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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. 1993 Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University. Richmond, VA.
Research Advisor: Dr. Gail Christie
Dissertation: Probing structure-function relationships in a prokaryotic zinc-binding transcriptional activator.
- B.S. 1988 Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA. Graduated *Cum Laude*. Major: Biology.
Minor: Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2013- **Professor**, Western Kentucky University, Department of Biology
- 2012 Department of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
Sabbatical; mycobacteriophage genome engineering (recombineering) in Dr. Graham Hatful's lab (March, 2012).
- 2008-2013 **Associate Professor**, Western Kentucky University, Department of Biology
- 2002-2008 **Assistant Professor**, Western Kentucky University, Department of Biology
- 1999-2002 **Staff Scientist, National Institutes of Health**, Bethesda, MD.
Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Research on the control of transcription elongation and termination.
- 1993-1999. **Postdoctoral Fellow and Staff Fellow, National Institutes of Health**, Bethesda, MD. in the laboratory of Dr. Robert A. Weisberg. Studied the control of early gene expression in bacteriophage HK022.

- 1988-1993. **Ph.D. candidate** in the laboratory of Dr. Gail Christie. Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.
- 1988 **Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Medical College of Virginia.** Graduate student rotation projects studying 1) Trypanosome chromosomes 2) Antibody titers in mice injected with Salmonella antigen (Xu et al, 1993, *Vaccine* 11:725-729).
- 1987 **Virginia Tech.** Undergraduate research in the lab of Dr. Robert Benoit. Studied growth characteristics of psychrophilic bacteria.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2013- Professor. Advanced Microbiology (Biol 568), Graduate Seminar (Biol 598), Genome Discovery and Exploration/HHMI NGRI course (Biol212), General Microbiology (Biol 207), Microbial Biology and Diversity with Lab (Biol226/227), Pathogenic Microbiology, 475/475G, Contemporary Research (Biol 503), Molecular and Cell Biology Lab (Biol 221), General Biology Lab (Biol 121), Virology (407, 407G). Hon. Hist and Science of Beer and Brewing (Biol 475), Investigative Biotechnology (Biol 150), Independent Research (Biol 399), Biotech Certification.
- 2008-2013 Associate Professor, Biology Department, Western Kentucky University
- 2007 Western Kentucky University's Center for Gifted Studies Super Saturdays Instructor. Course title: Microcosmos. The course was an exploration of microbiology for children in grades 6-7. February, 2007.
- 2006 Conducted a workshop on Grantsmanship: INBRE External Advisory Committee Meeting, Eastern Kentucky University, Nov. 30th- Dec. 1st, 2006.
- 2006 Western Kentucky University's Center for Gifted Studies Super Saturdays Instructor. Course title: Microcosmos. The course was an exploration of microbiology for children in grades 6-7. February, 2006.
- 2002-2008 Assistant Professor. Biology Department, Western Kentucky University.
- 1997 Adjunct Faculty. Marymount University, Arlington, VA. Cell Biology Lab Instructor.
- 1993-2000 Lectures given in the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics on a variety of topics.
- 1994-2001 Seminars given at the "Lambda lunch" interest group at the NIH.
- 1993-2001 Supervised student projects in the lab of Dr. Robert A. Weisberg.
- 1995-1996 Supervised a post-doctoral research associate in the lab of Dr. Robert A. Weisberg
- 1992-1993 Supervised graduate student research projects in the lab of Dr. Gail Christie.
- 1992 Volunteer guide for the Mini -Med School Program at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV). This program "opened the doors" of the research community to

- the general public through an informative seminar series given by faculty and guided tours of research labs at MCV.
- 1991 Teaching Assistant. Molecular Genetics and Gene Expression, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. This course is taken primarily by graduate students in the Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology and the Dept. of Biochemistry.
- 1990 Teaching Assistant. Infection and Immunity Lab, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. A laboratory taken by Dentistry students.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2017 WKU Undergraduate Mentoring Award
- 2016 Invited to serve on the American Society for Microbiology's Applied Awards selection committee (3 year term).
- 2015 WKU Million Dollar Club; Over \$1 million in awarded grants (external sources) during WKU career
- 2015 Nominated for WKU Teaching Award (Feb. 2015)
- 2014 Recipient of Kentucky Academy of Science Distinguished College or University Teacher Award (November 15, 2014)
- 2014 Invited speaker at the Branch Officers Meeting, 114th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Boston, MA, May 17-20, 2014
- 2014 Invited speaker at American Society for Microbiology Workshop titled "Getting Started as a Microbiologist at a PUI". 114th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Boston, MA, May 17-20, 2014
- 2014 Nominated for WKU Research and Creativity Award (Feb. 2014)
- 2013 Elected Treasurer of the Kentucky Academy of Science
- 2013 **Promotion to Professor** (August, 2013)
- 2013 Elected Chair of WKU Biotechnology Center Executive Committee (July 2013)
- 2012 Elected Councilor of Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2012 Nominated for WKU Research and Creativity Award (Dec. 2012)
- 2012 Appointed Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee (July 31, 2012)
- 2012 Invited moderator of session entitled "The Cluster A Monstrosity; New Members, New Genes". 4th Annual SEA-Phages Symposium. HHMI Janelia Farms Research Campus, June 8-10, 2012
- 2012 Recipient of Ogden College Public Service Award
- 2012 Sabbatical, spring semester 2012; University of Pittsburgh
- 20011-12 Councilor of Division M of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2011 Nominated for WKU Research and Creativity Award (Nov, 2011)
- 2011 Nominated for WKU Public Service Award (Nov, 2011)
- 2011 Invited speaker, Morehead University (March 15, 2011)

- 2010 Awarded RCAP grant from WKU (\$17,750)
- 2010 Research featured in WKU Scholar (Vol 11, Nov 1, Fall 2010)
- 2010-11 Chair of Division M of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2010 Co-PI on a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) grant. 3 year award (\$300,000)
- 2009-11 Chair, WKU Student Research Council
- 2009 Chosen to participate in HHMI National Genomics Research Initiative
- 2009 Voted Chair-Elect of Division M of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2009 Re-elected Councilor for the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2008 Invited speaker. National Institutes of Health. September 26, 2008
- 2008 **Promotion to Associate Professor with tenure (Aug. 2008).**
- 2008 President of WKU chapter of Sigma Xi
- 2008 Re-elected Councilor for the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology.
- 2007-09 Director of the WKU Biotechnology Center
- 2007 Awarded NIH R-15 AREA grant (\$204,750)
- 2006-07 Re-elected Councilor for the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2006 Elected Co-Director of the WKU Biotechnology Center, May 1, 2006.
- 2006 Invited speaker. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA. RNA mediated antitermination. January 30-31, 2006
- 2005 Elected sectional officer (Secretary) of Cellular and Molecular Biology section of the Kentucky Academy of Science
- 2005-06 Re-elected Councilor for the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2005 Invited speaker. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. Title: RNA-mediated control of transcription elongation. Feb. 22, 2005
- 2005 Nominated for the Western Kentucky University Research/Creativity Award.
- 2004-05 Councilor for the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2004 Invited speaker at the Kentucky-Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) External Advisory Committee Meeting. Title: Using microarray technology to determine the effects of mutations in the conserved zinc-finger domain of *Escherichia coli* RNA polymerase. May 20-21, 2004
- 2003-04 President of the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology
- 2000 Chaired session on Antitermination at the 10th Biennial meeting on Post-Transcriptional Activities of RNA polymerase. Mountain Lake, VA.
- 1998 Invited speaker for the 98th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Atlanta, GA. Seminar Title: Antitermination of Transcription Mediated by a Cis-Acting RNA Site

