

# **Ocean Biosciences Program**

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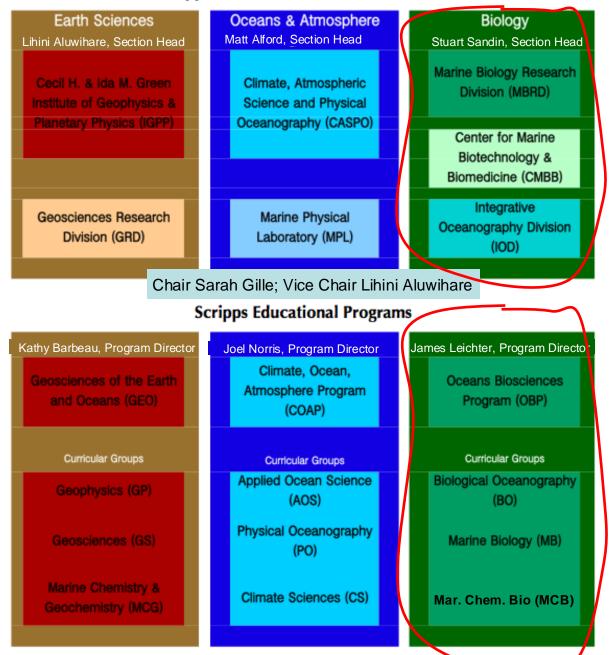
# Outline:

- Admissions Process (mostly CC info)
- What is OBP?
- Who are the academic faculty?
- Some major resources here

**Overview of the Application Process** 

- Identifying potential Faculty Advisor(s). Reach out to these people and assess interest. Email is challenging, don't be discouraged
- 2. Applying for fellowships especially NSF
- 3. SIO application with focus on research experience, and statement of research interests. Background and recommendation letters can help
- 4. Onsite interviews/recruiting
- 5. Internal Admissions decisions and internal fellowship awards

#### Scripps Research Sections and Divisions



# Two Curricular groups in Ocean Biosciences Program

#### Marine Biology Curricular Group

Marine Biology: study of all aspects of cell bio, development, physiology, genetics, behavior, ecology, and evolution of marine organisms.

Coordinator: Prof. Dede Lyons

#### Marine Chemical Biology Track

Marine bio at the chemistry-biology interface.

Curricular Advisor: Prof. Brad Moore

### Biological Oceanography Curricular Group

Biological Oceanography: **interdisciplinary** marine ecology-- strong tradition on including physical and chemical environment.

Coordinator: Prof. Andrew Barton

## ~BO Academic Staff (partial list)

#### Faculty

**ALLEN, ANDY\*** ANDERSSON, Andreas# **BARTON**, Andrew (joint with Biology) **BAUMANN-PICKERING, Simone BOWMAN**, Jeff **BURTON**, Ronald\* CHOY, Anela **DECIMA**, Moira DIAZ. Julia # FRANKS, Peter (RTAD HAMDOUN, Amro\* HILDEBRAND, John<sup>†</sup> LANDRY, Michael (RTAD) **LEICHTER, James\*** LEVIN, Lisa (RTAD) **OHMAN, Mark (RTAD)** PALENIK, Brian\* **PETRIK, Colleen** SANDIN, Stuart\* SEMMENS, Brice\* SMITH, Jennifer\* SUGIHARA, George\* **TRESGUERRES**, Martin\*

Researchers/Lecturers JAFFE, Jules<sup>†</sup> PARNELL, Ed (RTAD)

#### Emeriti

CHECKLEY, David DAYTON, Paul HASTINGS, Philip\* MITCHELL, Greg VERNET, Maria

#### Adjunct faculty

BARLOW, Jay (SWFSC) EZCURRA, Exequiel (UC Riverside & UC Mexus) KNOWLTON, Nancy\* (Smithsonian Inst.)

\* BO & MB <sup>†</sup> BO & COAP # BO & GEO

# ~BO Academic Staff (some of our newer faces

ology)



Moira Decima

BOWMAN. B C **Colleen Petrik** Biol. oceanography of D D zooplankton and fishes, F

biophysical modeling, climate H

Emeriti a faculty

Zooplankton Ecology, Curator Paur 3, Philip\*

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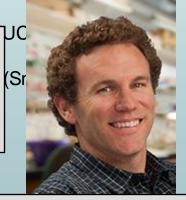


Anela Choy Open ocean food webs

Julia Diaz Marine microbio, Phytoplankton & algal biofuels, biogeochemistry

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Andrew Barton Plankton macroecology, biodiversity

