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EDUCATION

- 2007-2012 PhD, University of Tennessee, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.
(Advisor: Aimee T. Classen)
1999-2003 BS, University of Southern Indiana, Biology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 Staff Scientist/Liane Russell Fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
2014-2015 Post-doctoral research associate, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
2012-2014 Post-doctoral research fellow, University of Illinois, Carl Woese Institute
for Genomic Biology
2007-2012 Graduate teaching/research assistant, University of Tennessee
2006-2007 Research associate, HistoRx
2004-2006 Research assistant/lab manager, Yale University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (selected)

- Pending **DOE early career research award:** Consequences of tree mortality for
plant-microbe interactions and implications for ecosystem carbon cycling. PI: M.
Cregger. \$2.5M
Pending **DOE BER:** The center for bioenergy innovation. Co-PI M. Cregger. \$25M.
\$445,000 to M. Cregger
2016 **ORNL LDRD:** Understanding the microbially driven mechanisms behind
rapid responses of soils to short term disturbance events that result in large
nitrous oxide emission pulses. Co-PI M. Cregger. \$1.08M. \$108,000 to M. Cregger
2015 **ORNL LDRD:** Effects of tree mortality on belowground community
structure, function, and carbon cycling. PI M. Cregger. \$392,000
2015 **ORNL LDRD Seed:** Targeted metagenomic analysis of the novel bacterial
phylum AD3 from Walker Branch Watershed shallow subsurface soils. Co-PI M.
Cregger. \$30,000
2009-2012 **University of Tennessee research funding:** PI M. Cregger. \$5850
2009-2012 **DOE Graduate research environmental fellowship:** Microbial community
structure and ecosystem function in a changing world. PI M. Cregger. \$85,500.
2009-2012 **DOD Science, mathematics, and research for transformation.** PI
M.Cregger. \$105,000. Awarded and declined.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Cregger MA, White BA, Braundmeier A** (In prep – draft available upon request) Understanding
changes in the cervical microbiome to predict endometriosis presence and recurrence.
Target journal: Fertility and Sterility.

Cregger MA, Veach A, Schadt CW (In prep – draft available upon request) Deciphering plant microbe interactions across the *Populus* ecosystem. Target journal: Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

Classen AT, Sundqvist M, Henning JA, Newman GS, Moore JAM, **Cregger MA**, Moorhead L (2015) Direct and indirect effects of climate change on soil microbial and soil microbial-plant interactions: What lies ahead? *Ecosphere* 6:1-21.

Cregger MA, McDowell NG, Pockman W, Classen AT (2014) The impact of precipitation change on nitrogen cycling in a semi-arid ecosystem. *Functional Ecology* 28:1534-1544.

Cregger MA, Sanders NJ, Dunn RR, Classen AT (2014) Microbial communities respond to experimental warming, but site matters. *PeerJ* 2:e358.

Wright P*, **Cregger MA**, Souza L, Sanders N, Classen AT (2014) Interactive effects of herbivory, nitrogen fertilization, and plant invasion on above and belowground community structure and function. *Ecology and Evolution* 6:732-742.

McCord A, Chapman CA, Weny G, Tumukunde A, Hyeroba D, Klotz K, Koblings A, Mbora D, **Cregger MA**, White B, Leigh S, Goldberg TL (2014) Fecal microbiomes of non-human primates in western Uganda reveal species-specific communities largely resistant to habitat perturbation. *American Journal of Primatology* 76:347-354.

Yeoman CJ, Thomas SM, Berg Miller ME, Ulanov AV, Torralba M, Lucas S, Gillis M, **Cregger MA**, Gomez A, Ho M, Leigh SR, Stumpf R, Creedon DJ, Smith MA, Weisbaum JS, Nelson KE, Wilson BA, White BA (2013) A multi-omic systems-based approach reveals metabolic markers of bacterial vaginosis and insight into the disease. *Plos One* 8:e56111.

Cregger MA, Schadt CW, McDowell NG, Pockman WT, Classen AT (2012) Soil microbial community response to precipitation change in a semi-arid ecosystem. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 78:8587-8594.

Lessard JP, Reynolds WN, Bunn WA, Genung MA, **Cregger MA**, Felker-Quinn E, Barrios-Garcia MN, Stevenson ML, Lawton M, Brown CB, Patrick M, Rock JH, Jenkins MA, Bailey JK, Schweitzer JA (2012) Equivalence in the strength of deer herbivory on above and below ground communities. *Basic and Applied Ecology* 13:59-66.