- 1997 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fellows Award For Research Excellence; an award established by the NIH Fellows Committee in 1995 to provide recognition of excellent scientific research for post-doctoral and clinical fellows at the NIH.
- 1996 Invited speaker for the 96th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, New Orleans, LA. Seminar Title: Factor Independent Antitermination
- 1996 National Institutes of Health Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA); an award designed to provide advanced training and practical research experience to physicians and Ph.D. level investigators, granted by the National Institutes of Health
- 1993-1996 National Research Council (NRC) Research Associate Award; this program provides postdoctoral scientists of exceptional promise and ability opportunities for research on problems largely of their own choice. Awardees are chosen by the Research Council in a national competition
- 1989-1993 Virginia Commonwealth University School of Graduate Studies Fellowships
- 1993 Finalist in the John C. Forbes Graduate Student Honors Colloquium, Research in Progress Competition, Virginia Commonwealth University. Project title: Probing structure/function relationships in a zinc-binding transcriptional activator.
- 1985-1988 Academic Dean's List, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 1988 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
- 1987 Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
- 1985 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- 1983 National Honor Society

Selected outstanding accomplishments of mentored students:

- 2017 Millicent Ronkainen: Outstanding Biotechnology Student Award
- 2016 Millicent Ronkainen, 2nd place for poster presentation at the joint meeting of the Southeastern and Kentucky-Tennessee branches of the American Society for Microbiology: "Identification and Characterization of an Escherichia coli Bacteriophage Mutant Capable of Growing on a Nonpermissive Host", November 11-12, 2016.
- 2016 Millicent Ronkainen, 1st place for poster presentation at the annual Kentucky Academy of Science meeting: "Identification and Characterization of an Escherichia coli Bacteriophage Mutant Capable of Growing on a Nonpermissive Host", November 4-5, 2016.
- 2016 Olivia Urso and Amber Carroll; Semifinalists in Siemens Research Competition
- 2016 Courtney Hamilton, Honors Thesis Defense (4/20/2016)
- 2016 Sherafghan Khan, Louisville Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Isolation and Characterization of Novel Bacteriophage Flare16 (March 5, 2016). 1st Place in Microbiology.

- 2015 Amanda White, Louisville Regional Science and Engineering Fair, A Newly Discovered Mycobacteriophage: Adnama. 2nd Place in Microbiology.
- 2014 Justin M. Bunch, Erin E. Burba, Louisville Regional Science and Engineering Fair (LRSEF) 1st place in microbiology, 2nd place overall. This performance earned Justin and Erin the opportunity travel to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles. May 11-16, 2014
- 2014 Gretchen Walch, Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, accepted into MD/PhD program at Cornell
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, Critical Language Scholarship (Korean)
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, Marshall Scholarship, Rhodes Scholarship, Gates Scholarship Finalist
- 2014 Charles Coomer, NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholarship recipient
- 2014 Charles Coomer, Fulbright Scholarship to the United Kingdom
- 2014 Charles Coomer, Outstanding Biology Student
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, Outstanding Biology Student
- 2014 Kimberly Baugh, Honors Thesis Defense (5/2/2014)
- 2014 Charles Coomer, Honors Thesis Defense (5/2/2014)
- 2014 Sarah Schrader, Honors Thesis Defense (4/29/2014)
- 2013 Samantha Hawtrey, Honors Thesis Defense (11/25/2013)
- 2013 Charles Coomer, Dan Skean award for Outstanding Microbiology Student
- 2013 Charles Coomer, Outstanding Biotechnology Student Award
- 2013 Amanda Seaton (Graduate student), Outstanding Poster Award, 113th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Denver, CO.
- 2013 Amanda Seaton (Graduate student), recipient of Gisela Mosig travel award sponsored by New England Biolabs
- 2013 Amanda Seaton (Graduate Student), Outstanding Biology Teaching Assistant
- 2012 Sarah Schrader, undergraduate student researcher in my lab, won the Dan Skean Award for Outstanding student in Microbiology.
- 2012 Sarah Schrader, undergraduate student researcher in my lab, won the Gleason Award for excellence in undergraduate research.
- 2012 Charles Coomer, undergraduate student researcher in my lab, was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship (March 28, 2012).
- 2012 Meaghan Dunn, undergraduate student researcher in my lab, won the senior division of the Southern Kentucky Regional Science fair. (March 17, 2012).
- 2012 Undergraduate student researcher's abstract was chosen for Posters at the Capitol (Sherry Helm; Feb.2012)
- 2011 Undergraduate student researchers Samantha Hawtrey and Lori Lovell were recognized as semifinalist in the national Siemens Research Competition
- 2011 Sarah Schrader, undergraduate student researcher in my lab, was awarded a

- 2011 Goldwater Scholarship (March 30, 2011)
Sarah Schrader, undergraduate student researcher in my lab, was recognized as a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent search (Feb. 2011)
- 2011 Undergraduate student researcher's abstract was chosen for Posters at the Capitol (Sarah Schrader; Feb. 10, 2011)
- 2010 Ali Wright, graduate student researcher in my lab, won the Biology Department's Outstanding Graduate Student award.

FUNDING:

INTERNAL:

Funded:

- 2016 WKU FUSE (Award #: 16-SP217; \$4,500) to support Millicent Ronkainen's Honors thesis research
- 2015 WKU FUSE (Award #: 15-SP240, \$4,500) to support Courtney Hamilton's Honors thesis research in my lab
- 2013 WKU FUSE grant (Award #: 13-FA103, \$5000) to support Kim Baugh's Honors research in my lab.
- 2013 Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science Research Internship Grant for Connor VanMeter. Awarded \$3,000. Funds used to support Connor's summer research efforts in my lab.
- 2012 Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science Research Internship Grant for Meaghan Dunn. Awarded \$3,000. Funds used to support Meaghan's summer research efforts in my lab.
- 2012 WKU FUSE grant. Awarded \$4,500. Funds used to support Charles Coomer's research efforts in my lab.
- 2010-2012 WKU RCAP grant. Awarded \$17,750.
- 2010-11 WKU Faculty Scholarship. Awarded \$3,000. Using Bacteriophage Genomics for Discovery Based Learning
- 2002-2003 Junior Faculty Fellowship, Western Kentucky University: \$4,000

Applications not funded:

WKU Applied Research and Technology Program, Collaborative Research Proposal. Next Generation Sequencing Equipment for Next Generation Research: \$75,270

EXTERNAL:

Funded:

