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Education

Ph.D., biology, University of North Texas, 2020

M.S., biology, Texas Christian University, 2015

B.S., zoology, Miami University, Honors with Distinction, 2013

Professional Experience

Senior Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, 2023-Present

Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, 2020-2023

Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, Department of Biology, 2015-2020

Teaching Assistant, Texas Christian University, 2015-2016

Professional Appointments

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America, Chair of North American, Student Advisory Committee, 2018-2019

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America, Vice Chair of North American, Student Advisory Committee, 2017-2018

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America 39th Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA, Session Chair, 2018

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America 38th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, Session Chair, 2017

South Central Region Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Student Representative, 2017-2018

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry South Central Chapter Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, Platform Presentation Moderator, 2016

Honors and Awards

University of Southern California Sea Grant. 2022-2024

Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service, Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. 2019

University of North Texas Graduate Student Research Award. 2018

University of North Texas Graduate Student Travel Grant. 2017, 2018

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Student Travel Grant. 2015, 2019

Texas Christian University Graduate Student Travel Grant. 2015

Pollutant Responses in Marine Organisms Travel Grant. 2015

Adkins Fellowship from Texas Christian University. 2014. Summer Salary

Grant-In-Aid of Research from Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. 2014

Journal Articles

Sherrod, H., N. Leong, H. Hapich, F. Gomez, S. Moore, B. Maurer, S. Coffin, L.M. Thornton Hampton, T. Hale, R. Nelson, C. Murphy-Hagan, O.O. Fadare, A. Kukkola, H.C. Lu, L. Markley, W. Cowger. 2024. One4All: An Open Source Portal to Validate and Share Microplastics Data and Beyond. *The Journal of Open Source Software* 9:6715.

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Thornton Hampton, L.M., S.M. Brander, S. Coffin, M. Cole, L. Hermabessiere, A.A. Koelmans, C.M. Rochman. 2022. [Characterizing microplastic hazards: which concentration metrics and particle characteristics are most informative for understanding toxicity in aquatic organisms?](#). *Microplastics and Nanoplastics* 2:20.

Kotar, S., R. McNeish, C. Murphy-Hagan, V. Renick, C.T. Lee, C. Steele, A. Lusher, C. Moore, E. Minor, J. Schroeder, P. Helm, K. Rickabaugh, H.D. Frond, K. Gesulga, W. Lao, K. Munno, L.M. Thornton Hampton, S.B. Weisberg, C.S. Wong, G. Amarpuri, R.C. Andrews, S.M. Barnett, S. Christiansen W Cowgeri, K. Crampond, F. Du, A.B. Gray, J. Hankett, K. Ho, J. Jaeger, C. Lilley, L. Mai, O. Mina, E. Lee, S. Primpke, S. Singh, J. Skovly, T. Slifko, S. Sukumaran, B. Bavel, J.V. Brocklin, F. Vollnhals, C. Wu, C.M. Rochman . 2022. [Quantitative assessment of visual microscopy as a tool for microplastic research: Recommendations for improving methods and reporting](#). *Chemosphere* 308:1-9.

Thornton Hampton, L.M., H. Bouwmeester, S.M. Brander, S. Coffin, M. Cole, L. Hermabessiere, A.C. Mehinto, E. Miller, C.M. Rochman, S.B. Weisberg. 2022. [Research recommendations to better understand the potential health impacts of microplastics to humans and aquatic ecosystems](#). *Microplastics and Nanoplastics* 2:18.

Jenkins, T., B.D. Persaud, W. Cowger, K. Szigeti, D.G. Roche, E. Clary, S. Slowinski, B. Lei, A. Abeynayaka, E.S. Nyadjro, T. Maes, L.M. Thornton Hampton, M. Bergmann, J. Aherne, A.S. Mason, J.F. Honek, F. Rezanezhad, A.L. Lusher, A.M. Booth, R.D.L. Smith, P. Van Cappellan. 2022. [Current State of Microplastic Pollution Research Data: Trends in Availability and Sources of Open Data](#). *Frontiers in Environmental Science* 10:912107.

Mehinto, A.C., S. Coffin, A.A. Koelmans, S.M. Brander, M. Wagner, L.M. Thornton Hampton, A.G. Burton, E. Miller, T. Gouin, S.B. Weisberg, C.M. Rochman. 2022. [Risk-based management framework for microplastics in aquatic ecosystems](#). *Microplastics and Nanoplastics* 2:17.

Thornton Hampton, L.M., H. Lowman, S. Coffin, E. Darin, H. De Frond, L. Hermabessiere, E. Miller, V.N. de Ruijter, A. Faltynkova, S. Kotar, L. Monclus, S. Siddiqui, J. Volker, S. Brander, A.A. Koelmans, C.M. Rochman, M. Wagner, A.C. Mehinto. 2022. [A living tool for the continued exploration of microplastic toxicity](#). *Microplastics and Nanoplastics* 2:13.

De Frond, H., L.M. Thornton Hampton, S. Kotar, K. Gesulga, C. Matuch, W. Lao, S.B. Weisberg, C.S. Wong, C.M. Rochman . 2022. [Monitoring microplastics in drinking water: An interlaboratory study to inform effective methods for quantifying and characterizing microplastics](#). *Chemosphere* 298:134282.

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Nanoplastics 2:2.

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BDE-47 causes adverse effects on reproductive success and sexual differentiation in fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). *Environmental Science and Technology* 2016, 50, 7834-7841. DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.6b02147.

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Book Chapters

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Technical Reports

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