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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digestive physiology, nutritional ecology, and symbiotic relationships between hosts and gut microbes in terrestrial vertebrates

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor – Sept. 2017 – Present

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Biological Sciences

Postdoctoral Researcher – Jun. 2014 – Aug. 2017

Vanderbilt University

Universidad Nacional de San Luis

Co-advisor: Dr. Seth Bordenstein

Co-advisor: Dr. Enrique Caviedes-Vidal

Doctor of Philosophy, Biology – May 2014

University of Utah

Advisor: Dr. Denise Dearing

Bachelor of Science, Biology and Wildlife Ecology – May 2009

University of Wisconsin – Madison

Graduated with Honors in Research

AWARDS & HONORS

Young Scientist Award (2021)

Awarded by International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS)

G. Richard Riser Award for Outstanding Graduate Research (2014)

University of Utah - Department of Biology

Best Student Oral Presentation (2011)

Division of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar Page: www.tinyurl.com/KohlGoogleScholar

Underlined names are Kohl Lab trainees, with superscripts denoting career stages

[†] Undergraduate researchers

[‡] Graduate Students

[§] Visiting Scholars and Technicians

[¶] Postdoctoral Researchers

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70. **Newman, J.[†]**, **Maurer, M.[†]**, Forbey, J.S., Brittas, R., Johansson, Ö, Nielsen, Ó.K., Willebrand, T., **Kohl, K.D.** (2021) Low activities of digestive enzymes in the guts of herbivorous grouse (Aves: Tetraoninae) *Journal of Ornithology*. 162: 477-485.
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66. **Trevelline, B.K.[¶]**, Stephenson, J.F., **Kohl, K.D.** (2020) Two's company, three's a crowd: exploring how host-parasite-microbiota interactions may influence disease susceptibility and conservation of wildlife. *Molecular Ecology*. 29: 1402-1405.
65. **Trevelline, B.K.[¶]**, **Sosa, J.[‡]**, Hartup, B.K., **Kohl, K.D.** (2020) A bird's eye view of phyllosymbiosis: weak signatures of phyllosymbiosis among all 15 species of cranes. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. 287: 20192988.

64. **Kohl, K.D.** (2020) Ecological and evolutionary mechanisms underlying patterns of phyllosymbiosis in host-associated microbial communities. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*. 375: 20190251.
63. Martínez-Mota, R., **Kohl, K.D.**, Orr, T.J., Dearing, M.D. (2020) Natural diets promote retention of the native gut microbiota in captive rodents. *ISME Journal*. 14: 67-78.
62. Berlow, M., **Kohl, K.D.**, Derryberry, E.P. (2020) Evaluation of non-lethal gut microbiome sampling methods in a passerine bird. *Ibis*. 162: 911-923.
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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 University of Nevada – Reno [virtual]
- 2022 University of Calgary [virtual]
- 2021 University of Maine
- 2021 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2021 Invited Speaker to session “Moving toward a Mechanistic Understanding of Wildlife Microbiomes” at American Society of Microbiology’s World Microbe Forum [virtual]
- 2021 Bielefeld University, Germany [virtual]
- 2021 Microbiome Centers Consortium Seminar Series [virtual]
- 2021 University of Groningen, The Netherlands [virtual]
- 2020 North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC [virtual]
- 2020 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY [virtual]
- 2020 University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Knoxville, TN [virtual]
- 2020 Auburn University, Auburn, AL [virtual]
- 2020 University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX
- 2020 Invited Speaker to symposium “Cultivating Communities: Making Sense of Host-Microbe Interactions Through the Lens of Genetics”. Genetic Society of America Virtual Conference
- 2019 University of Rhode Island, Providence, RI
- 2019 Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland
- 2019 Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
- 2019 Invited Speaker to symposium “Meals, Metabolism, Microbes, and Management: Linking Foraging Behavior and Physiology to Predict Demographics in Wildlife”. Annual meeting of The Wildlife Society in Reno, NV
- 2019 The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2019 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2019 Invited to participate in ‘Parasite Microbiome Project Workshop’, Clearwater, FL
- 2018 University of California – Irvine, CA
- 2018 University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- 2018 Plenary speaker at Duquesne Biology Department Retreat, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017 Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