- 2016 Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Awarded \$10,000 to support Genome Discovery and Exploration course
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- 2014 INBRE sub-award \$158,830/year (approx. >\$790,000 over **5 years**) Small Genome Discovery Program
- 2013 NSF Grant: MRI: Acquisition of an Analytical Transmission Electron Microscope with Cryogenic Imaging Capabilities for Research and Teaching at a PUI. Awarded \$479,270. Co-PI.
- 2013 INBRE-AREA grant. Awarded \$26,000. Start date May 1, 2013.
- 2012 INBRE-AREA grant. Awarded \$26,000. Start date May 1, 2012.
- 2010-12 NSF REU program site at WKU: Summer Research Experience in Investigative Biotechnology. Awarded \$300,000, Co-PI.
- 2009 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Science Education Alliance (SEA). All research/classroom materials for Genome Discovery and Exploration course supplied for 3 year period. All travel to annual research symposium (2 faculty and 1 student) also supplied by the HHMI.
- 2009-11 INBRE grant renewed (\$57,805 (09-10), \$47,089 (10-11)) .
- 2008-11 NIH R-15 AREA grant (\$204,750). Start date Jan. 2007.
- 2004-09 INBRE (Kentucky-IdeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence) Subcontract award from UL: 5 year NIH grant (P20RR16481): \$107,863/yr.
- 2003 USDA subcontract award: Poultry waste management strategies: \$8,511.
- 2003-2004 KBRIN (Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network) Faculty Fellowship: "Identification of cellular genes affected by mutations in the conserved zinc-finger domain of *Escherichia coli* RNA polymerase": \$11,000
- 2002-2004 Research startup funds from EPScOR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research): \$75,000

Applications not funded:

- 2016 NSF REU Site: Summer Research Experience in Investigative Biotechnology, (\$359,724), PI. Resubmission, August 26, 2015.
- 2015 NSF REU Site: Summer Research Experience in Investigative Biotechnology, (\$405,230), PI. Submitted August 27, 2014.
- 2012 NIH R15 (AREA) grant resubmission (\$248,500). PI. Submitted June 25, 2012.

- 2012 NSF (TUES) consortium grant. Subaward (\$108,279). Submitted Jan 2012.
2011 NSF (TUES) consortium grant. Subaward (\$227,294). Submitted Jan. 2011.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

Sigma Xi (since 2007). President of WKU chapter (2008-2009)
American Society for Microbiology (since 1987)
Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology (since 2002)
Kentucky Academy of Science (since 2002)

PUBLICATIONS:

22. Karen K Klyczek; J Alfred Boniila; Deborah Jacobs-Sera; Tamarah L Adair; Patricia Afram; Katherine G Allen; Megan L Archambault; Rahat M Aziz; Filippa G Bagnasco; Sarah L Ball; Natalie A Barrett; Robert C Benjamin; Christopher J Blasi; Katherine Borst; Mary A Braun; Haley Broomell; Conner B Brown*; Zachary S Brynell; Ashley B Bue; Sydney O Burke; William Casazza; Julia A Cautela; Kevin Chen; Nitish S Chimalakonda; Dylan Chudoff; Jade A Connor; Trevor S Cross; Kyra N Curtis; Jessica A Dahlke; Bethany M Deaton; Sarah J Degroote; Danielle M DeNigris; Katherine C DeRuff; Milan Dolan; David Dunbar; Marisa S Egan; Daniel R Evans; Abby K Fahnestock; Maryam A Farroq; Garrett Finn; Christopher R Fratus; Bobby L Gaffney; Rebecca A Garlena; Kelly E Garrigan; Bryan C Gibbon; Michael A Goedde*; Carlos A Guerrero Bustamante; Melinda Harrison; Megan C Hartwell; Emily L Heckman; Jennifer Huang; Lee E Hughes; Kathryn M Hyduchak; Aswathi E Jacob; Machika Kaku; Allen W Karstens; Margaret A Kenna; Susheel Khetarpal; **Rodney A King**; Amanda L Kobokovich; Hannah Kolev; Sai A Konde; Elizabeth Kriese; Morgan E Lamey; Carter N Lantz; Johnathan S Lapin; Temiloluwa O Lawson; In Young Lee; Scott M Lee; Julia Y Lee-Soety; Emily M Lehmann; Shawn C London; A Javier Lopez; Kelly C Lynch*; Catherine M Mageeney; Tetyana Martynyuk; Kevin J Mathew; Travis N Mavrich; Christopher M McDaniel*; Hannah McDonald; C. Joel McManus; Jessica E Medrano; Francis E Mele; Jennifer E Menninger; Sierra N Miller; Josephine E Minnick; Courtney T Nabua; Caroline K Napoli; Martha Nkangabwa; Elizabeth A Oates*; Cassandra T Ott; Sarah K Pellerino; William J Pinamont; Ross T Pirnie; Marie C Pizzorno; Emilee J Plautz; Welkin H Pope; Katelyn M Pruet; Gabbi Rickstrew; Patrick A Rimple; Claire A Rinehart; Kayla M Robinson; Victoria A Rose; Daniel A Russell; Amelia M Schick; Julia Schlossman; Victoria M Schneider; Chloe A Sells; Jeremy W Sieker; Morgan P Silva; Marissa M Silvi; Stephanie E Simon; Amanda K Staples; Isabelle L Steed; Emily L Stowe; Noah A Stueven; Porter T Swartz; Emma T Sweet; Abigail T Sweetman; Corrina Tender; Katrina Terry; Chrystal Thomas; Daniel S Thomas; Allison R Thompson*; Lorianna Vanderveen; Rohan Varma; Hannah L Vaught; Quynh D Vo; Zachary T Vonberg; Vassie C Ware; Yasmene M Warrad; Kaitlyn E Wathen*; Jonathan L Weinstein; Jacqueline F Wyper;

Jakob R Yankauskas; Christine Zhang; Graham F. Hatfull. Tales of diversity: Genomic and morphological characteristics of forty-six *Arthrobacter* phages. PLoS ONE, Accepted June, 2017. *Denotes WKU students

21. Welkin H Pope, Charles A Bowman, Daniel A Russell, Deborah Jacobs-Sera, David J Asai, Steven G Cresawn, William R Jacobs Jr, Roger W Hendrix, Jeffrey G Lawrence, Graham F Hatfull, Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science, **Phage Hunters Integrating Research and Education**, Mycobacterial Genetics Course. Whole genome comparison of a large collection of mycobacteriophages reveals a continuum of phage genetic diversity. eLife April, 2015;4:e06416. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.06416. **39 WKU Student Co-authors are included on this paper.**

20. Steven G. Cresawn, Welkin H. Pope, Deborah Jacobs-Sera, Charles A. Bowman, Daniel A. Russell, Rebekah M. Dedrick, Tamarah Adair, Kirk R. Anders, Sarah Ball, David Bollivar, Caroline Breitenberger, Sandra H. Burnett, Kristen Butela, Deanna Byrnes, Sarah Carzo, Kathleen A. Cornely, Trevor Cross, Richard L. Daniels, David Dunbar, Ann M. Findley, Chris R. Gissendanner, Urszula P. Golebiewska, Grant A. Hartzog, J. Robert Hatherill, Lee E. Hughes, Chernoh S. Jalloh, Carla De Los Santos, Kevin Ekanem, Sphindile L. Khambule, **Rodney A. King**, Christina King-Smith, Karen Klyczek, Greg P. Krukoni, Christian Laing, Jonathan S. Lapin, A. Javier Lopez, Siphon M. Mkhwanazi, Sally D. Molloy, Deborah Moran, Vanisha Munsamy, Eddie Pacey, Ruth Plymale, Marianne Poxleitner, Nathan Reyna, Joel F. Schildbach, Joseph Stuke, Sarah E. Taylor, Vassie C. Ware, Amanda L. Wellmann, Daniel Westholm, Donna Wodarski, Michelle Zajko, Thabiso S. Zikalala, Roger W. Hendrix, Graham F. Hatfull. Comparative Genomics of Cluster O Mycobacteriophages. March 5, 2015 PLoS ONE 10(3): e0118725.

