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RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS:

Ecological physiology of marine invertebrates, with emphasis on algal symbioses and larval development. Specialized topics include: response of corals and their symbiotic dinoflagellates to environmental stress, physiology and mariculture of giant clams, chemical induction of settlement and metamorphosis of larvae of oysters and cnidarians, establishment and maintenance of algal-invertebrate symbiosis, bleaching of reef corals and relationship to global warming.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

B.S. University of California, Irvine, California, 1974

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, California, 1982

"Infection of invertebrate hosts with the symbiotic dinoflagellate *Symbiodinium* spp."

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2002-present	Professor of Ecology and Marine Science, University of Georgia
1993 - 2002	Associate Professor. Institute of Ecology, University of Georgia
1987 - 1993	Assistant Professor. Department of Zoology, University of Georgia
1985-1986	Research Associate. "Chemical induction of settlement and metamorphosis in marine molluscs". University of Maryland
1984-1985	Research Scientist. "Chemical induction of metamorphosis in coelenterate larvae". Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany
1982-1983	Postdoctoral Fellow. "Physiology and developmental biology of tridacnid clams". University of California, Santa Barbara

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

Graduate Coordinator, Institute of Ecology 1998 – 2007

Board of Scientific Advisors, Highlands Biological Station, North Carolina, 1999 - 2004

Board of Directors, Key Largo Marine Research Laboratory, Florida, 1995 - present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

1987 - Present	University of Georgia: Invertebrate Biology, Ecological Physiology, Tropical Marine Invertebrates, Tropical Marine Invertebrates & Ecosystems, Marine Biology, Organismal Biology, Coral Reefs, Invertebrates in Medicine
1989 – 1997	Discovery Bay Marine Laboratory, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, Instructor Northeastern University East/West Marine Biology Program: Coastal Processes, Biology of Coral Reefs,
1977 - 1981	Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara, Biology and Geology of Coral Reefs, Human Anatomy

PUBLICATIONS:

Books Edited:

Biology, Mariculture, and Economics of Giant Clams. 1993. William K. Fitt, Ed. Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research: Canberra, A.C.T. 154 pp

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National Science Foundation, 2023-2027 \$131,031 “Collaborative Research: MUCUS: Measuring and Understanding the *Cassiopea* Use of Space” (co-PI Miller, Medina).

Fulbright 2020-2022 \$22500 “The role of global warming in the invasion and reproduction of the jellyfish *Cassiopea* in Brazil” Fulbright US Scholar award.

Moore Foundation, Symbiosis Model Systems 2019-2023, “*Cassiopea* – a jellyfish”. (not funded).

SEC Faculty Travel Grant, 2017-2018 \$1200

National Science Foundation, 2013-2017 \$307000 “Ocean acidification: coral inorganic carbon processing in response to ocean acidification” (co-PI, Hopkinson, Cai, Meile)

National Science Foundation, 2018-2020, co-PIs Dustin Kemp, Jim Porter (not funded)
Collaborative Research: Ecosystem in transition: Predicting phenotypes that enhance survivorship and environmental susceptibility of reef-building coral (not funded)

National Science Foundation, 2018-2020, co-PI Brian Hopkinson (not funded)
Collaborative Research: Effects of three-dimensional structure and community composition on coral reef productivity

National Science Foundation, 2018-2020, co-PI Brian Hopkinson (not funded)
IOS Preliminary Proposal: Collaborative Research: Testing a mechanism by which increased CO₂ concentrations reduce calcification rates in reef-building corals

Coral Reef Alliance, 2016-2018: Assessing coral response to thermal bleaching events using a multi-biomarker approach, Co-PIs: Patricia Medeiros (Marine Science, UGA, not funded)

National Science Foundation, 2016-2019: Three dimensional structure and community composition effects of coral reef metabolism, Co-PIs: Brian Hopkinson, Matthew Long, Matthew Johnson-Roberson (not funded)

Joint Genome Institute, 2016-2020: Comparative genomics of larval settlement and metamorphosis inducing bacteria associated with degrading mangrove leaf biofilm. Co-PIs: Monica Medina, Aki Odhera (not funded)

National Science Foundation, 2015-2017, Biological Oceanography, RAPID: COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH: Coral bleaching and recovery of metabolic function of common reef-building corals of the Florida Keys, Co-PIs: DK Kemp (not funded)

ENTRIX-CARDNO-BP, 2010-2012, \$86979, “Expansion of Coral Tissue and Zooxanthellae Monitoring in the Florida Keys” Fitt and Porter.

Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building for Management, 2007-2010, \$31000, World Bank-University of Queensland

USEPA Fellow, “Osmotic changes in a symbiotic flatworm” 2005-2007, \$97430.

Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building for Management, 2005-2010, World Bank and Global Environment Fund, funded for \$18,200,000 for 5 years (82 scientists directly involved)

National Science Foundation, 2002-2009, \$698846, "Reef corals: symbiotic dinoflagellate/host combinations and their physiological response to environmental change", Fitt and Schmidt (Plant Sciences)

NSF, REU 2004, \$5000. Supplement to "Reef corals: symbiotic dinoflagellate/host combinations and their physiological response to environmental change", Fitt and Schmidt (Plant Sciences)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, Key Largo, 2002-2003, \$2000. "Health of reef corals: seasonal patterns of tissue biomass and symbiont diversity"

Australian Research Council. "Tracing the origins of stress in the symbionts of reef-building corals" 2005-2008 PIs: Hoegh-Guldberg, O., Yellowlees, D., Gates, R.D., Fitt, W.K., LaJeunesse, T.C. (AU \$800,000)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, Key Largo, 2000-2001, \$9900. "Potential for Acropora cervicornis (staghorn coral) and Acropora palmata (elkhorn coral) in coral reef restoration", Principal Investigator.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, Caribbean Marine Research Laboratory, 2000-2001, ca. \$7960. "Restoration biology of the acroporid corals in the Caribbean", Principal Investigator.

National Coral Reef Institute, 1999-2001, \$5000. "Genetic variation in Acroporid Corals in the Caribbean", Grant in Aid of Research, Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, 1999-2002, \$405000. "Physiological and molecular dissection of the differential sensitivity of coral symbionts to thermal-induced bleaching: mechanisms or photodamage and photoprotection", Co-Principal Investigator (w/ Gregory W. Schmidt, Botany and Mark E. Warner, Post-doc)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, 1998-1999, \$7,000. "Nutrient status of reef-building corals in the Bahamas and the Florida Keys", Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, Ph.D. Dissertation Improvement Grant to Mark Warner. 1997-1999, \$8410. "The effects of elevated temperatures on symbiotic dinoflagellates: possible sites of damage and protection and coral "bleaching", Principal Investigator.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, 1997-2000, \$50622. "Seasonal monitoring of tissues of four species of Caribbean reef corals", Principal Investigator.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, 1996-1999, \$40000. "Seasonal patterns in tissue biomass and zooxanthellae in Floridean corals", Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, Biological Oceanography, 1992-1996, \$100000. "Bleaching of symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae) and their invertebrate hosts: causes and mechanisms," Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, Biological Oceanography, 1995, \$5000.
Research Experience for Undergraduate Students, "Bleaching of symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae) and their invertebrate hosts: causes and mechanisms," Supplement for NSF grant above.

U.S. State Department (through Virginia Institute of Marine Science), 1995-7, \$12500
"Giant Clams in the Red Sea: A Unique Ecological Resource or a Sustainable Economic Resource" Egypt-Israel Bi-national funding.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Undersea Research Program, 1994-1996, \$50000. "Seasonal variation in a zooxanthellate reef coral and fire coral, and effect of transplantation". Principal Investigator.

Office of Naval Research, 1992-1995, \$100000. "Mechanisms of bleaching of symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae) and their marine hosts: the role of light quality and high temperature," Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, Physiological Processes, 1991-93, \$58387. "Natural inducers of larval settlement and metamorphosis associated with mangrove leaves: identity and the role of bacteria in their production", Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, Physiological Processes, 1992-94, \$9625.
Research Experience for Undergraduate Students, "Larval Settlement and Metamorphosis", Supplement for NSF grant above.

Sea Grant, University of Georgia, 1990, \$7300. "The biology and ecology of whelks in Georgia coastal waters", Principal Investigator.

ACIAR (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research), 1989-92, \$22000. "Improving growth rates and survival of giant clams in mariculture" (part of the International Project "The culture of the giant clam for food and restocking of tropical reefs-second phase"), Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation, Biological Oceanography, 1988-90, \$20000. "Bleaching of reef corals", Co-Principal Investigator (w/ J.W. Porter, H.J. Spero)

Sea Grant (University of Hawaii) 1988, \$5000. "The role of inorganic nitrogen and phosphorous in the growth of giant clams" (in collaboration with U.S. Department of the Interior funded project at the Micronesian Mariculture Demonstration Center in Palau), Principal Investigator.

Riker Fellowship, Bermuda Biological Station, 1988, \$1000. "Effect of dissolved inorganic nitrogen on a symbiotic coelenterate's growth and algal symbionts", Principal Investigator.

