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Current Research Interests

Molecular Analysis of Invertebrate Evolution and Development
Marine Invertebrate Genomics
Evolution of the Chordate Body Plan
Phylogeny of Hemichordates and Tunicates

Education and Employment

2014 - 2019 Director; Friday Harbor Laboratories, University of Washington
2013 - 2019 Scientific Advisory Board, SeaDoc Society, Orcas Island, WA
2012 - 2019 Scientific Advisory Board, Tetiaroa Society, Tetiaroa, Tahiti
2012 - 2014 Interim Director; Friday Harbor Laboratories, University of Washington
2009 - present Professor of Biology; Biology Department, University of Washington
2001 - 2009 Associate Professor; Biology Department, University of Washington
2008 Visiting Scientist, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA
2006 Visiting Scientist, Smithsonian Marine Station, Fort Pierce, FL
1999 - 2000 Assistant Professor; Zoology Department, University of Washington
Teaching Experience - Quarter Courses
Developmental Biology BIOL 411 120 students
Introductory Biology BIOL 202 (with 3 hr labs) 185 students
Evolution BIOL 354 120 students
Evolution and Development BIOL 415 60 students
Evolution and Development of the Metazoans at FHL BIOL 533 12 students
Comparative Invertebrate Embryology at FHL BIOL 536 12 students
1997 - 1999 Assistant Professor; Department of Biology, Pennsylvania State University
Teaching Experience - Semester Courses
Molecular and Cellular Biology (Honors Section) 30 students
Developmental Genetics 20 students
1994-1997 Assistant Professor; Biology Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Teaching Experience - Semester Courses
Biological Sciences 110B (with 3 hr labs) 300 students
Developmental Biology 20-40 students
1991-1994 Assistant Research Developmental Biologist
Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California - Davis, Bodega Bay, CA.
1989-1992 NIH Post-Doctoral Fellow
1988-1989 AAUW Sarah Berliner Post-Doctoral Fellow; Lab of Dr. William R. Jeffery –
Characterization of mRNAs and Proteins Localized in the Ascidian Egg Myoplasm.
Center for Developmental Biology, University of Texas - Austin, TX
1988 Ph.D. - Biology Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Title: The Effect of Extracellular Matrix on Chick Wing Bud Mesenchyme
Chondrogenesis *in vitro*. Laboratory of Dr. Michael Solursh.
1984-86 NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology Trainee, University of Iowa.
1983, 1985, 1987 Summer Embryology Course, Marine Biological Lab, Woods Hole, Ma.
1983 M.S. - Zoology Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Title: Epithelial Enhancement of Connective Tissue Types in Explanted Somites.
1980 B.S. with honors in Zoology, Botany minor, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2012 – 2019 Director Friday Harbor Labs (FHL) - Innovations

1. “Tide Bites”, a monthly publication to communicate Marine Research to the San Juan Island community and general public is sent out once a month, posted on the FHL web page and sent to supporters and local newspapers.
<https://fhl.uw.edu/about/news-and-events/newsletters/>
2. I worked with the School of Oceanography and the School of Aquatic Fisheries Sciences to establish a new Marine Biology Major in the College of the Environment at UW.
3. We increased diversity in marine sciences through a unique FHL REU Program with funding from a Blinks endowment, NSF and BEACON.
4. FHL prefix established for all fall, spring and summer courses for the first time in 110 years! FHL is now in the UW catalogue of courses.
5. I coordinated with UW campus to buy an additional 5.6 acres adjoining Friday Harbor Laboratories near the entrance, creating a buffer against encroachment on the campus.
6. We worked with the FHL Advancement Board to establish priorities for the next 5-10 years for fundraising efforts and have raised \$10,000,000 in seven years.
7. Established two faculty fellowships to pay faculty from the UW campus to come to FHL and bring their research and teaching programs for three years.
8. Established an Endowed Professorship to hire a UW Biology faculty member to live and work at FHL through a generous endowment.
9. We brought FHL into compliance with Health and Safety standards and Chemical Safety with UW Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S).
10. I prepared a Fire Mitigation plan and secured \$80,000 from UW EH&S to do the work in Fall of 2014. Trees were trimmed and downed and brush removed to lessen the chance of a forest fire spreading on campus.
11. Improved community relationships by contacting the landowners surrounding FHL Reserves at False Bay and Argyle Creek on San Juan Island. I’ve met multiple times with overlapping groups to discuss good stewardship of the land and marine habitats.
12. Developed a seven year plan to bring FHL into compliance with the vehicles that we own with Fleet Services.
13. Reorganized FHL staff and worked to establish full time positions with benefits for all of the part time FHL staff who wanted to be full-time.

