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Education

Northwestern University, Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Virology, Chicago, IL 60611 Ph.D. June 1995 GPA 3.9/4.0

Thesis advisor: Noël Bouck. "Inhibition of Angiogenesis Controlled by Tumor Suppressor Genes: Thrombospondin-1 and Its Derived Peptides."

University of Iowa, Department of Biochemistry, Iowa City, IA 1984-1986. GPA 3.6/4.0

Northwestern College, Department of Biology, Orange City, IA B.A. Biology 1984 Magna cum laude GPA 3.8/4.0.

Professional Experience

Professor, Department of Biology, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA 51041. 2009 – present. Northwestern College Endowed Professorship 2016 – 2021.

Associate Professor, Department of Biology, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA 51041. 2001 – 2009.

Interim Associate Dean of Faculty and Staff Development, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA 51041. 2004 – 2006.

Assistant Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA 51041. 1995 – 2001.

Scheduled Course Rotation: Cell Biology, Genetics and Genomics, Immunology, Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology, First Year Seminar, Introduction to Human Anatomy, Science and Christian Faith.

Other Courses Taught: Biochemistry: Proteins and Metabolism, Introduction to the Life Sciences, Histology, Christian Thought in a Scientific World, Human Anatomy, Biochemistry: Molecular Genetics, General Biology Laboratory.

Institutional Service: Advise 20 students per year, Faculty Staff Welfare Committee 1996 – 1998, General Education Task Force 1998 – 1999, VPAA Search Committee 1999 – 2000, Faculty Development Committee 2004 – 2006, Dean's Council 2004 – 2006, Faculty Evaluation Task Force 2008, Academic Administration Task Force 2014 – 2015, Strategic Planning Committee 2013 – 2017, Academic Affairs Committee 2008 – 2011, 2015 – 2017 (Chair 2009/2010, 2016/2017), Faculty Status Committee 2001 – 2003, 2011 – 2013, and 2020 – present (Chair 2002/2003, Secretary 2013/2014).

Co-editor (with Jason Lief) of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*. 2014-present.

Subject book review editor (biology, ecology, genetics, evolution) of *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith: A Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation*. 2013-present.

Research Technician, Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Virology,
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Grants

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Northwestern College Summer Faculty Research Grants 1996, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Northwestern College Lilly Faculty Fellow 2010

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Publications

Abigail M. Bastian, Marcus J. Blankenspoor, Gideon K. Fynaardt, Sadie A. Gilmeister, Emily E. Hurley, Madison Jones, Erika J. McKenney, Alexa N. Olguin, Micah N. Rens, Garrett Snyder, Anneka E. Sterk, Sophie M. Swart, Alaena Trevino, Ashley N. Van Egdome, Morgan C. Veach, Kip Cullinan, Kaarina Van Berkum, Lauren R. Pavich, Krista Starr, Byron Noordewier, and Sara S. Tolsma, Complete Genome Sequences of Microbacterium Phages Clayda5 and Gshelby23 and Gordononia Phages Wrigley and Santhid, Microbiology Resource Announcements, submitted.

Kristina Sevcik, Peace Preston, Michaela Aulner, Byron Noordewier, and Sara S. Tolsma, Complete Genome Sequences of Cluster S Mycobacteriophages Beelzebub, Raela, and RedRaider77, Microbiology Resource Announcements, in preparation.

Annika Stecker, Steven Van Meeteren, Gracelyn Wager, Abigail Clarke, Jordyn Kramer, Lauren Pavich, Emily Schmidt, Krista Starr, Kaarina Van Berkum, Ashley Van Egdome, Sara S. Tolsma (2022) Exploring Gene Functions and Phage-Host Protein Interactions in Mycobacteriophage Island3, NWC Celebration of Research and Annual SEA-PHAGES Symposium.

Blake M. Anderson, Abigail M. Clarke, Kip R. Cullinan, Lindsey J. Groen, Travis J. Grover, Kaytlyn E. Keeler, Benjamin S. Kingery, Jordyn L. Kramer, Noah M. Kryfka, Kaitlyn N. McCracken, Emilien A. Meray, Lane C. Mulder, Daniel A. Nordquist, Mitchell J. Oostra, Lauren R. Pavich, Dominick L. Pickard, Mitchell T. Rentschler, Annika G. Stecker, Ashley N. Van Egdome, Morgan C. Veach, Elizabeth Y. Heeg, Sara S. Tolsma (2022) Analysis of a Putative Promoter in Mycobacteriophage JacoRen57, NWC Celebration of Research and Annual SEA-PHAGES Symposium.

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Laricca Y. London, Mary A. Ayuk, Diana Effiom, Folasade Fashina, Briana J. Louis, Sara S. Tolsma, Adrian D. Allen, Leon A. Dickson, Somiranjana Ghosh, Ayele Gugssa, Hemayet Ullah, Glory B. Basse, Lourds M. Fernando, Madison M. Moore, Jerome J. Oliver, Esohe G. Irabor,

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David M. Adair, Lindsey L. Craig, Keziah J. Knudson, Kaylee A. Maasdam, Kaarina M. Marttila, Katie M. Meyer, Alexa Olguin, Mitchell Rentschler, Emily Schmidt, April S. Van Tol, Samantha Blum, Byron Noordewier, and Sara S. Tolsma (2021) Genetic Annotation of Bacteriophages MScarn, Knocker, and Neos5. Iowa Academy of Science Annual Meeting (virtual), NWC Celebration of Research and Annual SEA-PHAGES Symposium.

Riley Chartier, Abigail Clarke, Lindsey Groen, Marshall Kleinhesselink, Cassandra Koel, Madison Korthals, Jordyn Kramer, Garrett Raymon, Krista Riensche, Sadie Sandbulte, Annika Stecker, Daniel Strand, Kaytlin Wojciechowski, Ali Almail, Sara S. Tolsma (2021) Stormbreaker8 and A3Wally Bacteriophage Genome Annotations. Iowa Academy of Science Annual Meeting (virtual), NWC Celebration of Research and Annual SEA-PHAGES Symposium.

Ali Almail, Samantha J. Blum, Lauren R. Pavich, Sara S. Tolsma (2021) Investigating Gene Functions in Mycobacteriophage Island3. Iowa Academy of Science Annual Meeting (virtual), NWC Celebration of Research and Annual SEA-PHAGES Symposium.

Ali Almail, Noah M. Gritters, Colton Hage, Lauren R. Pavich, Dominick Pickard, Mitchell Rentschler, Ashley Van Egdome, and Sara S. Tolsma (2021) Elucidating Antiproliferative Mechanisms of Grapeseed, Guava, and Juniper Berry Extracts. Iowa Academy of Science Annual Meeting (virtual) and NWC Celebration of Research.

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