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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Arizona, Tucson; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology M.S., University of Arizona, Tucson; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology B.A., summa cum laude, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon; Biological Sciences

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Drexel University**, Professor, Biodiversity, Earth & Environmental Science. 2012 present. Teaching and research in evolution, environmental science, botany, and algal biology. Classes taught: Tree of Life; Plants, People and Planet; Phylogenetics and Ecology. Supervise undergraduate and graduate students.
- **National Science Foundation**, Program Director, Division of Graduate Education, August 2010-2012. Coordinating review panels, recruiting scientists, evaluating and recommending proposals for funding in the GK-12 Stem Graduate Fellowships Program (GD-12) and Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).
- Academy of Natural Sciences, Director of Center for Systematic Biology and Evolution, 2017-2020; Curator of Botany, 2017-present; Associate Curator of Botany, 1997-to 2017. 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

 Curator for plant and algae collection of over 1 million specimens; conducted externally funded research; published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters; publications for the public; consulted on exhibit design for national touring exhibit on Lewis and Clark Bicentennial; lecturing to Women in Natural Science Program for teenage inner-city

girls; lectured at Barnes Foundation on molecular systematics of plants.

National Science Foundation, Program Director, Division of Biological Infrastructure 2005-08, Division of Environmental Biology 2008-09. 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Coordinating review panels, recruiting scientists, evaluating and recommending proposals for funding in numerous programs (Biological Research Collections, Major Research Instrumentation, Interdisciplinary Education and Research Traineeships, Frontiers in Biological Research, Microbial Genome Sequencing, Systematic Biology, Biodiversity Inventories, Assembling the Tree of Life, Partnerships for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy, Minority Postdoctoral Fellowships, Living Stocks Collections); Interagency Working Group on Scientific Collections (conducted survey and prepared report for NSF and OSTP); Microbial Systems in the Biosphere working group.

DePaul University, Chicago. 1 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604; 312-362-8000.

Assistant Professor (1989-96); Associate Professor with tenure (1996-97). Classes taught: Introductory Biology; Ecology; Evolution; Algal Biology; Aquatic Biology; Biology for Non-Majors; supervised Master's graduate student research; conducted externally funded research on molecular systematics and evolution of algae; published articles and chapters on algal research; co-edited book on science writing.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Director, Center for Systematic Biology and Evolution at Academy of Natural Sciences. Served on Senior Management Team, represented collections staff (Curators and Collection Managers) to Management and Board of Trustees, acted a public liaison for collections and science at Academy.
- Professor, Drexel University. Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in ecology and evolutionary biology, systematics, non-majors courses on science communication, botany. Chair of Graduate Committee, 2012-present, various other administrative duties.
- Program Director in the Directorate of Biological Sciences at the National Science Foundation (Division of Biological Infrastructure; Division of Environmental Biology), and Directorate of Education and Human Resources (Division of Graduate Education); managed programs in research, infrastructure, and education. Administered program budgets up to \$20 million for competitive grants programs; managed panel review, award, and post-award reporting for 10 programs and several hundred proposals at NSF. Served on NSF committees developing new funding initiatives and providing input for policy on NSF programs. Represented NSF on Interagency Working Group on Scientific Collections; conducted survey and prepared report (http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09044/nsf09044.pdf) to the Office of Science and Technology Policy of the White House.
- Authored 60+ peer-reviewed articles and chapters, books.
- Authored numerous articles on science for the public.
- Wrote and was co-PI on numerous grants for basic research (Systematics of green algae), collections (herbarium renovation), instrumentation (DNA sequencer) and education (PEET graduate training award, REU Sites and REU Supplement awards) from NSF and other agencies or sources.
- Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in Biological Sciences as Assistant and Associate Professor at DePaul University.
- Major advisor for graduate students at DePaul and external committee member for graduate students at the University of Maryland.
- Presented dozens of seminars, lectures, and invited addresses on research.
- Served as President, Membership Director, Newsletter Editor, and Chair of Board of Trustees on national scientific society (Phycological Society of America).
- Award-winning free-lance science reporter for National Public Radio; authored magazine
 articles, web publications, and book chapters for the public; authored laboratory manuals
 to accompany introductory college biology textbooks; edited an anthology on science
 writing for college level courses and the general public. Also covered sports, arts, and
 history.
- Curation of herbarium of 1.2 million plant specimens at Academy of Natural Sciences; obtained grants for new cabinets, environmental control, computer infrastructure, and