Professional Leadership Positions

2013-19	Dennis Willows Director's Endowed Professorship
2017-19	President of the Western Association of Marine Labs (WAML)
2017-19	President of the PanAm Society of EvoDevo Biology (PASEDB)
2016-19	Treasurer of the National Association of Marine Labs (NAML)
2015	UW College of the Environment Commitment to Diversity Award
2013-15	President of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)
5-18-2012	Undergraduate Research Mentor Award; U of Washington
2002-14	Friday Harbor Laboratories Advisory Committee; U of Washington
2001-17	Member of the Kowalevsky Award Committee from St. Petersburg, Russia (International Award for Comparative Embryological Research)
2007-10	President of UW Local Chapter of Sigma Xi
2007-08	Chair, Molecular Evolution Gordon Research Conference
2005-07	Chair of the SICB Division of Evolutionary Developmental Biology
2003-06	Council Member for the Society for Systematic Biologists
2001-04	AAAS Officer, Chairman of the Electorate Nominating Committee for Section on Biological Sciences
1996-99	Program Officer, Division of Developmental and Cell Biology; Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)
1994-97	President's Advisory Committee; (SICB)
1990-92	NIH Postdoctoral Fellow
1989-90	AAUW Sarah Berliner Postdoctoral Fellow
1984-86	NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology Trainee, University of Iowa

Research Grant Support

- NSF #DBI-0939454** Funded 8-1-10 to 7-31-20 **\$500,000 Total costs**
Title: Science and Technology Center BEACON: Evolution in Action
PI Dr. Eric Goodman, Michigan State University
- UW Royalty Research Fund** Funded 3-15-17 thru 3-14-18 **\$39,890 Total costs**
Ascidian Genomic Tools PI: Billie J. Swalla
- NSF #DBI-1418875** Funded 9-1-14 to 8-31-17 **\$287,250 Total costs**
Title: FSML: Instrumentation at UW Friday Harbor Laboratories for Studies of the Biological Impacts of Ocean Acidification and Ocean Change
PI Dr. Ken Sebens Co-PIs Alex Gagnon, Daniel Grunbaum, Jan Newton, Billie Swalla
- NSF #DEB-0816892** Funded 9-1-08 to 8-31-12 **\$190,833 Total costs**
Title: Collaborative Proposal: Systematics and Evolution of the Hemichordata
Co-PI Dr. Kenneth Halanych, Auburn University, **\$189,684 Total costs**
- UW Research Royalty Grant** Funded 2-1-07 to 1-31-08 **\$31,000 Total costs**
Title: Stem Cells and Germ Cells in Colonial Ascidiaceans PI: Billie J. Swalla
- American Heart Association** Funded 7-1-06 to 6-30-08 **\$48,000 Total costs**
Title: Characterization of Stem Cells – AHA Predoctoral Fellowship to Brown
- Seaver Institute** Funded 1-1-02 to 12-31-04 **\$225,000 Total costs**
Title: The Role of the Immune System in Invertebrate Metamorphosis
- Australian Research Council** Funded 2002-2004 **\$176,000 Total costs**
Title: Understanding the molecular basis of marine invertebrate larval settlement and metamorphosis using complementary molecular, developmental, chemical and ecological approaches. Co-PIs: Degnan, B.M., Garson, M.J. Skilleter, G.A., Lavin, M.F., Swalla, B.J. and Leys, S.P.
- NSF #IBN-0096266** Funded 3-1-98 to 7-31-02 **\$300,000 Total costs**
Title: The Role of Maternal Factors in Ascidian Development and Evolution
- UW Research Royalty Grant** Funded 9-1-00 to 2-01-02 **\$30,000 Total costs**
Title: Pacific Northwest Ascidiaceans

