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Summary (1992 – 2019)

- Directly supervised the research projects of 30 students, 23 of whom completed post-graduate degrees
 - 1 M.D./Ph.D. degree
 - 12 M.D. degrees
 - 7 Ph.D. degrees
 - -1 D.D.S. degree
 - 2 M.S. degrees
- Seven peer-reviewed journal publications

(Schlosser, Altheide, Kim, Colton, Ostler, Matyjasik, Truong)

• 21 peer-reviewed presentations at national and international meetings (England, France, Japan, Montana, California, Washington DC, North Carolina,

Texas, Washington State, New York, Missouri, Georgia, Hawaii, Oregon, Wisconsin)

• Six undergraduate and one Master's theses

(Ostler, Bentley, Freidekind, Oney, Minear, Truong)

• Four national research awards

(Gabrielsen, Suurmeyer, Minear, Truong)

• \$48,045 in competitive fellowships and grants, written by students

(Anderson, Gabrielsen, Ericson, Suurmeyer, Oney, Cottrell, Minear, Truong, Cox, Hill, Nguyen, Hunziker, Haney, Wilko)

- Competitive student grants obtained from 14 different agencies
- 12 students elected to Sigma Xi on the basis of research accomplishments (Colton, Bentley, McKinley, Suurmeyer, Cottrell, Neilsen, Minear, Truong, Cox, Nguyen, Hunziker, Haney)
- 11 (of 20 possible) Department of Zoology Laboratory Research Awards
 (Poll, Ostler, Colton, McKinley, Ericson, Oney, Minear, Truong, Hunziker, Bedolla, Haney)

MEETING SPONSORS

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Council on Undergraduate Research, "Posters on the Hill"
- International Congress of Genetics
- International Wolbachia Conference
- National Conference on Undergraduate Research
- Sigma Xi International Research Conference
- Society of Systematic Biologists

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University of Arizona Tucson, AZ

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STUDENT	DATES	COMPETITIVE GRANTS	PEER-REVIEWED OUTPUT	COMPETITITVE AWARDS	DEGREE/POSITION
Michael Schlosser	6/92 – 8/92; 6/94 – 8/94	Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Howard Hughes Medical Institute	а		M.D. 1998 Yale University
Tasha Altheide	8/93 – 12/95	N.S.F. Predoctoral Fellowship	a, b, c		Ph.D. 2002 University of Arizona
Pyong Kim	6/94 – 6/95		d		M.D. 1999 University of Arizona
Zac Forsman	10/95 – 2/96	BRAVO [†] Fellowship for undergraduate research at Tsukuba Institute, Japan [†] Biomedical Research Abroad, Vistas of funded by Howard Hughes Medical I	1 7		Ph.D. 2003 University of Houston

a – Clark, J.B., **T.K. Altheide, M.J. Schlosser** and M.G. Kidwell. 1995. Molecular evolution of *P* transposable elements in the genus *Drosophila*. I. The *saltans* and *willistoni* species groups. Mol. Biol. Evol. 12:902-913.

b – Clark, J.B., W.P. Maddison, **T.K. Altheide** and M.G. Kidwell. 1993. Molecular phylogenetic analysis of *P* transposable elements in *Drosophila*. Second International Symposium on Molecular Insect Science, Flagstaff, AZ. July 17-22.

c – Clark, J.B., W.P. Maddison, **T.K. Altheide** and M.G. Kidwell. 1993. Molecular phylogenetic analysis of *P* transposable elements in *Drosophila*. International Congress of Genetics. Birmingham, UK. Aug. 15-21.

d – Clark, J.B., P. Kim and M.G. Kidwell. 1998. Molecular evolution of P transposable elements in the genus Drosophila. III. The melanogaster species group. Mol. Biol. Evol. 15:746-755.

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Weber State University Ogden, UT

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STUDENT	DATES	COMPETITIVE GRANTS	PEER-REVIEWED OUTPUT	COMPETITITVE AWARDS	DEGREE/POSITION
Jed Poll	6/99 – 12/99			2000 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	M.D. 2004 Medical College of Wisconsin
Christopher Ostler	1/00 – 12/00		e, f	2001 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	M.S. 2005 Westminster College
Leah Colton	6/00 – 12/01	Ferguson Emerging Infection Diseases Fellowship, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	is g	Elected to Sigma Xi; 2002 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	Ph.D. 2009 Colorado State University
Olga Freidekind	5/01 – 7/01		h	Diplomate (M.S.), University of Heidelberg	Ph.D. 2008 University of Heidelberg, Germany
Melissa Bentley	1/01 – 5/02		i, j	Elected to Sigma Xi	M.D. 2006 University of Utah

e – Ostler, C. 2000. Identification of a *HeT-A* transposable element in *Drosophila teissieri*. Senior Thesis, Department of Zoology, Weber State University.