United States Agency for International Development, Peace Fellowship Program, 1987-88, \$8780. "Physiological ecology and biochemistry of the Pacific oyster *Crassostrea gigas* during larval development, metamorphosis, and early juvenile growth." Co-Investigatior (w/ A. Khalil).

University of Georgia:

1987-88 UGA Research Foundation, "Mechanisms of settlement and metamorphosis of marine invertebrate larvae", \$6000.

1988-89 UGA Research Foundation, "The role of nerves and neurosensory cells in metamorphosis", \$8000.

1990 Instructional Improvement Grant, OID, "Students Responding to Georgia Invertebrates", (creation of two handbooks for student use in Invertebrate Zoology (ZOO 407/607) and Ecological Physiology (ZOO 424/624), \$2000.

SYMPOSIA:

International

- 2021 15th International Coral Reef Symposium, Bremen, Germany
Session: The jellyfish *Cassiopea*: a model organism (remote)
- 2020 14th International Coral Reef Symposium, Bremen, Germany
Session: The jellyfish *Cassiopea*: a model organism (cancelled)
- 2018 Patricia M. Medeiros, Maria L. Letourneau, Brian M. Hopkinson, William K. Fitt
Molecular composition and biodegradation of sponge exhalant dissolved organic matter, ASLO, June, Victoria, Canada
- 2016 13th International Coral Reef Symposium, Honolulu, US
“Inorganic carbon uptake and processing for photosynthesis in the coral-*Symbiodinium* symbiosis: a quantitative picture” Tansik, Fitt, Meile, Hopkinson
“3D photogrammetry for measuring reef productivity: advances in light propagation and self-occlusion” Johnson-Roberson, Fitt, Hopkinson, Long, Iscar, Skinner
“Multi-decade monitoring of reef-building corals in the Florida Keys Reef Tract” Baker, Kemp, Hopkinson, Fitt
“Functional aspects of the jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana* – *Symbiodinium* symbiosis” Fitt, Epps, Mattheiss, Hofmann, Odhera, Medina, LaJuenesse
- 2012 12th International Coral Reef Symposium, Cairns, Australia
“Role of UVR in the lifecycle of the jellyfish *Cassiopea*” Meghan, Hardy, Gleason, Fitt
“Bleaching of the fire corals *Millipora*” Fitt
- 2009 “Life and death of a coral” Targeted Research and Capacity Building for Management Workshop, Heron Island, Australia
- 2008 11th International Coral Reef Symposium, Ft. Lauderdale, USA: “Antioxidant activity of extracts and secondary metabolites from *Pseudopterogorgia* sps” Maia Mukherjee, Lyndon West, Howard Lasker, Gregory Schmidt, William Fitt
“Micro-niche partitioning and the photobiology of *Symbiodinium* associated with *Montastraea faveolata*” Dustin Kemp, Xavier Hernandez-Pech, Roberto Iglesias-Prieto, Gregory Schmidt, and William Fitt
“Photosmoregulation: evidence of host behavioral photoregulation of an algal endosymbiont by the acoel *Convolutriloba retrogemma* as a means of non-metabolic osmoregulation” Tom Shannon* (graduate student in my laboratory)
“Bleaching, El Nino, and El Nina: 13 years of seasonal analysis of reef-building corals in Florida, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean” William Fitt, Dustin Kemp, Xavier Hernandez-Pech, Roberto Iglesias-Prieto, Dan Thornhill, Brigitte Bruns, Gregory Schmidt
- 2007 “A post-El Nino spike in zooxanthelae density – what does it mean?” Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building for Management Workshop, Institute for Marine Science, Zanzibar
- 2006 “Thermal history of Caribbean reef corals” Society of Experimental Biology, Annual Meeting, Canterbury, England

