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### EDUCATION:

1985, B.S., Life Sciences, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland  
1986, M.S., General Microbiology, University of Helsinki.  
1987, Licentiate of Philosophy, General Microbiology, University of Helsinki.  
1989, Ph.D., General Microbiology, University of Helsinki.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

1985-1992, Instructor, Department of General Microbiology, University of Helsinki, Finland (on leave of absence 9/1988-12/1992).  
1987-1988, Young Scientist Fellow, Department of General Microbiology, University of Helsinki.  
1988-1991, Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Microbiology, New York University Medical Center, NY.  
1991-1993, Research Assistant Professor, Institute of Environmental Medicine, New York University Medical Center, NY.  
1993-1997, Assistant Research Professor; 1997-1998, Associate Research Professor, Biotechnology Center for Agriculture and the Environment, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ.  
1993-2010, Member, Biotechnology Center for Agriculture and the Environment.  
1998-1999, Assistant Professor; 1999-2003, Associate Professor; 2003-2011, Professor; 2011-pres., Distinguished Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University.  
2003-2008, Director, Undergraduate Program in Microbiology.  
2008-pres., Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology.  
2009-2011, Director, Graduate Program in Microbial Biology.  
2009-2023, Member, Rutgers Energy Institute.  
2012-2014, Member, Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences.  
2015-2023, Member, Institute of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences.  
2017-pres., Member, Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health (IFNH).  
2023-pres, Member, Rutgers Climate and Energy Institute

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

1991-pres., Docent (Applied Microbiology), University of Helsinki, Finland.  
1993-1996, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Institute of Environmental Medicine, NYU Medical Center.  
1995-2006, Member, Editorial Board, *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*.  
1996-pres., Docent (Environmental Microbiology), University of Jyväskylä, Finland.  
1998-2003, Member, Editorial Board, *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*.

2000-2001, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Applied Chemistry and Microbiology, University of Helsinki, Finland (sabbatical appointment).  
2004-2014, Visiting Scientist, Finnish Forest Research Institute - Rovaniemi Research Station, Finland.  
2010-pres., Visiting Professor, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute for Urban Environment, Xiamen, China.  
2017-2018, Visiting Scientist, Natural Resources Institute Finland  
2003-2010, Editor, *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*.  
2011-pres., Editor in Chief, *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*.  
2015-2017, Member, Editorial Board, *Microbiology Spectrum*, American Society for Microbiology Press.  
2018-pres., Member, Editorial Board, *Watershed Ecology and the Environment*.  
2018, Guest Distinguished Professor, Institute of Eco-environmental and Soil Sciences, Guangdong Academy of Sciences, Guangzhou, China.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Young Scientist's Fellowship, University of Helsinki, 1987-1988.  
Rutgers University Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence, 1999.  
Cook College / New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Sustained Research Excellence Award, 2003.  
American Society for Microbiology US-Indo Professorship, 2009.  
Waksman Honorary Lectureship Award, Theobald Smith Society, American Society for Microbiology New Jersey Branch, 2010.  
Visiting Professorship for Senior International Scientists of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, 2010.  
Elected Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, 2011.  
Waksman Outstanding Teaching Award, Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology, 2014.  
Vietnam Education Foundation U.S. Faculty Scholar, Academic year 2016-2017.  
School of Environmental and Biological Sciences International Excellence Award, 2017.  
Federation of European Microbiological Societies Special Merit Award, 2021.  
Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2021.  
Kerala Higher Education Council Erudite Scholar in Residence, March 2-11, 2023.

### **MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Environmental Microbiology and Microbial Ecology: microbiomes and their ecosystem functions; linking ecosystem functions with microbial (bacterial) diversity; microbial bioprospecting - isolation, characterization and taxonomy of novel bacteria; microbial metabolism of toxic and environmental pollutants (halogenated aromatic compounds, petroleum hydrocarbons and gasoline additives, pharmaceuticals and personal care products); bacterial respiration of selenium and arsenic; microbial ecology of Arctic tundra soils; Environmental Biotechnology: development of bioremediation methods for treatment of contaminated soil, groundwater and sediment.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### ***Peer-reviewed Journal Articles***