Instrument Grant Support

- M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust** Funded 8-21-03 to 8-20-05 **\$499,500**
Title: Biological Research Equipment Acquisition for a Comparative Genomics Center, Biology Department, UW
- NSF #DBI-9970256** Institutional Equipment Grant Award **\$193,095**
(May 1999) for an Automatic Sequencer in the Biology Department at Penn State University with A. Clark, S. Schaeffer, and T. Whittam, Co-PIs
- NSF#DBI-9604814** NSF Institutional Equipment Grant Award **\$500,000**
(March, 1996) for an Automatic Sequencer in the Biology Department at Vanderbilt University with C. DePamphilis, D. McCauley, N. Pellmyr, C. Johnson, Co-PIs
- Provost's Initiative on Technology (1995)** **\$20,822**
Integration of Computer and Videomicroscopy in Biology Courses with N. Pellmyr, G. Polis and D. Whitter

Conference Grant Support

- NSF #DEB-0742245** Funded 1-29-08 to 06-29-08 **\$17,000 Total costs**
Title: 2008 Molecular Evolution Gordon Research Conference
- NSF #IOS-9983454** Funded 12-23-99 to 12-22-00 **\$17,610 Total costs**
Title: CONFERENCE: Symposia in Evolutionary Developmental Biology, January 4-8, 2000, Atlanta, GA

Teaching in International Workshops

- 2015 - 2019 Marine Biology Training Course, Misaki Marine Biological Station, Japan
E.S. Morse U.S./Japan Scholar Exchange
- 2015 Comparative Embryology of Marine Invertebrates (CEMI) – CEBI MAR Marine Biological Station, University of São Paulo, São Sebastião, Brazil
- 2012 A Systems Biology Approach to Understanding Mechanisms of Organismal Evolution, Universidad de la Republica & Institut Pasteur de Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2011 PASI: Advanced Tunicate Biology: Integrating Modern and Traditional Techniques for the Study of Ascidiaceans, Bocas Research Station, Bocas del Toro, Panama
- 2008 Frontiers in Developmental Biology: Concepts, Techniques and Model Organisms Latin American Society for Developmental Biology; Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2003 Open Course in Molecular Biology – Marine Biological Station, Tohoku University, Asamushi, Aomori, Japan
- 2002 Workshop on Evolution and Development - Stazione Zoologica, Naples, Italy
- 2001 Workshop on Evolution and Development “Evolutionary Origins of the Chordate Body Plan”, Stazione Zoologica, Naples, Italy
- 2001 Workshop on Systematics - U.C. Davis, Bodega Marine Lab; Lab and Lecture; “Evolution and Development of the Chordates: Combining Molecular and Morphological Data” Bodega Bay, CA
- 2001 Workshop on Evolution and Development - University of Puerto Rico; “Molecular Phylogenies and Deuterostome Evolution” Puerto Rico, USA
- 2000 Workshop on Evolvability of Developmental Mechanisms - Friday Harbor Laboratories “Evolution of the Chordates”

Journals-Editorial Positions

- Evolution*, Associate Editor, 2007-2010, Blackwell Science, Inc
- Evolution & Development*, Editorial Board, 1999 - present, Blackwell Science, Inc
- Integrative and Comparative Biology*, Associate Editor 1999-2005, Wiley-Liss
- Molecular Biology and Evolution*, Associate Editor 2002-2010, Oxford University Press
- Molecular and Developmental Evolution*, Associate Editor 2000-2005, Wiley-Liss
- Molecular and Developmental Evolution*, Editorial Board 2005-2010, Wiley-Liss

