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Research interests

Biological fluid mechanics, phytoplankton biology and ecology, suspension feeding, imaging, scientific programming.

Education

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| 2016 | Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography, University of Maine
Dissertation: Fluid dynamics of active suspension feeding
Advisors: Pete Jumars and Damian Brady |
| 2012 | M.S. in Biological Oceanography, University of Maine
Thesis: Polychaete burrowing behavior in sand and mud
Advisors: Pete Jumars and Sara Lindsay |
| 2007 | B.S. in Microbiology with a Photography minor, University of California at San Diego |

Professional appointments

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| Jan. 2023– | Assistant professor of Marine Science
Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium |
| 2020–2022 | Postdoctoral associate, University of Oregon
Advisor: Kelly Sutherland |
| 2019–2020 | Adjunct instructor, University of South Florida |
| 2017–2020 | Postdoctoral researcher, University of South Florida
Advisor: Brad Gemmell |

Publications

- [23] Alejandro Damian-Serrano, Kai A Walton, Anneliese Bishop-Perdue, Sophie Bagoye, Kevin T Du Clos, Bradford J Gemmell, Sean P Colin, John H Costello, and Kelly R Sutherland. Colonial architecture modulates the speed and efficiency of multi-jet swimming in salp colonies. *Journal of Experimental Biology*, jeb-249465, 2025
- [22] Kelly R Sutherland, Alejandro Damian-Serrano, Kevin T Du Clos, Brad J Gemmell, Sean P Colin, and John H Costello. Spinning and corkscrewing of oceanic macroplankton revealed through in situ imaging. *Science Advances*, 10(20):eadm9511, 2024
- [21] Kevin T Du Clos and Brad J Gemmell. Does the settling column method underestimate phytoplankton sinking speeds? *Royal Society Open Science*, 11(2):231455, 2024
- [20] Nils B. Tack, Kevin T. Du Clos, and Brad J. Gemmell. Fish can use coordinated fin motions to recapture their own vortex wake energy. *Royal Society Open Science*, 11(1):231265, 2024
- [19] Sanjib Gurung, Kevin T Du Clos, Abdullah Aldaddi, and David W Murphy. Aggregation of zooplankton in a Stommel Retention Zone in a laboratory model of Langmuir circulation. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 2023
- [18] Janet R Voight, Philipp R Heck, and Kevin T Du Clos. Competition in the deep sea: phylogeny determines destructive impact of wood-boring xylophagoids (mollusca: Bivalvia). *Marine Biodiversity*, 53(1):1–9, 2023
- [17] Kevin T Du Clos, Brad J. Gemmell, Sean P. Colin, John H. Costello, John O. Dabiri, and Kelly R. Sutherland. Distributed propulsion enables fast and efficient swimming modes in physonect siphonophores. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(49):e2202494119, 2022
- Featured on *New Scientist* (BBC), *Nine to Noon* (Radio New Zealand), and *Think Out Loud* (Oregon Public Broadcasting).
- [16] David M Durieux, Kevin T Du Clos, David B Lewis, and Brad J Gemmell. Benthic jellyfish dominate water mixing in mangrove ecosystems. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(30), 2021
- [15] Nimish Pujara, Kevin T Du Clos, Stephanie Ayres, Evan A Variano, and Lee Karp-Boss. Measurements of trajectories and spatial distributions of diatoms (*Coscinodiscus* spp.) at dissipation scales of turbulence. *Experiments*

in *Fluids*, 62(7):1–15, 2021

[14] Nils B Tack, Kevin T Du Clos, and Brad J Gemmell. Anguilliform locomotion across a natural range of swimming speeds. *Fluids*, 6(127), 2021

[13] Kevin T Du Clos, Lee Karp-Boss, and Brad J Gemmell. Diatoms rapidly alter sinking behavior in response to changing nutrient concentrations. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 66:892–900, 2021

[12] Brad J Gemmell, Kevin T Du Clos, Sean P Colin, Kelly R Sutherland, and John H Costello. The most efficient metazoan swimmer creates a ‘virtual wall’ to enhance performance. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 288(1942):20202494, 2021

- Featured in *The New York Times* and on the *Quirks and Quarks* radio show (CBC).