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4. Häggblom MM, Apajalahti JHA, Salkinoja-Salonen MS (1988) O-Methylation of chlorinated *para*-hydroquinones by *Rhodococcus chlorophenicus*. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. **54**:1818-1824.
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7. Häggblom MM, Janke D, Middeldorp PJM, Salkinoja-Salonen MS (1989) O-Methylation of chlorinated phenols in the genus *Rhodococcus*. Arch. Microbiol. **152**:6-9.
8. Häggblom MM, Janke D, Salkinoja-Salonen MS (1989) Transformation of chlorinated phenolic compounds in the genus *Rhodococcus*. Microbial Ecology **18**:147-159.
9. Valo RJ, Häggblom MM, Salkinoja-Salonen MS (1990) Bioremediation of chlorophenol containing simulated ground water by immobilized bacteria. Water Res. **24**:253-258.
10. Häggblom MM (1990) Mechanisms of bacterial degradation and transformation of chlorinated monoaromatic compounds. J. Basic Microbiol. **30**:115-141.
11. Häggblom MM, Rivera MD, Bossert ID, Rogers J, Young LY (1990) Anaerobic degradation of *para*-cresol under three reducing conditions. Microbial Ecology **20**:141-150.
12. Häggblom MM, Young LY (1990) Chlorophenol degradation coupled to sulfate reduction. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. **56**:3255-3260.
13. Young LY, Häggblom MM (1991) Biodegradation of toxic and environmental pollutants. Current Opinion in Biotechnology **2**:429-435.
14. Häggblom M, Salkinoja-Salonen (1991) Biodegradability of chlorinated organic compounds in pulp bleaching effluents. Water Sci. Tech. **24**(3/4):161-170.
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16. Häggblom MM (1992) Microbial breakdown of halogenated aromatic pesticides and related compounds. FEMS Microbiol. Rev. **103**:29-72.
17. Nohynek LJ, Häggblom MM, Palleroni NJ, Kronqvist K, Nurmiäho-Lassila E-L, Salkinoja-Salonen MS (1993) Characterization of a *Mycobacterium fortuitum* strain degrading polychlorinated phenolic compounds. Syst. Appl. Microbiol. **16**:126-134.
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- chlorophenolicus* (Apajalahti et al. 1986) to the genus *Mycobacterium* as *Mycobacterium chlorophenolicum*. Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol. **44**:485-493.
24. Häggblom MM, Young LY (1995) Anaerobic degradation of halogenated phenols by sulfate-reducing consortia. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. **61**:1546-1550.
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ONR Workshop on Biological Dehalogenation in Marine Sediments. Bethesda, MD, 1998.

Second International Seminar on Biosorption and Bioremediation, Prague, Czech Republic, July, 1998.

Symposium on Bioremediation of Contaminated Soil and Ground Water: Traditional Methods and Possibilities for Gene-technology. August 27-29, 1998, Helsinki, Finland.

Gordon Research Conference on Applied and Environmental Microbiology, July 3-8, 1999.

Theobald Smith Society, New Brunswick, NJ, 1999.

Barnard College, Microbiology Club, November 10, 1999.

The NEMPET Meeting, June 16, 2000.

University of Helsinki, Dept. of Applied Chemistry and Microbiology, Helsinki, Finland, Sept. 2000.

University of Helsinki, Dept. of Biosciences, Helsinki, Finland, Oct. 2000.

University of Jyväskylä, Dept. of Biology and Environmental Sciences, Jyväskylä, Finland, Nov. 2000.

University of Helsinki, Dept. Ecological and Environmental Sciences, Lahti, Finland, Feb. 2001.

Colloquium on Anaerobic Dehalogenation, Cooperative Research Program Sfb 193, Technical University of Berlin, Germany April 2-3, 2001.

American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2001.

33rd Mid-Atlantic Industrial & Hazardous Waste Conference, Manhattan College, 2001

Rutgers University, Ecology and Evolution Graduate Program Seminars, 2001.

Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 11-15, 2001.

DuPont CRG Bioremediation Network, Wilmington, Del. Jan 15, 2002.

"From the Banks of the Old Raritan" The Centenary of the Department of Soil Bacteriology and the 75th Anniversary of the Department of Agricultural Biochemistry, Cook College, Rutgers University, April 12-13, 2002.

Ohio University, Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Oct. 21, 2002.

International SUREMA Sustainable Resource and Land-Use Management Network Meeting, November 22-26, 2002, Halle, Germany.

University of Georgia, Department of Microbiology, Athens, GA, March 27, 2003.

53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Canadian Society of Microbiologists, Ville de Laval, Quebec, May 25-28, 2003.

University of Tennessee, Center for Environmental Biotechnology, June 19, 2003.

Society for Industrial Microbiology Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Calif, July 2004.

International Petroleum Environmental Conference, Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 12-15, 2004.

Society for General Microbiology 156<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Edinburgh, UK, April 4-7, 2005.

Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, April 27, 2005.

Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute, June 15, 2005

NATO-Advanced Research Workshop, Krakow, Poland, June 26-July 1, 2005.

International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) Conference, San Francisco, July 23-28, 2005.

International Conference on Alpine and Polar Microbiology, Innsbruck, Austria, March 27-31, 2006.

The NEMPET Meeting, June 23-25 2006, Blue Mountain Lake, NY

Society for General Microbiology Irish Branch Meeting, August 31- September 1, 2006, Dublin, Ireland.

Fermentation Club Seminars, Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University, October, 2006.

University of Minnesota, Dept. of Civil Engineering, March 26, 2007.

The Fifth Tripartite Workshop in Biotechnology and Bioenergy, East Brunswick NJ, April 9-12, 2007.

Fermentation Club Seminars, Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University, March, 2008.

Third International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Banff, Canada May 1-15, 2008.

Symposium on Toxins, Toxic Chemicals and their Microbial Transformations in Honor of Prof. Mirja Salkinoja-Salonen, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 22, 2008.

The NEMPET Meeting, June 20-22, 2008, Blue Mountain Lake, NY.