19. Tuajuanda C. Jordan, Sandra H. Burnett, Susan Carson, Steven Caruso, Kari Clase, Randall J. DeJong, John J. Dennehy, Dee Denver, David Dunbar, Sarah R. Elgin, Ann Findley, Chris R. Gissendanner, Urszula P. Golebiewska, Nancy Guild, Grant Hartzog, Wendy H. Grillo, Gail P. Hollowell, Lee E. Hughes, Allison Johnson, **Rodney A. King**, Lynn O. Lewis, Wei Li, Frank Rosenzweig, Michael R. Rubin, Margaret S. Saha, James Sandoz, Christopher D. Shaffer, Barbara Taylor, Louise Temple, Edwin Vazquez, Vassie Ware, Lucia P. Barker, Kevin W. Bradley, Deborah Jacobs-Sera, Welkin H. Pope, Daniel A. Russell, Steven G. Cresawn, David Lopatto, Cheryl P. Bailey², Graham F. Hatfull. A broadly implementable research course for first-year undergraduate students. Published Feb 4, 2014, *mBio* Journal.

18. Graham F. Hatfull^{1*}, **Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science (SEA-PHAGES) program²**, KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH) Mycobacterial Genetics Course^{1,3,4}, Phage Hunters Integrating Research and Education (PHIRE) program¹. The complete genome sequences of 138 mycobacteriophages. 2012. *Journal of Virology*, 2012, 86(4):2382-2384.

¹Pittsburgh Bacteriophage Institute and Department of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, ²Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, MD, ³Suite Z310 Doris Duke Building, Durban, South Africa, ⁴Department of Microbiology and Immunology Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York.

As part of the SEA-PHAGES program, WKU students contributed 3 annotated phage genomes (Backyardigan, BarrelRoll, and Tirotheta9) to the work described in this manuscript.

17. **King, R.A.**, Alice Wright*, Courtney Miles*, Christopher S. Pendleton*, Andrew Ebelhar* Stephanie Lane* and Prasanna Tamarapu Parthasarathy*. (2011). Newly Discovered Antiterminator RNAs in Bacteriophage. *Journal of Bacteriology* 193: 5784–5792. ***Denotes WKU student authors**

16. Hawtrey, S.*, Lovell, L.* and **King, R.A.** (2011) Isolation, Characterization and Annotation: The search for novel bacteriophage genomes. *The Journal for Experimental Secondary Science*. ***Denotes WKU student authors.** October 2011 issue. <http://www.jes2s.com/index.html>. **Sammi and Lori's article was featured on the cover.**

15. Natalia Komissarova, Tatiana Velikodvorskaya, Ranjan Sen, **Rodney A. King**, Sarbani Banik_Maiti and Robert A. Weisberg (2008). Inhibition of a Transcriptional Pause by RNA Anchoring to RNA polymerase. *Molecular Cell* 31:683-694. **Featured in Cell Magazine's Molecular Biology Select: Cell 135, October 3, 2008.**

14. McLaughlin, M.R. and **King R. A.** (2008) Characterization of Salmonella bacteriophages isolated from swine lagoon effluent. *Current Microbiology* 56:208-213.

13. Sloan, Sieghild, Rutkai, E., **King, R.A.**, Velikodvorskaya, T. and Weisberg R.A. (2007). Protection of antiterminator RNA by the transcript elongation complex. *Molecular Microbiology* 63: 1197-1208.

12. M.R. McLaughlin, M.F. Balaa, J. Sims*, J. Andersland, and **R. King.** (2006). Isolation of *Salmonella* Bacteriophages from Swine Effluent Lagoons. *Journal of Environmental Quality*. 35:522-528. ***Denotes WKU student author.**

11. **King, R.A.**, Markov, D., Sen, R., Severinov, K. and Weisberg, R.A. (2004). A Conserved Zinc Binding Domain in the Largest Subunit of DNA-dependent RNA Polymerase Modulates Intrinsic Transcription Termination and Antitermination but does not Stabilize the Elongation Complex. *Journal of Molecular Biology*. 342:1143-1154.

10. **King, R.A.**, Sen, R. and Weisberg, R.A. (2003). Using a Lac Repressor Roadblock to Analyze the *E. coli* Transcription Elongation Complex. *Methods of Enzymology* 371:207-218.

9. **King, R.A.** and Weisberg, R.A. (2003). Suppression of Rho-dependent and Nun-dependent Terminators by RNA-mediated Antitermination. *Journal of Bacteriology* 185:7085-7091.
8. Sen, R., **King, R.A.**, Mzhavia, N., Madsen, P.L. and Weisberg, R.A. (2002). Sequence Specific Interaction of Nascent Antiterminator RNA with the Zinc-Finger Motif of *Escherichia coli* RNA Polymerase. *Molecular Microbiology*, 46:215-222.
7. Sen, R., **King, R.A.** and Weisberg R.A. (2001). Modification of the Properties of Elongating RNA Polymerase by Persistent Association with Nascent Antiterminator RNA. *Molecular Cell*, 7:993-1001.
6. **King, R.A.**, Madsen, P.L. and Weisberg, R.A. (1999). Constitutive Expression of a Transcription Termination Factor from a Repressed Prophage: Promoters for the Expression of the HK022 *nun* Gene. *J. Bacteriology*, 182:456-462.
5. Banik-Maiti, S., **King, R.A.** and Weisberg, R.A. (1997). The Antiterminator RNA of Phage HK022. *Journal of Molecular Biology* 272:677-687.
4. **King, R.A.**, Banik-Maiti, S., Jin, D.J. and Weisberg, R.A. (1996). Transcripts That Increase the Processivity and Elongation Rate of RNA Polymerase. *Cell*. 87:893-903.
3. Gebhardt, K., **King, R.A.**, Christie, G.E. and Lindqvist, B.H. (1993). Mutational Analysis of the Bacteriophage P2 Ogr protein: Truncation of the Carboxy Terminus. *J. Bacteriology* 175:7724-7726.
2. Xu, H.R., Hsu, H.S., Moncure, C.W. and **King, R.A.** (1993). Correlation of Antibody Titres Induced by Vaccination with Protection in Mouse Typhoid. *Vaccine* 11:725-729.
1. **King, R.A.**, Anders, D.L. and Christie, G.E. (1992). Site-directed Mutagenesis of an Amino Acid Residue in the Bacteriophage P2 Ogr Protein Implicated in Interaction with *E. coli* RNA Polymerase. *Molecular Microbiology* 6:3313-3320.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION:

3. Baugh, K., Hamilton, C. and **King R.A.** Characterization of a phage mutation that restores growth on a host that blocks RNA-mediated antitermination
2. **King, R.A.** The complete sequence of an HK022-Lambda hybrid bacteriophage.