[11] Sean P Colin, John H Costello, Kelly R Sutherland, Brad J Gemmell, John O Dabiri, and Kevin T Du Clos. The role of suction thrust in the metachronal paddles of swimming invertebrates. *Scientific Reports*, 10:17790, 2020

[10] Sara M Garcia, Olivia H Hawkins, Kevin T Du Clos, and Brad J Gemmell. Sublethal effects of crude oil and chemical dispersants on the eastern oyster: Are later life history stages more vulnerable? *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, 8(10):808, 2020

[9] Kevin T Du Clos, Lee Karp-Boss, Tracy A Villareal, and Brad J Gemmell. *Coscinodiscus wailesii* mutes unsteady sinking in dark conditions. *Biology Letters*, 15(3):20180816, 2019

[8] Kevin T Du Clos, John O Dabiri, John H Costello, Sean P Colin, Jennifer R Morgan, Stephanie M Fogerson, and Brad J Gemmell. Thrust generation during steady swimming and acceleration from rest in anguilliform swimmers. *Journal of Experimental Biology*, 222(22), 2019

[7] Kevin T Du Clos, Amy Lang, Sean Devey, Philip J Motta, Maria Laura Habegger, and Brad J Gemmell. Passive bristling of mako shark scales in reversing flows. *Journal of The Royal Society Interface*, 15(147), 2018

- Featured in *The Independent*, *Ars Technica*, *New Scientist News*, and *Fox News* articles.

[6] Kevin T Du Clos and Houshuo Jiang. Overcoming hydrodynamic challenges in suspension feeding by juvenile *Mya arenaria* clams. *Journal of The Royal Society Interface*, 15(138):20170755, 2018

[5] Kevin T Du Clos, Ian T Jones, Tyler J Carrier, Damian C Brady, and Peter A Jumars. Model-assisted measurements of suspension-feeding flow velocities. *Journal of Experimental Biology*, 220:2096–2107, 2017

- Featured in the 2018 *Journal of Experimental Biology* calendar.

[4] Kevin T Du Clos. Visualizing subsurface burrowing by the polychaete *Alitta virens* with particle image velocimetry. *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods*, 12:703–712, 2014

[3] T L Ogden and Kevin T Du Clos. ‘SWeRF—A Method for Estimating the Relevant Fine Particle Fraction in Bulk Materials for Classification and Labelling Purposes’ by Pensis, Luetzenkirchen, and Friede. *Annals of Occupational Hygiene*, 58(6):784–787, 2014

[2] Kevin T Du Clos, Sara M Lindsay, and Peter A Jumars. Spatial distribution of *Alitta virens* and *Chlymenella torquata* with respect to rigid boundaries in mud and sand. *Journal of Marine Research*, 71(3):211–226, 2013

[1] Ranhy Bang, Lorraine Marnell, Carolyn Mold, Mary-Pat Stein, Kevin T Du Clos, Corinn Chivington-Buck, and Terry W Du Clos. Analysis of binding sites in human C-reactive protein for Fc γ RI, Fc γ RIIA, and C1q by site-directed mutagenesis. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 280(26):25095–25102, 2005

Submitted manuscripts

Kendall Cospers and Kevin T Du Clos. Realistic turbulence levels trigger faster sinking in the diatom *Coscinodiscus* sp. submitted

Public protocols

Marco Milton, Kendall Cospers, and Kevin Du Clos. The shell seeker: Oyster larvae sampling with the planktoscope v3. *protocols.io*, August 2024. DOI: 10.17504/protocols.io.14egn6jzpl5d/v3

Funding

2025-2027	NSF Biological Oceanography Program - Collaborative Research: Tentaculate ambush predators in 3D: Trophic effects of tentacle arrangement and morphology in an understudied group. Co-PI with PI Kelly Sutherland, University of Oregon. Total budget: \$732,584, Du Clos portion: \$330,189.
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2024	Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation: Tracking Larval Abundance and Recruitment to Enhance Oyster Restoration in Southern Louisiana. Lead PI. Budget: \$15,000.
2024	LA Sea Grant Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program - Tracking oyster larval abundance and settlement to enhance oyster restoration in coastal Louisiana. Budget: \$3,500.
2021-2024	NSF GEO-NERC Collaborative Research: Novel imaging, physiology and numerical approaches for understanding biologically mediated, unsteady sinking in marine diatoms. Co-PI, PIs: Brad Gemmell, Lee Karp-Boss, and Glen Wheeler. Du Clos portion: \$102,756.