- 2005 Coral Reef, Targeted Research Group on Coral Bleaching, “Understanding the stress response of corals and Symbiodinium in a rapidly changing environment”. Unidad Academica Puerto Morelos, UNAM, Mexico.
- 2004 10th International Coral Reef Symposium, Okinawa, Japan. “Physiological specificity in Symbiodinium symbioses” Fitt, LaJeunesse, Thornhill, Schmidt, “Phylogeography of Symbiodinium diversity” LaJeunesse, Thornhill, Schmidt, Fitt, “Seasonal availability of symbiotic dinoflagellates (Symbiodinium sp) in reef water: a bioassay”, Daniel, Thornhill, LaJeunesse, Schmidt, Fitt, “Change and stability of symbiotic dinoflagellate taxa in reef building corals” Thornhill, LaJeunesse, Schmidt, Fitt, “Differential Sensitivity of Photosynthetic Electron Transport to Elevating Temperature Among Cultured Symbiodinium Genotypes” Bruns, Warner, Thornhill, McCabe, Fitt, Schmidt, “A bioindicator species for dissolved phosphate in the Florida Keys” Todd and Fitt.
- 2003 7th International Conference on Ceolenterate Biology, Lawrence, Kansas. “Physiological attributes of coral tissue over time: seasons and years” Fitt, Thornhill, LaJeunesse, Chilcoat, Shannon, “Change and stability of symbiotic dinoflagellate taxa in reef-building corals” Thornhill, LaJeunesse, Schmidt, Fitt, “Effect of season and coral size on the growth rate and survival of transplanted Acropora cervicornis in the Caribbean” Chilcoat and Fitt, “Host tissue environment drives the diversification and evolution of symbiotic dinoflagellates” LaJeunesse, Fitt, Schmidt, “Alal symbioses and the potential for osmotic stress: how do symbiotic reef invertebrates deal with it?” Shannon, Gates, Fitt.
- 2000 9th International Coral Reef Symposium, Bali, Indonesia. “Comparisons of tissue biomass and zooxanthellae populations of five reef-building corals living in the Bahamas and on the Florida reef tract and relationship to bleaching” Fitt, Warner, Chilcoat., “Effects of season and coral size on the growth rate and survival of transplanted staghorn coral Acropora cervicornis in the Caribbean” Chilcoat, Brazeau, and Fitt. 2000 “The photosynthetic response to stress in different taxa of symbiotic dinoflagellates” Warner, LaJeunesse, Schmidt, Fitt. “Seasonal fluctuation in the photosynthetic efficiency of reef building corals” Warner, Fitt, Chilcoat.
- 1999 International Conference on the Scientific Aspects of Coral Reef Assessment, Monitoring, and Restoration, Ft. Lauderdale. “Monitoring the physiology of reef corals: tissue biomass and zooxanthellae” (Fitt, Warner, McFarland, Chilcoat), “The use of chlorophyll fluorescence in the physiological assessment of reef corals” (Warner, Fitt).
- 1997 Festkolloquium, Lehrstuhl Fur Spezielle Zoologie der Ruhr-Universitat Bochum, Germany. “The importance of multidisciplinary approaches to research problems: the jellyfish Cassiopea, as a case history” (Fitt)
- 1996 8th International Coral Reef Symposium, Panama. “Bleaching of firecorals” (Fitt, Cook, Warner, and Spruck) “Damage and protection of photosystem II in different zooxanthellae during warm water bleaching” (Warner and Fitt)
- 1993 1st European Regional Meeting, International Society for Reef Studies: "Induction of metamorphosis in larvae of Cassiopea xamachana (Cnidaria: Scyphozoa): characterization of a natural substratum" (Fleck and Fitt)
- 1992 7th International Coral Reef Symposium, Guam. Presentations: "The giant clam as a animal for study of marine alga-invertebrate associations" (Yellowlees, Rees, Fitt), "Nitrogen flux in giant clams: relation to clam size and zooxanthellae density" (Fitt, Rees, Yellowlees), "The haemolymph and nutritional interactions in the giant clam symbiosis" (Rees, Yellowlees, Fitt);

"Metamorphosis of larvae of the scyphozoan *Cassiopea xamachana*: natural metamorphic inducers" (Walden and Fitt)

