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Current Position

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Advisor: Tal Korem, Department of Systems Biology

2020-Current

New York, NY, US

Education

Ph.D., Microbiology

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- Major advisor: Martin Wiedmann, Department of Food Science
- Minor advisors: Michael Stanhope (Genomics); Daniel Buckley (Soil Science)

2015-2020

Ithaca, NY, US

Ph.D. Exchange Student, Microbiology

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Advisor: Otto Cordero, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Fall 2019

Cambridge, MA, US

M.S., Environmental Science

PEKING UNIVERSITY

- Advisor: Yi Huang, Department of Environmental Sciences

2011-2014

Beijing, China

B.S., Ecology

UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BEIJING

2007-2011

Beijing, China

Research Interests

Microbial evolution / Microbial ecology / Environmental microbiology / Microbial genomics and genetics / Microbial biogeography / Human microbiome / Foodborne pathogens

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMS BIOLOGY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Mining metagenomic data of human microbiome

2020-Current

New York, NY, US

Graduate Research Associate

FIELD OF MICROBIOLOGY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- Led the soil sampling across the US and the enrichment and isolation of thousands of *Listeria* isolates from soil
- Performed molecular characterization of *Listeria* isolates using PCR and whole genome sequencing (WGS)
- Discovered a number of new *Listeria* species
- Analyzed *Listeria* WGS data and environmental data to understand microbial biogeography at a nationwide scale
- Analyzed WGS data of *Listeria* from different environments to understand niche differentiation
- Analyzed WGS data of different *Salmonella* serotypes to understand the environment-associated population structure
- Analyzed *E. coli* multilocus sequencing data and environmental data to understand the role of landscape on bacterial distribution

2016-2020

Ithaca, NY, US

Graduate Research Fellow

FIELD OF MICROBIOLOGY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- Isolated and characterized *Streptomyces* isolates from soil
- Analyzed *sigB* sequences of diverse *Listeria* strains to understand micro-evolution of gene
- Performed dissection of *Drosophila melanogaster* and measured colony-forming unit in gut

2015

Ithaca, NY, US

Research Associate

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, PEKING UNIVERSITY

- Analyzed 16s amplicon data of freshwater bacterial communities and environmental data to understand microbial assembly.

2014-2015

Beijing, China

Graduate Research Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, PEKING UNIVERSITY

2011-2014

Beijing, China

- Conducted water sampling in Dianchi Lakes, China
- Measured petroleum hydrocarbon concentration using GC-MS
- Measured microbial activity using Biolog EcoPlates
- Analyzed 16s amplicon data of bacterial communities from oil-contaminated soil and environmental data to understand the influence of oil contamination on the structure and function of bacterial communities
- Contributed to the writing of Global Environment Outlook 5
- Designed indices of biological integrity to assess the health of aquatic ecosystem health

Publications

PREPRINT

- [1] **Liao J**, Bergholz P, Wiedmann M. Terrestrial landscape impacts the biogeographic pattern of soil *Escherichia coli* via altering the strength of environmental selection and dispersal. bioRxiv doi:10.1101/2020.06.30.181495

PEER-REVIEWED

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- [4] Huang Y, Wang J, Chen H, **Liao J**, Huang M. Oil contamination and toxicity assessment of soil in main oil fields in China. Science Press, Beijing, China. June 2018 (Book in Chinese)
- [5] **Liao J**, Wiedmann M, Kovac J. 2017. Genetic stability and evolution of the *sigB* allele, used for *Listeria sensu stricto* subtyping and phylogenetic inference. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 83:e00306-17
- [6] **Liao J**, Cao X, Wang J, Zhao L, Sun J, Jiang D, Huang Y. 2017. Similar community assembly mechanisms underlie similar biogeography of rare and abundant bacteria in lakes on Yungui Plateau, China. *Limnol Oceanogr* 2:723-735
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- [10] Wang J, Cao X, Chai L, **Liao J**, Huang Y, Tang X. 2016. Oxidative damage of naphthenic acids on the *Eisenia fetida* earthworm. *Environ Toxicol* 31:1337-1343
- [11] **Liao J**, Wang J, Jiang D, Wang M, Huang Y. 2015. Long-term oil contamination causes similar changes in microbial communities of two distinct soils. *Appl Microbiol Biotechnol* 99:10299-10310
- [12] **Liao J**, Wang J, Huang Y. 2015. Bacterial community features are shaped by geographic location, physicochemical properties and oil contamination of soil in main oil fields of China. *Microb Ecol* 70:380-389
- [13] Cao X, Wang, J, **Liao J**, Huang Y, Sun J. 2015. The threshold responses of phytoplankton community to nutrient gradient in a shallow eutrophic lake. *Ecol Indic* 61:258-267
- [14] Wang J, Cao X, Chai L, **Liao J**, Huang Y, Tang X. 2015. Quantification and characterization of naphthenic acids from soil of oil exploring areas in China by GC/MS. *Anal Methods* 7:2149-2154
- [15] Wang J, Cao X, **Liao J**, Huang Y, Tang X. 2015. Carcinogenic potential of PAHs in oil-contaminated soils from the main oil fields across China. *Environ Sci Pollut R* 22:10902-10909
- [16] Yang Y, Wang J, **Liao J**, Xie S, Huang Y. 2015. Abundance and diversity of soil petroleum hydrocarbon egrading microbial

communities in oil exploring areas. *Appl Microbiol Biotechnol* 99:1935-1946

[17] Yang Y, Wang J, **Liao J**, Xie S, Huang Y. 2014. Distribution of naphthalene dioxygenase genes in crude oil contaminated soils. *Microb Ecol* 68:785-793

