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Education

Ph.D., 1968-1973, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon (Oceanography).

M.S., 1966-1968, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin (Zoology).

B.S., 1962-1966, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan (Biological Sciences).

Current Research Interests

Research interests are food web interactions, particularly feeding mechanisms and life cycle strategies of zooplankton, benthos, and fish; and spatial distribution and interactions of all food web components. Current research projects include: dreissenid mussel feeding behavior, nutrient cycling, and ecosystem effects; long-term trends in zooplankton populations; impacts of the invasion of predatory cercopagids (*Bythotrephes* and *Cercopagis*) on Great Lakes food webs; and changes in spatial structure and function of Great Lakes food webs as driven by stressors such as hypoxia, invasive species, and interannual variability in weather (as surrogate for climate).

- Participates as an advisor in National Research Council Resident Research Associateships (Postdoctoral) Program for postdocs interested in research areas described above.

Professional Experience

April 2011-Present:

Chief, Ecosystems Dynamics Branch and Research Ecologist

July 1974-March 2011:

Research Ecologist (Series GS-408), NOAA/GLERL, Ann Arbor, MI

Duties: Develop research program for understanding ecology of the Great Lakes.

January 1972-July 1974:

Aquatic Ecologist, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Duties: Develop models to describe movement of radionuclides in aquatic systems, evaluate environmental impacts of nuclear power plants on aquatic systems, and develop research program to describe radionuclide cycling in on-site aquatic ecosystems.

Awards for Outstanding Publications

- International Association of Great Lakes Research Chandler-Misner Award Outstanding Article Award Journal of Great Lakes Research, 2010: “Kerfoot, W.C., F. Yousef, S.A. Green, J.W. Budd, D.J. SCHWAB, and H.A. VANDERPLOEG. Approaching storm: Disappearing winter bloom in Lake Michigan. Journal of Great Lakes Research 36:30-41 (2010).”
- Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 2008 Outstanding Scientific Paper Award for “VANDERPLOEG, H.A., T.H. JOHNGEN, P.J. Lavrentyev, C. Chen, G.A. LANG, M.A. Agy, M.H. Bundy, J.F. CAVALETTO, B.J. EADIE, J.R. LIEBIG, G.S. MILLER, S.A. RUBERG, and M.J. McCORMICK. Anatomy of the recurrent coastal sediment plume in Lake Michigan and its impacts on light climate, nutrients, and plankton. Journal of Geophysical Research 112(C03S90, doi:10.1029/2004JC002379):23 pp. (2007).”
- Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Department of Commerce Outstanding Scientific Paper Award, 2005 for “VANDERPLOEG, H. A., T. F. NALEPA, D. J. Jude, E. L. MILLS, K. T. HOLECK, J. R. LIEBIG, I. A. Grigorovich, and H. Ojaveer. Dispersal and emerging ecological impacts of Ponto-Caspian species in the Laurentian Great Lakes. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 59:1209-1228 (2002).”
- Environmental Research Laboratories, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Department of Commerce Outstanding Scientific Paper Award, 1996 for “VANDERPLOEG, H.A. Zooplankton particle selection and feeding mechanisms. In The Biology of Particles in Aquatic Systems, R.S. Wotton (ed.). Lewis Publishers, Ann Arbor, MI, 205-234 (1994).”

Recent Service

- Lower Trophic Level Task Group, Lake Michigan Committee (2015-present)
- Guest Editor of Journal of Great Lakes Research Special Issue “*Complex Interactions in Lake Michigan’s Rapidly Changing Ecosystem*”
- Invited seminar at Wayne State University “Ecological and Biogeochemical Consequences of the Dreissenid Mussel Invasion to the Great Lakes (10/30/13)”

- Judge at SE Michigan Science Fair for Aquatic Ecology awards for high school and middle school students (each March of the last 20 years)
- Great Lakes Regional Research Information Network (GLRRIN) workshop (April 1-2, 2014) organizing committee, local organizer, and presenter—To evaluate next steps for synthesizing Lake Michigan data associated with Year of Lake Michigan 2010 and plan for Year of Lake Michigan 2015.
- Special Session organizer and presenter at Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting 2014, Portland, OR, May 18-23, 2014 (2014)
- Chair, Special Session “Tracking and Understanding Changes in Lake Michigan’s Emerging Food Web.” International Association of Great Lakes Research Meeting (2013).
- Invited presenter at National Shellfisheries 104th Annual Meeting, Seattle Washington March 24-29, 2012.

