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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University.
Thesis Title: Functional characterization of salmonid cardiac troponin C.
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Glen F. Tibbits.
Year granted: 2003

M.Sc. Department of Zoology, University of Guelph.
Thesis Title: Influence of sub-zero temperatures on the mitochondrial membrane composition of marine bivalve molluscs.
Thesis Advisor: Dr. James S. Ballantyne.
Year granted: 1996

B.Sc. Honors (Marine Biology). University of Guelph.
Year granted: 1994

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Interim Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, Aug 1, 2019-June 1, 2022
College of Biological Sciences, University of Guelph

Professor, July 2019-

Department of Integrative Biology, University of Guelph

Visiting Professor, Sept 2013-July 2014

Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia

Associate Professor with tenure, July 2011-2019

Department of Integrative Biology, University of Guelph

Assistant Professor, July 2005-2011

Department of Integrative Biology, University of Guelph

Senior Research Fellow, 2004-2005

Department of Bioengineering, School of Medicine, University of Washington.

Research focus: Effects of PKA phosphorylation on cardiac contractility.

NSERC Post Doctoral Fellow, 2002-2004

Department of Bioengineering, School of Medicine, University of Washington.

Research focus: Influence of thin regulation on cardiac function.

Supervisor: Dr. Mike Regnier

Visiting NSF Scientist, 2001

McMurdo Research Station, Antarctica.

Research focus: Physiological adaptations to extreme low temperatures.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Discovery Accelerator Supplement, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, 2017-2019

Scholander Award for Research Excellence by a Young Investigator. American Physiological Society, 2003

Simon Fraser University Dean of Graduate Studies Convocation Medal in the Faculty of Science. 2003

William S. Hoar Award for Best Student Paper. Canadian Society of Zoologists. 2003

FELLOWSHIPS

- **NSERC Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, (\$84,000) 2002-2004
- **US Polar Programs (NSF) Biology Training Course in Antarctica**, (~\$30,000) 2001
- **Garfield Weston Graduate Fellowship in Marine Sciences**, (\$40,000) 2000 – 2001
- **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Doctoral Fellowship**, (\$80,000) 1998 – 2001
- **Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship**, 1998 - 2000 (declined)

PRESS ARTICLES REGARDING RESEARCH FROM THE GILLIS LAB

2021- Inside JEB editorial published in the *Journal of experimental Biology* entitled:

[Growing up is the best preparation for overwintering western painted turtles](#)

2018 – Article in *Conversation Canada* entitled:

[The Kinder Morgan pipeline and Pacific salmon; Red fish, black gold](#)

currently with ~4300 reads

2017 - *Canadian Press* article published in multiple websites and newspapers including

[Globe and Mail](#), [CTV](#), [CBC](#): entitled: “[Bitumen spill would harm swimming performance of migrating B.C. salmon: study](#)”

2017 - *CBC Radio Interview* and article entitled “[Fish heart science may hold key to preventing heart failure](#)”

2017 - *Guelph Mercury* article entitled:

[Growing fish hearts could yield positive results for humans, U of Guelph study finds](#)

2017 - *National Geographic* article entitled “[7 Reasons Hagfish Are Amazing \(#6: They Can Live in Dead Bodies\)](#)”

2016 - *Outside JEB* article published in the *Journal of Experimental Biology* entitled:

[“Salmon versus dilbit: it's a matter of the heart”](#)

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Funded

total = \$8,273,411

- 2022-2024 Predicting the impact of a diluted bitumen spill on sockeye salmon populations** (\$374,791 /2 yr) National Contaminants Advisory Group, *Fisheries and Oceans Canada*
Co-Applicants: Sarah Alderman (Co-PI, Guelph); Chris Kennedy (SFU); Anthony Farrell (UBC).
- 2022 Multidimensional Imaging System.** (\$150,000)
NSERC Research Tools and Instrument
Application to purchase of fluorescent microscope
Co-applicants: Sarah Alderman (PI), Nick Bernier, Fred Laberge, Amy Newman
- 2020-2023 Evaluating the impact of diluted bitumen exposure on early life stages of sockeye and coho salmon** (\$468,502 /2 yr)
National Contaminants Advisory Group, *Fisheries and Oceans Canada*
Co-Applicants: Sarah Alderman (Co-PI, Guelph); Chris Kennedy (SFU); Anthony Farrell (UBC).
- 2020 Measuring the influence of biomechanical forces on biological processes.** (\$74,000)
NSERC Research Tools and Instrument
Application to purchase of Flexcell tension system for cultured cells
Co-applicant: Nina Jones (PI, Guelph)
- 2019-2023, Effects of embryonic hypoxia on juvenile cardiac function** (\$1,092,000)
National Science Foundation (USA)
Co-applicants: Dane Crossley (PI, North Texas), Turk Rhen (North Dakota), Michael Hendrick (CSU, East Bay)
- 2019 High Frequency Cardiac Ultrasound for Comparative Cardiovascular Physiology** (\$150,000)
NSERC Research Tools and Instrument
Equipment purchased: Fujifilm Vivo 3100LT high frequency ultrasound
Co-applicants: T.E. Gillis (PI), John Dawson, Matt Vicaryous
- 2018-2021 Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: How Cardiac Actin Mutations Change Contractility** (\$276,000/3yr)
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada
Co-Applicants: John Dawson (PI, Guelph), Todd Gillis, Terry Van Ray (Guelph)

RESEARCH SUPPORT continued*Funded*

2017-2020, Effects of diluted bitumen exposure on physiological and morphological endpoints relevant to parr-smolt transition in Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) (\$225,000/3yr)

National Contaminants Advisory Group, Fisheries and Oceans Canada,

Co-applicants: T.E. Gillis (PI), S.L. Alderman (Guelph), C.J. Kennedy (SFU), A.P. Farrell (UBC)

2017-2020, Discovery Accelerator Supplement (\$120,000/3yr)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Canada

Operating funds for the Gillis Lab.

2017-2023, Mechanisms of change, cellular responses of the fish heart to physiological stress (\$240,000/5yr)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Canada

Operating funds for the Gillis Lab.

2017, Zebrafish Advanced Life Support System (\$149,000/1yr)

NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) program grant

Co-applicants: Terry Van Ray (PI, Guelph), Glen Van der Kraak (Guelph), Todd Gillis, Nick Bernier (Guelph) and John Dawson (Guelph)

2016, High Throughput Digital PCR Facility (\$170,000/1yr)

NSERC RTI program and the Advanced Analysis Center at the University of Guelph

Co-applicants: Todd Gillis (PI), and four others.