- h **Freidekind, O**. 2002. Practical training protocol: *In situ* hybridization to polytene chromosomes in *Drosophila*. Diplomate (Master's) thesis, University of Heidelberg, Germany. [*Research conducted at W.S.U.*]
- i Bentley, M.J. 2002. Molecular phylogeny of the Het-A transposable element in the melanogaster species subgroup of Drosophila. Senior Thesis, Department of Zoology, Weber State University.
- *j* **Bentley, M.**, J. Wilson and J. B. Clark. 2002. Molecular phylogenetic analysis of the *HeT-A* transposable element in the *melanogaster* species subgroup of *Drosophila*. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, Annual Meeting, Sorrento, Italy. June 12-16.

f – Watkins, W.S, A.R. Rogers, **C.T. Ostler**, et al. 2003. Genetic variations among world populations: inferences from 100 *Alu* insertion polymorphisms. *Genome Res.* 13:1607-1618. [*Research conducted at University of Utah*]

g – **Colton, L.** and J.B. Clark. 2001. Comparison of DNA isolation methods and storage conditions for successful amplification of *Drosophila* genes using PCR. Dros. Info. Service 84:180-183.

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Justin Wilson	5/01 – 5/02		k		M.D. 2006 Penn State University
Kristina McKinley (co-advised with J. Cavitt)	6/01 – 5/03		l, m, n	Elected to Sigma Xi; 2003 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	M.D. 2007 University of Utah
Aaron Anderson	5/03 – 5/04	Summer Undergraduate Research Experience in Biolo Weber State University	gy, o		M.D. 2008 University of Cincinnati

k – Bentley, M., J. Wilson and J.B. Clark. 2002. Molecular phylogenetic analysis of the HeT-A transposable element in the melanogaster species subgroup of Drosophila. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, Annual Meeting, Sorrento, Italy. June 12-16.

 ^{/ –} McKinley, K., J.B. Clark and J.F. Cavitt. 2002. Seasonal variation of offspring sex ratios in starlings. Council on Undergraduate Research, Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. March 13-15.

m – McKinley, K., J. F. Cavitt and J. B. Clark. 2002. Seasonal variation of offspring sex ratios in starlings. Sigma Xi, Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference, Galveston, TX. November 15-17.

n – **McKinley, K.** 2003. Seasonal variation of offspring sex ratio in European starlings. Senior Thesis, Department of Zoology, Weber State University.

o – **Anderson, A.** and J.B. Clark. 2004. Distinguishing closely-related species of *Drosophila* using DNA fingerprinting. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University. March 29.

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Carrie Bauer (co-advised with M. Sondossi)	9/03 – 5/04		p, q	Sigma Xi Research Award, 2004	Research Technician, Applied Biosystems
Kenneth Lindley	9/03 – 5/05		r		M.D. 2008 Ohio State University
Eric Gabrielsen	5/04 – 5/05	Fellowship, N.S.F. – Research Experience for Undergraduat		Council on Undergraduate Research, "Posters on the Hill" (one of only 60 students chosen nationwide)	D.D.S. 2009 Ohio State University
Don Ericson (co-advised with B. Trask)	6/04 – 5/05	Undergraduate Research Fell W.S.U. Office of Undergradu Research	• •	2005 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	M.D. 2009 University of Utah

p – Saxton, E.A., J.N. Sonstegard, **C.K. Bauer**, J.B. Clark, and M. Sondossi. 2004. Microbial isolates from Great Salt Lake: Initial genetic characterization and range of salt tolerance. Utah Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Cedar City, UT. April 16.