Recent Proposal Funding

- EPA Coordinated Science and Monitoring Initiative Lake Michigan 2015 (\$250K)
- EPA Coordinated Science and Monitoring Initiative Lake Huron 2012 (\$323K)

Postdoc Mentoring

Marie H. Bundy, Miguel Dionisio Pires, Radka Ptáčniková, Mark D. Rowe.

Publications

1. Carrick, H.J., E. Butts, D. Daniels, M. Fehringer, C. Frazier, G.L. Fahnenstiel, S.A. Pothoven, and **H.A. Vanderploeg**. Variation in the abundance of pico, nano, and microplankton in Lake Michigan: Historic and basin-wide comparisons. *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41(Supplement 3):66-74. (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2015.09.009) (2015).
2. Madenjian, C.P., D.B. Bunnell, D.M. Warner, S.A. Pothoven, G.L. Fahnenstiel, T.F. Nalepa, **H.A. Vanderploeg**, I. Tsehaye, R.M. Claramunt, and R.D. Clark. Changes in the Lake Michigan food web following dreissenid mussel invasions: A synthesis. *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41(Supplement 3):217-231. (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2015.08.009) (2015).
3. Ptáčniková, R., **H.A. Vanderploeg**, and J.F. Cavaletto. Big versus small: Does *Bythotrephes longimanus* predation regulate spatial distribution of another invasive predatory cladoceran, *Cercopagis pengoi*? *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41(Supplement 3): 143-149. (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2015.10.006) (2015).
4. **Vanderploeg, H.A.**, D.B. Bunnell, H.J. Carrick, and T.O. Hook. Complex interactions in Lake Michigan's rapidly changing ecosystem. *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41 (Supplement 3): 1-6. (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2015.11.001) (2015).

5. **Vanderploeg, H.A.**, S.A. Pothoven, D.M. Krueger, D.M. Mason, J.R. Liebig, J.F. Cavaletto, S.A. Ruberg, G.A. Lang, and R. Ptacnikova. Spatial and predatory interactions of visually preying nonindigenous zooplankton and fish in Lake Michigan during midsummer. *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41(Supplement 3):125-142. (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2015.10.005) (2015).
6. Bai, X., J. Wang, J. Austin, D.J. Schwab, R.A. Assel, A.H. Clites, J.F. Bratton, M.C. Colton, J. Lenters, B.M. Lofgren, T. Wohlleben, S. Helfrich, **H.A. Vanderploeg**, L. Luo, and G.A. Leshkevich. A record-breaking low ice cover over the Great Lakes during winter 2011/2012: Combined effects of a strong positive NAO and La Nina. *Climate Dynamics* 44(5-6):1187-1213 (DOI:10.1007/s00382-014-2225-2) (2015).
7. Bootsma, H.A., M.D. Rowe, C.N. Brooks, and **H.A. Vanderploeg**. Commentary: The need for model development related to *Cladophora* and nutrient management in Lake Michigan. *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41 (Supplement 3):7-15. (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2015.03.023) (2015).
8. Rowe, M.D., E.J. Anderson, J. Wang, and **H.A. Vanderploeg**. Modeling the effect of invasive quagga mussels on the spring phytoplankton bloom in Lake Michigan. *Journal of Great Lakes Research* 41 (Supplement 3): 49-65 . (DOI:10.1016/j.jglr.2014.12.018) (2015).
9. Rowe, M.D., D.R. Obenour, T.F. Nalepa, **H.A. Vanderploeg**, F. Yousef, and W.C. Kerfoot. Mapping the spatial distribution of the biomass and filter-feeding effect of invasive dreissenid mussels on the winter-spring phytoplankton bloom in Lake Michigan. *Freshwater Biology* 60: 2270-2285. (DOI:10.1111/fwb.12653) (2015).
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