Purchased equipment: Bio-Rad digital droplet PCR system and Cryolys tissue homogenizer

2015, Validating the use of cardiac troponin I as a plasma biomarker of animal health in aquaculture species (\$25,000/0.5 yr)

Gryphon LAAIR Program funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food,

2015, The development of plasma biomarkers to detect cardiac stress for aquaculture and native salmonid populations (\$25,000/0.5yr)

NSERC Engage program

2014-2017, Effects of diluted bitumen exposure during early life stages on the aerobic capacity and cardiac fitness of Pacific sockeye salmon (\$432,500/3yr)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada National Contaminants Advisory Group

Co-Applicants: Todd Gillis (PI), Sarah Alderman (Guelph), Tony Farrell (UBC), Chris Kennedy (SFU),

RESEARCH SUPPORT continued*Funded***2013, Respirometry and environmental control in micro-aquatic systems, (\$81,292/1yr)**

NSERC Research tools and infrastructure (RTI) grant

Co-Applicants: Patricia Wright (PI, Guelph), Nick Bernier (Guelph) and Glen Van der Kraak. Respirometry equipment, and gas control systems for small aquatic animals**2012-2017, Adaptive strategies of the vertebrate heart (\$200,000/5yr)**

NSERC Discovery Grant,

2012, BioRad-ChemiDoc MP System, (\$83,000/1yr)

NSERC RTI grant,

Co-Applicants: Todd Gillis (PI), Doug Fudge, Nick Bernier, and four others.*Equipment purchased,* Bio-Rad ChemiDoc MP, Delta2D DIGE analysis software, three iMacs, BioRad proteomics equipment including turboblot, TC-25 cell counter and multiple protein gel systems.**2011, Graduate Student Support Award, (\$30,000/2yr)**

College of Biological Sciences, University of Guelph,

2010, Automated Fluorescence Spectrometer for Life Science Research, (\$88,676/1yr)

NSERC RTI,

Co-Applicants: Rod Merrill (PI), Stephan Graether.**2008, The Biomechanics of Skin Blistering Diseases: A Cellular and Biophysical Approach, (\$97,000/2YR)**

CIHR, Catalyst Grant Program,

Co-applicant: Douglas Fudge.**2008, Manufacture of high performance renewable fibres from hagfish slime thread proteins, (\$147,000/2yr)**

Advanced Food and Materials Network STAR program,

Co-applicants: Douglas Fudge (PI), Loon Tak (Food Sciences, Guelph), Laurent Kreplack (Physics, Dalhousie University)**2007, Protein expression facility, (\$65,608/1yr)**

NSERC RTI,

Equipment purchased: Amersham AKTA FPLC, New Brunswick large platform shaker, chromatography refrigerator, and chromatography columns/material**2007, Refrigerated Ultracentrifuge, (\$125,521/1yr)**

NSERC RTI,

Co-applicants: Glen VanderKraak (PI) Jim Ballantyne; Douglas Fudge, Joe Akerman, Nick Bernier, Gord McDonald, Pat Wright

RESEARCH SUPPORT continued*Funded*

2007, Chiller Upgrade, Hagen Aqualab, University of Guelph, (\$120,701/1yr)

NSERC RTI

Co-applicants: Jim Ballantyne (PI), Douglas Fudge, Nick Bernier

2006-2011, Regulation of cardiac contractility in teleost fishes, (\$160,000/5yr),

NSERC Discovery Grant

2006, Biomaterials Testing Station, (\$52,804/1yr)

NSERC RTI,

Co-applicant: Douglas Fudge (PI)

Equipment purchased: Zeiss microscope and an Instron benchtop Universal Testing Machine

2006, Tissue, Cell and Protein Dynamics Laboratory, (\$630,798/1yr)

Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Leader Opportunity Fund,

Co-applicant: Douglas Fudge

Equipment purchased: Perkin Elmer LS 55 Luminescence Spectrometer, Applied Photophysics SX20 Stopped Flow Spectrofluorometer, Custom muscle mechanics system from Aurora Scientific, Ettan Gel Electrophoresis System, Ettan IPGphor III Isoelectric Focusing System, MTS NanoBionix Testing System, Zeiss AxioImager Z1 Epifluorescent Microscope, and Laminar flow biological safety cabinet.

2005, Start-up funds, (\$100,000)

University of Guelph

2005-2008, Cooperative Thin Filament Activation, (\$1,392,000/4 yr)

US National Heart Lung and Blood Institute,

Co-applicants: Mike Regnier (PI), Don Martyn, Samantha Harris

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE*Post-Doctoral Fellows*

Dr. Elizabeth Johnston

Project : **Pathological response of the Coho heart to bitumen exposure**

2022-2023

Co-supervisor: Dr. SL Alderman

Dr. Feng Lin, Dept. Biology, Simon Fraser University

Project: **Biological endpoints of bitumen exposure in Coho Salmon**

2020-2021; Co-supervisors: Dr. Sl. Alderman; Dr C.J. Kennedy

Current position: *Research Scientist Golder Consulting*

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE*Post-Doctoral Fellows* continued

Dr. Georgina Cox

Project: **Metabolic Adaptation of the hagfish heart to low oxygen**
2018-2020

Current position: *Assistant Professor, Washington State University*

Dr. Sarah Alderman

Project: **Effects of diluted bitumen exposure during early life stages on heart development and aerobic capacity of Pacific sockeye salmon**
2014-2016

Current position: *Assistant Professor, University of Guelph*

Dr. Laura Dindia

Project: **The development of plasma biomarkers to detect cardiac stress for aquaculture and native salmonid populations**
2015-2016

Dr. Jordan Klaiman

Project: **Proteomic studies of high altitude adaptation in the Bar headed goose heart**
2014

Awarded PhD Scholarship from NSERC and Post-Doctoral Fellowship from Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

Current position: Research Scientist, Benaroya Research institute, Seattle WA.

Dr. Atsuko Negishi

Project: **Developing methods to produce high performance renewable fibres from hagfish slime thread proteins**

2008-2011

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE*Graduate Students*

Ms. Elizabeth Manchester, MSc candidate 2022-

Thesis title. Cardiac response to thermal cycling in the zebrafish

Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship Morwick Graduate Scholarship in aquatic biology

Mr. Jared Shaftoe, MSc candidate 2021-

Thesis title. Role of phospholamban in regulating the zebrafish heart during thermal acclimation

Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Mr. Chacko Sujith, MSc candidate 2021 –

Thesis title. Effects of diluted bitumen exposure on hypothalamus-pituitary-thyroid (HPT) axis and olfactory epithelium in Coho salmon

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Graduate Students continued

Mr. Reece Long, MSc Candidate 2021-

*Thesis title, **Role of thyroid hormone in regulating cardiac regeneration in zebrafish***
Awarded NSERC Graduate Scholarship

Ms. Derin Calik, MSc Candidate, 2021-

*Thesis title. **Molecular response of Coho fry to bitumen exposure***

Mr. Maria Yutsyschyna, PhD Candidate, 2020-

*Thesis title. **Cellular strategies to protect the hagfish heart during anoxia exposure and recovery***
Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship Morwick Graduate Scholarship in aquatic biology

Mr. Leonardi Nataprawira, MSc Candidate, 2019-

*Thesis title. **The influence of cold acclimation and biomechanical stretch on the function of cultured trout cardiac fibroblasts***

Ms. Yuwen Ding, MSc Candidate, 2017-2020

*Thesis title. **The effect of stretch on collagen deposition by cultured trout cardiac myocytes***
Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship
Current position: Research Scientist Technician

Mr. Sean Avey, MSc, 2017-2019

*Thesis title. **Effects of diluted bitumen exposure on Atlantic salmon smolts: Molecular and metabolic responses in relation to swimming performance.***
Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship
Current position: Research Technician, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Ms. Calli Freedman, MSc, 2016-2019

*Thesis title. **The role of corticotropin-releasing factor in protecting the heart during hypoxia exposure***
Awarded NSERC Graduate Scholarship
Current Position, *Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program , Guelph*

Ms. Lauren Gattrell, MSc, 2015-2017

*Thesis title. **Metabolic function of the hagfish heart during long-term anoxia exposure***
Current position: Veterinary Technician

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Graduate Students continued

Dr. Sarah Shorno, PhD, 2014-2017

Thesis title. The dynamics of hagfish slime thread production and assembly in the gland thread cell (GTC)

Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Current Position, Undergraduate Lab Instructor, University of Guelph