Graduate Education

- 1999 - present **Biology/Zoology Graduate Program Member**
- 1999 – present **Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program Member**
- 1999 - present **Developmental Biology Training Grant Member**
- 2000, 2003, 2004 Selection Committee to Award DB Training Grants to Students
- 2002-2003 Organized the Seattle Developmental Biology Fall Retreat

Postdoctoral Associates

- 2010-2012 Dr. Charlotte Konikoff - University of Washington**
Evolution of Gene Networks underlying the Chordate Body Plan
- 2009-2010 Dr. Noa Shenkar - University of Washington**
Israeli Taxonomy Initiative Postdoctoral Fellowship
Identification of Ascidiaceans of the Pacific Northwest, Mediterranean and Red Sea
- 2004-2005 Dr. Tom Powers - University of Washington**
Astrobiology Postdoctoral Fellow, collaborative with Dr. Peter Ward
- 2003-2004 Eric Edsinger-Gonzales - FHL; University of Washington**
Seaver Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow
- 1998-2000 Dr. Dan Seufert - Penn State University**
NSF/Sloan Foundation Molecular Evolution Postdoctoral Fellow
2002-present Columbus Children's Research Institute, Columbus, OH
- 1995-1996 Jay Raveill Vanderbilt University**
1998-present Associate Professor at Central Missouri State University
<http://www.ucmo.edu/biology/facstaff/raveill.cfm>

Current Positions of Former Ph.D. Students

2017 Shawn Luttrell Ph.D. in Biology; University of Washington

“Hemichordate Development and Evolution”

2018-19 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute for Stem Cell Research Medicine, Seattle, WA

2013 Max Maliska Ph.D. in Biology; University of Washington

NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology Predoctoral Trainee

“Development and Speciation of Molgulid Ascidians”

2013-19 Bioinformatics Software Test Engineer, Illumina, San Diego, CA

2008 Federico D. Brown Ph.D. in Zoology; University of Washington

Fulbright Scholar; American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship

“Developmental Change in Germline and Stem Cell Lineages in Ascidian Life History Evolution”

2012-19 Assistant Professor in Department of Zoology (IB) University of São Paulo, Brazil

2008 Amanda Rychel Ph.D. in Biology; University of Washington

NIH Developmental Biology Predoctoral Trainee

“Looking for the Deuterostome Ancestor: Hemichordate Phylogeny, Cartilage Development, and Regeneration”

2014 - 2019 Project Manager at Prometrika, LLC in Cambridge, MA.

<http://www.prometrika.com>

2002 Brad Davidson Ph.D. in Zoology; University of Washington

NIH Developmental Biology Predoctoral Trainee "A Morphological and Genetic Characterization of Metamorphosis in the Ascidian *Boltenia villosa*"

2012 – 2019 Associate Professor at Swarthmore College, PA

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/academics/biology/faculty-and-staff/brad-davidson.xml>

1996-1997 Laura Corley Lavine, PhD Biology Student; Vanderbilt University

2001-present Associate Professor & Chair - Department of Entomology, Washington State

Univ. <http://entomology.wsu.edu/directory/faculty/laura-corley-lavine/>

Current Positions of Former M.S. Students

1999 Jennifer Huber, M.S. in Biology; Penn State University

"The Evolution of Larval Morphology in Ascidiaceae: A Phylogenetic Analysis of Speciation in the Molgulidae"

2000-present Senior Medical Writer at Exelixis Inc; South San Francisco, CA

1997 M. Rebecca Jones, M.S. in Biological Sciences; Vanderbilt University

“Sequence of Five Prospective Manx Alleles from the Ascidian *Molgula oculata*”

1997-present Middle School Science Teacher at Cason Lane Academy; Murfreesboro, TN