1. **King, R.A.**, Poppy, D, Philips, T.K., Jones, C. and Sanchez, S. The discovery of the insect endosymbiont Wolbachia and its associated bacteriophage in spider beetles. **Collaboration with Dr. Keith Philips (Biology Department).**

ABSTRACTS (*denotes oral presentation):

2017:

178: Millicent Ronkainen, Kimberly Baugh and Rodney A. King. Identification and Characterization of an Escherichia coli Bacteriophage Mutants Capable of Growing on a Nonpermissive Host”, American Society for Microbiology annual meeting (ASM Microbe), June 1-5, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

177: Millicent Ronkainen* and Rodney A. King. Identification and Characterization of an Escherichia coli Bacteriophage Mutant Capable of Growing on a Nonpermissive Host”, 47th WKU Student Research Conference. March 25, 2017.

176. Perez, Meghan; Curry, Caleb; King, Rodney A., Exploring Viral Diversity through the Comparison of Mycobacteriophages Squiggle and Trufflatree, 47th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 25, 2017. **Session Winner.**

175. Urso, Olivia, Carroll, Amber; King, Rodney A., Identifying Essential Viral Genes through Genomic Engineering, 47th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 25, 2017. **Session Winner.**

174. Shelton, Dimond, King, Rodney A.; Discovery and Analysis of Mycobacteriophage Wachhund, 47th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 25, 2017. **Session Winner.**

2016:

173. Millicent Ronkainen and Rodney A. King. Identification and Characterization of an Escherichia coli Bacteriophage Mutant Capable of Growing on a Nonpermissive Host”, Joint meeting of the Southeastern and Kentucky-Tennessee branches of the American Society for Microbiology, November 11-12, 2016. **2nd place.**

172. Millicent Ronkainen and Rodney A. King, Identification and Characterization of an Escherichia coli Bacteriophage Mutant Capable of Growing on a Nonpermissive Host”, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, November 4-5, 2016, **1st place.**

171. Taylor E Senay*, Kathrine A Gaiko*, Tithe Ahmed, Katie L Alexander, Colin M Baker, James M Biddle, Xavier K Brickeen, Matthew R Broadbent, Amber N Carroll, Jacob M Coty, Noah M Crews, Makenzie K Daniels, Davis L Elliott, Sherafghan Khan, Jacob K McDavid, Hannah E Miller, Jenna R Rowlett, Michael C Squire, Jodi E Thomas, Kristin K Stockdale, MarthaAnn L Stockler, Ja Vonte A Turner, Olivia Urso, Hannah A Watkins, Bobby L Gaffney, **Rodney A King**, Naomi S Rowland, Claire A Rinehart, Lonji Li. Features for Eight Mycobacteriophage Genomes: AlleyCat (K5), Baehexic (A2), Flare16 (A2), Gruunaga (A6), Jeckyll (K1), LilTurb (A2), Mutante (B1), and NearlyHeadless (A8). 8th Annual SEA-PHAGES (Science Education Alliance – Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science) scientific symposium, sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Janelia Farm Research campus, June 10-14, 2016.

170. Tithe Ahmed, Makenzie Daniels, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart, Comparison of Bacteriophages Nearlyheadless and Hemsworth, 46th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, April 2, 2016

169. Sherafghan Khan, Matthew James Biddle and **Rodney A. King**, Isolation, Characterization, and Comparison of Two Novel Bacteriophages, 46th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, April 2, 2016. **Session Winner**

168. Courtney Hamilton and **Rodney A. King**, Contribution of a Putative Up Element DNA Sequence to the Activity of a Newly Identified Phage Promoter, 46th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, April 2, 2016

167. Taylor Senay, **Rodney A. King**, and Claire A. Rinehart, Spontaneous Mutations in a Viral Population Increase Genetic Diversity, 46th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, April 2, 2016. **Session Winner**

166. Amber Carroll, Xavier Brickeen, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart Isolation and Characterization of Novel Mycobacteriophages Baehexic and Ruin, 46th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, April 2, 2016

165. Olivia Urso, Katie Alexander and **Rodney A. King**, Discovery and Comparison of Novel Mycobacteriophages Schadenfreude and Widewale, 46th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, April 2, 2016. **Session Winner**

2015:

164. Millicent M. Ronkainen, Whitney N. Heard, Austin C. Beaver, Nolan S. Calhoun, Melissa Y. Camargo, Lincoln T. Chasteen, Maritza V. Chavez, Maycon A. DeCesare, Rohan R. Deshpande, Jenna N. Ellis, Linyue Fan, Olivia M. Gearner, Sarah E. Herricks, Dustie L. Hoffman, Stevie C. Hoyng, Esther C. Huggins, Kimberly Ibisate, Emily L. Keeter, Malia L. Latimer, Maria D. Long, Kayla M. McKnight, Craig A. Meers, Emily M. Noel, Eric D. Parker, Leslie A. Pike, Nathaniel A. Powers, Kayleigh M. Profumo, Elizabeth A. Pulsifer, Eura E. Shin, Eayvon G. Smith, Stefan M. Stryker, James M. Styers, Jeremiah L. Wayne, Amanda J. White, Landon E. Wolford, **Rodney A. King**, Naomi Rowland, Claire A. Rinehart . Isolation and Characterization of Novel Mycobacteriophages Badger and TheloniousMonk Reveals Diversity and Evidence of Mosaicism. 7th Annual SEA-PHAGES (Science Education Alliance – Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science) scientific symposium, sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Janelia Farm Research campus, June 12-14, 2015.

163. Nolan Calhoun, Elizabeth Pulsifer, **Rodney A. King**, Claire A. Rinehart and Naomi Rowland. Discovery and comparison of two novel bacteriophages, Enola and Leviathan, through genomic exploration and bioinformatics analysis. 45th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 28, 2015.

162. Courtney M. Hamilton and **Rodney A. King**. Contribution of a Putative UP Element DNA Sequence to the Activity of a Newly Identified Phage Promoter. 45th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 28, 2015.

161. Rohan Deshpande, James Styers, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. An analysis of *M. smegmatis* bacteriophages Comets and Deshpanda. 45th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 28, 2015. **Session Winner**

160. Joy Fan, Jeremiah Wayne, **Rodney A. King**, Claire A. Rinehart and Naomi Rowland. Exploring Biodiversity through Isolation and Characterization of Bacteriophages Bilbo and Fanfare. 45th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 28, 2015.