Dr. Elizabeth Johnston, PhD, 2012-2019

Thesis title. Regulation of collagen deposition by trout cardiac fibroblasts

Awarded Scholander Award from the American Physiological Society (2018)

Current Position: Research Scientist, Finless LLC

Ms. Elizabeth Sears, MSc, 2011-2014

Thesis title. Evolution of cardiac troponin function in vertebrates

Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Current position: Researcher, Canadian Museum of Nature

Dr. Jordan Klaiman, PhD, 2007- 2013

Thesis title: The effects of thermal acclimation on the functional properties of the trout myocardium

Awarded PhD Scholarship from NSERC and Post-Doctoral Fellowship from Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

Current position: Project Manager, Heart Regeneration Program, University of Washington , Seattle WA

Ms. Nicole Pinto, MSc, 2010-2012

Thesis title. Production of a bio-polymer from recombinant vimentin

Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship and PhD Scholarship from Western

Co-supervisor: Dr. Doug Fudge

Current position: PhD Student, Western University

Ms. Silvana Miller, MSc, 2008-2010

Awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Thesis title: Effect of hypoxia exposure on the development of the cardio-respiratory system in rainbow trout

Current position: Research Associate, Humber College

Ms. Kelly Kirkpatrick, MSc, 2006-2009

Thesis Title: Cloning and functional characterization of trout cardiac troponin I

Current position: High school teacher, Bishop Straughn High School Toronto

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE*Undergraduate thesis students supervised*

** = thesis published in peer reviewed journal

Ms. Elizabeth Manchester, **Influence of warm acclimation on the structure and function of the zebrafish heart** 2021 – 2022

Current position: MSc student, University of Guelph

Mr. Jared Shaftoe **Influence of thermal acclimation on cardiac function in zebrafish characterized using high frequency ultrasound** 2020-2021

Current position: MSc student, University of Guelph

Ms. Stephanie Gunby, **Influence of anoxia exposure on digestion in hagfish** 2019-2020

Current position: MSc student, University of Guelph

Ms. Rachael McKinnon, **Cellular response of the hagfish heart to oxygen reperfusion following anoxia exposure** 2019-2020

Current position: MSc student, University of Guelph

Ms. Mellisaa Fanti-Cocco, **Recovery of the isolated heart following anoxia exposure** 2018-2019

Current Position: world traveler

Ms. Allegra Pearce, **Cardiac function in the anoxic hagfish.** 2017-2018

Current Position: MSc Student, McGill.

Ms. Sophie Ding, **Differences in contractile function of diaphragm myofilaments from deer mice adapted to high altitude. 2016-2017

Current Position: MSc Student, Guelph.

Ms. Sierra Sutcliffe, **Quantifying change in actin gene expression in the zebrafish heart during development. 2016-2017

Current Position: Medical school, Toronto.

Mr. Sean Avey, **Characterizing the impact of green fluorescent protein expression in the zebrafish heart on cardiac development and aerobic function. 2015-2016

Current Position: MSc Student, Guelph.

Mr. Craig Jurkiewicz, **Influence of exercise training and hypoxia exposure on cardiac morphology and aerobic fitness in trout.** 2015-2016

Current Position: Veterinary Technician

Ms. Laura Shaw, **Characterizing the influence of exercise and hypoxia exposure on neuroplasticity in the trout brain** 2015-2016

Current Position: Research Technician, University of Guelph

Mr. David Bakker, **Influence of cold acclimation on the metabolism of swimming zebrafish.** 2014-2015

Ms. Ariana Bonder, **Role of TGF- β in the regulation of trout cardiac fibroblasts** 2014-2015

Current Position: Researcher, Ministry of the Environment

Mr. Abiran Sritharan, **Influence of cold acclimation on the aerobic fitness of zebrafish.** 2013-2014

Current Position: Research Technician, Guelph.

Ms. Amy Johnston, **Influence of cold acclimation on the histology and connective tissue content of the zebrafish heart. 2013

Current Position: PhD Student University of Alberta

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Thesis Students Supervised

** = thesis published in peer reviewed journal

Ms. Melanie Barry, **Influence of cold acclimation on the expression and phosphorylation of SERCA and phospholamban in the hearts of the burbot and crucean carp** 2012-2013.

Current position: Graduate program in aquaculture, Sir Sanford Fleming

Ms. Elizabeth Johnston, **Influence of hypoxia exposure during embryonic development on the aerobic capacity of trout fry. 2011-2012

Current Position: PhD Student, University of Guelph

Ms. Elizabeth Sears, **Influence of chronic hypoxia exposure on the expression of the cardiac contractile proteins during ontogeny of the rainbow trout.** 2011-2012

Current Position: Research Canadian Museum of Nature

Ms. Courtney Deck, **Influence of Cold Acclimation on TnI expression in the cardiac, slow skeletal, and fast skeletal muscle of the rainbow trout. 2011-2012

Current position: PDF, University of North Carolina.

Ms. Nicole Pinto, **Cloning of cardiac troponin T from the trout.** 2010-2011

Current position: PhD Student, Western University

Mr. Andrew Robertson, **Role of PKA phosphorylation in the regulation of cardiac troponin function 2009-2010

Was awarded an NSERC graduate scholarship

Current position: Medical Doctor, Toronto

Ms. Emily Van de Laar, **Application of DIGE to studying contractile protien phosphorylation.** 2007-2008

Current position: Veterinarian

Ms. Silvana Miller, **Influence of chronic hypoxia exposure on the metabolic rate of salmonid embryos during development. 2007-2008

Completed MSc University of Guelph

Ms. Caley Nadon, **Changes in the expression of troponin I mRNA during development.** 2007-2008

Current position: Dentist, Toronto

Ms. Brechan McGooley, **Changes in heart rate of rainbow trout embryos during hypoxia exposure.** 2006-2007

Current position: High school science teacher, Toronto

Ms. Heather Freamo, **Ca²⁺ sensitivity of actin myosin activity in the trout heart.** 2005

Completed MSc, University of Guelph

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE*Research Technicians*

Ms. Laura Shaw, University of Guelph, 2016

Mr. Alex Noble, University of Guelph, 2015-2016

Ms. Nicole Pinto, University of Guelph, 2013-2014

Dr. Ruby Sawhney, University of Guelph, 2005-2007

Ms. Collette Norby-Slycorte, University of Washington, 2003-2005

Graduate Student Supervisory Committees

- Mr. Kyle Madden, Integrative Biology (MSc)
Thesis topic: **Impact of temperature on growth and development of cultured sturgeon**
2021-
- Ms. Keeley Schwaan, Biomedical Sciences (MSc)
Thesis topic: **Reparative properties of gecko skin**
2020-
- Ms. Giulia Rossi, Integrative Biology (PhD)
Thesis topic: **Influence of aerial exposure on the structure and function of striated muscle in the mangrove rivulus.**
2017 - 2021
- Mr. Elias Taylor, Integrative Biology (PhD)
Thesis topic: **Evolution of thyroid signaling function in echinoderms**
2019-
- Mr. Michael Alcorn, Integrative Biology (MSc)
Thesis Topic: **Leptin and the regulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-interrenal stress axis in rainbow trout**
2017-2019
- Mr. Sheridan Baker, Integrative Biology (PhD)
Thesis Topic: **The role of prostaglandins in zebrafish ovulation**
2017-2021
- Ms. Love Sandhu, Molecular and Cellular Biology (MSc)
Thesis Topic: **Characterizing how Human actin mutations affect actin myosin ATPase**
2017-2019
- Ms. Kelsey Halliwushka Integrative Biology (MSc)
Thesis topic: **Influence of SSRI's on cardiac function and reproduction in daphnia.**
2016-2018
- Mr. Haidun Liu, Molecular and Cellular Biology (MSc)
Thesis topic: **Characterizing the function of cardiac actin mutants using the *in vitro* motility assay**
2015-2017
- Ms. Kelly Leveque, Integrative Biology (MSc)
Thesis topic: **Interacting effects of temperature and CO₂ on fitness of rainbow trout.**
2014-2016
- Mr. Andy Turko, Integrative Biology (PhD)
Thesis topic: **Physiological adaptations of the mangrove killifish to aerial exposure.**
2013-2019
- Mr. Andrew Foster, Human Health and Nutritional Sciences (PhD)
Thesis title: **Diaphragm dysfunction in mouse models of end stage heart failure**
2012-
- Ms. Maria Anillo Molecular and Cellular Biology (MSc)
Thesis title: **Characterizing the function of cardiac actin mutants using the *in vitro* motility assay**
2012-2014