International Workshop on Urban Wetland Ecology and Restoration, Xiamen, China Dec. 12-15, 2008.

University of Helsinki, Dept. Ecological and Environmental Sciences, Lahti, Finland, 6/2009.

BAGECO 10 Bacterial Genetics and Ecology, Uppsala, Sweden, June 15-19, 2009.

Goa University, Dept. of Microbiology, Goa, India, January 2010.

Fourth Annual Mini-Symposium on Microbiology at Rutgers University, Feb. 1-2, 2010.

SETAC Asia, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, March 2-5, 2010

Cantho University, Vietnam, March 8, 2010.

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, March 31, 2010.

Kilpisjärvi Meeting on Arctic Plant and Soil Ecology, Kilpisjärvi, Finland, July 4-7, 2010.

Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Summer School on Urban Environmental Health, Xiamen, August 2010.

Xiamen University, Key Laboratory of the Ministry of Education for Coastal and Wetland Ecosystems Xiamen, China, August 19, 2010

Hudson-Delaware Regional Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Fall Workshop on Oil in the Environment: What We Know and What We Are Learning All Over Again, Oct. 13, 2010.

South China University of Technology, College of Environmental Science and Engineering, Guangzhou, China, Oct. 29-30, 2010.

GeoTrop 2010 Conference, The 6th International Conference on Environmental Geochemistry in Tropics - Urban Issues, Xiamen, China, Nov. 4-6, 2010.

MicroPerm Workshop, An international workshop to initiate the circumpolar integration of permafrost microbiological studies, November 8-10, 2010, Potsdam, Germany.

Microbes in Wastewater & Waste Treatment, Bioremediation and Energy Production, Birla Institute of Technology, Goa, India, January 24-26, 2011.

DFG German Research Foundation Priority Programme 1319 Biological transformations of hydrocarbons without oxygen, Munich, Germany, March 2011.

Society for Industrial Microbiology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, July 24-28, 2011.

4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Sept. 4-8, 2011.

8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Subsurface Microbiology, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, September 11-16, 2011.

Fermentation Club Seminars, Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University, November 2011.

University of Hong Kong, School of Biological Sciences, Dec 30, 2011.

CSI:Environment Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, February 13-14, 2012.

Environmental Microbiology and Biotechnology in the frame of the Knowledge-Based Bio and Green Economy (EMB2012), Bologna, Italy, April 10-12, 2012.

14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 19-24, 2012.

Fairleigh Dickinson University, School of Natural Sciences, NJ, October 11, 2012.

9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Persistent Toxic Substances (ISPTS), Miami, Florida, October 23-27, 2012.

Dehalogenation Workshop, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Leipzig, Germany, March 15, 2013.

GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, Geomicrobiological and Geobiological Colloquium, Potsdam, Germany, March 22, 2013.

Gordon Research Conference on Applied and Environmental Microbiology, July 2013.

FEMS Congress, Leipzig, Germany, July 2013.

5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Big Sky, Montana, September 2013.

BayCEER Colloquium, University of Bayreuth, January 16, 2014.

University of Georgia, Department of Microbiology, Athens, GA, February 21, 2014.

Princeton University, Dept. of Geosciences, March 6, 2014.

South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China, March 2014.

Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences, Guangzhou, China, March, 2014.

Guangzhou Institute of Soil Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Guangzhou, China, March 2014.

Kilpisjärvi Meeting on Arctic Plant and Soil Ecology, Kilpisjärvi, Finland, June 15-17, 2014.

International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds: Ecological and Environmental Responses, October 12-17, 2014, Xiamen, China.

Duquesne University, Department of Biology, Pittsburgh, January 23, 2015.

Symposium on Microbiology at Rutgers University, January 30, 2015.

University of Delaware, Civil & Environmental Engineering, February 13, 2015.

Gordon Research Conference on Applied and Environmental Microbiology, July 2015.

Sixth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Ceske Budejovice, September 2015.

University of Vienna, Division of Microbial Ecology, September 11, 2015.

Fermentation Club Seminars, Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University, October 2, 2015.

Virginia Institute of Marine Science, November 16, 2015.

Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, February 2016.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, March 11, 2016.

Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences, Guangzhou, China, March 15, 2016.

South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China, March 16, 2016.

Chungbuk National University, Korea, March 18, 2016.

MSK2106. International Meeting of the Microbiological Society of Korea, Symposium on Ecophysiology of Environmentally Important Microorganisms, Gwangju, Korea, March 20-22, 2016.

Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Beijing, China, October 24, 2016

Second International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds: Towards a Sustainable Urbanization, Xiamen, China, October 26-28, 2016.

Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, Hanoi, Vietnam, January 2, 2017.

Can Tho University, College of Agriculture and Applied Biology, Can Tho, Vietnam, January 12, 2017.

Bach Khoa University (Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology), Vietnam, May 17-18, 2017.

Gordon Research Conference on Applied and Environmental Microbiology (Discussion Leader), July 2017.

Hudson River Foundation, Edward A. Ames Seminar, February 6, 2018.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Science, Research & Environmental Health, March 5, 2018.

Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences, Guangzhou, China, March 16, 2018.

Jinan University, Institute of Groundwater and Earth Sciences, Guangzhou, China, March 18, 2018.

Guangzhou University, School of Environmental Science and Engineering, Guangzhou, March 19, 2018.

Sun Yat-Sen University, College of Ecology and Evolution, School of Life Science, Guangzhou, March 19, 2018.

South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China, March 23, 2018.

Rutgers New Brunswick LASER: "Designing with Nature", March 28, 2018.

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Department of Chemistry & Environmental Science, April 17, 2018.

Hudson River Environmental Society, 2018 Hudson River Symposium: Contaminants in the Hudson River and Watershed, State University of New York at New Paltz, May 2, 2018.

Wageningen University, The Netherlands, October 17, 2018.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of Life Sciences & Biotechnology, China, October 25, 2018.

The Third International Symposium on Sponge Microbiology, Shanghai, China, October 25-29, 2018.

The 3rd International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds: Adaptation to environmental change from a water drop to a river, Xiamen, China, October 31-November 2, 2018.

Polar & Alpine Microbiology Conference, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, 4–8 February 2019.

University of Alabama, Alabama Water Institute, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 18, 2019.

Nanjing Agricultural University, College of Life Sciences, Nanjing, China, May 7, 2019.

Nanjing University, School of the Environment. Nanjing, China, May 10, 2019.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-Symposium on Metals in Biological & Chemical Systems, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, September 13, 2019.

Drew University, NJ, October 20, 2019.

AVANT Institute Symposium, Dec. 19, 2019.

Winter Microbiology, Jyväskylä Winter School of Ecology, Konnevesi Research Station, Finland, February 19-21, 2020.

Department of Food Science, Rutgers University, February 28, 2020.

FEMS Online Conference on Microbiology, October 2020.

World Microbe Forum, Online, 20-24 June 2021.

Dehalocon – The 3rd International Conference on Anaerobic Biological Dehalogenation, Online, 27-30 Sept. 2021.

National Centre of Excellence in Geology, University of Peshawar, Pakistan (via Zoom) Dec. 2, 2021.

Rutgers Microbiology Symposium, May 5, 2022.

ASM Microbe, Washington, D.C., June 9-13, 2022.

9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology (PAM), Potsdam, Germany, Oct. 9-14, 2022.

Online Workshop on Art of Scientific Writing and Communication: How to publish in high impact journals. The Indian Network for Soil Contamination Research (INSCR), Nov. 8, 2022 (on-line).

University of Helsinki, Department of Microbiology, January 13, 2023.

Can Tho University, College of Agriculture, Vietnam, February 10, 2023

Hanoi University of Science and Technology, School of Biotechnology and Food Technology, Vietnam, February 16, 2023.

Kerala Erudite Scholar in Residence Lectures, Kerala, India, March 3-10, 2023.

University of Pretoria, South Africa, March 15, 2023.

FEMS Congress, Hamburg, Germany, July 9-13, 2023.

Gordon Research Conference on Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Discussion Leader, July 16-21, 2023.

International Conference on Urban Science and Sustainability, Xiamen, China, December 15-17, 2023.

8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Indian Network for Soil Contamination Research INSCR, University of Delhi, India, April 2-5, 2024 (on line).

Career Development Series organized by the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World, Federal University of Technology Akure, Nigeria, 16th April 2024 (on-line).

The NEMPET (Northeastern Microbiologists: Physiology, Ecology and Taxonomy) Meeting, June 21-23, 2024.

19th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology, Cape Town, South Africa, August 18-23, 2024.

Education University of Hong Kong, China, September 23, 2024.

South China Institute of Environmental Sciences (SCIES), Guangzhou, September 25, 2024.

DehaloCon IV - Forth International Conference on Anaerobic Biological Dehalogenation, Guangzhou, China, Sept. 26-28, 2024.

Sustainable Development Forum. Environmental and Health, Beijing, China, October 24-25, 2024.  
Capital Normal University, College of Life Sciences, Beijing, China, October 26, 2024.  
Ashland's Avant Institute Symposium on December 5, 2024.  
Workshop on Phytoremediation of the Military Footprints in Ukraine, Kyiv, April 16, 2025, online/hybrid.  
University of Minnesota, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, April 30, 2025.  
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Biology, November 6, 2025.

## STUDENTS AND POST-DOCTORAL ASSOCIATES:

### **Ph.D. Students:**

Peter Milligan, Environmental Science, 1994-1998 (M.S. 1995, Ph.D. 1998; Anaerobic biodegradation of dicamba and related chlorosalicylates under different reducing conditions).

Bongkeun Song, Environmental Science, 1996-2000 (Ph.D. 2000; Diversity of bacteria capable of degrading halobenzoates under denitrifying conditions).

Riina Turpeinen, Environmental Science, University of Helsinki, Finland, 1998-2002 (Ph.D. 2002; Interactions between metals, microbes and plants - Bioremediation of arsenic and lead contaminated soils).

