring and Assessment. A Biogeochemical Survey of the Anacostia River, Washington DC.

Bushaw-Newton KL, Ewers E, C. S. Fortunato CS, Ashley JT, D. Velinsky DJ, SE **MacAvoy**. Microbial diversity snapshots from sediments of the Anacostia River.

## **RESEARCH**

### **SPONSORED RESEARCH: GRANTS RECEIVED**

*Water Resources Research Institute (WRI) 2008/09. Assessing the distribution of synthetic organics and the degradation of polyaromatic hydrocarbons in the Anacostia river through microbial and stable isotope studies (co-PI with Prof. Bushaw-Newton)*

- Award amount; \$15,000

*Cave Conservancy of Virginia: 2007/08. Metabolic Differences between Surface and Cave Amphipods: The Evolution of Life Style Differences.*

- Award amount; \$10,000

*American University Mellon Grant: 2007. Correlations between metabolic rate and protein/carbohydrate uptake in tissues*

- Award amount; \$2,053

*American University Mellon Grant: 2006. Marine nutrient contributions to two tidal creeks in Virginia: spawning marine fish as nutrient vectors to freshwater ecosystems*

- Award amount; \$2,000

*Water Resources Research Institute (WRI) 2006/07. Nutrient flow and biological dynamics in the Anacostia River (CO-PI with Karen Bushaw Newton).*

- Award amount; \$15,000 total

*American University, Dean's Undergraduate Research Award . 2004. \$2000 for Eric Morgan (undergraduate Environmental Science major). \$500 for SE MacAvoy and \$500 for supplies. \$3000 total*

*American University Awards for Faculty Creative Activity and Research: 2003. Marine primary production fueling freshwater ecosystems: Declining river herring as marine nutrient vectors for eastern coastal freshwater rivers*

- Award amount; \$2,000

*American University Mellon Grant: 2003. The importance of Gulf of Mexico hydrocarbon seepage as an energy source for mobile benthic fauna*

- Award amount; \$2,000

*American University Mellon Grant: 2003. Analysis of growth and tissue replacement rates by stable sulfur isotope turnover. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Lynn Arneson, American University*

- Award amount; \$2,000

*American University Mellon Grant: 2002. Metabolic turnover rate and nutrient allocation as assessed by multiple stable isotope analysis. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Lynn Arneson, American University*

- Award amount; \$1,800

*American University Senate Grant: 2002. Links between anthropogenic nutrient loading and gorgonid aspergillosis disease in the Florida Keys. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Kiho Kim, American University*

- Award amount; \$10,000

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*American University Mellon Grant: 2002.* Quantification of nutrient allocation in mice: metabolic rates of turnover in different tissues. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Lynn Arneson, American University

- Award amount; \$2,000

*University of Virginia Moore Research Grant: 1998.* The contribution of anadromous fish to the diets of introduced piscivores in the tidal freshwater regions of Virginia

- Award amount; \$2,500

#### **SPONSORED RESEARCH: GRANTS PENDING**

None as of 9/08

#### **SPONSORED RESEARCH: GRANTS DENIED (external only)**

*Cave Conservancy of Virginia: 2/07.* Metabolic differences between surface and cave amphipods: The evolution of life style differences.

- Award sought; \$10,000

*National Science Foundation: 7/04.* Effects of Metabolic Rate and Nutrient Source on Tissue Carbon, Nitrogen and Sulfur Stable Isotope Turnover Rate in Small Mammals. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Lynn Arneson, American University

- Award sought; \$249,000 over two years

*National Science Foundation: 7/03.* Effects of metabolic rate and diet quality upon tissue carbon, sulfur and nitrogen stable isotope turnover rate in small mammals. Co-principle investigator with Dr. Lynne Arneson, American University

- Award sought; \$277,000 (over two years)

*National Science Foundation: 7/03.* Investigations of the role of small dams on the organic matter biogeochemistry of small stream systems. Co-principle investigator with Dr. Bushaw-Newton, American University

- Award sought; \$265,000 (over two years)

*EarthWatch Institute: pre-proposal submitted November 2002.* Marine primary production fueling freshwater ecosystems: River herring as nutrient vectors for Eastern coastal freshwater river ecosystems in Virginia. Co-principal investigator with Drs. Stephen Macko, University of Virginia and Greg Garman, Virginia Commonwealth University

- Award sought; \$27,000 renewed yearly

*National Institute of Health: submitted October, 2002.* Metabolic turnover rate and nutrient allocation as assessed by multiple stable isotope analysis. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Lynne Arneson, American University

- Award sought; \$783,000 (over 5 years)

#### **SPONSORED RESEARCH: GRANTS IN PREPARATION**

*Water Resources Research Institute (WRII).* in preparation for next the funding cycle 09/10, after evaluation of 08/09 results.