Graduate Student Supervisory Committees

- Ms. Marissa Dahari, Molecular and Cellular Biology (MSc)
Thesis Title: Influence of actin mutations on protein-protein interaction within the cardiac myofilament
 2010-2012
- Mr. David Irwin, Integrative Biology (MSc)
*Thesis Title: The Regulation and roles of locally-produced insulin-like growth factors on ovarian function in zebrafish (*Danio Rerio*)*
 2009-2011
- Ms. Melissa Chow, Molecular and Cellular Biology (MSc)
Thesis title: Molecular stability of cardiac actin mutants
 2008 - 2010
- Mr. Noah Shapiro, Integrative Biology, Guelph (MSc)
Thesis title: Changes in fatty acid composition in cellular membranes of estivating lungfish 2008 - 2010
- Mr. Ryan Demers, Molecular and Cellular Biology (MSc)
Thesis title: Characterization of the human cardiac actin variant M305L.
 2007 - 2009
- Ms. Fenghua Yang, Biomedical Sciences, OVC (PhD)
Thesis title: Role of cap-Z in the development of cardiac dysfunction
 2007 - 2012
- Ms. Anna Loncar, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Guelph (MSc)
Thesis title: Self-assembly of actin and the influence of specific mutations
 2007 - 2009
- Ms. Christiana Simpson, Integrative Biology, Guelph (MSc)
Thesis title: Characterization of the expression and regulation of retinoic acid isoforms in various stages of zebrafish ovarian follicles
 2006 - 2008
- Ms. Ursula Polack, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Guelph (MSc)
Thesis title: Understanding the role of protein phosphorylation in starch synthesis
 2006 – 2008

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS***In Review***

**Undergraduate thesis research, *Graduate student, ^SPost Doctoral Fellow

- 2) Joyce^S, W., Ripley, D.M., Gillis, T.E., Coward-Black, A., Shiels, H.A., & Hoffmann, F.G., (2022) **A revised perspective on the evolution of troponin I and troponin T in vertebrates.** *In second review at: Genome Biology and Evolution*
- 1) Jared B. Shaftoe**, Elizabeth A. Manchester** and Todd E. Gillis (2022) **Cold acclimation followed by warm acclimation causes reversible cardiac remodeling in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)** *In review at: Journal of Experimental Biology* Oct 2022

Published

**Undergraduate thesis research, *Graduate student, §Post Doctoral Fellow

- 60) Gabrielle Perugini**, Mackenzie Edgar, Feng Lin, Christopher J. Kennedy, Anthony P. Farrell, Todd E. Gillis, Sarah L. Alderman (2022) **Age matters: comparing life-stage responses to diluted bitumen exposure in coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*). *Aquatic Toxicology*. 253**
- 59) §Lin F., Alderman, S.L., Gillis, T.E., & Kennedy, C.J. (2022) **Diluted Bitumen Affects Multiple Physiological Systems in Sockeye Salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) Embryo to Juvenile Life Stages**. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/etc.5362>
- 58) E.F. Johnson*, T.E. Gillis. (2022). **Regulation of collagen deposition in the trout heart during thermal acclimation**. *Current Research in Physiology*. 5: 99-108.
- 57) S.L. Alderman, C.L. Riggs§, T.E. Bullingham**, O.M.N., Gillis, D.E. Warren. (2021). **Cold acclimation induces life stage-specific responses in the cardiac proteome of western painted turtles (*Chrysemys picta bellii*): implications for anoxia tolerance**. *Journal of Experimental Biology*. 224(14): doi: 10.1242/jeb.242.
- 56) Yuwen Ding*, Elizabeth F Johnston*, Todd E Gillis. (2021). **Mitogen-activated protein kinases contribute to temperature induced cardiac remodelling in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) heart**. *Journal of Comparative Physiology (B)*. Sep 29: doi: 10.1007.
- 55) Cox§, G. K. and Gillis, T.E. **Surviving anoxia: the maintenance of energy production and tissue integrity during anoxia and reoxygenation**. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 2020 223, jeb207613
- 54) Alderman SL, Dilkumar**, CM, Avey*, SR, Farrell AP, Kennedy CJ, Gillis TE. **Effects of diluted bitumen exposure and recovery on the seawater acclimation response of Atlantic salmon smolts**. *Aquat Toxicol*. 2020 Jan 20;221:105419. doi: 10.1016/j.aquatox.2020.105419.
- 53) Avey* SR, Kennedy CJ, Farrell AP, Gillis TE, Alderman SL. **Effects of diluted bitumen exposure on Atlantic salmon smolts: Molecular and metabolic responses in relation to swimming performance**. *Aquat Toxicol*. 2020 Jan 23;221:105423. doi: 10.1016/j.aquatox.2020.105423.
- 52) Alderman S.L., Crossley, D.A., Elsey, R.M., Gillis, T.E. **Growing up gator: a proteomic perspective on cardiac maturation in an oviparous reptile, the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*)**. *J Comp Physiol B*. 2020 Mar;190(2):243-252. doi: 10.1007/s00360-020-01257-6.
- 51) Johnston*, E.F., Gillis, T.E. **Short-term cyclical stretch phosphorylates p38 and ERK1/2 MAPKs in cultured fibroblasts from the hearts of rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss***. *Biol Open*. 2020 Jan 10;9(1). pii: bio049296. doi: 10.1242/bio.049296.
- 50) Johnston*, E.F., Cadonic*, I.G., Craig, P.M., Gillis, T.E. **microRNA-29b knocks down collagen type I production in cultured rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) cardiac fibroblasts**. *J Exp Biol*. 2019 Sep 6;222(Pt 17). pii: jeb202788. doi: 10.1242/jeb.202788.
- 49) Ding**, Y., Lyons*, S.A., Scott, G.E., & Gillis, T.E. **Characterizing the influence of chronic hypobaric hypoxia on diaphragmatic myofilament contractile function and phosphorylation in high-altitude deer mice and low-altitude white-footed mice**. *J Comp Physiol B*. 2019 Aug;189(3-4):489-499.