- 1992 World Aquaculture Symposium, Orlando, Florida. "Temporal and spatial recruitment variations of *Crassostrea virginica* within a Georgia Estuary" (O'Beirn, Heffernan, Walker, Fitt)
- 1991 International Marine Biotechnology Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. "Biotechnology of raising giant clams" (Fitt)
- 1991 International workshop, Coconut Island, Hawaii. "Nutrient limitation in the symbiotic association between zooxanthellae and reef-building corals" (Fitt)
- 1989 Internattonal Conference on Coelenterate Biology, Southampton, England
"Description, life history, physiology, and reproduction of a new jellyfish-eating actinian species from Palau" (Fitt and Fautin). "The role of host feeding in nutrient supply for zooxanthellae symbiotic with cnidarians." (Cook, Muller-Parker, Fitt)
- 1989 4th International Colloquium on Endocytobiology and Symbiosis, Lyon, France. "Some effects of dissolved inorganic nutrients on the growth of zooxanthellae in the hydroid *Myrionema ambionense*" (Cook and Fitt)
"Some effects of host feeding on growth of zooxanthellae in the marine hydroid *Myrionema ambionense* in the laboratory and in nature" (Fitt and Cook).
- 1989 World Aquaculture Symposium, Los Angeles. "Increasing growth rates and survival of giant clams in mariculture" (Fitt) "Identification of soluble microbial products that induce settlement behavior in oyster larvae (*Crassostrea*)" (Walsh, Dagasan, Coon, Fitt, Weiner, Bonar, Colwell), "An integrated model of oyster settlement and metamorphosis" (Coon, Bonar, Fitt)
- 1988 6th International Coral Reef Symposium, Townsville, Australia. Participant in two symposia: "Settlement and metamorphosis of larvae of the reef-dwelling jellyfish of the genus *Cassiopea*" (Fitt), and "Growth of zooxanthellae and their invertebrate hosts during initial establishment of a symbiosis" (Fitt)
- 1988 International Mariculture Conference: "Giant Clam Workshop" Townsville, Australia. "The role of zooxanthellae in the mariculture of giant clams" (Fitt)
- 1987 International Symposium on Marine Symbiosis, Eilat, Israel. "Regulation of numbers of zooxanthellae in a marine symbiosis" (Fitt)
- 1986 Third International Colloquium on Endocytobiology and Symbiosis, New York. "Regulation of numbers of the zooxanthella *Symbiodinium* sp. in a tropical marine cnidarian" (Fitt)
- 1985 5th International Coral Reef Symposium, Papeete, Tahiti. "Chemical induction of settlement and metamorphosis of planulae and buds of the reef-dwelling coelenterate *Cassiopeia andromeda*" (Fitt and Hofmann), "Effect of different strains of the zooxanthella *Symbiodinium microaduraticum* on growth and survival of their coelenterate and molluscan hosts" (Fitt)
- 1985 Workshop, Aktuelle Fragestellungen in der Entwicklungsbiologie der Coelenterata, Bochum, Germany. "Induction of planulae metamorphosis in *Cassiopea ancromeda*: facts and concepts" (Fitt)

- 1983 2nd International Colloquium on Endocytobiology and Symbiosis, Tübingen, Germany. "Infection of coelenterated hosts with the symbiotic dinoflagellate *Symbiodinium (Gymnodinium) microadriaticum*" (Fitt and Trench)
- 1982 International Symposium on Recent Innovations in cultivation of Pacific Molluscs San Diego, California. "Larval biology of giant clams" (Fitt, Fisher, Trench)

National:

- 2023 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop VII: “*Cassiopea*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
“The role of MUCUS in *Cassiopea*”
Benthic Meeting in Miami: Elise Keister “Impact of Thermal Stress on Coral Physiology and Symbiodiniaceae Communities in Contrasting Florida Key Reef Environments”
Benthic Meeting in Miami: Shelby Gantt “Acclimatization of the outplanted nursery corals”
- 2022 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop VI: “*Cassiopea*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
“The jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana* and *C. frondosa* in the Florida Keys”
- 2021 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop V: “*Cassiopea*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
“Different physiologies of the jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana* and *C. frondosa*”
- 2020 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop IV: “*Cassiopea*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
“The life cycle of the jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana*”
- 2019 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop III: “*Cassiopea*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
“The role of oxybenzone in swimming and metamorphosis of larvae of the jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana*”
- 2018 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop II: “*Cassiopea xamachana* vs. *C. frondosa*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
- 2017 Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop I: “The jellyfish *Cassiopea*” Fitt, Key Largo, Florida
- 2016 Lydia Babcock-Adams, Sara Miñarro, William K. Fitt, Patricia M. Medeiros
Assessing Coral Response to a Severe Bleaching Event using Multimolecular Biomarkers. Ocean Sciences Meeting, February, New Orleans, LA, USA
- 2015 Ohdera A, Diaz-Almeyda E, Steinworth B, Fitt W, Martindale MQ, Medina M.
Symbiosis-driven development in the upside sown jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana*. HHMI Janelia, March, Virginia, USA
- 2014 Medina M, A Ohdera, WK Fitt, MQ Martindale. Symbiosis-driven development in the upside-down jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana*. ASM Meeting, Boston, MA, USA
- Tansik, A. L.; Fitt, W. K.; Hopkinson, B. M.: Overcoming diffusive boundary limitation of CO₂ uptake by external carbonic anhydrase in tropical scleractinian corals. ASLO-Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, HA, USA
- 2013 Kemp DW, Fitt WK, Iglesias-Prieto R. Riviera Maya tourism and anthropogenic nitrogen 2013 influx on reef-building corals. Oral Presentation at the Benthic Ecology Meeting, Savannah, GA. USA
- The upside-down jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana* as a model system to study the contributions of symbiosis to development. **Ohdera, A.**, Díaz-Almeyda, E., Zavalza, M., Kelly, S., Fitt, W., Médina, M. 3rd Annual Yosemite Symbiosis Workshop. Wawona, CA. June 2013