digitization of collection; gave many public outreach lectures on Lewis & Clark Herbarium highlighting science of the expedition.

HONORS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

National Science Foundation, 2012. Director's Award for Collaborative Integration on NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Working Group

Lewis and Clark College Distinguished Alumnus Award (2004)

Sloan Sabbatical Fellowship in Molecular Systematics (1993-94)

Sloan Foundation Sabbatical Fellow in Molecular Systematics, 1993-94.

AAAS Westinghouse Award for Science Journalism (1984, two-part series on aquaculture broadcast on "All Things Considered," National Public Radio)

AAAS Mass Media Science Fellowship. 1980. WGBH Radio, Boston.

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (1974-79)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Botanical Society of America

Phycological Society of America

European Phycological Society

International Phycological Society

Society for Systematic Biology

National Association of Science Writers

Philadelphia Botanical Club

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (EXTERNAL)

CEDO Intercultural, Board of Trustees Member, 2021-present.

Phycological Society of America:

2008 - 2018. Chairman, Board of Trustees

2000 - 2005. Membership Director

1997 - 1999. Vice-President, President, Past-President

1992 - 1997. Newsletter Editor.

Botanical Society of America

2010 - 2019. Publications Committee.

2013 - 2019. Finance Committee; Chair 2016 - present.

2001-2005. Secretary, Phycological Section of Botanical Society of America

Curator Search Committee Member, Smithsonian, Department of Botany, 2004, 2013

Network Integrated Biocollections Alliance, Implementation Working Group, Participant, Nov. 2012

Treasurer, Philadelphia Botanical Club (2003-2005)

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Phycology*, *Phycologia*, Royal Society of Edinburgh Rhynie Chert volume, *American Journal of Botany*, *New Zealand Journal of Botany*, *Plant Physiology*, *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*.

External reviewer for Australian Biological Resources Study program.

National Science Foundation. Review Panels 2009, 2015, 2018, 2019, Ad Hoc Reviewer (ongoing).

<u>Grants</u>

National Science Foundation

- 2022-2025. (Submitted) McCourt, R. M. (PI). Collaborative Research: ARTS: PurSUiT: Phylogenomics and Monography of Charophyceae in North America. National Science Foundation. \$ 305,032. Collaborative Proposal with New York Botanical Garden. PI K. G. Karol.
- 2018-2021. Livshulz, T. (PI), Teisher, J. co-PI, and McCourt R. (co-PI) Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Digitizing "Endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful": Facilitating Research on Imperiled Plants with Extreme Morphologies. National Science Foundation, \$94,315.
- 2018-2021. Livshulz, T. (PI), Teisher, J. co-PI, and McCourt R. (co-PI). Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: The Pteridological Collections Consortium: An integrative approach to pteridophyte diversity over the last 420 million years. National Science Foundation, \$56,794.
- 2015-2020. \$226,625. Graduate Fellowship for Lincoln Rehm. Subcontract from University of Pennsylvania to Drexel University.
- 2012-2017. \$100,280 ANSP award of total, \$694,370. National Science Foundation. Collaborative Research: Digitization TCN: The Macroalgal Herbarium Consortium: Accessing 150 Years of Specimen Data to Understand Changes in the Marine/Aquatic Environment. (co-PI with K.G. Karol, K. Barringer, T. Livshulz; part of larger Collaborative Award through ADBC program).
- 2016-2019. Livshulz, T. (PI) and R. McCourt (co-PI) \$626,928 ANSP award of total \$1.5M. Collaborative Research: Digitization TCN: Mid-Atlantic Megalopolis: Achieving a greater scientific understanding of our urban world. 36 months, Start date Sept. 19, 2016.
- 2016-2018. Livshultz, T. (co-PI) and R. McCourt (co-PI). \$100,200. National Science Foundation. Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections (ADBC) Program. Digitization TCN: Collaborative: The Microfungi Collections Consortium: A Networked Approach to Digitizing Small Fungi with Large Impacts on the Function and Health of Ecosystems.
- 2010-2015. \$518,000. National Science Foundation. ATOL: Collaborative Research: Assembling the Green Algal Tree of Life (GrAToL). (I am the co-Lead PI for this five-institution grant for \$3M; also received Research Experience for Undergraduates and Research Experience for Teachers supplements, \$25,000)
- 2010-2014. \$350,000 (ANSP funding: \$30,000). National Science Foundation. Collaborative Research: Phylogeny and Systematics of the Characeae (Charales). (co-PI with K.G. Karol at the New York Botanical Garden)
- 2004-2007. \$499,972. National Science Foundation "Curation of Aquatic Survey Collections at the Academy of Natural Sciences." Co-PI with Dr. Gary Rosenberg.
- 1999-2004, \$747,169. National Science Foundation. "PEET: A unified approach to systematics of basal streptophytes (Charophycean green algae)." Co-PI with Dr. C. F. Delwiche, University of Maryland.