#### ~MB Academic Staff (overlaps between MB and BO) Faculty

**ABURTO**, Octavio ALUWIHARE, Lihini ALLEN, Eric (w/ Biology) ALLEN, Andy\* **ARCILA**, Dahiana **BARTLETT**, Douglas **BENMARHNIA**, Tarik **BETANCUR**, Ricardo BOWMAN, Jeff\* **BURTON, Ronald\* GAASTERLAND**, Terry **GERWICK**, William<sup>o</sup> GILBERT, Jack (w/ Medicine) HAMDOUN, Amro\* **HECHINGER**, Ryan JENSEN, Paul<sup>o</sup> LEICHTER, James\* LUKOWSKI, April LYONS, Deirdre **MOORE, Bradley**<sup>o</sup> NORRIS, Richard <sup>+</sup> **PALENIK**, Brian\* **ROUSE**, Greg SANDIN, Stuart\* **SEMMENS, Brice\*** SMITH, Jennifer\* SUGIHARA, George\* **TAYLOR**, Jennifer **TRESGUERRES, Martin\*** 

#### Researchers **DEHEYN**, Dimitri **GERWICK**, Lena **KELLY**, Linda **PONGANIS**, Paul **ZEIGLER-ALLEN, Lisa**

#### Emeriti

AZAM, Farooq **BRAHAMSHA**, Bianca FELBECK, Horst FENICAL, William<sup>o</sup> HASTINGS, Philip\* HOLLAND, Linda HOLLAND, Nicholas KOOYMAN, Gerald VACQUIER, Victor **YAYANOS**, Aristides JACKSON, Jeremy<sup>†</sup> LATZ, Michael

### Adjunct faculty

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Facult ABURTO ALLEN, ALLEN, BARTLE BENMA BOWMA BURTO



G Lisa Zeigler-Allen G Virus/microbial ecology, H metagenomics

JENSEN, Paul<sup>o</sup> LEICHTER, James\* LYONS, Deirdre MOORE, Brad NORRIS, Rich PALENIK, Bria ROUSE, Greg SANDIN, Stua SEMMENS, B SMITH, Jennif SUGIHARA, G



April Lukowski Biosynthetic enzyme discovery & function

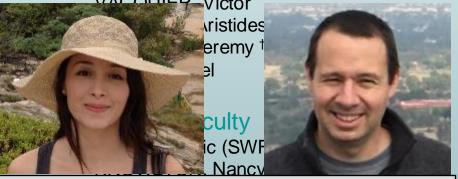
## MB Academic Staff

## Researchers

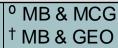


Linda Kelly Microbial ecology & biogeochemistry

HASTINGS, Philip\* HOLLAND, Linda HOLLAND, Nicholas KOOYMAN, Gerald



Dahiana Arcila & Ricardo Benancur-R Fish Evolution



# **Attending Research Seminars**

<u>Ecology seminars</u> Wednesday, 12:15-1:15p (organized by BO 2<sup>nd</sup> yr grad students)

<u>MB seminars</u>, Fridays, 12:15-1:15p (organized by MB 4<sup>th</sup> yr grad students)

## Example, Fall 2024 Ecology Seminars



# Opportunities for Research Seminars by grad students

SIO 291 MB Grad Student Research Presentations Seminar, thematic. SIO 296 BO Grad Student Research Presentations Seminar.

1 unit course can be very useful experience

## **Other Campus Seminars**

#### SIO: All Curricular Groups

http://scrippseducation.ucsd.edu/C alendar\_and\_Events/Seminars/

## UCSD Upper Campus

#### Biology Division Seminar Program:

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room(first floor) of the Center For Molecular Genetics.

#### SWFSC - NOAA

## Southwest Fisheries Science Center

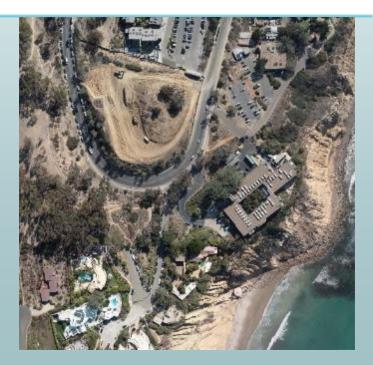
The Southwest Fisheries Science Center is the research arm of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service in the Southwest Region. Center scientists conduct biological, economic and oceanographic research on marine resources throughout the Pacific Ocean and in the Southern Ocean off Antarctica to ensure that these populations remain healthy and at sustainable levels. Ecology, Behavior and Evolution Seminars: Fridays, 11:00 a.m. in 1103 Muir Biology Building, UCSD Muir College Campus.

### Biology Graduate Seminars: Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. (noon) in Pacific Hall, UCSD Revelle College Campus.