2007 Glen MacMaster Master’s Science in Teaching Program at UW

2006 - present Science Teacher at Mills High School; Millbrae, CA

Undergraduate Mentoring

Mary Gates Undergraduate Research Fellows

2000-2001 Anton Jackson
2001-2002 Aliza-Gentili Lloyd
2001-2002 Kellen Nold
2002-2003 Shannon Smith – Won the Franco Award in 2002 - Best Undergraduate
Research Paper in the Biological Sciences
2007 HeeSun Kim
2012 Nathan Churches

Howard Hughes Undergraduate Research Fellows

2001-2002 Shannon Smith – Franco Award for best Undergraduate Research paper
2002-2004 Brock Roberts
2003-2005 Helen Chea – UW Dean's Office Undergraduate Research Award
2005-2006 HeeSun Kim
2009-2010 Shawn Luttrell
2009-2010 Alana Byrne

FHL Blinks/BEACON/REU – for Increasing Diversity in Marine Sciences

2001 Jamila Harris – 2006 Master of Science in Heath Education from the University of
Michigan at Flint; Ph.D. in 2008
2006 Anton Vagapov – deceased 2008
2010 Erica Flores – 2011 Graduate School at the University of Miami
2011 Kristin Andrykovich – Undergraduate, Carleton College
2011 Paul Hausch – Undergraduate, Rippon College
2012 Nathan Churches – PhD student at USC
2012 Ian Mahone – Undergraduate, Michigan State University
2012-13 Aaron Walker – Undergraduate, Michigan State University
2017 Samarra Scantlebury – Undergraduate, Cornell University
2018 Lauren Lubeck – Undergraduate, Brown University
2018 Beatrice Grauman-Boss, Undergraduate, Wellesley College

Current Positions of Swalla Undergraduate Researchers

2006 Yoko Nozawa (FHL 2005) Tetrad Graduate Program (Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology, Cell Biology, Genetics and Developmental Biology) at UCSF
2006 Stephanie Suzuki (FHL 2005) UW Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program
2008 Hee Sun Kim (2005-2006) Dental Student at Temple University
2008 Brock Roberts (2002-2004) Graduate Program in Molecular and Cellular Biology
Department at the University of California at Berkeley.
2009 Ph.D. - Dr. Becky Howsmon (FHL 2001) Program in Infectious Disease and
Immunity in the School of Public Health at U. of California at Berkeley
2011 M.D. – Dr. Lauren May (FHL 2005) Thomas Jefferson University Medical College,
Philadelphia, PA
2011 M.D./Ph.D. - Dr. Helen Chea (2003-2005) Mount Sinai School of Medicine; NY, NY
2011 M.D. - Dr. Monique Mayo (FHL 2001) University of Washington Medical School
2011 Peter Conlin (FHL 2010) BEACON Biology Department, University of Washington
2012 Kellen Andrienas (2008-2010) Graduate Program in Molecular and Cellular Biology
Department at Boston University
2012 Shawn Luttrell (FHL 2010) Graduate Student in Biology Department, Univ. of WA
2013 Rebecca Bruders (FHL 2012) Graduate Student in Biology Department, U. of Utah
2013 Nathan Churches (FHL 2012) Graduate Student in Biology Department; USC
2013 Zander Fodor (FHL 2012) Graduate Student in Biology Department, Univ. of WA 2013
Joshua Swore (FHL 2012) Graduate Student in Biology Department, Univ. of WA
2013 Ph.D. Tom White (FHL 2005) UW Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program

Professional Societies

American Association for the Advancement of Science
Electorate Nominating Committee 2001-2004; Chairman of Committee in 2004
Society for Developmental Biology
Local Organizing Committee - Annual Meeting - Jun 15-18, 2001
Organizer Northwest Developmental Biology Conference Mar 18-20, 2004, 2017
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
President 2013-2015
President, Division of Evolutionary Developmental Biology 2006-2008
Program Officer, Division of Developmental and Cell Biology 1996-1999
President's Advisory Committee 1994-1998, 2016-present
Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution
Society for the Study of Evolution