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- 2010 “Health of reef corals in the Caribbean” Fitt, Kemp, Oakley, Thornhill, Iglesias, Schmidt.
“Catastrophic mortality on inshore reefs of the Florida Keys: cold water physiology of three common reef-building corals” Fitt, Kemp, Oakley, Thornhill, Schmidt. Florida Keys Marine Ecosystem, Duck Key, Florida
- “Temperature effects on photosynthetic and respiratory CO₂ and O₂ exchange of *Symbiodinium*: evidence of functional diversity” Oakley CA; Fitt WK, Schmidt GW,
“Functional and genetic differences in coral-algal symbiosis during a coral bleaching event in Puerto Morelos, Mexico” Kemp DW, Schmidt GW, Fitt WK. Benthic Ecology Meetings, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- 2001 The Effects of Combined Sea Temperature, Light, and /or Carbon Dioxide on Coral Bleaching, Settlement and or/Growth of Reef Corals. NOAA-National Undersea Research Program. “The sublethal bleaching response” Fitt,
- 1998 Society for Integrative Biology, Boston, MA. "Seasonal cycles of tissue biomass and zooxanthellae densities in Caribbean reef corals: a new definition" (Fitt, McFarland, Warner), "Bleaching of Caribbean reef-corals 1997: time course, depth gradients and mechanisms" (Warner and Fitt).
- 1995 Oyster Reef Habitat Restoration, Williamsburg, Virginia. April, 1995.
“Induced settlement of oyster larvae: implications for oyster reef restoration” (Coon and Fitt)
- 1995 American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Reno, Nevada. August 1995
“The effects of acute elevated temperature exposure on the physiology of *Symbiodinium* sp. In hospite and in culture” (Warner and Fitt)
- 1994 American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Miami, Florida.
“Bleaching of reef corals: the alga’s point of view” (Fitt and Warner),
“Ontogenic patterns in nutrient physiology of the zooxanthellate jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana*” (Vodenichar and Fitt), “Bleaching of zooxanthellae in culture and within the host” (Warner and Fitt)
- 1992 World Aquaculture Meetings, National Shellfisheries Association, Orlando, Florida.
"Temporal and spatial recruitment variations of *Crassostrea virginica* within a Georgia estuary". (O'Beirn, Heffernan, Walker, Fitt)
- 1992 Office of Naval Research, Workshop, Mechanisms of change in Coral Reefs, Maui, Hawaii. “Bleaching and recovery of reef corals” (Fitt)
- 1991 American Society of Zoologists, Atlanta.

- "Natural metamorphic cues of larvae of a tropical jellyfish" (Fitt)
"Mechanisms of bleaching of zooxanthellae symbioses" (Warner and Fitt)
- 1990 National Shellfisheries Association, Virginia. "Production and role of ammonia, an inducer of settlement of veliger larvae of oysters" (Fitt, Haymans, Coon)
- 1989 American Society of Zoologists, Boston.
"Bleaching of two Caribbean reef corals" (Fitt, Spero, Porter)
"Cnidarians as hosts for zooxanthellae: comparing sea anemones, hydroids, and scleractinian corals" (Cook, Muller-Parker, Fitt)
"Metamorphosis and larval energetics of the scyphozoan jellyfish . *Cassiopea sp.*" (Meier, Fitt, Pechenik)
- 1988 American Society of Zoologists, San Francisco.
"Induction of settlement behavior in oyster larvae by ammonia" (Coon, Walsh, Fitt, Bonar, Weiner)
"Production of ammonia by fed and starved oysters, *Crassostrea gigas*, in relation to metabolism and metamorphosis" (Khalil, Fitt, Coon, Bonar)
"Chemical induction of metamorphosis of the scyphozoan *Cassiopea sp.*" (Fitt)
"Control of oyster settlement and metamorphosis by endogenous and exogenous chemical cues" (Bonar, Coon, Walch, Weiner, Fitt)
- 1987 Western Society of Malacologists, San Diego. "Mariculture of giant clams" (Fitt)
- 1987 National Shellfisheries Association, Virginia. "Use of specific bacterial biofilms and their products to enhance spat set of the oysters *Crassostrea virginica* and *C. gigas*." (Walsh, Labare, Weiner, Fitt, Bonar)

STUDENT SUPERVISION:

Major Professor: Ph.D

Abdelemone Kahlil (research conducted at UGA 1988-1989, PhD. Zagazig Univ, Egypt 1989)
Frances O'Biern (temporary advisor), Ph.D. 1995
Ouida Meier (supervised for 3 years, received PhD with Jim Porter, Ecology)
Rita Lim (supervised for 2 years, received PhD with Marcus Fecheimer, Cell Biology)
Mark Warner, Ph.D. 1998 (Professor at Univeristy of Deleware)
Frank McFarland, dropped out
Dan Thornhill (Presidential Scholar), PhD 2005 (NSF, Biological Oceanography)
Tom Shannon (University-Wide Assistantship, EPA-Star Fellowship), PhD 2007
Maia Mukhergee. PhD 2008
Jennifer McCabe (NOAA Fellowship), PhD 2009
Dusty Kemp (Gregory Schmidt, co-advisor) PhD 2010
Jessica Joyner (w/ Erin Lipp, co-advisor) PhD 2014 (post-doc in New York)

Committee Member: Ph.D

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Australia, 1989
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Australia, 1991
Angela Grice, Department of Zoology, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia, 1999
Kevin Strychar, School of Biological and environmental sciences, Central Queensland
University, Rockhampton, Australia, 2001
Maria Cabrera, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia 2005
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Postdoctoral students

Dr. Juergen Fleck (1997-1978)
Dr. Mark Warner (1998-2000)
Dr. Todd LaJuenesse (2000-2004)
Dr. Brigetta Bruns (2005-2007)

Major Professor: M.S.

Daniel Baker (M.S. 2017)
Geoff Chilcoat (M.S. 2004)
Ethan Epps, dropped out
Sara Minaro (EU 2012)
Brian Todd (M.S. 2002)
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Undergraduate Research:

- 2023 Savannah Perry
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- 2021 Marino (ECOL)
Zarate (U. Colorado)
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Lanier (Public Health)
- 2020 John Kolb
Jimmy Mack
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- 2019 Cyra Malec
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- 2018 Ethan Turner
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- 2017 Lauren Carroll
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- 2016: Joseph Shafritz
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Cailynn Houlihan
Madeline MacDonald
Lauren Carroll
Brianna Beldon
Landon Brantley
- 2014-2015:
Madeline Banyas Ecology
Melantha Balyakov Ecology
John Coffin Ecology
Caylie Mahaffey Ecology
Betsy Potter Ecology
Alex Amalfitano Biology

Jeff Mattheiss	Ecology
Meghan Tait	Ecology
Eliza Nixon	Forestry
Clay Oldham	Forestry
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Andrew Speese	Marine Science

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2014 Research Experience for Undergraduates in Marine Science, Ed Chin, P.I.

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Research Experience for Undergraduate Students in Physiological Processes, Biological
Oceanography, William K. Fitt, P.I.

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- Rachel Jude
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High School Research:

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PUBLIC AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

University Review Committee, UGA 2009 – 2011, 2013-2015, 2020-2022

*University Council, UGA 2014-2020, 2023-2026

*Faculty Affairs Committee 2014-2020, 2023-2026

HR Committee 2014-2020

*Libraries Committee 2023-2026

PRAC Committee, UGA 2013-2016, 2018-2020

Sea Grant Program Review Committee 2010-2011

Graduate Council 2008-2011, 2014-2017

Administrative Committee

Program Committee

Life Sciences, University Review Committee 2008-2011

Faculty Senate (elected), Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, UGA 1989-1992

Chair, Committee on Academic Standards, 1990-1991

Committee on Professional Concerns, 1991-1992

Committee on Committees 1991-1992

Departmental Committees

Promotion and Tennure Committee, 2010-2013, 2017-2020

Executive Committee 2005-2008, 2015-2017

Executive Committee, Zoology, 1991-1993

Committee on Graduate Student Performance Zoology 1990-1992

Space Committee, Ecology 1994-5,

Semester Conversion, 1997-8

Curriculum Committee, Graduate Admissions 1998-2007

Awards Committee 2000

Graduate Coordinator 1998-2007

Graphics Design hiring committee 2023

OTHER SERVICES:

Memberships:

National and International

American Association for the Advancement of Science, current
American Society of Zoologists
International Society of Endocytobiology
International Society for Reef Studies, current
National Shellfisheries Association

University of Georgia

Graduate Council, 2014-2017
University Council, 2014-2020, 2023-2026
University Council HR Committee 2020-2022
University Council FAC 2018-2020, 2023-2026
PRAC Committee, 2013-2015, 2018-2020
UGA Representative, Scientist, Highlands Biological Station 1999-2004
Faculty of Parasitology, University of Georgia, 1988-1993
Graduate Faculty, University of Georgia 1990-present
Faculty of Cellular and Developmental Biology, University of Georgia, 1992-1994
Adjunct Professor of Marine Science (current)