- s Gabrielsen, E.J. and J.B. Clark. 2005. Genetic identification of brine flies of Great Salt Lake. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University. March 28.
- t **Gabrielsen, E.J.** and J.B. Clark. 2005. Initial genetic characterization of brine flies of Great Salt Lake. Council on Undergraduate Research, "Posters on the Hill", Washington, DC. April 19.
- *u* **Ericson, D.** N. Racker, J. Clark, and B. Trask. 2005. Elevated concentrations of stress proteins in *Drosophila* in response to sleep deprivation. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University. March 28.

q – Bauer, C., J.N. Sonstegard, E.A. Saxton, J.B. Clark, and M. Sondossi. 2004. Genetic characterization of microbial diversity in Great Salt Lake. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University. March 29.

r – **Lindley, K.**, J. Bambrick and J.B. Clark. 2005. Molecular phylogeny of the telomere-associated transposable element, *HeT-A*. Society of Systematic Biologists, Annual Meeting, Fairbanks, AK. June 11-14.

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STUDENT	DATES	COMPETITIVE GRANTS	PEER-REVIEWED OUTPUT	COMPETITITVE AWARDS	DEGREE/POSITION
Ellen Suurmeyer	5/05 – 7/05	Fellowship, N.S.F. – Researc Experience for Undergradua		Elected to Sigma Xi; Outstanding presentation, Sigma Xi International Research Conference	Ph.D. 2012 University of Arizona
Brian Oney	6/07 – 5/08	Eccles Research Fellowship	w, x, y, z	2007 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	M.S. 2011 University of Bayreuth, Germany
					Ph.D. (in progress) Swiss Federal Technical Institute
Natasha Neilsen	6/08 – 5/09		a, b	Elected to Sigma Xi	Research Technician, Myriad Genetics

v – **Suurmeyer, E.** and J.B. Clark. 2005. Genetic studies of brine fly diversification in Great Salt Lake. Sigma Xi, Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference, Seattle, WA. November 3-6.

w – **Oney, B.** and J.B. Clark. 2007. Genetic variation in natural populations of the Great Salt Lake Brine Fly, *E. cinerea*. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University. March 26.

x – Oney, B. and J. Clark. 2007. Genetic variation in natural populations of the Great Salt Lake Brine Fly, E. cinerea. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, San Rafael, CA. April 12-14.

y – **Oney, B.** 2007. The utility of the ITS-1 region in assessing genetic variability in the brine fly, *Ephydra gracilis*. Senior Thesis, Department of Zoology, Weber State University.

z – Clark, J.B. and **B.J. Oney**. 2011. Molecular population genetic analysis of the brine fly, *Ephydra gracilis*, from Great Salt Lake. 11th International Conference on Salt Lake Research, Córdoba, Argentina. May 9-14.

a – **Neilsen, N.** and J.B. Clark. 2009. Phylogenetic analysis of the telomere-associated gene, *HeT-A*, in *Drosophila*. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University. March 23.

b – **Neilsen, N.** and J.B. Clark. 2009. An expanded phylogenetic view of the telomere-associated transposable element, *HeT-A*, in *Drosophila*. Society of Systematic Biologists, Annual Meeting, Moscow, ID. June 12-16.

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Christy Cottrell (co-advised with M. Sondossi)	6/08 – 12/09	Doyle W. Stephens Research Fellowship, Friends of Great Salt Lake (http://www.fogsl.or		Elected to Sigma Xi	Research Technician, Applied Biosciences
		Travel to Disseminate Grant (W.S.U. Office of Undergraduat			
Krystle Minear	5/09 – 6/10	Research Fellowship, Ralph Nye Charitable Foundation	f, g, h, i	Elected to Sigma Xi; Outstanding presentation, Sigma Xi International Research Conference	Research Associate, Great Basin Scientific
		Travel to Disseminate Grants (two) (W.S.U. Office of Undergraduate Research)		2010 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	

c – **Cottrell, C.**, M. Sondossi and J.B. Clark. 2009. Preliminary metagenomic analysis of bacteria associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University, March 23.

