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Research Interests

I am a quantitative ecologist and ecosystem modeler interested in marine fisheries and ecosystems. My work includes statistical analysis of survey data, stock assessment, food web modeling, and "end-to-end" Atlantis simulation models that include oceanography, ecology, and fishing fleet dynamics.

Professional Preparation

National Research Council Post-doctoral Fellowship, NOAA NWFSC, 2005-2006. Phillip S. Levin, Advisor Ph.D., Limnology and Marine Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005. James F. Kitchell, Advisor M.S., Biological Sciences, Stanford University, 2000
B.S., Biological Sciences, Stanford University, 1999

Appointments

2008-present	Research Fishery Biologist, NOAA NWFSC
2006-2007	Research Associate at NOAA NWFSC
2005-2006	NRC postdoctoral research fellow, NOAA NWFSC
2001-2004	Research Assistant on NSF Apex Predators Project, with James F. Kitchell.
2000-2001	University of Wisconsin Graduate Fellowship

Publications

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Synergistic Activities

My main focus since 2007 has been the development of decision support tools for ecosystem-based fisheries management in California and Mexico. This has involved close cooperation with stakeholders and management agencies, to tailor our modeling to real-world conservation and fisheries needs. Examples include [Atlantis end-to-end ecosystem modeling](#) and contributing to [J-SCOPE ocean forecasts](#).

Much of our Integrated Marine Ecology Team's current work focuses on decision support tools for NOAA's Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) of the California Current (<http://www.noaa.gov/iea/CCIEA-Report/index.html>). My role is to evaluate ecosystem indicators and to test alternative management strategies, most recently with respect to climate change and ocean acidification.

Cameron Ainsworth, Peter Horne, and I have developed a three day "Introduction to the Atlantis Ecosystem Model" course, focusing on theory and practice of ecosystem modeling and Management Strategy Evaluation, and a hands-on introduction to Atlantis. We have taught the course three times since September 2009, in Seattle, Ensenada Mexico (CICESE), and Galveston Texas (NOAA SEFSC).

Referee for Science, Nature, Fisheries Research, Ecological Applications, Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Progress in Oceanography, Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment, Conservation Biology, Biological Conservation, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Oecologia, Bulletin of Marine Science, Aquatic Living Resources, Ecological Modelling, Marine Ecology Progress Series, Global Change Biology, Communications in Mathematical Sciences, Indian Journal of Marine Science, and the African Journal of Marine Science

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