Symposia and Meetings Organized

2012 Local Organizing Committee for National SACNAS Meetings in Seattle, WA
October 11-14, 2012
2012 Symposia organized - Symposium "Evo-Devo Rides the Genomic Express" SICB Annual Meetings, Charleston, S.C. Jan. 3-7, 2012
<http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2012/symposia/evodevo.php>
2008 Meeting Organizer – Molecular Evolution Gordon Conference – Ventura, CA
<http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2008&program=molecevo>
2006 Meeting Co-chair – Molecular Evolution Gordon Conference – Ventura, CA
2005 Meeting Co-organizer – International Tunicate Meetings – USCB Campus, Santa Barbara, CA
2004 Meeting Co-organizer – Comparative Developmental Biology: Insights into Embryos, Cells, and Evolution – Centennial Symposium at FHL
2004 Meeting Co-organizer - Northwest Regional Developmental Biol. Conference at FHL
2001 Local Organizing Committee - Society for Developmental Biology 60th Annual Meeting – University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2000 Symposium Co-organizer - Symposium "Hom/Hox Clusters and the Evolution of Morphology" and "Evolutionary Developmental Biology: Paradigms, Problems and Prospects"; Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) Annual Meetings; Atlanta, GA [see Nature 403: 125 (2000); Science 287:570 (2000)]
1999 Meeting Co-organizer - American Genetics Association (AGA) Annual Meeting; Penn State University; State College, PA
1998 Symposium Co-organizer - Symposium "Development and Evolution"; Society for Developmental Biology Northeast Regional Conference; Woods Hole, MA
1997 Symposium Co-organizer - Symposium "Systematics and the Evolution of Developmental Patterns"; Society of Systematic Biology and Society for the Study of Evolution Annual Meetings - Boulder, CO.
1996 Local Organizing Committee - Society for Developmental Biology Annual Meeting Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN
1994 Co-organizer; West Coast Regional Developmental Biology Conference; Soc. for Dev. Biol. Regional Meeting; Marconi Conference Center, Marshall, CA
1992 Symposium Organizer - ASZ Annual Meetings; Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Grant Reviews

Panels

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant Committee	2 years
American Heart Association Panel	3 years
National Institute of Child Human Health & Development	3 years
NSF/Sloan Foundation Molecular Evolution Postdoctoral Awards Panel	3 years
NSF Developmental Mechanisms Panel	3 years
NSF Population Biology Panel	1 year
NASA Evolutionary Biology Panel/NASA Astrobiology Panel	2 years

Ad hoc referee

National Institutes of Health
International Human Frontier Science Program
European Science Foundation
BBSRC (England)

National Science Foundation
NSERC (Canada)
Israel Science Foundation

University of Washington Administration/Service

2019 Chair of the UW Biology Research Committee
2014 Director, Friday Harbor Laboratories
2012-2014 Interim Director, Friday Harbor Laboratories
2013-2014 Marine Biology Minor Steering Committee
2012-2013 Acting Director, Friday Harbor Laboratories
2011-2012 Chair of the Biology Faculty Appointments Committee
2002-2012 FHL Advisory Board
2002-2012 Biology Comparative Genomics Center Executive Board
2009-2012 M.S. in Biology for Teachers Steering Committee
2007-2012 Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee
2002-2012 Reviewed UW Royalty Research Fund Grants (8X)
2006-2010 A&S Curriculum, Practices, and Standards Committee
2004-2005 Faculty Senate and Senate Executive Committee Member
2002-2005 Chair of the Biology Seminar Committee
2004-2005 Participated in a Cross Departmental Cultural Change Program – funded by NSF ADVANCE Program for encouraging Women and Minorities in Science.
2005 Undergraduate Research Symposium Moderator; May 13, 2005
2003 Organized 5th Seattle Developmental Biology Fall Retreat; September 19, 2003
2003 Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program Recruiting Committee Chair
2001-03 Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program Recruiting Committee
2002-03 Chair of the Botany/ Biology/ Zoology Seminar Committee
2002 Organized 4th Seattle Developmental Biology Fall Retreat; September 20, 2002