Piyapawn Somsamak, Environmental Science, 2000-2005 (Ph.D. 2005; Anaerobic biotransformation of methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) and related fuel oxygenates under different anoxic conditions).

Beth Ravit, Environmental Science, 2001-2005, co-advisor (Ph.D. 2005; Macrophytes and microbes: *Spartina alterniflora* and *Phragmites australis* affect brackish sediment microbial community).

Jane Pavlik, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 1999-2005 (Ph.D. 2005; Multiple aspects of dehalogenation by denitrifying bacteria).

Priya Narasingarao, Environmental Science, 2001-2006 (Ph.D. 2006; Anaerobic bacterial respiration of selenium oxyanions).

Laura Youngster, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 2004-2009 (Ph.D. 2009; Microbial degradation of the fuel oxygenate methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)).

Jessica McCormick, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 2006-2010 (Ph.D. 2010; Microbial transformations of tetrabromobisphenol A and its metabolites, and their impact on toxicity to the developing zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) embryo).

Hui Liu, Environmental Science, 2005-2010 (Ph.D. 2010; Microbial reductive dechlorination of weathered polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins and dibenzofurans in contaminated sediments).

Ines Rauschenbach, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 2007-2011 (Ph.D. 2011; Growth, genes, genomes - Insights into microbial respiration of arsenic and selenium).

Tong Liu, Environmental Science, 2010-2015 (Ph.D. 2015; Characterization of anaerobic methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)-degrading communities).

Seo Yean Sohn, Environmental Science, 2009-2015 (Ph.D. 2015; Microbial reductive dehalogenation of persistent halogenated aromatic contaminants in sediments of the Hackensack River in New Jersey).

Isabel Horna Gray, Environmental Science, 2006-2015 (Ph.D. 2015; Sponge-associated dehalogenating microorganisms and isotope analysis of their dehalogenation of brominated phenols).

Hang Dam, Microbial Biology, 2011-2016 (Ph.D. 2016; Reductive dechlorination of polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins by *Dehalococcoides*-enriched cultures from contaminated soils and sediments).

Sanna Mäntynen (née Kuokka), Environmental Science, University of Helsinki, 2009-2018 (Ph.D. 2018; Anaerobic microbial dechlorination of polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins and dibenzofurans in contaminated Kymijoki River sediments).

Preshita Gadkari, Microbial Biology, 2014-2018 (Ph.D. 2018; Ecology and physiological potential of tundra soil bacteria).

Jie Liu, Microbial Biology, 2014-2018 (Ph.D. 2018; Discovering the organohalide respiring capacity of Deltaproteobacteria in marine and estuarine environments).

Nora Lopez, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 2007-2021, co-advisor (Ph.D. 2021; *Desulfoluna spongiiphila* strain AA1 and other marine sponge associated reductive debrominating bacteria).  
Tiffany Louie, Microbial Biology, 2011-2021 (Ph.D. 2021; Anaerobic molybdenum-utilizing bacteria: genomic insights into anaerobic respiration and anaerobic (halo)benzoate degradation).  
Michelle Zeliph, Microbial Biology, 2015-2022 (Ph.D. 2022; Bugs on drugs: The microbially mediated fate of pharmaceuticals in anoxic environments).  
Lauren Hall, Microbial Biology, 2019-2025 (Ph.D. 2025; A tale of two reefs: organohalide cycling in marine sponges).  
Chloe Costea, Environmental Science, 2018-pres.  
Neil Simmons, Microbial Biology, 2019-pres.  
Matthew Finegan, Microbial Biology, 2021-pres.  
Amara Qureshi, Microbial Biology, 2022-pres.  
Jordyn Ruszczyk, Microbial Biology, 2024-pres.

***M.S. Students:***

Sonia Vela, Environmental Science, 1994-1997, co-advisor (M.S. 1997).  
Jayeeta Dutta, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 1999-2000 (M.S. 2000).  
Michael Fleming, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 2000-2006, co-advisor (M.S. 2006).  
Leslie Wickham, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 2003-2005 (M.S. 2005).  
Pooja Mishra, Microbial Biology, 2011-2013 (M.S. 2013).  
Kennida Polanco, Microbial Biology, 2013-2015 (M.S. 2015).  
Ishita Jain, Microbial Biology, 2013-2016 (M.S. 2016).

***Visiting Students:***

Ji-li Feng, 2009-2010 (Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University, China)  
Tiina Mononen, 12/2011-3/2012 (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
Mohamed Ali EL-Badry Hafez Amen, 6/2014-9/2014 (Al-Azhar University, Egypt)  
Antonella Rosato 6/2016-12/2016 (University of Bologna, Italy)  
Muhammad Bashir Ahmed Siddique, 8/2017-3/2018 (PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Pakistan)  
Liyuan Qiang, 10/2018-9/2020 (China Eastern Normal University, Shanghai).  
Muhamad Usman Ghani, 10/2019-8/2020 (University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan).  
Atilade Adedeji, 10/2019-9/2020 (Northwest University, Mafikeng, South Africa).  
Kashiuf Asif, 5/2024-11/2024 (University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan)  
Ananya Katikeneni, 6/2025-9/2025 (Symbiosis International University, Pune; Khorana Program for Scholars)