2014:

159. Kelly C. Lynch, Joshua D. Stewart, Katherine G. Allen, Connor B. Brown, Justin M. Bunch, Erin E. Burba, Lydia M. Buzzard, Rachel C. Cook, Milan M. Doan, Leah B. Dublin, Michael A. Goedde, Charles T. Gregory, Bradford T. Hull, Peter A. Kaminski, Sejla Kazaferovi, Elizaveta M. Khenner, Allyson R. King, **Rodney A. King**, Paige D. Kington, Christopher M. McDaniel, John D. Meyers III, Cory L. Montgomery, Melissa B. Murphy, Elizabeth A. Oates, Nakeya L. Owens, Justin T. Paisley, Vir D. Patel, Kathryn R. Price, Claire A. Rinehart, Ananya Sharma, Erika N. Stairs, Allison R. Thompson, Kaitlyn E. Wathen. Isolation, Characterization and Genomic Analysis of Mycobacteriophages Larenn, Gansey, Sparxx and Wiggen and

Arthrobacter phages Ezio and Mudcat. 6th Annual SEA-PHAGES (Science Education Alliance – Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science) scientific symposium, sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Janelia Farm Research campus, June 13-15, 2014

158. **Rodney A. King**. Sequence analysis of a hybrid HK022/Lambda bacteriophage and the precise identification of the Lambda b515 and b519 deletion endpoints. 114th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology. Boston, MA, May 17-20, 2014

157. Justin M. Bunch, Erin E. Burba, Rodney A. King, and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Genomic Comparison of Bacteriophages BustinJunch and Kimya. Intel Science and Engineering Fair. Los Angeles, CA. May 14, 2014.

156. Allyson R. King, **Rodney A. King**, Claire A. Rinehart Discovery and Characterization of Bacteriophage Larenn. National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), University of Kentucky, April 3-5, 2014

155. Connor VanMeter and **Rodney A. King**. Functional Characterization of Newly Identified Antiterminator RNAs. National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), University of Kentucky, April 3-5, 2014

154. Allyson R. King, **Rodney A. King**, Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Characterization of Bacteriophage Larenn. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

153. Ananya Sharma, Elizaveta Khenner, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Genomic Comparison of Bacteriophage DesiGirl and Peeza. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

152. Kimberly Baugh and **Rodney A. King**. Characterization of a Mutant Phage that Overcomes an Antitermination Defect in E. coli RNA Polymerase. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

151. Rachel Cook, NaKeya Owens, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Analysis of Mycobacteriophages Cookland and Enyo. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

150. Josh Stewart, **Rodney A. King**, and Claire A. Rinehart. Isolation and Characterization of Bacteriophage Sparxx, a New A4 Subcluster Mycobacteriophage. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

149. Kathryn Price, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Exploring the World of Bacteriophages Through Isolating a Novel Mycobacteriophage. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

148. Kelly C. Lynch, **Rodney A. King**, and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery, Isolation, and Analysis of Arthrobacter Bacteriophage Ezio. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

147. Justin M. Bunch, Erin E. Burba, **Rodney A. King**, and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Genomic Comparison of Bacteriophages BustinJunch and Kimya. 44th Annual WKU Student Research Conference, March 22, 2014.

146. Justin M. Bunch, Erin E. Burba, **Rodney A. King**, and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Genomic Comparison of Bacteriophages BustinJunch and Kimya. Louisville Regional Science Fair (LRSEF) 1st in microbiology, 2nd place overall. March 7-8, 2014.

2013:

145. Gretchen Walch, Corbin M. Allender, Grace E. Babbs, Barry C. Blair, Bradley C. Blankenship, Carolyn M. Clark, Joseph E. Crafton, Ajit R. Deshpande, Samantha M. Dinga, Hannah N. Graff, Jeremy A. Hall, Alex W. Kearns, **Rodney A. King**, Azlin L. Lewis, Mary-Grace E. Luscher, Patrick G. Osterhaus, Lindsey R. Porter, David G. Riggan, Claire A. Rinehart, Lindsey M. Shain, Dominique C. Thayer, Vishnuteja Tirumala, Connor M. VanMeter, Jarad M. Williams. Discovery and Bioinformatic Analysis of Mycobacteriophages Achebe, MooMoo, Simpliphy and Updawg, 2013 Southeast Regional IDeA meeting, Little Rock, AR., Nov 15-17, 2013.

144. Sarah Schrader and **Rodney A. King**. Bioinformatic Analysis of Mycobacteriophage TiroTheta9. 2013 Southeast Regional IDeA meeting, Little Rock, AR., Nov 15-17, 2013.

143. Charles Coomer and **Rodney A. King**. Identification of Bacterial Contaminates and Evidence for Temperate Phages in Beerwell Samples from a Bioethanol Production Facility. 99th Annual KAS meeting, Nov. 8-9, 2013, Morehead, KY

142. Charles Coomer and **Rodney A. King**. Identification of Bacterial Contaminates and Evidence for Temperate Phages in Beerwell Samples from a Bioethanol Production Facility. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology Oct 25-26, 2013.

141. Connor VanMeter and **Rodney A. King**. Functional Characterization of Newly Identified Antiterminator RNAs. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology Oct 25-26, 2013.

140. Gretchen Walch, Corbin M. Allender, Grace E. Babbs, Barry C. Blair, Bradley C. Blankenship, Carolyn M. Clark, Joseph E. Crafton, Ajit R. Deshpande, Samantha M. Dinga, Hannah N. Graff, Jeremy A. Hall, Alex W. Kearns, **Rodney A. King**, Azlin L. Lewis, Mary-Grace E. Luscher, Patrick G. Osterhaus, Lindsey R. Porter, David G. Riggan, Claire A. Rinehart, Lindsey M. Shain. Dominique C. Thayer, Vishnuteja Tirumala, Connor M. VanMeter, Jarad M. Williams. Discovery and Bioinformatic Analysis of Mycobacteriophages Achebe, MooMoo, Simpliphy and Updawg, Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee branch of the American Society for Microbiology Oct 25-26, 2013.

139. Hannah Graff. Discovery and Analysis of Mycobacteriophage CapnHook. National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) Student Research Conference, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA. June 9-12, 2013. Mentors: **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart

138. Lindsey Porter. The Isolation and Characterization of Mycobacteriophage Pigpen. National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) Student Research Conference, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA. June 9-12, 2013. Mentors: **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart

137. Connor VanMeter. MyOTP, a Newly Discovered Mycobacteriophage from Bowling Green, Kentucky. National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) Student Research Conference, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA. June 9-12, 2013. Mentors: **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart

136. Gretchen A. Walch, Corbin M. Allender, Grace E. Babbs, Barry C. Blair, Carolyn M. Clark, Joseph E. Crafton, Ajit R. Deshpande, Samantha M. Dinga, Hannah N. Graff, Jeremy A. Hall, Alex W. Kerns, **Rodney A. King**, Azlin L. Lewis, Mary-Grace E. Luscher, Patrick G. Osterhaus, Lindsey R. Porter, David G. Riggan, Claire A. Rinehart, Lindsey M. Shain. Dominique C. Thayer, Vishnuteja Tirumala, Connor M. VanMeter, Jarad M. Williams. Isolation, Characterization and Genomic Analysis of Mycobacteriophages Achebe, MooMoo, Simpliphy and Updawg. 5th Annual SEA-PHAGES Symposium. HHMI Janelia Farms Research Campus, June 7-9, 2013. **Honorable Mention Award.**

135. Amanda L. Seaton and **Rodney A. King**. Defining the requirements for HK639 early gene expression. 113th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology. Denver, CO, May 18-21, 2013. **Amanda won the Gisila Mosig travel award, an Outstanding Poster award and she gave a talk at the Division M business meeting.**