- g Minear, K.J. Clark. 2009. DNA barcoding reveals the diversity of shore flies from Great Salt Lake. Sigma Xi
 Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Woodlands, TX. Nov. 12-15.
- h Minear, K.J. and J.B. Clark. 2010. Use of nuclear and mitochondrial genes to distinguish Great Salt Lake shore flies. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Missoula, MT. April 15-17.
- i Minear, K.J. 2010. Using DNA barcoding to study the diversity of shore flies from Great Salt Lake. Senior Thesis, Department of Zoology, Weber State University.

d – Cottrell, C. 2009. Using metagenomics to assess the diversity of bacteria associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. Annual Meeting, Friends of Great Salt Lake, Salt Lake City. May 27.

e – Cottrell, C., M. Sondossi and J.B. Clark. 2009. Metagenomic identification of bacteria associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Woodlands, TX. Nov. 12-15.

f – Clark, J.B. and Minear, K.J. 2009. DNA barcoding of shore flies from Great Salt Lake. Third International Barcoding of Life Conference, Mexico City. Nov. 9-13.

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Amanda Truong	5/10 – 5/12	Research Fellowship, Kem and Carolyn Gardner Foundation	j, k, l, m n, o, p, q,	Elected to Sigma Xi	M.D./Ph.D (in progress) University of Utah
		Cyrus M. McKell Research Scholarship Travel to Disseminate Grants [three] (W.S.U. Office of Undergraduate Research)		2011 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	
				Undergraduate Mentoring and Diversity Award, Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution (one of only 10 students chosen worldwide)	

j – **Truong, A.**, M. Sondossi and J.B. Clark. 2010. Characterization of *Wolbachia* in *Cirrula hians* from Great Salt Lake. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Raleigh, NC. Nov. 11-14.

- o **Truong, A.**, M. Sondossi and J.B. Clark. 2012. Comparative genetics of the *Wolbachia* endosymbiont associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. Seventh International *Wolbachia* Conference, St. Pierre d'Oléron, France. June 7-12.
- p Truong, A. Comparative genetics of the Wolbachia endosymbiont associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. Senior Thesis, Department of Zoology, Weber State University.
- q **Truong, A.**, M. Sondossi, and J.B. Clark. 2017. Genetic identification of *Wolbachia* from Great Salt Lake brine flies. *Symbiosis* 72:95-102.

k – **Truong, A.**, M. Sondossi and J.B. Clark. 2011. Genetic analysis of the *Wolbachia* endosymbiont associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Ithaca, NY. March 31-April 2.

I – Sondossi, M., A. Truong and J.B. Clark. 2011. Genetic characterization of the bacterial endosymbiont, Wolbachia, in shore flies from Great Salt Lake. 11th International Conference on Salt Lake Research, Córdoba, Argentina. May 9-14.

m – **Truong, A.** and J.B. Clark. 2011. Genetic analysis of the *Wolbachia* endosymbiont associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, Annual Meeting, Kyoto, Japan. July 26-30.

n – **Truong, A.**, M. Sondossi and J.B. Clark. 2012. Comparative genetics of the *Wolbachia* endosymbiont associated with Great Salt Lake brine flies. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Ogden, UT. March 29-31.

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Michael Matyjasik	6/11 – 12/11	N.S.FResearch Experience for Undergraduates	r		Ph.D. (in progress) University of Colorado, Boulder
Haylie Cox	6/11 – 8/12	Research Fellowship, Kem and Carolyn Gardner Foundation	s, t, u, v	Elected to Sigma Xi	M.S. 2013 Weber State University
		Travel to Disseminate Grant (W.S.U. Office of Undergraduat			

Parrish R.R., S.C. Buckingham, K.L. Mascia, J.J. Johnson, M.M. Matyjasik, and F. Lubin. 2015. Methionine increases BDNF DNA methylation and improves memory in epilepsy. Ann. Clin. Transl. Neurol. 2:401-416. [Research conducted at University of Alabama-Birmingham]

s – Cox, H. and J.B. Clark. 2011. Comparative genetic analysis of the telomere-associated transposable element, *HeT-A*, in *Drosophila*. Sixth International Symposium on Molecular Insect Science, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Oct. 2-5.

t – **Cox, H.** and J.B. Clark. 2010. Phylogenetic analysis of the unusual chromosomal telomeres of *Drosophila*, a model genetic organism. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Raleigh, NC. Nov. 10-13.

u – Cox, H. and J.B. Clark. 2012. Comparative molecular genetics of the unusual chromosome telomeres of *Drosophila*. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Ogden, UT. March 29-31.

v – Clark, J.B. and **H. Cox**. 2012. Expanded phylogenetic analysis of the telomere-associated transposable element, *HeT-A*, in *Drosophila*. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Annual Meeting, Dublin, Ireland. June 23-26.

