# **Emily Morgan Liljestrand**

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U.S. Citizen

#### Education

Michigan State University Quantitative Fisheries Center Degree: PhD in Fisheries Sciences

Aug 2017-Present Current GPA: 4.0

Advisor: Dr. James Bence

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

Jan 2015-Aug 2017 **GPA:** 4.0

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory **Degree:** M.Sc. in Fisheries Sciences

Advisor: Dr. Michael Wilberg

Fall 2009-Spring 2013

**Degree:** B.S. Biochemistry and Cell Biology

**GPA:** 3.79

Degree: B.A. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Degree: B.A. Asian Studies

## **Experience**

Rice University

# **Baylor College of Medicine**

Oct 2013-Jan 2015

Project Intern (paid)

P.I.: Dr. Jin Wang

- Prepared and maintained stocks of pancreatic cell lines
- Performed cell viability assays
- Trained in murine care and surgery
- Edited grant applications, personal statements, and submissions for publication

#### **Elite Private Tutors**

Oct 2013-Jan 2014

High School Tutor for Math, Science, and SAT Prep

### **Marine Biological Laboratory**

Summers 2012, 2013

Course Assistant for Neural Systems and Behavior Graduate Course

Director: Dr. Paul Katz (2012) Director: Dr. Hans Hofmann (2013)

- Assisted an intensive graduate level laboratory course
- Prepared solutions for use in neuroanatomy and physiology research
- Coordinated with several companies and departments to order, organize, and exchange microscopes, computers, and chemical stocks
- Managed, organized, and edited social media sites

#### Fish Behavior Laboratory

High School Volunteer

Dr. Hans Hofmann

Summers 2008, 2009 University of Texas at Austin

- Observed and recorded behavior in African cichlids *Astatotilapia burtoni*, including aggression, courtship, and mating
- Used data to estimate patterns of aggression based on blue-yellow pigment plasticity in dominant male cichlids
- Assisted in basic laboratory techniques such as animal maintenance and electrophoresis

## **Papers and Presentations**

Liljestrand EM, Wilberg MJ, Schueller, AM, Estimating migration and mortality of adult Atlantic menhaden with data from a large-scale mark-recapture study. Oral Presentation. Presented at: ICES/PICES Drivers of Dynamics of Small Pelagic Fish Resources, March 8, 2017; Victoria, BC, Canada.

Liljestrand EM, Wilberg MJ, Schueller, AM, Atlantic Menhaden Migration, Survival, and Exploitation Rates during 1966-1969. Oral Presentation. Presented at: American Fisheries Society National Meeting, August 25, 2016; Kansas City, MO.

Liljestrand EM, Wilberg MJ, Schueller, AM, Menhaden on the Move: A Quantitative Migration Model of Atlantic Menhaden (*Brevoortia tyrannus*) 1966-1969. Oral Presentation. Presented at: American Fisheries Society Tidewater Chapter Meeting, April 8, 2016; Edgewater, MD.

Liljestrand EM. Modeling Menhaden Migration. Presented at: Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Research Experiences for Undergraduates Seminar, July 21, 2015; Solomons, MD.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

Maryland Sea Grant Graduate Fellowship (2015-present)

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Graduate Education Committee Travel Grant (\$500)

University of Maryland Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant (\$400)

University of Maryland International Conference Student Support Award (\$213)

PICES Travel Grant (\$370)

#### Awards

Best Presentation Award, ICES/PICES Drivers of Dynamics of Small Pelagic Fish Resources (2017)

## **Workshops and Conferences**

ICES/PICES Drivers of Dynamics of Small Pelagic Fish Resources, Victoria, BC (2017)

AFS National Conference, Kansas City, MO (2016)

AFS Tidewater Chapter Meeting, Edgewater, MD (2016)

University of Maryland MEES Colloquium, Annapolis, MD (2016)

ICES Annual Science Conference, Copenhagen, DK (2015)

AFS National Conference, Portland, OR (2015)

Program MARK intermediate level workshop, Fort Collins, CO (2015)

AFS Tidewater Chapter Meeting, Pine Knoll Shores, NC (2015)

Marine Resources and Population Dynamics Workshop, Long Key, FL (2014)

East Coast Nerve Net Conference, Amherst, MA (2012)

#### **Professional Organizations**

American Fisheries Society

American Fisheries Society Tidewater Chapter American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists

## **Leadership Roles**

AFS Tidewater University of Maryland Student Subunit President (2016)

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Student Representative (2016)

Marine Estuarine Environmental Sciences Student Representative (2016)

Maryland Higher Education Council Student Representative (2016)

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory 5K Run for Research Organizational Chairman (2015)

AFS Tidewater University of Maryland Student Subunit Secretary (2015)

#### Outreach

Volunteer Docent at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Visitors Center (2015-Present)

## Blogging

AFS Tidewater University of Maryland Student Subunit Blog (http://afs-umd.blogspot.com/)
Maryland Sea Grant Fellowship Blog (http://www.mdsg.umd.edu/fellowship-experiences)

#### **Skills and Certificates**

## **Open Water Diver Certified**

PADI Diver No. 11050X2301 Coral Reef Conservation specialty

Project Aware specialty

#### **Computer Programs**

Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access

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MATLAB

**STELLA** 

MARK

AD Model Builder

#### Languages

Spanish (Excellent)

Japanese (Conversational)

#### **Graduate Record Examination**

Verbal Reasoning- 161, top 14% Quantitative Reasoning- 166, top 6% Analytical Writing- 5.5, top 4% Biology Subject Test- 760, top 21%