Invited seminars

June 2024	The Water Institute
April 2024	Louisiana State University – Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences
March 2023	Dauphin Island Sea Lab
March 2023	University of New Orleans – Department of Biological Sciences
Sep. 2022	University of Maine – School of Marine Sciences
April 2022	Microscale Ocean Biophysics Seminar Series – Virtual
Feb. 2022	National Museum of Natural History, Department of Invertebrate Zoology – Virtual
May 2021	University of Oregon, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology – Virtual
March 2020	University of South Florida, Department of Integrative Biology – Tampa, FL
Jan. 2018	University of South Florida, College of Marine Sciences – St. Petersburg, FL

Honors, awards, and fellowships

Dec. 2024	LaDIA Faculty Fellowship Louisiana Sea Grant
Jan. 2018	Postdoc Travel Award Office of Graduate Studies, University of South Florida
Aug. 2016	Chase Distinguished Research Assistantship Graduate School, University of Maine
May 2016	Faculty Choice Talk School of Marine Sciences Graduate Student Symposium, University of Maine
April 2016	Graduate Research Excellence Award College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture, University of Maine

Courses taught

Spring 2023 – Present	Changing Coastal Oceans – LUMCON
Spring 2019 – Fall 2019	Biology Skills – University of South Florida Primary instructor for three semesters
Spring 2018	Independent study: Research skills – University of South Florida

Undergraduate students mentored

2025	Henry Schaefer - REU: Oyster larval settling. J'Me Bryant - REU: Oyster larval settling. Jodie Somau - STEM Prep: Plankton sampling and phytoplankton culturing. Marco Milton - Research Internship: Effects of metallic nanoparticles on phytoplankton.
2024	Phoenix Savage - REU: Effects of cell size on diatom sinking. Sophie Cummings - STEM Prep: Phytoplankton culturing and identification.

	Marco Milton - LA Sea Grant UROP: Quantifying oyster larval abundances.
2023	Kendall Cospes - REU: Effects of turbulence on diatom sinking. Marco Milton - STEM Prep: Phytoplankton culturing and image processing.
2022	Ascensy Perez: Estimating reproductive status of marine zooplankton from photographs.
2021	Kayla Nease: Siphonophore morphometrics.
2019	Hailley Nieves: Effects of crude oil on marine snow communities.
2018	Hailley Nieves: Thrust and drag forces associated with accelerating lamprey swimming. Edward Goode: Effects of oil exposure on copepod escape responses. <i>Received 'Excellence in Research' award from USF for project.</i>
2017	Marcos Martinez: Effects of oil droplet exposure on oyster suspension feeding.
2013–2015	Ian Jones, Tyler Carrier, and Carolyn Garrity: Quantification of suspension feeding flow using particle image velocimetry (PIV)
2011	Alexander Borsky: Tracer study of bioturbation activity.

Guest lectures

October 2024	Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium The Ocean and Society Course Eutrophication and Hypoxia lecture and discussion
March 2023	University of South Florida, Mechanical Engineering Department Biofluids and Bioinspired Design Course Biomechanics of swimming in sharks and siphonophores
Feb. 2021	University of South Florida, Mechanical Engineering Department Biofluids and Bioinspired Design Course Biomechanics of swimming in sharks and siphonophores
Feb. 2021	University of Oregon, Institute of Ecology and Evolution Marine Biology Course Benthic Communities
Jan. 2019	University of South Florida, Integrative Biology Department Marine Biology Course Adaptations for the chemical and physical environment
Oct. 2018	University of South Florida, Mechanical Engineering Department Biological Fluid Mechanics Course Biomechanics of swimming and suspension feeding
Oct. 2018	University of South Florida, Integrative Biology Department Marine Ecosystem Dynamics Course Coastal processes
June 2014	Darling Marine Center, University of Maine MATLAB for Marine Scientists Image processing

Conference presentations (as presenter)

Aug. 2025	Traits Based Approaches to Ocean Life – Pacific Grove, CA Poster: Tentacle arrangement and morphology in gelatinous tentaculate ambush predators
March 2025	Louisiana Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force Meeting – Baton Rouge, LA Talk: Harmful algal bloom monitoring at LUMCON
Feb. 2024	Ocean Sciences Meeting – New Orleans, LA Talk: Modeling diatom density changes associated with unsteady sinking
Jan. 2022	Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