Published Peer Reviewed Papers continued

**Undergraduate thesis research, *Graduate student, §Post Doctoral Fellow

- 48) Alderman, S.L., Crossley, D.A., Elsey, R.M. & Gillis, T.E. (2019) **Hypoxia-induced reprogramming of the cardiac phenotype in American alligators (*Alligator mississippiensis*) revealed by quantitative proteomics.** *Scientific Reports* doi: 10.1038/s41598-019-45023-3.
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- 46) Johnston*, E. F., & Gillis, T. (2018). **Transforming growth factor- β 1 induces differentiation of rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) cardiac fibroblasts into myofibroblasts.** *Journal of Experimental Biology*, 221., doi: 10.1242/jeb.189167.
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- 53) Pinto, N., Negishi, A, Fudge D.S., Gillis T.E., Kreplak, L. Rheinstadter, M., Yang F., **Physical characterization of fibres produced from recombinant vimentin.** Canadian Society of Zoologists, Annual Meeting, University of Guelph, 2013
- 52) Negishi, A, Kreplak, L. Rheinstadter, M., Armstrong, C., Gillis T.E., Fudge D.S., **Renewable material from hagfish slime thread proteins.** Canadian Society of Zoologists, Annual Meeting, University of Guelph, 2013
- 51) Klaiman, J.M., Pyle, W.G., and Gillis, T.E. **Functional and morphological changes in the trout heart during thermal acclimation.** Experimental Biology, Boston MA USA, 2013.
- 50) Klaiman, J.M., and Gillis, T.E. **Functional and morphological changes in the trout heart during thermal acclimation.** Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting. San Francisco CA, USA, 2013.
- 49) Klaiman, J.M. and Gillis, T.E. **The effect of thermal acclimation on isometric force generation and cross-bridge kinetics in trout cardiac trabeculae.** Society of Experimental Biology annual meeting Salzburg, Austria, 2012
- 48) Johnston E. and Gillis, T.E. **The influence of hypoxia exposure during embryonic development on aerobic capacity of rainbow trout fry.** Canadian Society of Zoologists, Annual Meeting, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB. 2012
- 47) Alderman, S.L., Klaiman, J.M., Deck, C.A., and Gillis T.E. **Effect of cold acclimation on troponin I isoform expression in striated muscle of rainbow trout** Canadian Society of Zoologists, Annual Meeting, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB. 2012
- 46) Gillis T.E. **The evolution of the regulatory control of the vertebrate heart; the role of protein phosphorylation.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of Ottawa, On, 2011.
- 45) Klaiman, J.M., and Gillis, T.E., **Characterizing functional changes in the myocardium of the trout heart during thermal acclimation.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of Ottawa, 2011.
- 44) Gillis T.E. **The effects of temperature acclimation on the cardiac actin-myosin ATPase and cardiac proteome of rainbow trout.** International Congress on the Biology of Fishes, 2010, Barcelona Spain.
- 43) Gillis T.E., **The role of PKA in regulating the function of the trout heart.** International Congress on the Biology of Fishes, 2010, Barcelona Spain.
- 42) Gillis T.E., **The effects of temperature acclimation on the cardiac actin-myosin ATPase and cardiac proteome of Rainbow trout.** Society of Experimental Biology, 2010 Annual Meeting, Prague, CZ
- 41) Gillis T.E., **Evolution of the regulatory control of the vertebrate heart: the role of the contractile proteins.** Society of Experimental Biology, 2010 Annual Meeting, Prague, CZ
- 40) Klaiman, J, Fenna, A, Shiels, H.A. and Gillis T.E. **The effects of temperature acclimation on the cardiac actin-myosin ATPase and cardiac proteome of Rainbow trout.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, BC, 2010.
- 39) Gillis T.E., Robertson A, Klaiman, J.M., **The role of PKA in regulating contractile function in the rainbow trout heart.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, BC, 2010.

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- 38) Miller, S.C., Wright, P.A., and Gillis, T.E. **Chronic hypoxia alters cardiac regulation in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) during early life stages.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, BC, 2010.
- 37) Robertson, A and Gillis T.E. **Phosphorylation and Ca²⁺ affinity of cardiac troponin in rainbow trout.** Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry Workshop, Keen Ont
- 36) Hanner, R, Gillis, T., Bentzen, P., Symington, A, and Legault T. **Bio-pedagogy and Barcoding: the Canadian National Market Survey.** 3rd International Barcode of Life Conference in Mexico City, 2009
- 35) Negishi A, Gilyan A, Kreplak L, Lim L-T, Gillis TE, and Fudge DS. (2009). **Renewable materials from intermediate filament proteins.** Advanced Foods and Materials Network Annual Scientific Conference, Guelph.
- 34) Korte, F.S., Regnier M. and Gillis T.E. **Influence of acidic pH on the rate of force development in cardiac muscle.** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting, Boston, MA Biophysical Journal: Supplement, 2009
- 33) Negishi A, Gilyan A, Kreplak L Lim L-T, Gillis T.E. and Fudge DS (2009). **Exploring the potential of intermediate filament protein-based materials.** Polymerix 2009, Rennes, France.
- 32) Kirkpatrick, K.P and Gillis, T.E **Identification and characterization of cardiac troponin I from the trout heart,** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting, Boston, MA Biophysical Journal: Supplement, 2009
- 31) Miller, S.C., Wright, P.A., and Gillis, T.E. **Oxygen Concentration in the Water Boundary Layer Next to Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) Embryos is Influenced by Hypoxia Exposure Time, Metabolic Rate, and Water Flow.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of Toronto Scarborough, On, 2009.
- 30) Kirkpatrick, K.P., Robertson, A., Klaiman, J.M. Polack, U, Gillis, T.E. **Cloning and Characterization of Trout Cardiac Troponin.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of Toronto Scarborough, On, 2009
- 29) Klaiman J. and Gillis, T.E. **The Effect of Temperature Acclimation on the Activity and Ca²⁺ Sensitivity of Trout Cardiac Actin-Myosin ATPase.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, University of Toronto Scarborough On, 2009.
- 28) Miller, S.C., Wright, P.A., and Gillis, T.E. **Ontogeny of the hypoxia response in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) embryos.** Comparative Physiology Workshop, Rice Lake On, 2009
- 27) Robertson A, Kirkpatrick, K.P., Robertson, A., Klaiman, J.M. Polack, U., Gillis, T.E. **Cloning and characterization of trout cardiac troponin I.** Comparative Physiology Workshop, Rice Lake On, 2009
- 26) Klaiman J. and Gillis, T.E. **Characterizing the cardiac proteome of rainbow trout during cold acclimation,** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, Halifax, NS, 2008.
- 25) Kirkpatrick, K.P and Gillis, T.E. **Identification and functional characterization of the troponin complex in trout heart** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, Halifax, NS, 2008
- 24) Gillis, T.E. and C. R., Marshall. **Functional and evolutionary relationships of troponin C in striated muscle.** International Congress of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry, Salvador, Brazil, 2007

Published Meeting Abstracts continued.

