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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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## GRANTS RECEIVED:

### External:

South Eastern Conference Faculty Travel Grant, 2024, \$1000. Goulet (U. Mississippi) with Fitt as co-PI.

NSF RAPID, 2024, "The reaction of non-scleractinian cnidarians to the unprecedeted Summer 2023 warm water events: consequences to Caribbean coral reefs in the upcoming months and year", Goulet and Fitt, not funded.

NSF Collaborative Research: EDGE: "The upside-down jellyfish, *Cassiopea xamachana*: From emerging to established model system in comparative biology" co-PI, not funded

NSF, 2023-2026 \$131031 "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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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-Invesigator (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

2026 Dustin W. Kemp, Alexander Hall, Elise Keister, William K. Fitt “Integrating Biomass, Symbiosis, and Energy Dynamics to Understand Coral Recovery under Thermal Stress” International Coral Reef Symposium, New Zealand

2024 AIMEC-NSF Joint Workshop for the Model Species *Cassiopea*: Molecular Analysis with Gridion and Fluidic Dynamics, Owagawa, Japan

2021 15<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, Bremen, Germany  
Session: The jellyfish *Cassiopea*: a model organism (remote)

2020 14<sup>th</sup> 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 exhalent dissolved organic matter, ASLO, June, Victoria, Canada

2016 13<sup>th</sup> 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 proagation 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 *Convolvulriloba 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 zooxanthellae 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cœlenterate 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, "Algal symbioses and the potential for osmotic stress: how do symbiotic reef invertebrates deal with it?" Shannon, Gates, Fitt.

2000 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Walden)

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

2024      Jellyfish *Cassiopea* Workshop VIII: Molecular biology.  
AGU Meeting, Washington DC, “Carryover Effects Influence the Physiology and Energetics of Florida Framework Corals ” Keister, Ryan, Gantt, Jerry, Fitt, Kemp

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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yosemite Symbiosis Workshop. Wawona, CA. June 2013

Preliminary characterization of the biofilm community implicated in settlement and metamorphosis of the upside-down jellyfish *Cassiopea xamachana*. Ohdera, A. Fitt, W. Médina, M. Society for Developmental Biology, 2013 West Coast SDB Conference. Cambria, CA, April, 2013.

2011     "Persistent infection of Caribbean corals by apicomplexans" Kirk N, Kemp DW, Thornhill D, Fitt WK, Santos S. Benthic Ecology Meetings, Mobile, Alabama.  
"Cold-kill of corals in the Caribbean" Kemp, Oakley, Fitt. BEM, Mobile, AL. "Persistent and widespread associations of apicomplexans (Chromalveolata) with Caribbean reef corals" Kirk N, Kemp DW, Thornhill D, Fitt WK, LaJeunesse T, Santos S. International Society of Protistologists (ISOP), Seattle, Washington

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

2001     "Temperature effects on photosynthetic and respiratory CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> 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

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), "Ontogenetic 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, Walsh, 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

Abdelemonem 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 University of Delaware)  
Frank McFarland, dropped out  
Dan Thornhill (Presidential Scholar), PhD 2005 (Program Director, NSF, Biological Oceanography)  
Tom Shannon (University-Wide Assistantship, EPA-Star Fellowship), PhD 2007  
Maia Mukherjee, PhD 2008  
Jennifer McCabe (NOAA Fellowship), PhD 2009  
Dusty Kemp (Gregory Schmidt, co-advisor) PhD 2010 (Associate Professor UAB)  
Jessica Joyner (w/ Erin Lipp, co-advisor) PhD 2014 (post-doc in New York)

### Committee Member: Ph.D

Dale Bishop  
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Larry Castenares  
Chuck DeCurtis  
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Carrie Futch  
Stanley Hales  
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Amita Kanti  
Hal King  
Mark Komoroski  
Erin Looney  
Meagan Maloney (Auburn University)  
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Philip McGillivary  
Ouida Meier  
Jim Merickel  
Meredith Myers  
Camilla Nivison  
Billy Norfolk  
Clint Oakley  
Daniel Owens  
Dean Pakuliski  
Katie Patterson  
Leslie Ruyle  
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Susan Saucerman  
Joseph Schubauer  
Virginia Schutte  
Robert Smith

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Anna Tansik  
Brian Todd  
Jennifer Tougas  
Carrie Venton  
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Tim Wakefield (Auburn University)  
Randy Walker  
Chris Winne  
Debra L. Wohl  
Amanda Wrona  
Yaunlin Zhang

External Reader/Reviewer: Ph.D.

Jamila Patterson, Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute, India  
Yvette McNeil, Department of Biochemistry, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia, 1989

Suzanne Mingo, Department of Zoology, James Cook University, Townsville, 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, Brisbain, Australia 2005

Annameike Van Den Heuvel, University of Queensland, Australia 2013

Dominique Bradbury, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia 2013

Postdoctoral students

Dr. Juergen Fleck (1997-1978)  
Dr. Mark Warner (1998-2000)  
Dr. Todd LaJuenesse (2000-2004)  
Dr. Brigitta 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)  
Jenny Vodenichar (M.S. 1996)

Committee Member: M.S.