	Talk: Mapping siphonophore capture surfaces
Jan. 2021	Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting – Virtual Poster presentation: Synchronous swimming in siphonophores yields higher maximum speeds but lower efficiency and higher cost of transport
Jan. 2020	Ocean Sciences Meeting – San Diego, CA Talk: Dynamic Unsteady Sinking Behavior in Marine Diatoms: Rapid Responses to Changing Nutrient Conditions.
Jan. 2020	Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill & Ecosystem Science Conference – Tampa, FL Poster presentation: Microzooplankton Communities Associate with Oiled Marine Snow.
Jan. 2019	Microscale Ocean Biophysics Meeting – Whistler, Canada Poster presentation: Effects of light and nutrients on unsteady diatom sinking.
Jan. 2019	Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting – Tampa, FL Talk: Flexible scales of the mako shark respond to drag inducing small-scale flow features.
Feb. 2018	Ocean Sciences Meeting – Portland, OR Talk: The Pressure's On, Then Off: Sea Lampreys Rapidly Switch from Push to Pull Thrust When Accelerating from Rest.
Nov. 2016	Microscale Ocean Biophysics Meeting – Eilat, Israel Talk: Suspension-feeding rates of juvenile clams
Feb. 2016	Ocean Sciences Meeting – New Orleans, LA Talk: Particle image velocimetry (PIV) measurements of suspension-feeding velocities
Jan. 2015	Microscale Ocean Biophysics Meeting – Aspen, CO Poster presentation: Modeling pipette capture regions.
Feb. 2014	Ocean Sciences Meeting – Honolulu, HI Poster presentation: Factors affecting refiltration by model filter feeders.
Mar. 2013	Benthic Ecology Meeting – Savannah, GA Talk: Particle image velocimetry for surface visualization of <i>Alitta virens</i> burrowing.
Mar. 2012	Benthic Ecology Meeting – Norfolk, VA Poster presentation: Preferential burrowing of <i>Alitta virens</i> at rigid boundaries in mud but not sand.

Professional service and outreach

April 2024	LUMCON Open House: Lab tours and demonstrations.
Dec. 2023	Blue Works Ribbon Cutting: Lab demonstrations.
2021-2022	Postdoctoral representative, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Biology Department, University of Oregon
Oct. 2021	Organized and taught MATLAB workshop for graduate students, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, University of Oregon
Nov. 2020	Postdoc Panel, University of South Florida, Department of Integrative Biology
Jan. 2019	Session co-chair, "Swimming: It's a Drag", Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, Tampa, FL
May 2016	Darling Marine Center Open House, University of Maine
April 2016	Elementary school presentation on the scientific method, Great Salt Bay Community School, Damariscotta, ME

Proposal reviewer

NSF Physical Oceanography, USC Sea Grant

Journal reviewer

Limnology and Oceanography; *Journal of Experimental Biology*, *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*; *Integrative and Comparative Biology*; *Physics of Fluids*; *Estuarine, Coastal, and Shelf Science*; *Frontiers in Marine Science*; *Bioinspiration and Biomimetics*; *Annals of Occupational Hygiene*; *Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology*; *Invertebrate Biology*

Professional societies

Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Workshops and courses attended

April 2025	Algal Culturing Techniques Course – National Center for Marine Algae and Microbiota
June 2015	Particle Turbulence-Interactions in the Plankton Workshop – Darling Marine Center
Aug. 2009	Aquatic Microbial and Molecular Ecology Course – University of Southern Denmark
2008	Limnology, Microbiology, and Ecology courses – University of New Mexico

Research cruises and field research

May 2025	Field research – Kona coast of Hawai'i Trophic impacts of tentaculate ambush predators.
July 2022	Research cruise – Oregon and Washington coast, R/V Marcus G. Langseth Collection and analysis of gelatinous zooplankton for size spectrum analysis.
Apr. 2022	Field research – Kona coast of Hawai'i Salp and siphonophore swimming and morphology.
Mar. 2022	Research cruise – Oregon and Washington coast, R/V Sikuliaq Collection and analysis of gelatinous zooplankton for size spectrum analysis.
Sep. 2021	Field research – Kona coast of Hawai'i Salp and siphonophore swimming and morphology.
May 2021	Field research – Friday Harbor Laboratories Siphonophore swimming and morphology.
June 2017	Field research – Keys Marine Laboratory Distribution of the upside-down jellyfish <i>Cassiopea</i> .
Sep. 2012	Research cruise – Gulf of Maine, R/V Cape Hatteras Assisted with zooplankton sampling (e.g., rosette casts and net tows) on deck and with the processing of chlorophyll samples.
July 2010	Field research – Friday Harbor Laboratories, University of Washington Assisted in setting up and maintaining a field experiment on <i>Abarenicola</i> polychaete bioturbation with Sara Lindsay while performing additional independent research.