#### **OTHER RESEARCH:**

RECENT STUDENT GRANTS

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American University Biology Department *Greebe Award*, 2008. undergraduate student Andrew Frank submitted a proposal entitled "Surface versus cave Amphipods: metabolic adaptation to the cave environment"

Award received; \$1,500

*Cave Conservancy Foundation of Virginia, Fellowship* 2007/08. graduate student Natalie Hanson submitted a proposal entitled "Quantifying Metabolic Adaptation to the Cave Environment: a Stable Isotope Approach"

Awarded received; \$5,000

#### RESEARCH CRUISES

2002 June. RV Seward Johnson II/Johnson Sea-Link Submersible (Harbor Branch Oceanographic). Ocean Exploration Cruise to Gulf of Mexico Hydrocarbon Seeps

2002 March. RV Seward Johnson II/Johnson Sea-Link Submersible (Harbor Branch Oceanographic). Role of nutrient availability on reproduction of mixotrophic mussels (*Bathymodiolus childressi*) in Gulf of Mexico chemosynthetic communities

1998 July. RV Edwin Link/Johnson Sea-Link Submersible (Harbor Branch Oceanographic), Dives 4029-4054. Stability and Change: chemosynthetic communities in the Gulf of Mexico

#### MEDIA APPEARENCES

FOX NEWS CHANNEL 5, WTTG TV, 9/18/2006. Fish used to detect attacks on water supply.

National Public Radio, Morning edition. 10/2/2006. Interview about snakehead catfish in the DC area.

#### TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Courses taught between F2001 and S2003 by semester

Fall 2001	BIO 110 General Biology I (two sections) BIO 220 General Biology II
Spring 2002	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology (two sections of 75) BIO 396 Marine Mammals
Summer 2002	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology (session 1) BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology (session 2)
Fall 2002	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology CHEM 220 Environmental Resources and Energy ENVS-102 Seminar in Environmental Issues
Spring 2003	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology CHEM 100 Molecular World ENVS-102 Seminar in Environmental Issues

Courses taught since 2003 by semester

Fall 2003	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology
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Spring 2004	CHEM 400 Geology CHEM 100 Molecular World ENVS 581 Environmental Science II
Fall 2004	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology (two sections of 75 each)
Spring 2005	ENVS 581 Environmental Science II BIO 499 Senior Seminar BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology
Summer 2005	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology
Fall 2005	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology ENVS 581 Environmental Science II ENVS 696 Environmental Geology
Spring 2006	Junior Leave
Summer 2006	BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology
Fall 2006	BIO 240 Oceanography ENVS 696 Environmental Problem Solving
Spring 2007	BIO 240 Oceanography (two sections of 45) ENVS 581 Environmental Science II
Summer 2007	BIO 240 Oceanography
Fall 2007	BIO 240 Oceanography ENVS 696 Environmental Geology
Spring 2008	BIO 240 Oceanography (two sections of 45) ENVS 581 Environmental Science II

GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE PROJECTS SUPERVISED

MS Chair

1. Ethan Bassett, MS advisor. Measuring turnover rates and nutrient allocation to various tissues in mice (*Mus musculus*) using stable isotope analysis. completed 2005  
This work has been accepted for publication in Oecologia.
2. Natalie Hansen, MS advisor. Seasonal trends in nutrient flow in a tidal freshwater stream. Arrived Fall 2006, graduated summer 2008.
3. Stephen Lazaroff, MS advisor. Effect of metabolic rate on nutrient incorporation in male and female mice (*Mus musculus*). expected graduation May 2009

MS Committee Member

1. Rania Tarboush MS thesis co-advised. Growth and metabolism contribute to the turnover of stable isotopes in the zebrafish, *Danio rerio*. completed 2003  
This work has been accepted for publication in Canadian Journal of Zoology
2. David Baker MS thesis co-advised. Assessing pollution in gorgonians using a d<sup>15</sup>N isotope analysis. completed 2004  
Portions of this work are in review at Marine Ecology Progress Series
3. Kirby Webster. Octocorals as indicators of anthropogenic nutrients. Completed Spring 2006.
4. Ken Jenson. Detection of Tetracycline resistant bacteria in ecologically disturbed environments. Completed Fall 2007.

5. Evan Ewers. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon-degrading Bacteria in the Anacostia River, Washington, DC: Presence and Metabolic Capabilities

#### Capstone Project Co-advised

1. Ethan Bassett BS Honors thesis co-advised. Nutrient usage and carbon/nitrogen turnover rates of small mammals . completed 2004. WINNER: College of Arts and Sciences, Capstone Honors Thesis Award  
This work has been published in Canadian Journal of Zoology 84(7):983-993.
2. Jeremy Silver BA ENVS Honors thesis. Diet nutrient content and tissue turnover in *Mus musculus*. Completed May 2008
3. Carrie Johnson BA SPA Political attitudes towards wind energy in South Dakota

