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EDUCATION

1999 Ph.D. (summa cum laude), Microbial Ecology, Max-Planck-Institute for Marine Microbiology (MPI-MM) and University of Bremen, Germany.

1996 M.S., (Diplom), Biological Oceanography, Alfred-Wegener Institute for Polar- and Marine Research and University of Bremen, Germany.

1992/93 Visiting graduate student (Fulbright Grantee), University of Washington (WA).

1990 B.S. (Vordiplom), Biology, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 – Associate Scientist w/ Tenure, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI)

2007 – 2012 Associate Scientist, WHOI

2002 – 2006 Assistant Scientist, WHOI

2002 Postdoctoral Investigator, WHOI

2000 – 2002 Postdoctoral Scholar, WHOI

1999 – 2000 Postdoctoral Investigator, MPI-MM, Bremen, Germany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Composition, diversity, and function of microbial communities, with the goal to understand the relationship between microorganisms and their biogeochemical transformations. Special interests include chemosynthetic processes that are important in a variety of environments, such as hydrothermal systems, oxygen minimum zones, and sulfidic marine sediments. An emphasis is on organisms involved in sulfur cycling, and the evolution and ecological importance of CO₂-fixation pathways other than the Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2010 Senior Fellowship of the Alfred Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald (Institute for Advanced Studies), Greifswald, Germany.

2004 Fellowship of the Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Studies), Delmenhorst, Germany

2000 Postdoctoral Scholar Award in Ocean Science and Engineering, WHOI

1992 Fulbright Scholarship, visiting graduate student at the School of Oceanography, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, sponsor: Prof. John A. Baross

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CRUISE PARTICIPATION

- DOBS cruise, R/V Endeavor, July 23 – Aug 9, 2012. Chief Scientist: Stefan Sievert, WHOI
- MESCAL leg 1, 9-10°N East Pacific Rise (EPR), N/O *L'Atalante* & DSV *Nautile*, April 27-May 2010, DSV *Nautile* dives 1726-1730. Chief Scientist: Nadine Le Bris, Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls sur mer, France.
- FIX08-II (AT15-38), Guaymas Basin and 9-10°N EPR, R/V *Atlantis* & DSV *Alvin*, Oct 13-Nov 5 2008, DSV *Alvin* dives 4457-4469. Chief scientist: Stefan Sievert, WHOI.
- FIX08-I (AT15-28), 9-10°N and 13°N EPR, R/V *Atlantis* & DSV *Alvin*, Dec 28 2007-Jan 19 2008, DSV *Alvin* dives 4457-4469. Chief scientist: Stefan Sievert, WHOI.
<http://www.interridge.org/node/5363>
- AT15-25, Guaymas Basin, R/V *Atlantis* & DSV *Alvin*, Oct 18-28 2007. DSV *Alvin* dives 4355-4359. Chief Scientist: Costantino Vetriani, Rutgers University.
- AT15-15, 9-10°N EPR, R/V *Atlantis* & DSV *Alvin*, Jan-Feb 7 2007, DSV *Alvin* dives 4297-4318. Chief Scientist: Timothy Shank, WHOI.
- RESET06 (AT15-06), 9-10°N EPR, R/V *Atlantis* & DSV *Alvin*, June 18-July 7 2006, DSV *Alvin* dives 4201-4207. Chief Scientist: Karen von Damm, University of New Hampshire. Our project contributed two *Alvin* dives to this community driven rapid response cruise to study the aftermath of the '05/'06 eruption.
- EXTREME 2002, 9-10°N EPR, R/V *Atlantis* & DSV *Alvin*, Oct 20-Nov 12 2002. Chief Scientist: Craig Cary, University of Delaware.
- Hydrothermal Fluxes and Biological Production in the Aegean and Fluxes in the Anoxic Basins of the Mediterranean Ridge (M40/2), Dec 2 – Dec 23, 1998, R/V *Meteor*, Chief Scientist: Peter Linke, IfM-Geomar Kiel, Germany.

PUBLICATIONS

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3. **Sievert, S. M.**, and C. Vetriani. 2012. Chemoautotrophic at deep-sea vents: Past, Present, and Future. *Oceanography Magazine* 25(1): 218-233.
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 6. Markert S., A. Gardebrecht, H. Felbeck, **S. M. Sievert**, A. Thürmer, D. Becher, J. Klose, D. Albrecht, A. Wollherr, R. Daniel, M. Kleiner, M. Hecker, T. Schweder. 2011. Status quo in physiological proteomics of *Endoriftia persephone*, the uncultured endosymbiont of the giant tubeworm *Riftia pachyptila*. *Proteomics* 11:3106-3117.
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 9. Hügler M., J. M. Petersen, N. Dubilier, J. F. Imhoff, and **S. M. Sievert**. 2011. Pathways of carbon and energy metabolism of the epibiotic community associated with the deep-sea hydrothermal vent shrimp *Rimicaris exoculata*. *PLoS One* 6(1): e16018. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0016018
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Microbiology (ASM), American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), American Geophysical Union (AGU), International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME), Vereinigung für Allgemeine und Angewandte Mikrobiologie e.V. (VAAM)

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