- 2002-2003. \$462,018. National Science Foundation BRC program, "Behind closed doors: New cabinetry for the Herbarium at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia (PH)." Co-PIs Dr. L. A. McDade and J. A. Macklin.
- 1997-2000, 2000-2003; 2004-2009. National Science Foundation \$240,000 for first two, \$355,409 for most recent. REU site awards: "Collections-Based Research Experiences for Undergraduates at The Academy of Natural Sciences." Co-PI with Dr. D. D. Dagit and Dr. Jon Gelhaus.
- 1994-1997, \$235,000. National Science Foundation. Molecular and morphological phylogenetic systematics of extant and fossil Characeae. (Principal Investigator); 1995-1996, 1996-1997.
- 1991-1995, \$ 259,762. National Science Foundation. Molecular systematics of the Zygnematales.
- National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) and Research Experience for Teachers (RET) supplements received for these awards.
- Drexel's 2020 Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity Award. \$15,847. July 2020-June 2021. For collaboration with artist Josie Iselin to design photographic illustrations for book on the Lewis & Clark plant collection.
- National Park Service-Saving America's Treasures. \$300,000. Upgrading storage conditions for the Lewis and Clark Herbarium at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Sloan Foundation Sabbatical Fellow in Molecular Systematics, 1993-94. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. 1974-1979.

PUBLICATIONS

- (In Press). McCourt, R. M., J. Fry, and E. Benamy. A Flower from Gettysburg. *Bartonia*.
- 2021. Rehm, Lincoln, Lincy L. Marino, Randa Jonathan, Amanda L. Holt, Richard M. McCourt, and Alison M. Sweeney. 2021. "Population Structure of Giant Clams (Subfamily: Tridacninae) across Palau: Implications for Conservation." *Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems*, 2021, pp. 1-16. December. https://doi.org/10.1002/aqc.3758.
- 2021. Balasubramanian, R. and McCourt, R. M. *Volvox barberi* (Chlorophyceae) actively forms two-dimensional flocks in culture. *Journal of Phycology* First published: 01 February 2021. https://doi-org.ezproxy2.library.drexel.edu/10.1111/jpy.13139
- 2020. McCourt, R. M. and J. Iselin. The Other 1940 Expedition to the Sea of Cortez. *Journal of the Southwest* 62 (2):467-489. (Published Sept. 28, 2020)
- 2020. Hall, J. D., L. A. Lewis, R. M. McCourt, C. F. Delwiche, B. Mishler and K. G. Karol. Chlorophyta. pp. 183-186. In: de Queiroz, K., Cantino, P. D. and Gauthier, J. A. (Eds.), .), *Phylonyms: A Companion to the Phylocod*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. (Published June 9, 2020)
- 2020. Hall, J. D., R. M. McCourt, C. F. Delwiche, B. D. Mishler and K. G. Karol. Phragmoplastophyta. pp. 195-197. In: de Queiroz, K., Cantino, P. D. and Gauthier, J. A. (Eds.), .), *Phylonyms: A Companion to the Phylocod*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. (Published June 9, 2020)
- 2020. Hall, J. D. . R. M. McCourt and K. G. Karol. Zygnematophyceae. pp. 199-201. In: de Queiroz, K., Cantino, P. D. and Gauthier, J. A. (Eds.), .), *Phylonyms: A Companion to the Phylocod*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. (Published June 9, 2020)