***Post-Doctoral Associates, Research Associates and Visiting Scholars:***

Esteban Monserrate (1994-1996)  
Cecilia Vargas (1996-1998)  
Victoria Knight (1996-1999)  
Lori Daane (1997-1999)  
Miao Y. Wang (1997-1998)  
Loren Launen (1999-2001)  
Matthew Caldwell (2000-2001)  
Donna Fennell (1999-2001)  
Sung-Keun Rhee (2000-2002)  
Peter Kourtev (2001-2002)

Young-Beom Ahn (2001-2008)  
Minna Männistö, Finnish Forest Research Institute, Finland (2001-2004)  
Sari Stark, Finnish Forest Research Institute, Finland (2001-2004)  
Katri Mattila, Finnish Forest Research Institute, Finland (2001-2005)  
Joong-Wook Park (2006-2011)  
Suman Rawat (2008-2014)  
Duong Minh Vien (2008-2009)  
Yuan Ren (2009-2010)  
Lars Ganzert, Finnish Forest Research Institute, Finland (2012-2014)  
Mrinalini Nikrad (2014-2015)  
Weimin Sun (2013-2016)  
Aamani Rupakula (2015-2017)  
Chuling Guo (2016-2017)  
Folasade M. Olajuyigbe (2017-2018)  
Kyoung-Ho Kim (2017-2018)  
Pin Gao (2017-2018)  
Huaqing Liu (2019-2021)  
Emre Babur (2021-2022)  
Adriana Messyas (2022-2023)  
Paul Bankole (2023)  
Anil Kumar (2023-pres.)  
Lauren Hall (2025-pres.)  
Salom Vincent (2025-pres.)

#### **TEACHING:**

Director, Microbiology Undergraduate Program, 2004-2008.

Developed the proposal to establish Microbiology as an independent major in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and served as founding Director.

Director, Microbial Biology Graduate Program, 2009-2011.

Developed the proposal to establish the new Graduate Program in Microbial Biology, which is inaugurated in Fall 2010 with the first class of Ph.D. and M.S. students. Served as founding Director.

Member, Graduate Program in Microbial Biology, Graduate Program in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Graduate Program in Environmental Sciences, Graduate Program in Ecology and Evolution.

#### ***Courses taught:***

Applied Microbiology (11:680:494; undergraduate 4 cr, full responsibility for lectures; since 1999).

Redeveloped this course with complete redesign of syllabus and lectures.

Applied and Industrial Microbiology (16:682:524; graduate 3 cr; since 2012)

Microbial Technology (11:126:405; undergraduate 3 cr, 50% responsibility; offered 1997-2010)

Analytical Methods in Microbiology (11:680:486, undergraduate 3 cr lab; offered alternate years 2003-2020). Developed this new lab course and served as Co-PI on New Jersey Commission on Higher Education grant that provided funding for HPLC and GC-MS equipment used for teaching.

Seminar in Microbiology (11:680:495, 1 cr, full responsibility, taught 2005-2010).

Microbiology and Culture of Cheese and Wine (undergraduate 3 cr, Rutgers Study Abroad, Cluny France, Course Director; developed and taught every Summer 2010-2019).

Microbial Life (16:682:501; graduate 3 cr, 1/3 responsibility; taught every Fall since 2001).

Microbial Physiology (11:682:503; graduate 3 cr, 50% responsibility; taught 2011 and 2012).

Biodegradation and Bioremediation (16:375:529, graduate 3 cr, 25% responsibility; taught every other Fall since 2010).

Seminar in Microbial Biology (16:682:523, graduate 1 cr, full responsibility for coordination; offered Fall and Spring since 2020)

Is there Life on Mars (Byrne Freshman seminar, taught every spring since 2018)

Guest lectures in several other courses.

Co-Director, NSF REU program The Biogeography of Biotransformations for Halogenated Organic Compounds, a Comparison of the Tropics, Temperate and Sub-Arctic Environments (2012-2014).

***Short courses taught outside of Rutgers:***

Biodegradation and Bioremediation (University of Jyväskylä, Finland, 1-week 2 cr graduate course, developed new lecture series for the Environmental Sciences graduate curriculum and taught in 1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2007).

United States - European Union Theoretical and Practical Course on Molecular Approaches for in situ Biodegradation, June 14-26, 1998, organized at Rutgers University

European Union course "Advanced Field Course of Environmental Ecology" held in Hyttiälä, Finland, Sept. 1-11, 1998.

International Summer School "Biomonitoring, bioavailability and microbial transformation of pollutants in sediments and approaches to stimulate their biodegradation", Genoa, Italy, September 12-14, 2005.

AXIOM-Virtual Institute Spring School Microbial Activity at Biogeochemical Gradients, Leipzig, Germany, April 3-6, 2006.

Organized and taught short course on Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments, University of Helsinki, Finland October. 12-16, 2009.