2017 University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
2017 9th Meeting of the International Society of Zoological Sciences, Xining, China
2017 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
2017 Gordon Research Conference on Plant-Herbivore Interactions, Ventura, CA
2017 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2017 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
2016 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
2016 University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
2016 University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
2016 Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
2015 Early Career Scientists Symposium – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2014 Iowa State University, Ames, IA
2014 Workshop on Microbiology of Animals in the Built Environment – Univ. of California, Davis, CA

ACTIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

National Science Foundation (Apr. 2020 – Mar. 2025) Role: PI
“CAREER: Microbial contributions to host phenotypic flexibility”
Total Direct Costs: \$881,563

National Science Foundation (Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2024) Role: Co-PI
“Epigenetic potential and range expansion in the house sparrow”
Total Direct Costs to KDK: \$200,954

Morris Animal Foundation (Jun. 2019 – May 2023) Role: PI
“Impact of Artificial Rearing on the Microbiota and Health of Endangered Whooping Cranes”
Total Direct Costs: \$126,587

PREVIOUS RESEARCH GRANTS

University of Pittsburgh Central Research Development Fund (Jul. 2019- Jun. 2021) Role: PI
“Can we learn from the past?: Validating the use of museum specimens to study the gut microbiome”
Total Costs: \$16,000

University of Pittsburgh Central Research Development Fund (Jul. 2018 – Jun. 2020) Role: PI
“Developing an Experimental System to Investigate Microbial Contributions to Host Physiology”
Total Costs: \$16,000

Winters Foundation (2018) Role: PI
“Molecular Mechanisms Controlling Assembly of the Gut Microbiota In Early Life”
Total Costs: \$10,000

NIH T32 Training Grant in Gastroenterology (Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2017)
“Genetic mechanisms underlying development of the gut microbiome”
Total Costs: \$47,000

NSF Conference, Symposia, and Workshop Support (2016)
“Meeting: Microbial Partners in Integrative and Comparative Biology, a Symposium for the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)”
Total Costs: \$12,450

NSF International Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology (Nov. 2014 – Sept. 2016)
“The role of maternal transmission of the gut microbiota in stabilizing host-microbe interactions and facilitating co-evolution”
Total Costs: \$140,000

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2012)
“Biodiversity and community ecology of the gut microbiota in herbivores with respect to dietary toxins”
Total Costs: \$14,999

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Award (Sept. 2010 – Aug. 2014)

“Investigating the role of intestinal microbes in the metabolism of plant toxins”

Total Costs: \$125,500

American Museum of Natural History Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Grant (2010)

Total Costs: \$2000

Southwest Association of Naturalists Howard McCarley Research Award (2010)

Total Costs: \$1000

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Grant in Aid of Research (2010)

Total Costs: \$1000

TEACHING

Environmental Animal Physiology – BIOSC 1435 (3 cr) – Univ. of Pittsburgh

Instructor Spring 2019 – 34 students
 Spring 2020 – 31 students [*partial virtual instruction*]
 Spring 2021 – 45 students [*virtual instruction*]
 Spring 2022 – 53 students

Mammalogy - Biology 5370 (3 cr) – University of Utah

Instructor Spring 2012, Spring 2013

Guest Lectures (single lectures unless noted)

Advanced Ecology (BIOSC 2361) Fall 2017
Genomics (BIOSC 1275) Fall 2018
Animal Behavior (BIOSC 1440) Spring 2020
Genomics (BIOSC 2140) Fall 2021
Microbial Physiology (BIOSC 1865) Fall 2021
Microbiology Lab (BIOSC 1860) Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2x each semester

MENTORSHIP

Postdoctoral Researchers

Dr. Brian Trevelline Oct 2017 – June 2020
 -Currently a Research Fellow at Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Dr. Nicholas Barts August 2020 – August 2022
 -Currently an Assistant Professor at University of Central Missouri

Dr. Mauna Dasari January 2022 – present
 -NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Graduate Students

Samantha Fontaine (NSF GRFP Fellow)	September 2017 - present
Elizabeth Rudzki (NSF GRFP Fellow)	May 2019 - present
Karen Peralta Martinez (NSF GRFP Fellow)	May 2020 - present
Cory Duckworth (NSF GRFP Fellow)	August 2020 – Present
Jessica Diaz (NSF GRFP Fellow)	August 2022 – Present

Rotating graduate students:

Elizabeth Amarh	Spring 2018
Jahree Sosa	Fall 2018
Nevin Cullen	Spring 2019
Hisham Alrubaye	Spring 2020
Rachael Kramp	Spring 2020
Leah Cabo	Spring 2020

NyJae Washington Fall 2020
 Etan Dieppa Colón Fall 2020

Undergraduates

Current Undergraduates

Name	Dates	Name	Dates
Claire Chiang	Jan. 2021 - present	Emma Zawacki	Sep. 2021 - present
Joshua Rennekamp	Sep. 2021 - present	Evan Gu	Sep. 2021 - present
Isabella Bosco	Jun. 2022 – present	Chris Gabriel	Jun. 2022 - present

Past Undergrads with Noteworthy Accomplishments

Name	Dates	Awards or Honors	Current Position
Chelsea Toner	Sept. 2017 – May 2019		4 th year Medical Student at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine
Julianne Newman	Jan. 2018 – May 2019		Solutions Engineering Analyst, Deloitte Consulting LLP
Maya Maurer	Aug. 2018 – May 2021	HHMI Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Curiosity Grant	Research Coordinator, Pitt School of Medicine Dept of Anesthesiology
Tate Yawitz	Aug. 2018 – June 2021	Outstanding Presentation at 2020 ABRCMS conference, Erasmus Mundus Award for graduate study in Europe	Research and Development Scientist I, Noveome Biotherapeutics
Anna Lackey	Aug. 2018 – May 2019		3 rd year Medical Student at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine
Emily Lyons	Jan. 2019 – Mar. 2020		Graduate student at the School and Research Technician 2 in Public Health at Univ. of Pittsburgh
Matt Maier	Jan. 2019 – May 2021	HHMI Summer Research Fellowship	Research Specialist, Lewis Lab UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic
Sarah Reilly	Jun. 2019 – May 2021	HHMI Summer Research Fellowship	Research Technician, Dept. of Biol. Sci., Univ. of Pittsburgh
Kara Flaherty	Jan. 2020 – May 2021		Clinical Research Assistant, Magee Womens Research Institute
Sarth Shah	Jan. 2021 – Dec. 2021		1 st year Medical Student at Drexel University College of Madison

Past Undergraduates

Name	Dates	Name	Dates
Yasmin McGowan	Jan. 2018 – May 2018	Aaron Lauer	Jan. 2018 – Sept. 2018
Samantha Neri	Jan. 2018 – Sept. 2018	Drake Palmer	Jan. 2019 – May 2019
Sarah Hartill	Jun. 2019 – Dec. 2019	Domenique Tripoli	Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2020
Kendall Kohler	Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2021	Amanda Haid	Jan. 2019 – May 2020
Sreelekha Korivi	Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021	Lauren Jackson	Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021
Bhaavna Peri	Sep. 2019 – May 2022	Luke Scafidi	Aug. 2020 – May 2021

Service on PhD Committees

Veronica Iriart	University of Pittsburgh (2018-present)
Nevin Cullen	University of Pittsburgh (2018-present)
Kayla Komondor	University of Pittsburgh (2019-present)
Rachael Kramp	University of Pittsburgh (2019-present)
Crystal Lara	University of Pittsburgh (2022-present)
Veronica Saenz	University of Pittsburgh (2018-2021)
Mae Berlow	University of Tennessee – Knoxville (defended Sept. 2020)
Tess Stapleton	University of Utah ((defended May 2022)
Kyle Emerson	Duquesne University (current)
Kaitlyn Murphy	Auburn University (current)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the University

Sep. 2017 Speaker at UPitt ‘*Microbiome Bootcamp*’ hosted by Center for Medicine and the Microbiome (CMM)

Service to the Department

Nov. 2020 Represented department at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) [*virtual*]

Sep. 2020 - present Volunteer Member for the Graduate Subcommittee of CODIE (Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity)

Sep. 2019 - present Member of the Graduate Mentoring and Advising Committee (GMAC)

Sep. 2018 - present Member of Departmental Retreat Committee

Sep. 2018 - Jan. 2019 Member of Microbiology Faculty Search Committee

Sep. 2017- Aug. 2018 Member of Undergraduate Research Committee

External Service

External Thesis Reviewer

Oct. 2021 Dr. Aura Raulo, University of Oxford

July 2021 Dr. Jia Zhou, University of Adelaide, Australia

Oct. 2018 Mr. Elliot Schmidt, Laurentian University, Ontario, Canada (MSc thesis)