- 2020. Karol, K. G., McCourt, R. M., Mishler, B. D., Delwiche, C. F. and Hall, J. D. Charophyta. pp. 187-189. In: de Queiroz, K., Cantino, P. D. and Gauthier, J. A. (Eds.), *Phylonyms: A Companion to the Phylocode*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. (Published June 9, 2020)
- 2020. Karol, K. G., McCourt, R. M. and Hall, J. D. Charophyceae. pp. 205-207. In: de Queiroz, K., Cantino, P. D. and Gauthier, J. A. (Eds.), *Phylonyms: A Companion to the Phylocode*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. (Published June 9, 2020)
- 2020. Mishler, B. D., J. D. Hall, R. M. McCourt, K. G. Karol, C. F. Delwiche, and L.A. Lewis. Viridiplantae. pp. 179-182. In: de Queiroz, K., Cantino, P. D. and Gauthier, J. A. (Eds.), *Phylonyms: A Companion to the Phylocode*. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press. (Published June 9, 2020)
- 2020. McCourt, R., M. Phylogeny Building with Mobiles. In E.A. Lacey (Ed.), Northeast Algal Society Lab Manual (1st ed.). Retrieved from https://northeastalgae.org/labmanual.php.
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- 2016. McCourt, R. M. Archaeplastida: Diversification of Red Algae and the Green Plant Lineage. In: Kliman, R.M. (ed.), Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Biology. vol. 1, pp. 101–106. Oxford: Academic Press.
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- 2020. McCourt, R. M. and Iselin, J. The marine botanical counterpart to Steinbeck and Rickett's cruise to the Sea of Cortez: E. Yale Dawson and marine algae in the Gulf of California. Annual Meeting (Virtual) of Botanical Society of America, July 27-31, 2020. http://botanyconference.org/
- 2019. Rehm, L.*, McCourt, R.M., and Sweeney, A. Unravelling spatial patterns of algal arrangement in giant clams. Annual Meeting of the Phycological Society of America, Ft. Lauderdale, June 23-27, 2019. Poster.
- 2019. Botanical Society of American Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ, July 27-31, 2019: A flower from Gettysburg. R. McCourt, J. Fry, and E. Benamy. Paper in preparation. Presentation.
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- 2016. Phycological Society of America Annual Meeting, Cleveland OH, July 23-38, 2016. Oral presentation: REVISING CHARA SUBSECTION WILLDENOWIA. S. Gottschalk, R. M. McCourt, and K. G. Karol.
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- 2015. Kenneth G. Karol, John D. Hall, William Pérez and Richard M. McCourt. Evolution of organellar genomes in charophytic green algae. Symposium presentation, invited. Phycological Society of America Annual Meeting, August 8-13, 2015. Philadelphia PA

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TEACHING

Drexel University, Tree of Life (requiredcore course); Plants People and the Planet; Phylogenetics and Ecology, Phylogenetics and Ecology, Phylogenetic Methods and Applications, Rivers of Discovery, Super Seaweeds and Ocean Sustainability.

DePaul University, Introductory Biology, Ecology, Aquatic Biology, Phycology, Evolution, Biology for Nonmajors.