Community Outreach and Mentoring in Seattle

2008-19 Member of UW SACNAS – For Advancing Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
5-6-11 National Lab Day sponsored by UW-HHMI - Two 30 min. sessions with a group of sixth graders from Sacajawea Elementary School in Seattle Public School District.
2010 Summer - Mentored Erica Flores (Hispanic) in the FHL REU-Blinks Program to increase underrepresented groups in science.
6-21-10 REU-Blinks Luncheon to meet with students and share my research and my personal history getting into marine research. Discussed “Do’s and Don’ts to get into UW graduate school.”
7-29-10 REU-Blinks Resume Preparation – Students brought their resumes, exchanged them and discussed what to add and what not to add to them.
9-30 thru 10-3, 2010 Attended the National SACNAS Meetings in Anaheim, CA to recruit URM students for the Biology Department and NSF BEACON “Evolution in Action”.
10-14-10 Faculty Panel Member - Go-MAP Getting Connected Orientation – Answered questions from new students about UW and/or graduate school
10-2-10 – Biology Department Brown Bag Gave a 30 minute talk on my research career and then fielded questions for 30 minutes from undergraduate students.
7-18-07 Bioscience Experience – 2 hour lab experience for 6 minority undergraduates
2-1-07 “Biology Movie Night” – Showed “The Eyes of Nye” episode on Stem Cells and Cloning that was partly filmed in my laboratory. Answered questions from the audience for 45 minutes afterward. 100 students and alumni attended.
3-20-05 Appearance as expert on “The Eyes of Nye” Television Program on Cloning
5-7-05 FHL Open House Public Lecture; FHL, Friday Harbor, WA
9-13-04 Marine Science Potluck Dinner Talk; FHL, Friday Harbor, WA
11-5-03 Lectured to a Marine Sciences class at Nathan Hale High School in Seattle

- 7-2-03 Blinks Fellows Luncheon Lecture and Discussion at FHL; Friday Harbor, WA
- 5-22-03 Science students visited my lab from Chief Stealth High School in South Seattle
- 3-25-03 Career Shadowing by Christina Moore, 7th grade student at Chinook Middle School
- 3-26-02 Participated in Redmond High Career Day – Gave a 50 minute presentation to 2 groups of 30 students
- 11-18-00 Workshop for 80-100 Community College Science Instructors on "Recent Advances in Molecular Phylogeny and the Evolution of the Chordates."
- 3-14-00 Career Panelist for "Expanding Your Horizons" - 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls explore Science and Engineering as a career option. 3 Panels with 20-25 girls in each.
- 10-24-98 Workshops for "Expanding Your Horizons" - 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls explore Science and Engineering as a career option. 2 Workshops with 12-15 girls in each.
- 11-25-97 Lectured to the sixth grade class (4 classes total) at Park Forest Junior High School, State College, PA on "Working as a Scientist on Ascidians: Developmental and Evolutionary Studies at Marine Labs around the World".