Genung MA, Lessard JP, Brown C, Bunn W, **Cregger MA**, Reynolds W, Felker-Quinn E, Stevenson M, Hartley A, Crutsinger G, Schweitzer J, and Bailey J (2010) Non-additive effects of genotypic diversity increase pollinator visitation. *Plos One* 5(1): e8711.

Kardol P, **Cregger MA**, Company C, and Classen AT (2010) Soil ecosystem functioning under climate change: plant species and community effects. *Ecology* 91:767-781.

Gustavson MD, Bourke-Martin B, Reilly D, **Cregger M**, Williams C, Mayotte J, Zerkowski M, Tedeschi G, Pinard R, and Christiansen J (2009) Standardization of HER2 Immunohistochemistry in breast cancer by automated quantitative analysis (AQUA). *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine* 133:1413-1419.

Gustavson MD, Bourke-Martin B, Reilly DM, **Cregger M**, Williams C, Tedeschi G, Pinard R, Christiansen J (2009) Development of an Unsupervised Pixel-based Clustering Algorithm for

Compartmentalization of Immunohistochemical Expression Using Automated QUantitative Analysis. *Applied Immunohistochemistry & Molecular Morphology* 17:329-337.

Giltane JM, Ryden L, **Cregger M**, Bendahl P.O, Jirstrom K, Rimm DL (2007) Quantitative measurement of epidermal growth factor receptor is a negative predictive factor for tamoxifen response in hormone receptor - Positive premenopausal breast cancer. *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 25:3007-3014.

Pozner-Moulis S, **Cregger M**, Camp RL, Rimm DL (2007) Antibody validation by quantitative analysis of protein expression using expression of Met in breast cancer as a model. *Laboratory Investigation* 87:251-260.

Shields JM, Thomas NE, **Cregger M**, Berger AJ, Leslie M, Torrice C, Hao HL, Penland S, Arbiser J, Scott G, Zhou T, Bar-Eli M, Bear JE, Der CJ, Kaufmann WK, Rimm DL, Sharpless NE (2007) Lack of extracellular signal-regulated kinase mitogen-activated protein kinase signaling shows a new type of melanoma. *Cancer Research* 67:1502-1512.

Cregger M, Berger AJ, Rimm DL (2006) Immunohistochemistry and quantitative analysis of protein expression. *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine* 130:1026-1030.

Dolled-Filhart M, McCabe A, Giltane J, **Cregger M**, Camp RL, Rimm DL (2006a) Quantitative in situ analysis of beta-catenin expression in breast cancer shows decreased expression is associated with poor outcome. *Cancer Research* 66:5487-5494.

Dolled-Filhart M, Ryden L, **Cregger M**, Jirstrom K, Harigopal M, Camp RL, Rimm DL (2006b) Classification of breast cancer using genetic algorithms and tissue microarrays. *Clinical Cancer Research* 12:6459-6468.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Cregger MA, Crouch M*, Yang Z, Schadt CW (2016) The *Populus* microbiome atlas project – dissecting the microbiome landscape of an important economic and ecological model tree. IS-MPMI. Portland, OR. *Poster*

Lyon T*, **Cregger MA** (2016) Short term effects of hemlock mortality on soil respiration on the Cumberland Plateau, Tennessee. 2016 summer student symposium. Oak Ridge, TN. *Poster*

Cregger MA, Crouch M*, Yang Z, Schadt CW (2015) Plant microbe interactions: The *Populus* Atlas. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory Soils Workshop. Argonne, Illinois. *Poster*

Cregger MA, Crouch M*, Yang Z, Schadt CW (2015) Plant microbe interactions: The *Populus* Atlas. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 3rd annual Post-doctoral Symposium. Oak Ridge, TN. *Poster*

Cregger MA, McCord A, Chapman C, Weny G, Tumukunde A, Hyeroba D, Klotz K, Koblings A, Mbora D, Leigh S, Goldberg T, White B (2014) Digestive physiology structures gut bacterial communities across taxa. University of Illinois, Institute for Genomic Biology Fellows Symposium. Urbana, Illinois. *Poster*