134. **Rodney A. King**, Sherry R. Helm, Divina R. Allan and Sarah M. Schrader. Analysis of RNA mediated antitermination in the Erwinia tasmaniensis bacteriophage ϕ Et88. 113th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology. Denver, CO, May 18-21, 2013

133. Amanda Seaton*, **Rodney A. King**. The Left Operon of Bacteriophage HK639 Is Essential for Viral Growth. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013. **Best Graduate Paper in the Natural Sciences: Session 8**
132. Gretchen Walch, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. A Newly Discovered Cluster E Mycobacteriophage Identified Through Genomic Analysis. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013. **Best Undergraduate Poster in the Natural Sciences, Session 13.**
131. Connor VanMeter, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. MyOTP, a Newly Discovered Mycobacteriophage From Bowling Green, Kentucky. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013. **Best Undergraduate Poster in the Natural Sciences, Session 6.**
130. Corbin Allender, Grace Babbs, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Exploring Genetic Diversity By Isolating and Comparing Novel Bacteriophages. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013. **Best Undergraduate Poster in the Natural Sciences, Session 7.**
129. Charles Coomer and **Rodney A. King** Identification of Bacterial Contaminates and Evidence for Temperate Phages in Beerwell Samples From a Bioethanol Production. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013. **Best Undergraduate Poster in the Natural Sciences: Session 5**
128. Vishnu Tirumala,; Alex Kearns, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. A Comparison of Two Newly Discovered Mycobacteriophages Isolated From Different Geographical Regions in Kentucky. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013.
127. Lindsey Porter, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. The Isolation and Characterization of Mycobacteriophage Pigpen. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013
126. Patrick Osterhaus, Ajit Deshpande, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Genomic Comparison of Bacteriophages Updawg and Pandakarenina. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013
125. Hannah Graff, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Discovery and Analysis of Mycobacteriophage Capnhook. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013.

124. Jarad Williams, **Rodney A. King**. Potential Antiterminator RNA Discovered in *Enterobacter aerogenes* Strain KCTC2190. 43rd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 23, 2013.

2012:

123. Charels A. Coomer* and **Rodney A. King**. Rapid Classification of Newly Discovered Mycobacteriophages using Polymerase Chain Reaction. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, Maryville College, Maryville, TN., October 26-27, 2012.

122. Amanda L. Seaton and **Rodney A. King**. Defining the Requirements for Bacteriophage HK639 Early Gene Expression. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, Maryville College, Maryville, TN., October 26-27, 2012.

121. Donna Williams, Sebastian Sanchez, T. Keith Philips and **Rodney A. King**. Evidence for an Association Between an Arthropod, an Endosymbiont and a Bacteriophage. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, Maryville College, Maryville, TN., October 26-27, 2012.

120. Amanda L. Seaton* and **Rodney A. King**. Using Recombineering to Define the Requirements for Bacteriophage HK639 Early Gene Expression. 98th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science, Richmond, KY. October 19-20, 2012

119. Charles A. Coomer* and **Rodney A. King**. Classification of Bacteriophages using Polymerase Chain Reaction: An Alternative to Complete Genome Sequencing. 98th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science, Richmond, KY. October 19-20, 2012. **3rd place award, Cellular and Molecular Biology Undergraduate Division, oral presentation.**

118. Donna Williams, Sebastian Sanchez, **Rodney King** and Keith Philips. A Tripartite Association Between an Insect, an Endosymbiont and a Parasite. 98th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science, Richmond, KY. October 19-20, 2012. **1st place award, Microbiology Undergraduate Division, poster presentation.**

117. Meaghan C. Dunn^{1*}, Barry C. Blair¹, Jessica N. Carter², Karlee B. Driver², **Rodney A. King²**, Amanda E. Links³, Rahul J. Rasam², Claire A. Rinehart², Jeong H. Shin², Alexandra P. Sunnenberg¹. Discovery and Genomic Characterization of Bacteriophage *KyKar*. 2012 National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (NCSSMST) conference. Chicago, Ill. June 20-23, 2012. ¹The Gattton Academy of Mathematics and Science, ²Western Kentucky University and ³Calvin College. **Meaghan presented a poster and gave an oral presentation.**

116. Natascha K. Richardson^{1*}, Jonathan K. Bailey¹, Lindsey M. Burke¹, Mamie E. Caldwell¹, Katherine N. Corcoran¹, Eileen A. Doan¹, Eli G. Estes², **Rodney A. King**² and Claire A. Rinehart², Brent A. Webb². *MadamMonkfish*, a Novel Mycobacteriophage Isolated From Ravenna, Kentucky. 2012 National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) conference. Chicago, Ill. June 20-23, 2012. ¹The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science, ²Western Kentucky University. **Natascha presented a poster and gave an oral presentation.**

115. Meredith A. Doughty^{1*}, Alonna D. Ballinger¹, Andrew R. Cardwell², Aaron D. Gingerich², **Rodney A. King**², Jordan R. Olberding², Miranda L. Parrish¹, Claire A. Rinehart². Physical and Molecular Characterization of Bacteriophage *TinaFeyge*. 2012 National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) conference. Chicago, Ill. June 20-23, 2012. ¹The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science, ²Western Kentucky University. **Meredith presented a poster and gave an oral presentation.**

114. Jonathan K. Bailey, Alonna D. Ballinger, Barry C. Blair, Lindsey M. Burke, Mamie E. Caldwell, Andrew R. Cardwell, Jessica N. Carter, Katherine N. Corcoran, Scotty W. Davis, Eileen A. Doan, Meredith A. Doughty, Karlee B. Driver, Meaghan C. Dunn, Eli G. Estes, Elizabeth E. Gatten, Aaron D. Gingerich, Chiraag D. Kapadia, **Rodney A. King**, Yuto Kobayashi, Amanda E. Links¹, Jordan R. Olberding, Miranda L. Parrish, Rahul J. Rasam, Natascha K. Richardson, Claire A. Rinehart, Sarah M. Schrader, Jeong H. Shin, Alexandra P. Sunnenberg, Brent A. Webb, and Donna F. Williams. Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY and the ¹Department of Biology, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Isolation, Characterization and Genomic Analysis of Mycobacteriophages *KyKar*, *MadamMonkfish*, *Morpher26* and *TinaFeyge*. 4th Annual SEA-Phages Symposium. HHMI Janelia Farms Research Campus, June 8-10, 2012.

113. Meaghan Dunn, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. The Discovery of AngeDeLaMort, a Novel Mycobacteriophage. Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Pittsburgh, PA. May 13-18, 2012

112. Amanda Seaton and **Rodney King**. Defining the Essential Components of Bacteriophage HK639 Early Gene Expression. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012. **Best Graduate Poster in the Natural Sciences, Session 1.**

111. Meaghan Dunn and **Rodney King**. The Discovery of AngeDeLaMorte, a Novel Mycobacteriophage. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012.

110. Elizabeth Gatten and **Rodney King**. Isolation and Characterization of Bacteriophage

Magnolia. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012. **Best Undergraduate Poster in the Natural Sciences, Session 6.**

109. Meredith Doughty, **Rodney King**, and Claire Rinehart. Isolation and Characterization of the Mycobacteriophage Ambition. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012.