#### Independent Studies

1. Mansfield, Jason. BIO 490. Carbon turnover of mouse blood. completed 2002
2. Pascual, Roberto. Environmental degradation in Panama Bay. completed 2002
3. Jamil, Tahir. BIO 490. Nitrogen and carbon turnover in different mouse tissues. completed 2003
4. Andita Caesar . BIO 490. Growth versus metabolic tissue replacement in mouse tissues determined by stable sulfur analysis . Completed Spring 2005.
5. Jake Sirkin. BIO 490. Seasonal changes in nutrient flow in a VA tidal freshwater stream.
6. Brandy Wells. Preliminary Report on the Phylogeny of Fossil Crinoid Genus *Gilbertocrinus*
7. Jake Sirkin, Marine nutrients delivery to freshwater ecosystems in VA.
8. Emily Snyder Carnegie Geophysical Laboratory intern
9. Kristen Manusco, Carnegie Geophysical Laboratory intern
10. Jennifer Ross, ENVS 691. Deep-sea mussel fatty acid extraction.
11. Cristina Cordona , ENVS 690. Climate variables influence the distribution of Lyme Disease.

#### Other

1. Shoal Roj, Research project for a class. Chemosynthetic production contributions to predators in Gulf of Mexico. 2003
2. Eric Morgan, deans award for summer research, 2004. \$3000. Dependence of invertebrate predators on chemosynthetic primary production in the Gulf of Mexico. Completed Spring 2005, Presented at CAS Research Forum 2005  
Portions of the work appeared in peer-reviewed The Journal of Shellfish Research in 2008
3. Tim McCune, SRP. 2005. Suggestions for how to make Belize's protected areas more effective.
4. Vanessa McKinney, SRP. 2006. What are the effects of ocean acidification upon stratospheric ozone and the resultant consequences for human health?
5. Marysia Szymkowiak, SRP. 2008. Conserving the cod fishery on the Baltic Sea.

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

New course development:

ENVS 396/696 Environmental Geology  
ENVS 396 Environmental Problem Solving  
ENVS 396/696 Science and Policy of Climate and Energy

Development of PhD curriculum in Environmental Science (as part of a committee).  
Revamp of BIO 100 Great Experiments in Biology. Integration of laboratories and lecture. Re-evaluation of course objectives

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#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH:**

*EPC Curriculum Committee*, American University, 2007-present

*EPC Steering Committee*, American University, 2007-present (appointed co-chair 08/09)  
*Environmental Science PhD Curriculum Development Committee*, American University, 2007-present

*Search committee Cell Biology* American University, 2007-8

*Environmental Coordinator Search Committee*. American University, 2007

*Science Building renovation committee*, American University, 2006-present

*Environmental Issues Project Team*, American University, 2003-present. Co-Chair 2005-present

*Chair of Graduate Program in Environmental Studies*: Biology Department, American University, 2003-present

*Undergraduate Program in Environmental Studies Committee*: Biology Department , American University, 2003-2004, 2006-present

*Dean's Ad-hoc committee for Merit evaluation*: 2004

*Rank and Tenure Committee*: Biology Department, American University 2003-2004

*Graduate Program in Environmental Studies Committee*: Biology Department , American University, 2001-2002

*Judge*; Edmund Burke Middle School Science Fair, Feb 12, 2003

*Judiciary Committee Service*: Honor trial judge. American University, 2002

*Web Page Coordinator*. Biology Department, American University, 2001-2003.

*Graduate Arts and Science Spotlight*: 2000. Research presentation video clip sent on CD to prospective graduate students in Arts and Sciences, 2000-2001

- Copies of the 8 megabyte movie are available upon request

*Judge*: Envirodays judiciary board member, University of Virginia, 1995 and 1998

- Evaluated student presentations of original research

*President*: Student Environmental Association, Fairfield University, 1990-91

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (CURRENT)**

American Geophysical Union, *Alpha Epsilon Delta* (biology honor society)

#### **REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS FOR FOLLOWING JOURNALS**

(1) Journal of Geophysical Research (solicited), (2) Aquatic Geochemistry, (3) Deep-Sea Research, (4) Limnology and Oceanography, (5) Journal of Aquatic Animal Health, (6) Aquaculture, (7) Phytopathology, (8) Marine and Freshwater Research, (9) North American Journal of Fisheries Management, (10) Organic Geochemistry, (11) Oecologia, (12) Marine Ecology, (13) Functional Ecology, (14) Canadian Journal of Zoology, (15) Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology, (17) Okios, (18) Chemical Geology, (19) Rapid Communications in

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Mass Spectrometry, (20) Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, (21) Physiological and Biochemical Zoology

**REVIEWED FOLLOWING TEXTBOOKS**

Belk and Borden, 2003. Biology: Science for Life, 1st ed. Pearson Education

**REVIEWED PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS**

The Petroleum Research Fund (American Chemical Society)  
USGS Maine Water Resources Institute Program  
Maine Sea Grant