[18] **Liao J**, Huang Y. 2013. Global trend in aquatic ecosystem research from 1992 to 2011. *Scientometrics* 98:1203-1219

Presentations

Microbial Ecology and Evolution, MEEVirtual

POSTER PRESENTER

- Genomic features decipher the niche breadth of *Listeria* populations (selected for lightning talk)

Aug., 2020

Virtual

Ph.D. Dissertation Seminar, Cornell University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Exploration of ecological and evolutionary mechanisms underlying microbial biogeography and adaptation

July, 2020

Ithaca, NY, US

Microbiology Graduate Seminar, Cornell University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Biogeography of edaphic *Listeria* across the United States

Feb., 2020

Ithaca, NY, US

Microbiome, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Meeting

POSTER PRESENTER

- Comparative genomics reveals different population structures associated with host and geographic origin in antimicrobial-resistant *Salmonella enterica*

Jul., 2019

Cold Spring Harbor, NY, US

Microbiology Graduate Seminar, Cornell University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Nationwide distribution of *Listeria* in soil from natural environment

Mar., 2019

Ithaca, NY, US

Biology of Genomes, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Meeting

POSTER PRESENTER

- Serotype-specific evolutionary pattern of antimicrobial-resistant *Salmonella enterica*.

May, 2018

Cold Spring Harbor, NY, US

Microbiology Graduate Seminar, Cornell University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Serotype-specific evolutionary pattern of antimicrobial-resistant *Salmonella enterica*

Apr., 2018

Ithaca, NY, US

Cornell University - Nestle Whole Genome Sequencing Training, Cornell University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Phylogenetic tree reconstruction.

Oct., 2017

Ithaca, NY, US

Ecological & Evolutionary Genomics, Gordon Research Conference

POSTER PRESENTER

- Genetic stability and evolution of the *sigB* allele used for *Listeria* subtyping and phylogenetic inference

Jul., 2017

Biddeford, ME, US

Microbiology Graduate Seminar, Cornell University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Genetic stability and evolution of *sigB* allele of *Listeria sensu stricto*

Mar., 2017

Ithaca, NY, US

M.S. Dissertation Seminar, Peking University

ORAL PRESENTER

- The physicochemical property and microbial structure of oil contaminated soils

Jun., 2014

Beijing, China

The 6th SNU-PKU-KU Environmental Workshop, Seoul National University

ORAL PRESENTER

- Conservation of Chinese ecosystems: strategy and challenge

Jul., 2012

Seoul, South Korea

The 6th TU-USTB Joint Meeting on Sciences & Engineering Design, Tohoku University

ORAL PRESENTER

- The influence of climate change on human ecology

Jul., 2010

Sendai, Japan

Professional Activities

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Mentor Catharine Carlin; Cornell University	2019-2020
Mentor Muke Huang, Peking University	2018-2019
Teaching assistant BioMi2900 General Microbiology, Cornell University	Spring 2018
Mentor Yaoqian Hu, Peking University	2014-2015
Teaching assistant Environmental ecology, Peking University	Fall 2012

Skills

Biology Microbial isolation and culture / Molecular biology (DNA) / High-throughput sequencing / Field sampling

Bioinformatics Programming (Python, R) / Computational biology / Biostatistics

Languages English (fluent), Chinese (native)

Leadership & Outreach

Social chair Field of Microbiology Students (FoMS), Cornell University	2017-2018
Volunteer 3M environmental sampling workshop, Cornell University	2016-2018
Student representative The 13 th Annual Retreat of the Center for Infection & Pathobiology, Cornell University	Apr. 2017
Vice-captain PKUI Team, Solar Decathlon China	2012-2013
Vice-president College Student Union, Peking University	2012-2013
Vice-president College Student Union, University of Science & Technology Beijing	2009-2010
Volunteer Beijing Olympic Games	Summer 2008

Honors & Awards

Graduate Research Assistantship Cornell University	2016-2020
Conference & Research Travel Grants Cornell University	2017-2019
Cornell Graduate Fellowship Cornell University	2015-2016
Graduate Research Assistantship Peking University	2011-2014
Sander Scholarship Peking University	2013
Academic Innovation Award Peking University	2013
Honor Student for Excellent Academic Records Peking University	2012
The 2nd Prize of Academic Innovation Contest Peking University	2012
National Scholarship China	2010
National Inspirational Scholarship China	2009
Freshmen Scholarship University of Science & Technology Beijing	2008
Student Innovation Program Scholarship University of Science & Technology Beijing	2008