108. Sherry Helm, Divinia Allan, and **Rodney King**. Analysis of RNA Mediated Antitermination in *Erwinia tasmaniensis* Bacteriophage phiEt88. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012.

107. Alexandra Sunnenberg, **Rodney King**, and Claire Rinehart. The Isolation and Purification of the Bacteriophage Intrinity. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012.

106. Lindsey Burke, **Rodney King**, and Claire Rinehart. Isolation and Characterization of Bacteriophage Lacuna. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012.

105. Charles Coomer and **Rodney King**. Bacteriophage Classification Via PCR Analysis: An Alternative to Complete Genome Sequencing. 42nd Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 24, 2012. **Best Undergraduate Poster in the Natural Sciences, Session 10.**

104. Meaghan Dunn, Rodney A. King and Claire A. Rinehart. The Discovery of AngeDeLaMort, a Novel Mycobateriophage. Southern KY Regional Science Fair, March 17, 2012. **Meaghan won the senior division and this made her eligible to present at the 2012 Intel Science and Engineering Fair.**

103. Meredith Doughty, **Rodney A. King** and Claire A. Rinehart. Isolation and Characterization of mycobacteriophage Ambition. The Third Annual University of Kentucky STEM Symposium. February 3, 2012.

102. Sherry Helm, Divinia Allan, and **Rodney King**. Analysis of RNA Mediated Antitermination in *Erwinia tasmaniensis* Bacteriophage phiEt88. **Posters at the Capitol.** January 26th, 2012.

2011:

101. Links, A. **Rodney A. King**. and Claire Rinehart. Genome Annotation of Two New Mycobacteriophages. West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference, November, 2011.

100. Schrader, S.*, and **Rodney A. King**. Comparative Analysis of Seven Mycobacteriophage Genomes. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, Volunteer State Community College, Nashville, TN., October 21-22, 2011.
Sarah was awarded 2nd place for her talk (\$50 prize)

99. Helm, S., Divina Allen, Sarah Schrader and **Rodney A. King**. Evidence for RNA-Mediated Antitermination in the *Erwinia* Bacteriophage ϕ Et088. Annual Meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, Volunteer State Community College, Nashville, TN., October 21-22, 2011

98. Links, A. **Rodney A. King**, and Claire Rinehart. Genome Annotation of Two New Mycobacteriophages. Conference of Research Experiences for Undergraduates Student Scholarship. Sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Education. Washington, D.C., October 16-17, 2011.

97. Hawtrey, S.*, Akhila Bethi, Lee E. Calvert, Charles A. Coomer, Andrea N. Eastes, Erin E. Eaton, Jonathan D. Faughn, Alex Gutierrez, Anthony Gutierrez, George M. Jones, Mackenzie L. Jones, **Rodney A. King**, Zimple D. Kurlawala, Taylor A. Leet, Lori J. Lovell, Prasanna Tamarapu Parthasarathy, Kaysi E. Phillips, Benjamin G. Rice, Claire A. Rinehart, Lori E. Shoup, Aaron C. Stolze, Ryan L. Sturgill, Erin M. Walch, Eric W. Westermant, Makka A. Wheeler, Spencer K. Wright. Isolation, Characterization and Genomic Analysis of Mycobacteriophages BarrelRoll and Gemini. 3rd Annual SEA symposium. HHMI's Janelia Farm Research Campus, Ashburn, VA. June 10-12, 2011.

96. Schrader, S*. and **Rodney A. King**. Genomic Analysis of TT9, a Novel Mycobacteriophage. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011. **Best in Conference Award.**

95. Hawtrey, S., **Rodney A. King**, and Claire Rinehart. The Isolation and Characterization of Luke117, a Novel Mycobacteriophage Isolated from Union, Kentucky. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011.

94. Lovell, L., **Rodney A. King**, and Claire Rinehart Isolation of Novus, a Novel Bacteriophage Isolated from Florence, Kentucky. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011.

93. Gutierrez, A., **Rodney A. King**, and Claire Rinehart Genome Discovery and Exploration. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011.

92. Coomer, C., Claire Rinehart, and **Rodney A. King**. A Novel Bacterial Virus Isolated from Middletown, Kentucky. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011.

91. Gutierrez, A., **Rodney A. King**, and Claire Rinehart The Journey of a Bacteriophage, Pestilence. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011.

90. Eastes, A., **Rodney A. King**, and Claire Rinehart Isolation of the Bacteriophage Liberi. 41st Annual WKU Student Research Conference. Western Kentucky University, March 26, 2011.

89. Schrader, S.M. and **Rodney A. King**. Genomic Characterization of Mycobacteriophage TiroTheta9. **Posters at the Capitol**. Feb. 10, 2011

2010:

88. Schrader, S.M.* and **Rodney A. King**. Genomic Characterization of Mycobacteriophage TiroTheta9. KY-TN ASM and Kentucky Academy of Science Joint Meeting. Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Nov. 12-13, 2010.

87. **King, R.A.**, Rinehart, C. and Parthasarathy, P.T. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute's National Genomics Research Initiative at Western Kentucky University. KY-TN ASM and Kentucky Academy of Science joint meeting. Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY. 42101. Nov. 12-13, 2010.

86. Schrader, S.M. and **Rodney A. King**. Genomic Characterization of Mycobacteriophage TiroTheta9. 4th Annual Biology Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Symposium. September 10, 2010.

85. Howard, C., Ejike Anyanwu, Kaitlyn Cole, Karlee Driver, Elizabeth Farnsworth, Benjamin Howard, Brittney Howard, **Rodney A. King**, Jordan Olberding, Mackenzie Perkins, Claire Rinehart, Heidi Sayre, Tyler Scaff, Sarah Schrader, Prasanna Tamarapu Parthasarathy and Cynthia Tope. 007: A Lysin to Kill in My Backyardigan. 2nd Annual SEA symposium. HHMI's Janelia Farm Research Campus, Ashburn, VA. June 11-13, 2010

84. Scaff, Tyler, King, R.A. Rinehart, C. and Parthasarathy, P.T. The Phage and I: Isolating and Purifying a Bacteriophage and Annotating its Genome. National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) Research Symposium. Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. June 6-9, 2010

83. **King, R.A.**, Rinehart, C. and Parthasarathy, P.T. Genome Discovery and Exploration at Western Kentucky University. 2nd Annual SEA symposium. HHMI's Janelia Farm Research Campus, Ashburn, VA. June 11-13, 2010

82. **King, R.A.**, Wright, A.A., Cresawn, S., Jordan, J., Wheet, N. and Farrooque, R. The Complete Sequence of Bacteriophage HK75 and Its Relationship to Lambdoid Phage HK022. 110th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, San Diego, CA., May 22-27, 2010.

81. Wright A.A., Christie, G.E. and **King, R.A.** The Complete Sequence and Annotation of Bacteriophage HK239. 110th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, San Diego, CA., May 22-27, 2010.

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79. **King, R.A.**, Rinehart, C. and Parthasarathy, P.T. The HHMI National Genomics Research Initiative at Western Kentucky University. UT-ORNL-KBRIN Bioinformatics Summit. Lake Barkley, Cadiz, KY. March 19-21, 2010

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