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Christopher Hill	5/13 – 5/14	Leon and Frances Staciokis Scholarship	w		M.D. 2018 Penn State University
		Research Fellowship, Denkers Family Foundation			
Son Nguyen	5/13 – 5/16	Paul and Carolyn S. Thompson Research Scholarship	x, y, z, a	Elected to Sigma Xi	M.D. (in progress) University of Utah
		Research Fellowship, Ralph S. Nye Charitable Founda	ation		
		Travel to Disseminate Grant (W.S.U. Office of Undergraduate R	esearch)		

w – **Hill, C.**, M. Sondosssi and J.B. Clark. 2014. Preliminary metagenomic survey of bacteria associate with Great Salt Lake. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium & Celebration, Weber State University. March 31.

x – **Nguyen, S.** and J.B. Clark. 2013. DNA barcoding of Great Salt Lake invertebrates. Fifth International Barcode of Life Conference, Kunming, China. Oct. 27-31.

y – Clark, J.B., K. Minear and **S. Nguyen**. 2014. Using DNA Barcoding to Identify Great Salt Lake Invertebrates. Great Salt Lake Issues Forum, Salt Lake City, UT. May 7-9.

z – **Nguyen, S.** and J.B. Clark. 2014. Genetic analysis of invertebrates from Great Salt Lake, Utah. 12th International Conference on Salt Lake Research, Beijing, China. July 14-18.

a – Nguyen, S. and J.B. Clark. 2015. DNA barcoding of Great Salt Lake invertebrates. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Kansas City, MO. Oct. 24-29.

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Kelsey Hunziker	5/14 – 5/15	Travel to Disseminate Grant (W.S.U. Office of Undergradua		Elected to Sigma Xi; 2015 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	Research Specialist, Great Basin Scientific
Oscar Bedolla	5/16 – 12/17	Travel to Disseminate Grant (W.S.U. Office of Undergradua	- / -/ ;	2017 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	M.D. (in progress) University of Utah

b – **Hunziker, K.**, N. Berthelemey and J. Clark. 2015. Genetic identification of parasites associated with Great Salt Lake brine shrimp. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Weber State University, March 30.

c – **Hunziker, K.**, N. Berthelemey, S. Redon and J. Clark. 2015. Genetic identification of parasites associated with Great Salt Lake brine shrimp. Annual Meeting AAAS-Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA. June 14-17.

d – Bedolla, O. and J.B. Clark. 2016. Genetic exploration of invertebrate diversity in Great Salt Lake. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Atlanta, GA. Nov. 11-13.

e – **O. Bedolla** and J. Clark. 2017. DNA Barcoding of Great Salt Lake invertebrates. 7th International Barcode of Life Conference, Kruger National Park, South Africa. Nov. 20-24.

f – Clark, J.B., **O. Bedolla** and S. Haney. 2017. Genetic studies of invertebrate diversity in the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. 13th International Conference on Salt Lake Research, Ulan-Ude, Russia. August 21-25.

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Sabrina Haney	5/16 – 5/19	Travel to Disseminate Grant (W.S.U. Office of Undergraduat	· 3/ /	2018 Laboratory Research Award, Dept. of Zoology	Research Technician, Fresenius Medical
Taylor Wilko	9/18 –	Research Fellowship, Ralph S. Nye Charitable Fou	j, k Indation		

g – **Haney, S.** and J. Clark. 2017. Invertebrate diversity in the Great Salt Lake ecosystem revealed by DNA barcoding. Annual Meeting of AAAS-Pacific Division, Waimea, HI. June 19-24.

h – Clark, J., O. Bedolla and **S. Haney**. 2017. Genetic studies of invertebrate diversity in the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. 13th International Conference on Salt Lake Research, Ulan-Ude, Russia. August 21-25.

i – **Haney, S.** and J. Clark. 2019. DNA barcoding of invertebrates from the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. Annual Meeting of AAAS-Pacific Division, Ashland, OR. June 18-21.

j – **Wilko, T.** and J. Clark. 2019. Optimizing conditions for DNA barcoding of economically important Invertebrates. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research. February 22.

k – **Wilko, T.** and J. Clark. 2019. DNA barcoding of economically important insects. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and International Research Conference, Madison, WI. Nov. 14-17.