- Cregger MA**, McCord A, Chapman C, Weny G, Tumukunde A, Hyeroba D, Klotz K, Koblings A, Mbora D, Leigh S, Goldberg T, White B (2014) From humans to livestock: digestive physiology structures gut microbial communities across a wide range of taxa. Gut microbiology: From sequence to function. Aberdeen, Scotland. *Poster*
- Classen AT, **Cregger MA** (2012) Soil microbial response to precipitation change. American Geophysical Union meeting. San Francisco, California. *Talk*
- Cregger MA**, McDowell NG, Schadt CW, Classen AT (2011) Microbial structure and function in a changing ecosystem. Department of Energy Global Change Education Program Summer Workshop. Knoxville, Tennessee. *Marvin L. Wesely Award. Talk*
- Cregger MA**, McDowell NG, Classen AT (2011) Precipitation change alters soil microbial communities in a pinyon-juniper woodland. Boreal Forest Ecology Course. Umea, Sweden. *Talk*
- Cregger MA**, McDowell NG, Pockman W, Classen AT (2010) Indirect effects of precipitation change alter soil microbial community structure in a Pinon-Juniper woodland. Argonne National Laboratory Soils Workshop. Argonne, Illinois. Travel grant (MAC) *Poster*
- Cregger MA**, McDowell NG, Pockman W, Classen AT (2010) Drought induced shifts in plant composition alter nitrogen cycling in a pinyon-juniper woodland. Bulletin of the Ecological Society of America. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. *Talk*
- Cregger MA**, McDowell NG, Pockman W, Classen AT (2010) Indirect effects of precipitation change drive nitrogen cycling in a pinyon-juniper woodland. Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting. Asheville, North Carolina. *Talk*
- Wright P*, **Cregger MA**, Sanders NJ, Classen AT (2010) Interactions among insect herbivory, invasive plants, and soil nutrients alters soil microbial function. Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting. Asheville, North Carolina. *Talk*
- Cregger MA**, McDowell NG, Pockman WT, Yopez EA, Classen AT (2009) Precipitation change shapes nitrogen cycling in a pinyon-juniper woodland. Bulletin of the Ecological Society of America. Albuquerque, New Mexico. *Talk*
- Kardol P, **Cregger MA**, Company CE, Classen AT (2009) Changes in plant community composition affect multifactor climate change effects on soil ecosystem functioning. Soil Ecology Society 12th Biennial International Conference. Brattleboro, Vermont. *Talk*
- Kardol P, **Cregger MA**, Company CE, Classen AT (2008) Multi-factor climate change effects on soil ecosystem functioning depend on changes in plant species composition. Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research (DISCCRS) IV Symposium, Saguaro Lake Ranch, Arizona. *Invited talk*
- Cregger MA**, Company C, Classen AT (2008) Effect of climate change on soil enzymatic activity in an old field community. Bulletin of the Ecological Society of America. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *FESIN & UTK travel award (MAC). Poster*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

2016 Graduate mentor – Francisco Fields, ORNL

- 2015-2016 Undergraduate mentor – Taylor Lyon and Miranda Crouch, ORNL
- 2013-2014 Undergraduate mentor – Shunzhe Yao, Annette Merkel, Jim Bruce, Deba Imafidon, University of Illinois
- 2009-2011 Undergraduate mentor – Phoebe Wright, University of Tennessee
- 2009 Ecology laboratory instructor
- 2009 Ecology guest lecturer
- 2008 Biology laboratory instructor

PROFESSIONAL/HONORARY ASSOCIATIONS

American Society for Microbiology

Ecological Society of America

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2013 Organizing chair: Career development seminar “*Careers outside of academia*”. Institute for Genomic Biology

2013 Organizing co-chair: Institute for Genomic Biology Fellows Symposium

2012 Organizing committee: Genome Day

2012 Organizing chair: IGB theme hopping, Host-Microbe Systems

Manuscript reviewer: *Ecosystems, Functional Ecology, Journal of Plant Ecology, Microbial Ecology, Plant Ecology, Plos One, Soil Biology & Biogeochemistry, Soil Science Society of America Journal*

INVITED COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

2013 BGI metagenomics workshop, ShenZhen China

2011 Microbial diversity course, Marine Biological Laboratory

2011 Boreal forest ecology course, Umea University, Sweden

*** = undergraduate collaborator**