## Resources of Interest to SIO Ocean Biosciences Students

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Possible collaborators & mentors

SWFSC staff that are adjunct SIO faculty

- Dr. Eric Archer genetics of marine mammals
- Dr. Sarah Mesnick- Marine conservation

Some facilities we have: Experimental Aquariums;

**Hydraulics Lab** 



# Makers Space(s) aka shops

**Two large experimental aquarium rooms**. **Hubbs Hall** facility is 2751 square feet with 12 trays and 30 tanks of volumes ranging from 1020 I to 7560 I, using an **'open seawater system**' that can deliver **chilled** (8 deg C), **ambient** (12 deg C-21 deg C), and **warm** (28 deg C) seawater. Chilled and warm seawater temperatures are very reliable, usually fluctuating no more then +/- 1 C deg. **Four additional aquarium wet labs** exist throughout Hubbs Hall, including a chilled 'closed system' in a controlled temperature room.

The **Ritter Hall** facility is 2150 square feet with 18 trays and 19 tanks with volumes ranging from 300 I to 21,000 I, a two chambered controlled light room and three each 3 m square cubicle rooms. **Chilled** (10 deg C) and **ambient** (12 deg C-21 deg C) seawater is also available via an **'open syste**m'.

# **Scientific Diving Program**

The oldest and one of the largest and most active scientific diving programs in the nation.

Trains and supports students, PIs, & technicians in the safe and effective use of SCUBA and other diving technologies for research.

Opportunities to become certified for Scientific Diving

# Boating Operations

Small boats, near shore work

MBRD Boating Handbook New Boat Operator Authorization Procedure

Opportunities to become certified for small boat operations

# Many facilities and opportunities on the main UCSD Campus

Many very strong academic and research departments, e.g. Medicine, Biology, Engineering, Computing, Cognitive Sciences, Music etc

Sports and Recreation, Restaurants, Bookstore, etc

Visual and performing arts

Student advising, tutoring, writing support etc

# SIO's Fleet

Oceanographic research vessels Opportunities to work at sea



R/V Roger Revelle



R/V Sally Ride



**R/V Robert Gordon Sproul** 



R/V Bob and Betty Beyster

https://scripps.ucsd.edu/ships/scripps-fleet



# **SIO Natural History Collections**

Marine Vertebrates

Pelagic Invertebrates

**Benthic Invertebrates** 





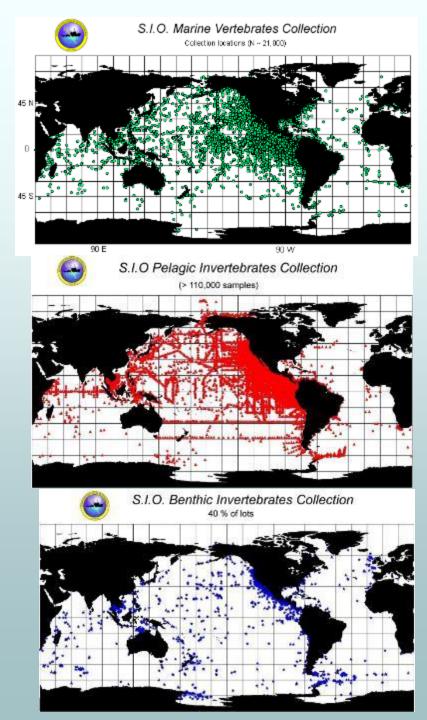


**Cored Sediments & Microfossils** 

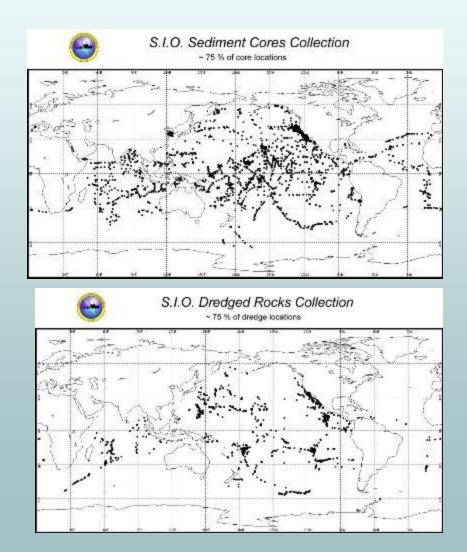
**Dredged Rocks** 



Each has a curator and a collections manager http://collections.ucsd.edu/



# SIO Oceanographic Collections: Sample Locations





# SIO Oceanographic Collections: Student Training

## Support of Classroom Teaching

- 31 courses at UCSD depend on collection materials
- 20 SIO Graduate Courses
- 11 UCSD undergraduate courses

## Support of Thesis and Postdoctoral Studies

In 2008, SIO Collections supported the research of at least

- 20 Scripps graduate students
- 7 Scripps postdoctoral scientists
- 50 students from other universities

68 PhD and Master's degrees based on MVC alone







# **Ocean Biosciences Graduate Program**

- What and who we are
- Resources available to grad students

## Next up: CG-specific/application-focused sessions MB BO