Lead Instructor for International Workshop on Bioremediation organized at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science - Pilani, Goa Campus, India, January 4-16, 2010. The course was funded by the Indo-US Science & Technology Forum and the American Society for Microbiology through the Indo-US Professorship Award.

Instructor for 1-week lectures series on Biodegradation and Bioremediation, Summer International Lectures on Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Urban Environment, Xiamen, China, Aug 21-25, 2010.

Environmental Microbiology, Can Tho University, 1 week short-course, January 2012.

Environmental Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Urban Environment, Xiamen, 1 week short-course, January 2012.

Environmental Microbiology, Universidad Nacional Santiago Antúnez De Mayolo, Huaraz, Peru, April 2013.

Short Course on Contaminated Watersheds, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Urban Environment, Xiamen, May 2013.

Short Course in Environmental Microbiology, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China, March 2014, March 2016, March 2018.

Environmental Microbiology in a Changing World, Can Tho University, Vietnam, Spring 2017.

FEMS Summers School for Postdocs: Microbiology for a Sustainable Future. Co-Director. MedILS – Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences, Split, Croatia, September 3-13, 2022.

Winter School on Urban Science and Sustainability, Xiamen, China. December 2023.

FEMS Summer School for Postdocs: Harnessing Microbial Solutions in Environmental Research and One Health. Ohrid, North Macedonia, September 2-10, 2025.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### ***Editorial Board Memberships and Service as Reviewer***

Editor in Chief, *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*, 2011-pres.

Editor, *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*, 2003-2011.

Editor for special thematic issues: Microbial Life in Cold Ecosystems (2005), Microorganisms in Cold Environments (2007), Subsurface Microbiology (2012), Polar and Alpine Microbiology (2012, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2020), The Sponge Microbiome (2020).

Associate Editor, Member of Editorial Board, *Microbiology Spectrum*, American Society for Microbiology Press, 2015-2019.

Editorial Board, *Watershed Ecology and the Environment*, 2019-pres.

Editorial Board, *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, 1995-2006.

Editorial Board, *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*, 1998-2003.

*Ad hoc* manuscript reviewer for *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, *Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology*, *Journal of Applied Microbiology*, *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*, *Archives of Microbiology*, *Bergey's Manual*, *Biodegradation*, *Canadian Journal of Microbiology*, *Chemosphere*, *Environmental Microbiology*, *Environmental Science and Technology*, *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*, *European Journal of Soil Biology*, *FEMS Microbiology Letters*, *Frontiers in Microbiology*, *ISME Journal*, *Journal of Bacteriology*, *Journal of Chromatography*, *Journal of Environmental Quality*, *Journal of Environmental Quality*, *Journal of Microbiological Methods*, *Geomicrobiology Journal*, *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology*, *mBio*, *mSphere*, *Microbiology (UK)*, *Microbial Ecology*, *Microbiology and Molecular Biology Reviews*, *Nature Reviews Microbiology*, *PNAS*, *Soil Biology and Biochemistry*, *Soil Science*, *Water Environment Research*, *Water Research*.

FEMS Publishing Action Committee, 2022-2024.

Council Member, The International Microbiology Literacy Initiative, 2023-pres.

### ***Conference Chairmanships/Convener Activities***

Convener and organizer of ASM Symposium on Diversity of Anaerobic Microbial Processes, ASM General Meeting, Atlanta, 1993.

Convener and organizer of Society for Industrial Microbiology Symposium on Novel Microorganisms for Bioremediation, SIM Annual Meeting, Boston, 1994.

Member of International Advisory Board & Invited speaker, International Seminar on Biosorption and Bioremediation, Prague, October 1-4, 1995.

Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference-Applied and Environmental Microbiology, August 17-22, 1997.

Member of International Advisory Board & Invited speaker, 2nd International Seminar on Biosorption and Bioremediation, Prague, 1998.

Session Chair and Invited Speaker. Symposium on Bioremediation of Contaminated Soil and Groundwater: Traditional Methods and Possibilities for Gene-Technology. Helsinki, Finland, August 27-29, 1998.

Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference-Environmental Science: Water, July 25-30, 2000.

Convener and organizer of ASM Symposium on Microbial Dehalogenation, ASM General Meeting, Orlando, 2001.

Chair, 34<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic Industrial & Hazardous Waste Conference, Sept. 20-21, 2002, New Brunswick.

Chair, International Conference on Arctic Microbiology, March 21-25, 2004, Rovaniemi, Finland.

Member of International Advisory Board, International Conference on Alpine and Polar Microbiology Innsbruck, Austria, March 27-30, 2006.

Discussion leader, 2006 Gordon Research Conference on Environmental Sciences: Water, chairing a session on Microbial Degradation of Organic Contaminants.

Member of International Advisory Board, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Alpine and Polar Microbiology Banff, Canada, May 1-15, 2008.

Organizer, Symposium on Toxins, Toxic Chemicals and their Microbial Transformations in Honor of Prof. Mirja Salkinoja-Salonen, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 22, 2008.

Program Chair, Rutgers Symposium on The New Biology of Environment and Health, May 27-28, 2009.