- 23) Lulham, T. and Gillis, T.E. **Characterizing changes in protein expression in the trout heart using 2-D DIGE.** International Congress of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry, Salvador, Brazil, 2007
- 22) Kirkpatrick, K.P and Gillis, T.E. **Cloning and sequence comparison of troponin I and troponin T from the trout heart.** International Congress of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry, Salvador, Brazil, 2007
- 21) Kirkpatrick, K.P. and Gillis, T.E. **Cloning and sequence comparison of troponin I and troponin T from the trout heart.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, 2007
- 20) Kreutziger, K, Gillis, T.E., Flint, G. et al. **Effects of EMD 57033 on cardiac contractile mechanics and kinetics,** February 2006, Annual Biophysical Society Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah *Biophysical Journal: Supplement*, 2006
- 19) Gillis, T.E., Martyn, D.A., Regnier, M. **Altering the kinetics of cardiac activation through manipulating the interactions between cardiac troponin C and cardiac troponin I,** April 2005. San Diego, CA. *FASEB Journal. Supplement* (2005).
- 18) Gillis, T.E., Kreutziger, K.L., Clemmens, E.W., Rivera, A.J., Tikunova, S.B., Davis, J.P., Regnier, M. **Cardiac vs skeletal muscle: Differences in thin filament regulation of force development.** February 2005. Long Beach, CA. *Biophysical Journal: Supplement* (2005)
- 17) Gillis, T.E., Liang, B., Chung, F., & Tibbits, G.F. **Increasing mammalian cardiac myocyte contractility with residues identified in trout cardiac troponin C.** February 2005. Long Beach, CA. *Biophysical Journal: Supplement* (2005).
- 16) Kreutziger, K.L., Gillis, T.E., Tikunova, S., Regnier, M. **Effects of TnC with increased Ca²⁺ affinity on cooperative activation and force kinetics in skeletal muscle.** February 2004. Baltimore, MD. *Biophysical Journal: Supplement* (2004).
- 15) Gillis, T.E., & Tibbits, G.F. **Sequence manipulations of cardiac troponin C that increase Ca²⁺ affinity.** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting. March, 2003. San Antonio, TX. *Biophysical Journal: Supplement* (2003).
- 14) Blumenschein, T.M.A., Gillis, T.E., Tibbits, G.F. & Sykes, B.D. **Effects of temperature on protein structure: Trout troponin C.** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting. March, 2003. San Antonio, TX. *Biophysical Journal: Supplement* (2003).
- 13) Blumenschein, T.M.A., Gillis, T.E., Tibbits, G.F. & Sykes, B.D. **Structure of trout cardiac troponin C at 30 and 7 °C.** International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems. August, 2002. Toronto, ON. Published in conference proceedings.
- 12) Gillis, T.E., Moyes, C.D., & Tibbits, G.F. **Sequence manipulations of cardiac troponin C that allow cardiac function at low temperatures in teleost fishes.** The American Physiological Society Sponsored Meeting: The Power of Comparative Physiology Evolution, Integration and Application. August, 2002. San Diego, CA.
- 11) Gillis, T.E., & Tibbits, G.F. **Salmonid and icefish cardiac troponin C: A study in molecular evolution.** International Congress on the Biology of Fish Vancouver, BC. July, 2002. Published in conference proceedings.
- 10) Gillis, T.E., & Tibbits, G.F. **A fishy tale of molecular adaptation; the story of trout and icefish cardiac troponin C.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting. Leathbridge, AB. May, 2002. Published in conference proceedings

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- 9) Gillis, T.E., Blumenschein, T.M.A., Sykes, B.D., & Tibbits, G.F. **Site I binds Ca²⁺ in trout cardiac troponin C.** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting. March, 2002. San Francisco, CA. *Biophysical Journal*. 82 (1): 1886 (2002)
- 8) Blumenschein, T.M.A., Gillis, T.E., Tibbits, G.F., & Sykes, B.D. **Effect of temperature on trout cardiac troponin C structure.** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting. March, 2002. San Francisco, CA. *Biophysical Journal*. 82 (1): 1887 (2002)
- 7) Gillis, T.E., & Tibbits, G.F. **Beating the cold, the functional evolution of troponin C in teleost fish.** Society of Experimental Biology Annual Meeting. April, 2001. Canterbury, England. Published in conference proceedings.
- 6) Gillis, T.E., and Tibbits, G.F. **A molecular investigation of thermal adaptation in the salmonid heart, the role of troponin C.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting. May, 2000. St. Andrews, NB. Published in conference proceedings.
- 5) Gillis, T.E., Marshall, C.R., Xue, X.H., Borgford, T.J., Tibbits, G.F. **Temperature and pH effects on Ca²⁺ affinity in mammalian and salmonid cardiac troponin C.** Annual Biophysical Society Meeting. April, 2000. New Orleans, LA. *Biophysical Journal*. 78 (1): 2161 (2000)
- 4) Gillis, T.E., Marshall, C.R., Xue, X.H., Borgford, T.J., Tibbits, G.F. **Temperature and pH effects on Ca²⁺ affinity in mammalian and salmonid cardiac troponin C.** International Conference of Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology. August, 1999. Calgary, AB. Published in conference proceedings.
- 3) Gillis, T.E., Stuart, J.S., and Ballantyne, J.S. **Estivation in the terrestrial snail, *Cepaea nemoralis*, induces compositional changes in mitochondrial membranes.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting. May, 1997. London, ON
- 2) Gillis, T.E., and Ballantyne, J.S. **The influences of sub-zero temperatures on mitochondrial membrane composition in marine bivalve mollusks.** Experimental Biology. April, 1997. New Orleans, LA. *FASEB Journal*. 11 (3): 161 (1997).
- 1) Gillis, T.E., & Ballantyne, J.S. **Thermal adaptation of mitochondrial membranes in Arctic marine bivalves.** Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting. May, 1996. St Johns, NF. Published in conference proceedings.

COURSES TAUGHT***Undergraduate***

- **Undergraduate Thesis in Integrative Biology**, (400 level), 2014-2015; 2018-2019 (30 students)
- **Adaptational Physiology**, (400 level) 2017, (80 students)
- **Comparative Animal Physiology I**, (300 level), 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (~230 students/offering). *Course taken by Pre-veterinary and BSc students*
- **Developmental Animal Biology**, (300 level), 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2016, 2018 (~200 students/offering). *Required course for Pre-veterinary and BSc students*
- **Marine Biology and Oceanography Field Course**. (400 level), 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (20 students/offering)
- **Lab Studies in Ichthyology**. (400 level), 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (~50 students/offering)
- **Lab Studies in Herpetology**. (300 level), 2008 (~50 students/offering)
- **Integrative Vertebrate Biology**. (300 level), 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (~100 students/offering)

Graduate

- **Advances in comparative animal physiology**, 2015, 2022
- **Graduate biophysics**, 2010
- **Current Topics in cardiovascular research**, 2009, 2010, 2019, 2020
- **Current topics in cardiac physiology**, University of Washington, School of Medicine. 2004.

COURSE DESIGN AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- **Comparative Animal Physiology I and Comparative Animal Physiology 2**, 300 level, Course redevelopment 2014
- **Lab studies in Comparative Animal Physiology I and Comparative Animal Physiology 2**, 300 level, Course creation 2014
- **Capstone course in Marine and Fresh Water Biology**, 400 level. Course creation 2013
- **Animal Developmental Biology**, 300 level. Lab redevelopment, 2010
- **Integrative Vertebrate Biology**, 400 level. Course creation, 2008
- **Lab Studies in Ichthyology**, 400 level. Course creation, 2008
- **Lab Studies in Ornithology**, 400 level. Course creation, 2008
- **Lab Studies in Mammology**, 400 level. Course creation , 2008
- **Lab Studies in Herpetology**, 400 level. Course creation, 2008

PUBLICATIONS FROM TEACHING**Papers published in “Studies by Undergraduate Researches at Guelph”.**