Chair and/or Organizer of Programs at Professional Meetings:

1992, Organizer of symposium "Biology, mariculture, and economics of giant clams", 7th International Coral Reef Symposium, Guam.
1996 Co-Organizer of symposium "Settlement and metamorphosis of marine larvae" 8th International Coral Reef Symposium, Panama.
2000 Co-Organizer of symposia "Bleaching of reef corals" and "Cellular Biology of Zooxanthellae symbioses", 9th International Coral Reef Symposium, Bali, October.
2004 Co-Organizer of symposium "Flexibility and specificity in algal-invertebrate symbiosis: diversity, stability and physiological capacity", 10th Intl Coral Reef Symp, Okinawa, Japan
2020 Co-Organizer of symposium "Cassiopea – a model organism", 14th Intl Coral Reef Symp, Bremen, Germany

Ad Hoc Reviewer for (* 2023):

National Science Foundation, Grant Proposals (Biological Oceanography, Microbiology, Physiological Processes; International Programs; Environ. & Ecol. Physiology; Symbiosis; Population and Ecological Processes, *Graduate Fellowships)
NERC
Sigma Delta Epsilon: Graduate Women in Science
International Research Fellowship Program
NSF-Israel Binational Science Foundation
Israel Science Foundation
Marsden Fund Council
North Carolina Sea Grant
National Geographic Society
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-Coral Reef Conservation Program
City University at New York, Research Award Program

**Antioxidants*, Articles
Biodiversity of Ecosystem Functioning
**Biology*, Articles
Biological Bulletin, Articles
**Biological Reviews*, Articles
Biostat Diversity
Bulletin of Marine Science, Articles
**Coral Reefs*, Articles
**Climate*, Articles
Diseases of Aquatic Organisms, Articles
**Diversity*, Articles
Ecology Letters, Articles
Ecology, Articles
Estuaries and Coasts, Articles
Frontiers in Marine Sciences, Articles
Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences, Articles
Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, Articles
Helgoland Marine Research
Hydrobiologia, Articles
**International Journal of Molecular Sciences*
“*Jellyfish Blooms Symposium*”
Journal of Coastal Research
**Journal of Experimental Biology*, Articles
Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology, Articles
**Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, Articles
Journal of Morphology, Articles
Journal of Phycology, Articles
Journal of Sea Research
Journal of Shellfish Research, Articles
**Journal of Zoological and Botanical Gardens*, Articles
Limnology and Oceanography, Articles
Marine Biology, Articles
**Marine Biodiversity*, Articles
Marine Biotechnology
Marine Ecology Progress Series
MDPI (Open Access Journal)
Marine Ecology Progress Series, Articles
**Marine Environmental Research*, Articles
**Marine Drugs*, Articles
MicrobiologyOpen, Articles
**Microorganisms*, Articles
Molecular Ecology, Articles
Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution, Articles
Nature, Articles
**Oceans*, Articles
Pacific Science, Articles
Peer Journal, Articles
Philosophical Transactions B, Articles
Proceedings of the Royal Society, Articles
Phycology, Articles
**Plants*, Articles
PloS ONE, Articles
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Articles

Regional Studies in Marine Science, Articles

**Sustainability*, Articles

TREE, Articles

**Water*, Articles

Editorial Board for:

Proceeding of the 7th International Coral Reef Symposium, 1992-3

Proceeding of the 8th International Coral Reef Symposium, 1996-7

Proceeding of the 9th International Coral Reef Symposium, 2000-1

Proceeding of the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium, 2004-5

Proceeding of the 14th International Coral Reef Symposium, 2020-2021

Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology 2000-2017

*Handling Editor, *Frontiers in Ecology*, 2023

*Marine Ecology, Invitation to be on Editorial Board

NSF Panel member

NSF Ocean Acidification 2012

NSF Biological Oceanography 1987, 2000, 2002

NSF Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology 2001

*NSF Symbiosis, Infection, and Immunity 2023, Invitation received

International Service

Member: United Nations UNESCO/IOC Ocean Sciences “Study Group on Indicators of Coral Bleaching and Subsequent Effects” 2000-2004

Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building Project, World Bank and Global Environment Fund Project, Funded for \$18,200,000 for 5 years, 2005-2010 (82 scientists directly involved)

AWARDS AND HONORS:

1992 Phi Beta Delta, Tau Chapter, Society of International Scholars, University of Georgia

1980 Graduate Teaching Award, University of California, Santa Barbara

1974 Graduation with Honors, University of California, Irvine