

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2003-2005)
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences
Project title: Intermediate filament mechanics in epithelia.
Postdoctoral supervisor: A Wayne Vogl

Ph.D. Zoology (2002)
Dept of Zoology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Dissertation title: The biomechanics of intermediate filament-based materials - Insights from hagfish slime threads.
Thesis supervisor: John M Gosline, FRSC

M.Sc. Zoology (1996)
Dept of Zoology, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Thesis title: Anatomical and biochemical adaptation to visceral endothermy in the bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*).
Thesis supervisors: E Don Stevens and James S Ballantyne

M.A.T Science & Math Education (1992)
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA

B.A. Biological Sciences (1991)
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA

Research Focus

Research in my lab is focused on the organismal biology of hagfishes. Our work is multi-disciplinary and integrative, employing concepts and methods from biomechanics, physiology, cell biology, proteomics, materials science, and engineering. While our main focus is fundamental, discovery-based research, some of our findings have inspired practical applications, and biomimetic projects are now a major source of funding and inquiry in my lab.

Refereed
Publications
(2012-)

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Fudge DS, Ferraro SN, Siwiecki SA, Hupé A, and Jain G (2020). A new model of hagfish slime mucous vesicle stabilization and deployment. *Langmuir*, 36: 6681–6689.

McCord C, Whiteley E, Liang J, Trejo C, Caputo R, Itehua E; Hasan H, Hernandez S, Jagnandan K, Fudge DS (2020). Dose effects of three

common fish anesthetics on Pacific hagfish (*Eptatretus stoutii*). *Fish Physiology and Biochemistry*, Jan 18: 1-13.

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Featured on NOVA show "Making Stuff" with David Pogue (Oct 23, 2013), Discovery Channel show "Daily Planet" and on the following websites: BBC, New Scientist, Science Friday, Scientific American, Discovery News, Smithsonian, Yahoo! News, Science Daily, Tech News Daily.

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**Funding
(2017-)**

| Date | Agency | Title | Total Amt | Duration | Co-applicants |
|------|-----------------------------|---|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 2023 | DARPA | Designing novel materials inspired by hagfish predator defense | \$638,788 | 1 yr | Randy Ewoldt Sameh Tawfick |
| 2021 | DARPA | Designing novel materials inspired by hagfish predator defense | CA\$991,614 | 1.5 yrs | Randy Ewoldt Sameh Tawfick |
| 2021 | National Science Foundation | Covid supplement to IOS-1755397, Biogenesis and evolution of hagfish slime and slime glands | CA\$45,965 | 1 yr | |
| 2021 | National Science Foundation | REPS supplement to IOS-1755397, Biogenesis and evolution of hagfish slime and slime glands | CA\$59,515 | 1 yr | |
| 2020 | US Navy | Serco MVSOT Support for hagfish tests | \$310,693 | 1 yr | |

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| 2020 | National Science Foundation | RET supplement to IOS-1755397, Biogenesis and evolution of hagfish slime and slime glands | CA\$28,000 | 1 yr | Tara Barnhart |
| 2020 | Chapman University | On-Campus Conference Award for SICB Regional Meeting | CA\$6,180 | 1 yr | Patricia Lopes |
| 2020 | Chapman University | Bio-inspiration for the next generation of firefighting technologies | CA\$15,000 | 1 yr | |
| 2019 | US Navy | Serco MVSOT Support for hagfish tests | CA\$337,354 | 1 yr | |
| 2019 | Gregg Marine, Signal Hill, CA, USA | Hagfish slime biomimetics | CA\$29,000 | 1 yr | |
| 2019 | Kimberly-Clark | Hagfish slime storage, deployment, and structure | CA\$161,327 | 1 yr | |
| 2018 | LabArchives | Electronic Lab Notebook Developmental Grant | CA\$6,200 | 5 yrs | |
| 2018 | National Science Foundation | Biogenesis and evolution of hagfish slime and slime glands | CA\$420,079 | 3 yrs | D Plachetzki |
| 2018 | US Navy | ALION MVSOT Support for hagfish tests | CA\$301,560 | 1 yr | |
| 2017 | Kimberly-Clark | Hagfish slime storage, deployment, and structure | CA\$136,984 | 1 yr | |

Recent Service (2019-)

NTT-Biology Faculty search committees (2023). Chaired two successful search committees for NTT Biology faculty in Schmid College.

Committee to create a new integrated MS program in Biology/ Schmid College (2019-2023). Chaired a committee to explore the possibility of creating a new Masters program in Biology at

Chapman University. Currently serving on a college-wide committee to develop a new program and submit for approval.

Southwest Organismal Biologists meeting, Co-Chair (2021). Patricia Lopes and I organized a regional SICB meeting in October 2021 on the Chapman University campus. The meeting included 110 attendees, with many undergraduates giving their first presentation at a science conference. We received for over \$7k in funding for this conference, which allowed us to offer it for free to all attendees.

Shoals Marine Lab Alumni and Friends Association Recruitment Committee, Chair (2019-2023). I lead this committee, which consults with Shoals Lab leadership on a variety of issues. During my time as chair, I have focused on the goal of increasing the diversity of students, faculty and staff at the Shoals Lab.

Faculty Review Committee, Schmid College, Co-Chair (2019-2021). I co-chaired this committee from 2019-2021.