This work was completed on the Marine Field Course taught by T.E. Gillis

- 6) Melanie Barry **The effect of abiotic and biotic factors on the size distribution and abundance of the blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) in tide pools on a rocky intertidal shore** SURG Vol. 6, No.2, Winter 2013, 78-83.
- 5) Kaitlyn Wagner **The effects of an autotomy event on the protein concentration of intact arms and respiration rate of *Asterias vulgaris*** SURG Vol. 6, No.2, Winter 2013, 84-87.
- 4) Shannon Ferraro **Effects of salinity on the fertilization success and early larval development of the sand dollar *Echinarachnius parma*** SURG Vol.6 , No.2, Winter 2013, 88-92.
- 3) Olivia Knight. **Acute toxicity of silver nitrate to *in vitro* fertilization of the sand dollar, *Echinarachnius parma*.** SURG Vol. 4, No.2, Winter 2011, 71-74
- 2) Jess Johansson. **An epibiont mediated increase in the susceptibility of *Mytilus edulis* to predation by *Nucella lapillus*.** SURG Vol. 4, No. 1, Fall 2010, 65-71
- 1) Katie Bell. **Effects of aerial exposure on size of the common barnacle (*Semibalanus balanoides*), an inhabitant of the intertidal zone in St. Andrews, New Brunswick.** SURG. Vol. 3, No. 2, Winter 2010, 52-58

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

International Positions and Commitments

Co-Editor and Chief of the **Encyclopedia of Fish Physiology** Second Edition (Elsevier), 12 Editors and 300 authors. Will be published in 2024

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Thermal Biology* 2022-

Guest Editor, **Current Research in Physiology**, Special Issue “*Environmental remodeling of the cardiovascular system*”. Published Jan 2022

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Comparative Physiology B*, 2020-

Pre-examiner of PhD Thesis submitted to the **University of Eastern Finland** entitled:
Thermal tolerance of electrical excitation of the roach (rutilus rutilus) heart. by Ahmed Osman Badr, 2018

Co-Editor of 2 volumes in the Fish Physiology Series

1) The cardiovascular system: Morphology, Control and Function. 7 Chapters, 456 pages Elsevier. 2017 **Hardcover ISBN: 9780128041635**

2) The cardiovascular system: Development plasticity and physiological responses. Volume 36B in *Fish Physiology* book series. 7 Chapters, 516 pages Elsevier. 2017 **Hardcover ISBN: 9780128041642**

Editorial Board Member, *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology - Part B: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology* 2013-

Symposium Organizer

-“*Surviving anoxia: the role of mitochondria and the maintenance of metabolic function*” 2022 **Society of Experimental Biology Annual Meeting**, Montpellier France.

-“*Mechanisms of change, physiological response to environmental stressors*” 2018 **Comparative Physiology: Complexity and Integration**. Intersociety meeting of the American Physiological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana USA

-“*Consequences of physiological stressors on the development and function of the cardiovascular system*” 2017, **Experimental Biology**, Chicago, Illinois, USA

-“*Emerging models for studying the cardiovascular system*”. 2015 **Society of Experimental Biology Annual Meeting** Prague, Czech Republic

-“*Remodeling of physiological systems in response to environmental change*”. 2013 **Society of Experimental Biology Annual Meeting**, Valencia, Spain

-“*Structural modulators of muscle contraction affecting animal locomotion and*

behavior". 2012 **Society of Experimental Biology Annual Meeting** Salzburg, Austria

-*"Keeping pace in a changing environment, the limits of regulatory control"* 2010 **International Congress on the Biology of Fish**, Barcelona Spain

-*"Adaptational capacity of striated muscle"* 2007 **International Congress of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry**. Salvador, Brazil

Guest Editor of special issue (Volume 44, 2014) of *Journal of Thermal Biology* based on symposium organized at the 2013 Society of Experimental Biology Annual Meeting.

Chair of the International Relations Committee on the Physiological Genomics Steering Committee of the American Physiological Society. **Elected position** 2011-2014

Grant Reviewer for National Science Foundation (US) and NSERC, 2005-

Manuscript reviewer for: Nature Climate Change, Journal of Physiology, Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology, Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Journal of Experimental Biology, PloS One, Journal of Fish Biology, Genomics, Lipids, Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry B. Journal of Experimental Zoology, Journal of Comparative Physiology -B.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Positions and Commitments

Invited Member of Expert Panel that provided advice regarding standard toxicity methods to evaluate biological effects of heavy oil on aquatic ecosystems for National Contaminants Advisory Group, Fisheries and Ocean (Canada). Ottawa, February 2017. This work resulted in a [published research report](#).

External Examiner – MSc Thesis – Ms. Sarita Pellowe, Memorial University, 2016

Chair of Local Organizing Committee for the 2013 Annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Zoologists held at the University of Guelph. 433 delegates attended the meeting. 2012-2013

Chair of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award Panel in general biology. 2010

Member of Users Committee for the Huntsman Marine Science Center, St. Andrews, NB. 2009-2012

Conference co-organizer, 19th Annual Comparative Physiology Workshop. Rice Lake Ontario. ~100 participants. 2009

Councilor - Canadian Society of Zoologist. **Elected position** on council representing

member interests. 2007- 2010

University Positions and Commitments

Committee Member, College of Biological Sciences Equality Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Guelph 2021/4 - 2023/9

Committee Member, Search committee for Assistant Professor in Comparative Physiology, University of Guelph, 2022/7 - 2022/12

Committee Member, Canada Research Chair Advisory Committee, University of Guelph, 2022/6 – 2022/12. Review panel for all CRC and CERC applications developed by the University of Guelph.

Chair, CBS zebrafish breeding facility committee, University of Guelph 2022/3 - 2022/12
Led efforts to advocate for, and then create, a facility to breed zebrafish for Guelph Researchers.

Committee Member, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Guelph 2020/9 - 2022/6
Committee, chaired by the Associate VP Graduate Studies, that developed policies to support EDI within the Graduate student and Postdoctoral group on campus.

Chair, Search committee for Canada Research Chair Tier 2 in Microbial Functional Genomics and Synthetic Biology, University of Guelph, 2020/9 - 2021/2

Ex-Officio member, Faculty Search Committee for 2 positions in Neurobiology in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Guelph. 2020

Senator, University Senate, University of Guelph 2021-2022

Committee Member, Research Continuity Committee during Covid 19 pandemic, University of Guelph Committee, Chaired by the Vice President Research and composed of Associate Deans Research, that created University policies and support programs to preserve research activity at Guelph during the pandemic. 2020/3 - 2022/5

Chair, Institutional Refresh of Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, University of Guelph of Guelph, 2021-2022

Chair, Advisory Group for the Central Animal Facility, University of Guelph, 2020-2021

Ex-Officio member, Faculty Search Committee for position in Gut Microbiome in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Guelph. 2020

Ex-Officio member, Faculty Search Committee for position in Aquatic Ecology in the Department Integrative Biology, University of Guelph. 2020

College of Biological Sciences (CBS) Representative, Research Advisory Board, Office of

Research, University of Guelph. Committee Chaired by the Vice President Research that sets strategic direction of research enterprise as well as provides advice on research priorities 2019-2022

CBS Representative, Research Services Committee, Office of Research, University of Guelph. Committee chaired by the Associate Vice President Research Services, that sets policies and procedures associated with the research enterprise of the University 2019-2022

CBS Representative, Graduate Studies Council, Office of the Provost, University of Guelph Committee chaired by the Associate Vice President Graduate Studies that sets policies and makes recommendations regarding all issues associated with Graduate students and Post-Doctoral Researchers 2019-2022

Ex-Officio member, Faculty Search Committee for Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Precision Nutrition, Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences, University of Guelph. 2019

Ex-Officio member, Faculty Search Committee for 2 positions in Biochemistry, Department Of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Guelph. 2019

Committee Member, Deans Advisory Council, College of Biological Sciences, University of Guelph 2019-2022

Lead of Institutional Quality Assurance Process (**IQAP**) committee for the Department of Integrative Biology. Tasked with authoring a report, mandated by the Province, that critically evaluates all Undergraduate and Graduate Programs offered by the Department. 2017 **Resulting Report**: Gillis T.E, Hinks S, McCombe D., and Fryxell J. Department of Integrative Biology Institutional Quality Assurance Review Prepared for the Senate Committee on Quality Assurance Part 1: Self Study (2017), 113 pages

Chair of the College of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Awards Committee 2016-2019

Elected Member University of Guelph Senate 2016-2019

Member of the strategic planning committee for the College of Biological Sciences, University of Guelph 2016

Member of Graduate Studies and Awards committee, Integrative Biology, 2015-2016

Member of search committee for Departmental Chair, Integrative Biology, 2015

Chair of Physiology curriculum subcommittee 2014 – 2015

Member of Tenure and Promotion committee 2014 – 2015

Member of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2011-2012

Chair of Seminar Committee, Department of Integrative Biology. 2007-2012

Founding Member of the Center of Cardiovascular Research at Guelph.