Off Campus Invited Lectures and Seminars - Last 5 years

- Invited Lecture: "Evolution, Development and Regeneration in the Chordates" Walla Walla University, Walla Walla, WA January 22, 2018
- Symposium Lecture "Mavericks: New models for chordate evolution and regeneration" 29th Cell and Developmental Biology meeting "Mavericks, New Models in Developmental Biology" RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology (CDB) in Kobe, Japan. October 19-20 2018
- Invited Lecture: "Chordate Evolution, Development and Regeneration" St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Memphis, TN November 28, 2018
- Symposium Lecture: "Origin, Evolution and Development of the Chordates" College of Charleston Graduate Program in Marine Biology Colloquium Charleston, S.C. September 23, 2017
- Invited Lecture: "Origin, Evolution and Development of the Chordates" Randall Seminar Series – Women in Science at the University of Idaho September 12, 2017
- Symposium Lecture: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology "Origin, Evolution & Development of the Chordates" Hong Kong May 24, 2017
- Symposium Lecture: "Evolution, Development and Regeneration in Hemichordates", Developmental Biology of the Sea Urchin XXIV, Woods Hole, MA April 5-9, 2017
- Symposium Lecture: 22nd International Congress of Zoology and 87th meeting of the Zoological Society of Japan in Okinawa, Japan ""Getting A Head with Hemichordates" <http://www.zoology.or.jp/2016-jointmeeting/> November 18, 2016
- Symposium Lecture: "Getting A Head with Hemichordate Regeneration" International Hemichordate Meetings, Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University, Pacific Grove, CA December 9-11, 2016
- Symposium Lecture: VIII International Meeting of the Latin American Society for Developmental Biology, "Origin, Evolution & Development of the Chordates" Santos, Brazil October 19-23, 2015
- Symposium Lecture: "Head Regeneration in a Stem Deuterostome", Developmental Biology of the Sea Urchin XXIII, Woods Hole, MA October 7-11, 2015
- Invited Lecture: "Animal Ancestors: Passive Filter Feeders or Voracious Predators?" School of Biological Sciences Colloquium Distinguished Speaker, Washington State University, Pullman, WA September 14, 2015
- Invited Lecture: "Marine Opportunities for Undergraduate Research: Is it possible to make a living studying tunicates, just because they are cool?", Chapman University, Orange, CA July 31, 2015
- Symposium Lecture: Evolution of Cooperation Meetings, "Evolution of Coloniality in Marine Invertebrates" Washington University, St. Louis, MO May 21-25, 2015
- Invited Lecture: "Marine Genomics and My life as a Female Scientist", Women in Science Course, School of Interdisciplinary Science, UW Tacoma, WA April 17, 2015

- Donald P. Abbot Memorial Lecture "From Base Pairs to Body Plans: Evolution of the Chordates" Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University, Pacific Grove, CA
February 13, 2015
- Invited Lecture: "From Base Pairs to Body Plans: Evolution of the Chordates" Molecular and Computational Biology Section, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
October 17, 2014
- Invited Lecture: "Origin and Evolution of the Chordates" Genetics Graduate Program Seminar Series, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
April 21, 2014
- Symposium Lecture: "Evolution and Development of Innate Immunity" 2014 Biomedical & Comparative Immunology Symposium at Florida International University, Miami, FL
Feb. 13-14, 2014
- Symposium Lecture: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Oz, from Myoplasm to MBL" The Embryology Course: 120th Anniversary Symposium Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA
July 12, 2013
- Invited Lecture: "Origin, Evolution & Development of the Chordates" SUNY Stony Brook, NY
March 27, 2013
- Symposium Lecture: "Origin, Evolution & Development of the Chordates" Meeting - The Making of a Vertebrate; Rikken Institute; Kobe, Japan
March 2-7, 2013
- Invited Lecture: "Origin, Evolution & Development of the Chordates" Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
February 22, 2013

Book Reviews

- Swalla, B.J.** (1997) Putting a date on the first rate vertebrate. *Trends in Ecol. and Evol.* 2: 240-241.
- Swalla, B.J.** (2002) Making sense of changing animal embryos. *Science* 296: 2147-2148.

Obituaries

- Stricker, S.A., **Swalla B.J.** (2013) Arthur Whiteley (1916-2013). *Mol Reprod Dev* 80(7)

On-line Resources

- Shenkar, N., A. Gittenberger, G. Lambert, M. Rius, R. Moreira Da Rocha, **B. J. Swalla** (2010). World Ascidiacea Database. Consulted on 2010-11-19. Available online
<http://www.marinespecies.org/ascidiacea>

Review Articles and Book Chapters

- 1) Jeffery, W.R. and **Swalla, B. J.** (1990a) Anural development in ascidians: Evolutionary modification and elimination of the tadpole larva. *Sem. Dev. Biol.* 1:253-261.
- 2) Jeffery, W.R. and **Swalla, B. J.** (1990b) The myoplasm of ascidian eggs: A localized cytoskeletal domain with multiple roles in embryonic development. *Sem. Cell Biol.* 1:373-381.
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