Convener and organizer of ASM Symposium on Unusual Appetites: From Enzymes to Environmental Applications, ASM General Meeting, 2009.

Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, Annual Mini-Symposium on Microbiology at Rutgers University, 2007 to present.

Member, Scientific Committee, 14th International Biotechnology Symposium and Exhibition, 14-18 September 2010, Rimini, Italy.

Elected Vice Chair and Chair, Gordon Research Conference on Applied and Environmental Microbiology 2009, 2011.

Member, Program Committee, International Water Association Conference on Microbes in Wastewater & Waste Treatment, Bioremediation and Energy Production. The Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) – Pilani, Goa campus, India, Jan 24-27, 2011.

Steering Committee Member, MicroPerm Workshop, An international workshop to initiate the circumpolar integration of permafrost microbiological studies, November 8-10, 2010, Potsdam, Germany.

Member of Advisory Board and Visiting Scientist, EU PEOPLE Work Programme 2010 Project CSI Environment: Isotope forensics meets biogeochemistry - linking sources and sinks of organic contaminants by compound specific isotope investigation. (2010-2014).

Member of International Organizing Committee and International Scientific Board, Fourth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 2011.

Member of International Organizing Committee and International Scientific Board, Fifth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Montana, September 2013.

Member, Board of Academic Committee, International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds: Ecological and Environmental Responses, Xiamen, China, October 2014.

Member of International Organizing Committee and International Scientific Board, Sixth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Ceske Budejovice, September 2015.

Member, Board of Academic Committee, The 3rd International Workshop on Urbanization in Watersheds: Adaptation to environmental change from a water drop to a river, Xiamen, China, October 31- November 2, 2018.

Member of International Conference Committee, Eighth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Hamilton New Zealand, February 2019.

Chair, Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Discovery of Streptomycin, Rutgers University, December 4, 2019.

Organizer and convener of FEMS Microbiology Ecology Webinar series, 2020-2024.

Member of International Steering Committee, Ninth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Potsdam, Germany, October 9-14, 2022

Programme Committee, 10th Congress of European Microbiologists (FEMS2023), 9-13 July 2023, Hamburg, Germany.

Member, Scientific Committee of DehaloCon IV (The Fourth International Conference on Microbial Reductive Dehalogenation), Guangzhou, China, September 26-28, 2024.

Programme Committee, 11th Congress of European Microbiologists (FEMS2025), July 2025, Milano, Italy.

Member of Scientific Committee, Tenth International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology, Copenhagen, Denmark, January 12-16, 2026.

### ***Advisory boards and Review Panel activities***

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada site-visit committee member: NSERC Research Network application on Northern Environmental Technologies, 2001.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada site-visit committee member: NSERC Research Network application on Metals in the Holistic Environment, 2004.

DOE Office of Science NABIR program review panel member, May 2004.

Review panel, Office of Environmental and Biological Research (OBER), U.S. Department of Energy program area of Subsurface Microbial Ecology and Community Dynamics in the Environmental Science Research Division, August, 2006.

Academic Quality Assessment and Development Review, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Department of Microbiology, 2013.

Review Panel Member, Austrian Science Foundation Doctoral Program Application, March 2015

NASA Exobiology Panel, November 29-December 4, 2015.

Member of International Scientific Review Panel, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Leipzig, Germany April 2018.

Review of Undergraduate Biotechnology Program at Worcester State University, March 2019.

Review of Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Doctoral Programme (DK) "Microbial nitrogen cycling: from single cells to ecosystems" University of Vienna, September 2019.

Review of Chinese Academy of Sciences Strategic Priority Research Program (SPRP), China Soil Microbiome Initiative, October 2019.

Review of Chinese Academy of Sciences Tibetan Plateau Research Institute Ecology group researchers, February 2021.

US Department of Energy, LBNL ENIGMA Reverse Site Review, August 2021.

Academic Quality Assessment and Development Review, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Department of Microbiology, 2023.

Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, Sciences, Medicine, Engineering and Technology Selection Panel, 2024.

Department of Energy's Office of Science Early Career Research Program merit review panel 2024.

External panel member, Research evaluation of Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Technical Sciences, Aarhus University, 2024.

University of Galway, Institutional Review of Research Performance, 2024

Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, Sciences, Medicine, Engineering and Technology Selection Panel, 2025.

Grant proposal reviewer for U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic Hazardous Substance Research Center, Great Lakes Protection Fund, Army Research Office, National Science Foundation, Sea Grant College Programs, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Geological Survey, Israel Science Foundation, Canadian Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Academy of Finland, Technologiestichting STW The Netherlands, Science Foundation Ireland.

### ***Society Service***

Chair Elect, Chair, and Advisor, Division Q (Applied and Environmental Microbiology), American Society for Microbiology, 7/2006-6/2007, 7/2007-6/2008, 7/2008-6/2009.

Theobald Smith Society, Local Councilor, 2006-2009; President Elect 2011-2012, President 2012-2013.

Member: American Society for Microbiology, American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, International Society for Microbial Ecology, Theobald Smith Society (ASM New Jersey Chapter).