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/CardiovascularResearch/index.html>

Member of Chairs Advisory Committee, Integrative Biology 2010 – 2016

Member of Graduate Teaching Assistantship assignment committee. 2010 – 2012

Reviewer of animal utilization protocols for academic/methodological merit for the Animal Care Committee. 2009-

Co-creator, with Dr. Doug Fudge, of the Comparative Physiology website at the University of Guelph. <http://www.comparativephys.ca/>

Member of hiring committee for a faculty position in Functional Genomics in the Department of Integrative Biology. 2007

GRADUATE STUDENT DEFENSES AND PHD QUALIFYING EXAMS

Student	Exam and Role	Year	Supervisor/Department
Jessica Joshua	Qualifying Exam, External Examiner	2020	Fonfara/BioMed
Alex Noonan	Qualifying Exam, External Examiner	2020	Brown/HHNS
Kristen Bill	MSc - Chair	2019	Teretsky/IB
Michael Alcorn	MSc – committee member	2019	Bernier/IB
Nicole Mazara, MSc	Examiner	2019	Power/HHNS
Kanu Singh	Qualifying Exam, Extnal Examiner	2019	Akhtar/MCB
Sean Avey	MSc – committee member	2019	Gillis/IB
Calli Freedman	MSc – committee member	2019	Gillis/IB
Breanna Hall	Qualifying Exam, Departmental Examiner	2019	Heylan/IB
Elizabeth Johnston	PhD- committee member	2019	Gillis/IB
Andy Turko	PhD- committee member	2018	Wright/IB
Kevin Morely, MSc	MSc - Chair	2018	Newman/IB
Sarah Schorno, PhD	PhD- committee member	2017	Gillis/IB
Elias Taylor	MSc - examiner	2017	Heyland (IB)
Lauren Gatrell	MSc – committee member	2017	Gillis (IB)
Teagan Williams	PhD - examiner	2017	Bernier (IB)
Kathy Jacyniak	PhD Qualifying exam – external examiner	2017	Vickaryous, Ontario Veterinary College
Quentin Heffell	MSc- examiner	2016	Wright (IB)

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Shannon Ferraro	MSc- examiner	2015	Fudge (IB)
Nicholas Edmunds	MSc - Chair	2015	McCann
Zackary Harris	MSc- Chair	2015	Husband/McAdam
Elizabeth Johnston	PhD Candidacy Exam -	2015	Gillis
Elizabeth Sears	MSc- committee member	2014	Gillis
Jordan Klaiman	PhD- committee member	2014	Gillis
Adrienne McLean	MSc -Chair	2014	McLaughlin
Lauren Jarvis	MSc - Chair	2014	McCann
Marcia Chaisson	PhD – Exam committee Chair	2013	Ferguson/ Integrative Biology (IB)
Ashley Miller	PhD -Departmental Examiner	2013	Heyland/ IB
Peter McKay	MSc- Exam Committee Chair	2012	Griswold/IB
Marissa Darhi	MSc – Exam committee member	2012	Dawson/Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB)
Steve Cho	MSc – Departmental examiner	2012	Bernier/IB
Fenghua Yang	PhD – Exam committee member	2012	Pyle/Biomedical Science (Biomed)
Mellisa Robillard	PhD – Exam committee Chair	2012	McLaughlin/IB
Dave Irwin	MSc – Exam committee member	2011	Van Der Kraak/IB
Julie Vanden Byllaardt	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2011	Ackerman/IB
Tegan Williams	PhD qualifying exam - Examiner	2011	Bernier/IB
Silvanna Miller	MSc – Exam committee member	2010	Gillis/Wright
Noah Shapiro	MSc – Exam committee member	2010	Ballantyne/IB
Laura Bedouin	PhD – Exam committee Chair	2010	Nudds/IB
Ashley Miller	PhD Qualifying Exam - Departmental examiner	2010	Heyland/IB
Maureen Mundia	MSc – Exam committee member	2010	Dawson/MCB
Jordan Klaiman	PhD Qualifying Exam – exam	2009	Gillis/IB
Noel Quin	PhD – Exam committee Chair	2009	Ackerman/IB
Kelly Kirkpatrick	MSc – Exam committee member	2009	Gillis/IB
Ryan Demers	MSc – Exam committee member	2009	Dawson/MCB
Anna Loncar	MSc – Exam committee member	2009	Dawson/MCB
Ursula Polack	MSc – Exam committee member	2009	Emes/Tetlow/MCB
Christina Simpson	MSc – Exam committee member	2008	Van Der Kraak/IB
Feng Hua Yang	PhD Qualifying Exam - committee member	2008	Pyle/ Biomed
Sarah Pinto	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2008	MacDougall
Eugene Wong	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2008	Hanner/Gregory
See Ling Liew	MSc – External Examiner	2008	Kirby/Biomed
Curtis McKague,	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2007	Fryxell/IB
Gustavo Enrique	MSc – External Examiner	2007	Pyle/Biomed
Natasha Frick	PhD – Departmental Examiner	2007	Ballantyne/IB
Collette Ward	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2007	McCann/IB
Jeremy Rouse	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2006	Brooks/IB

CURRICULUM VITAE**Todd E. Gillis, PhD**

Cosima Ciuhandu	MSc – Departmental Examiner	2006	Wright-Stevens/IB
Pam Wesley	MSc – Exam committee Chair	2006	Brooks/IB
Barry Madison	PhD - Departmental Examiner	2006	Bernier /IB
Angela Eykelbosh	MSc - Departmental Examiner	2005	Vanderkraak/IB

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Society of Experimental Biology
- American Physiological Society
- Biophysical Society
- Canadian Society of Zoologists

DELAYS

Parental leave January 1-June 1, 2010

CURRENT COLLABORATIONS

Dr. S.L. Alderman	Guelph	Influence of bitumen exposure on development and cardiac function in Pacific salmon
Dr. N.J. Bernier	Guelph	Role of CRF in protecting the trout heart from hypoxia exposure
Dr. Dane Crossely	North Texas	Proteomic studies of hypoxia induced cardiac hypertrophy in alligators.
Dr. W. Joyce	Manchester/Aarhus	The evolution of the regulatory control of cardiac function
Dr. Chris Kennedy	Simon Fraser University	Characterizing the influence of bitumen exposure on cardiac develop and function in early life stages of Pacific salmon
Dr. W.G. Pyle	Guelph	Role of protein phosphorylation in regulating cardiac function
Dr. G.R. Scott	McMaster	Functional studies of diaphragm muscle for high altitude deer mice
Dr. H.A. Shiels	Manchester	Cardiac hypertrophy in trout
Dr. D. Fudge	Chapman	Ecophysiology of hagfish