Thomas Bahl

Michelle Covi  
Joan Sheldon  
Wendy Fulks  
Douglas Leeper  
Jennifer Tougas  
Shannon Kirk (Forestry)  
Daniel Owen (MS)

Undergraduate Research:

2025 Maddie Hutchison  
Abbie Barnes  
Laine Karner

2024 Aliya Baig  
Katheine Baughman  
Chip Cobb  
Cunningham Culp  
Kasey Lawson  
Kasey Schwan

2023 Savannah Perry  
Reagan Greene  
Mackenzie Kennelly  
Kaitlynn Garcia

2022 Nemerov (BIOL)  
Weimorts (BIOL)  
Kelly Nguyen  
Abigal Parks

2021 Marino (ECOL)  
Zarate (U. Colorado)  
Burgess (BIOL)  
Lanier (Public Health)

2020 John Kolb  
Jimmy Mack  
Austin Burgess  
Kelly Barnes

2019 Cyra Malec  
Jimmy Mack  
Rebekka Farley  
Ethan Turner

2018 Ethan Turner  
Rebekka Farley  
Grant Foster  
Cyra Malec

2017 Lauren Carroll

Samantha Bennett  
Sarah Gardner (Marine Science)  
Jonathan Fox

2016: Joseph Shafritz  
Sarah Gardner  
Alexander Amalfitano  
Kkatelyn Skoczen  
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
Emma Yawn	Marine Science
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.

Paige Adams  
Brian Badgley  
Yesmira Chia  
\*\* Geoff Chilcoat  
\*\* Kristin Costly  
Mike Daniels  
Junling Dong (Marine Science)  
Tommy Funk  
\* Nancy Halutick  
\*\* Scott Hardister  
Douglas Haymans  
Rachel Jude  
Andrew Lainhard  
Laura Lee  
Woong Lee  
Andrew Leinhard  
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\*\* Whitney Pate  
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Ben Paull  
Jamie Perniciaro  
Ashley Rich-Robertson  
\*\* Kerri Roguske  
\*\* Chris Spruck  
Meghan Tait  
\*\* Brian Todd  
Blake Thomas  
Erin Vinson  
\*\* Tracy Walden  
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High School Research:

Mona Durban

**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  
\*Post-Tenure Review Appeals 2024-2026

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 Tenure 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  
Promotion Remediation Plan Committee 2024-2026

## **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 1990-2025  
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", 7<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, Guam.  
1996 Co-Organizer of symposium "Settlement and metamorphosis of marine larvae" 8<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, Panama.  
2000 Co-Organizer of symposia "Bleaching of reef corals" and "Cellular Biology of Zooxanthellae symbioses", 9<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, Bali, October.  
2004 Co-Organizer of symposium "Flexibility and specificity in algal-invertebrate symbioses: diversity, stability and physiological capacity", 10<sup>th</sup> Intl Coral Reef Symp, Okinawa, Japan  
2020 Co-Organizer of symposium "Cassiopea – a model organism", 14<sup>th</sup> Intl Coral Reef Symp, Bremen, Germany

### Ad Hoc Reviewer for (\* 2025):

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

Post-Doctoral Fellowships, NSF  
\*Sea Grant, Hawaii  
*Antioxidants*, Articles  
*Biodiversity of Ecosystem Functioning*  
*Biology*, Articles  
*Biological Bulletin*, Articles  
*Biological Reviews*, Articles  
*Biomimetics*, 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  
*Ecotoxicology*, Articles  
*Estuaries and Coasts*, Articles  
*Foods*, Articles  
*Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, Articles  
*Frontiers in Marine Sciences*, Articles  
*Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences*, Articles  
*Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, Articles  
*Genes*, Articles  
*Helgoland Marine Research*  
*Hydrobiologia*, Articles  
*International Journal of Developmental Biology*, 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 the Marine Biological Association UK*, Articles  
\**Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, Articles  
*Journal of Molecular Sciences*, 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 Drugs*  
*Marine Ecology Progress Series*  
*MDPI (Open Access Journal)*  
*Marine Ecology Progress Series*, Articles  
\**Marine Environmental Research*, Articles  
*Marine Drugs*, Articles  
\**Marine Pollution Bulletin*  
*Metabolites*, Articles  
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*MicrobiologyOpen*, Articles  
*Microbiology Research*, Articles  
\**Microorganisms*, Articles  
*Molecular Ecology*, Articles  
*Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, Articles  
*Nature*, Articles  
\**Oceans*, Articles  
*Pacific Science*, Articles  
*Peer Journal*, Articles  
\**Plants*, 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  
\**Toxins*, Articles  
*TREE*, Articles  
\**Water*, Articles

Editorial Board for:

Proceeding of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, 1992-3  
Proceeding of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, 1996-7  
Proceeding of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, 2000-1  
Proceeding of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, 2004-5  
Proceeding of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 2023

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 \$18,2000,000 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