Drexel University, course in Phycology, spring 2002.

University of Pennsylvania, invited lecturer in environmental studies, 1999.

Millersville University, invited lecturer in phycology and plant biology courses, 2002-03

Barnes Foundation, invited lectures on plant molecular systematics, 2001-04.

Swarthmore College, invited lecture on molecular systematics and the origin of angiosperms.

Panel discussion participant, Harvard University, "Plants in the historic landscape," 2002.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SEMINARS

Pennsylvania Botanical Symposium

Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Astoria, Oregon

Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia (K-12)

Harvard University

Lewis and Clark College, Portland Oregon

Lexington Gardening Society

Millersville University, Lancaster, PA

Missouri Historical Society

Monticello Center for Historic Plants

Philadelphia University

Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew

Smithsonian Institution, Molecular Systematics Laboratory

Smithsonian Lecture Series on the Heritage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Springside Girl's School (K-12)

Stockton State College

University Alabama

University of California at Berkeley, CA

University of Connecticut

University of Kentucky Arboretum

University of Maryland

University of Pennsylvania (Depts. Of Biology and Geosciences)

W. Saul High School for Agricultural Sciences

Women in Natural Sciences Program at Academy of Natural Sciences

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (INTERNAL TO DREXEL AND ANSP)

Local organizer for a national scientific meeting of the Phycological Society of America, held at Drexel University in 2015; >200 attendees; organized plenary and scientific sessions, arranged for housing and meeting space logistics, field trips, and workshops.

K-12 Education, invited lecture and laboratory at Germantown Friends School

Public Science - BioBus lesson plans and participation at 2012 USA Science & Engineering Festival, Washington, DC

Phycological Society of America, participation at 2012 USA Science & Engineering Festival, Washington, DC

Udall Fellowship Advisory Committee, Drexel

Goldwater Fellowship Advisory Committee, Drexel

Botany Month at ANSP, January 2013

ANSP Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

Academy-wide Coordinating Committee

Education Department—Lectures, writing and committee work to develop lesson plans for national education curriculum (<u>Missouri Historical Society Educator Site</u>)

Coordinate Save America's Treasures grant

Behind the Scenes Tours of the Botany Department and Lewis and Clark Herbarium (40-50 per year)

Exhibit Design: Assist in design of exhibits for Republican National Convention, 2002 on Jefferson's Scientific Legacy; Curator's Corner; Genome; Biodiversity 911; Biodiversity Road Show; Philadelphia International Airport Lewis and Clark exhibit, 2004-2005.

Public speeches for groups visiting Academy from Lewis and Clark College, Ohio Wesleyan University, miscellaneous groups of students, etc.

Work with ANSP gift shop to develop pins, posters, hats, etc. with Academy connection to Lewis and Clark

Committee Work

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial preparation committee.

Chair, Ichthyology Search Committee

Chair, Internal Review Committee for Dr. Dominique Dagit; Member of Internal Review Committee for Dr. Theodore Daeschler

Strategic Planning Committees (Public Affairs, Databasing Infrastructure, Education)

Safety Committee

Information Committee, Center for Systematic Biology and Evolution

Organizing Committee, Symposium 300th Anniversary of John Bartram's Birth, May 1999, Academy of Natural Sciences.

Provide text and image information for venues exhibiting Lewis and Clark specimens, botany specimens.

Interviewed by reporters for stories on green algal research, Lewis and Clark, and miscellaneous natural history subjects.

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM

Free-lance science reporter, National Public Radio, 1980-1996.

AAAS Mass Media Science Fellowship. 1980. WGBH Radio, Boston.

AAAS Westinghouse Award for Science Journalism, 1984. National award for Best Radio Reporting; a two-part series on aquaculture broadcast on "All Things Considered," National Public Radio)

Writer and radio producer, NSF Office of Legislative and Public Affairs. Podcasts for *Science* 360, host and interviewer for online news conferences with NSF award recipients.