University of Utah

2011-12 Chair of the Biology Graduate Student Advisory Committee

2009-11 Coordinated Biology Graduate Student ‘Research in Progress’ seminar series

2010 Biology representative on ‘Science Day at the U’ organizational committee

Service to the Field

2022 Organized a symposium at the annual meeting of American Physiological Society meeting for Comparative Physiology, titled “*Microbial contributions to organismal responses in a changing world*”

2022 Member of Organizing Committee for the Beneficial Microbes Conference [July 10-14, 2022 in Madison, WI]

2021 Organized a symposium and roundtable discussion at the annual meeting of the American Ornithological Society, titled “*A bird’s-eye view of the microbiome*”

2019 Organized a Special Session at Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology in honor of Dr. William Karasov

- 2017 Organized a symposium on host-microbe interactions at annual meeting for Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology – <http://tinyurl.com/KohlSICB>
- 2015 Ad-Hoc Reviewer for National Science Foundation Division of Environmental Biology

Ad-Hoc Reviewer for National Science Foundation

Integrative Organismal Systems: 2016, 2020, 2022
Division of Environmental Biology: 2015, 2018

Panel Member for National Science Foundation

Directorate for Biological Sciences: 2021

Peer Reviewer for Other Funding Agencies

- 2020 Czech Science Foundation
- 2019 Barton Springs Salamander Conservation Fund (City of Austin, TX)
- 2019 Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination , University of Iowa

Peer Reviewer - See Publons profile at www.tinyurl.com/Kohlpublons

2022: (3 papers) *eLife, Ecology Letters, Microbial Ecology*

2021: (8 papers) *Science, Ecology Letters, Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, Functional Ecology, Animal Microbiome, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Journal of Comparative Physiology B: Biochemical Systematic, and Environmental Physiology, Integrative Zoology*

2020: (6 papers) *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, Biology Letters, ISME Journal, Molecular Ecology (x2), Journal of Experimental Biology*

2019: (10 papers) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Biology Letters, Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences (x2), Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, ISME Journal, FEMS Microbiology Letters (x2), Journal of Comparative Physiology B: Biochemical Systematic, and Environmental Physiology, Frontiers in Microbiology*

2018: (11 papers) *Nature Ecology & Evolution, Nature Communications, Microbial Ecology (x2), ISME Journal, Journal of Comparative Physiology B: Biochemical Systematic, and Environmental Physiology, Molecular Ecology, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, FEMS Microbiology Letters, Heliyon, PeerJ*

2017: (9 papers) *Nature Ecology & Evolution, ISME Journal, Current Biology, Integrative and Comparative Biology, Journal of Animal Ecology, Journal of Chemical Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Journal of Experimental Biology, Current Biology*

Service to the Community (Scientific Outreach)

- Mar. 2022 Kohl lab managed a table conveying our research to high-school students at the Carnegie Science Center's Animals & Local Wildlife SciTech Day
- Nov. 2021 Kohl Lab hosted a table conveying our research to the general public at Market Science, a scientific outreach event at a local Pittsburgh farmer's market
- Dec. 2019 Presented my path through science and had a luncheon discussion with a group of ~20 students from Pittsburgh Allderdice High School who were visiting Pitt BioSci.
- Sep. 2019 Kohl Lab hosted a table conveying our research to the general public at Market Science, a scientific outreach event at a local Pittsburgh farmer's market

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

- Current 3/7 courses complete for the Global Competence Certificate Program, offered by UPitt's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- May 2022 Led Pitt BioSci Departmental Diversity Book Club on Holding Space by Dr. Aminata Cairo
- Apr. 2022 Seminar Speaker for the PEER Mentoring program – a program led by Pitt BioSci to integrate research experiences and belonging across career stages
- Jul. 2021 Completion of the Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program, a 7-course program offered by UPitt's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- 2020, 2021 Participant in "Out to Lunch" series at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) annual conference, where LGBT+ professors meet and discuss their path in science with LGBT+ trainees
- July 2020 Participant in '*Virtual Faculty Panel*' for Summer Gene Team (a high school outreach program led by UPitt BioSci)