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### Education

2002 Ph.D., Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, *The effects of introduced trout and ultraviolet radiation on anurans in the Sierra Nevada*, Co-advisors: Dr. Mary Power and Dr. David Wake  
1992 B.A., Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara

### Professional appointments

2021-present Associate Chair Department of Biology, San Francisco State University  
2019-2020 *Visiting Fulbright Fellow*; Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid, Spain  
2019-2020 *Visiting Fulbright Fellow*; Abdelmalek Essaâdi University, Tétouan, Morocco  
2017-to present *Professor* Department of Biology, San Francisco State University  
2012-2017 *Associate Professor* Department of Biology, San Francisco State University  
2007-2012 *Assistant Professor* Department of Biology, San Francisco State University  
2007-present *Research Associate* Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California Berkeley  
2008-present *Research Associate* California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California, USA  
2003-2007 *Postdoctoral Scholar* Department of Integrative Biology and Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California Berkeley  
1998-present *Co-Founder and Associate Director* of [AmphibiaWeb.org](http://AmphibiaWeb.org) an online bioinformatics tool promoting science and conservation of the world's amphibians

### Honors and Awards

2019-2020 Fulbright Scholar: Morocco and Spain  
2012 Elected *Fellow* of the California Academy of Sciences  
2012 Presidential Award for Faculty, San Francisco State University  
2012 Elected Member Int. Herpetological Committee of the World Congress of Herpetology  
2002 Honorable Mention, Stoye Award, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists  
2002 Best Student Paper, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Division of Ecology and Evolution, Anaheim, California, USA  
2001 Carl Hubbs Best Student Paper, Desert Fishes Council, Death Valley, California, USA  
2000 Graduate Fellowship Award, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California Berkeley  
1999 Integrative Biology Summer Research Grant, University of California Berkeley  
1999-2001 Research Fellowship Award, USGS Biological Resources Division / National Park Service  
1999 Seed Grant Award, Declining Amphibian Population Task Force / The World Conservation Union / Species Survival Commission  
1998 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award – University of California Berkeley  
1998 Wilhelm LF Martens Fund Award – Museum of Vertebrate Zoology  
1998 Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Award – American Museum of Natural History  
1998 Sigma Xi Student Grant-in-aid Award – Berkeley Chapter  
1997 Mildred E Mathias Award, University of California Natural Reserve System  
1997 Gompertz Award, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California Berkeley  
1992 Antarctica Service Medal, National Science Foundation  
1992 Antarctica Service Medal, United States Department of the Navy

### Courses Taught at San Francisco State University

Ecology (Biol 482)  
Evolution and Natural History of Vertebrates (Biol 470)  
Herpetology (Biol 475GW)  
Skills in Scientific Writing (Graduate course)(Biol 716)  
Seminar: Advances in Ecology and Systematic Biology (Biol 862)  
Seminar: Current topics in Disease Ecology/Amphibian Conservation (Biol 881)

### Research Grants

(Currently funded)

2019-2020 Fulbright Research Scholarship: *A global amphibian pandemic: Unravelling pathogen invasion history and present-day dynamics in Morocco and Spain.*  
2019-2020 US Department of Defense: *Acquisition of a Digital Droplet PRC Platform for Pathogen Detection*  
A. Swee (PI), VT Vredenburg (co-PI), R Sehgal (co-PI) Award #: W911NF1910524; \$130,699  
2016-2021 NSF: Belmont Forum on Climate Change; *People, pollution and pathogens – mountain ecosystems in a human-altered world* (mountain ranges in California, USA, France, Oman, and China); \$276,000  
2015-2019 NSF; *Collaborative Proposal: A Biotic Inventory of Terrestrial Vertebrates, Spiders, and Haemosporidian Parasites of Sulawesi, Indonesia*; J. McGuire (PI), VT Vredenburg (Senior Personnel)  
2015-2019 US Fish and Wildlife Service; *Wyoming toad bioaugmentation, immunization and susceptibility trials*; \$67,000

(Completed Research Grants)

2013-2016 NSF; *Microbial mechanisms of communal egg-laying in slender salamanders (genus Batrachoseps)*; \$595,000  
2016-2017 US Fish and Wildlife Service; *Plethodontids and disease: Determining the fungal infection status of Arboreal and Ensatina Salamanders in California*; \$10,000  
2012-2015 USDA Forest Service; *Restoring the Endangered Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog, Rana sierrae, to the Tahoe Basin (Desolation Wilderness)*; \$360,000  
2012-2014 The Presidio Trust; *The future of Mountain Lake*; \$24,000  
2013-2015 Save the Redwoods League; *Communal nesting among slender salamanders (Batrachoseps gregarius) in Giant Sequoia forests: implications for vectoring fungal disease and mutualistic bacteria*; \$15,000  
2013-2014 Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund; *Andes to Amazon Conservation*; A Catenazzi (PI), VT Vredenburg (co-PI); \$29,000  
2012-2014 Save the Redwoods League; *Delineating past, present and future effects of a fungal epidemic disease on the amphibian communities in coastal redwood*; \$15,000  
2012-2013 Hagey Venture Fund, California Academy of Sciences; *Museum collections hold a key to today's conservation crisis: tracking the African origin and spread of the amphibian fungal pathogen Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*; D. Blackburn (PI), VT Vredenburg (Co-PI); \$30,000  
2012-2013 National Science Foundation; *Collaborative Research (RAPID): Testing Intervention Strategies to Change the Outcome of Disease-caused Mass-mortality Events in a Declining Amphibian*; \$40,000  
2011-2012 The Rufford Small Grants Foundation, Grants for Nature Conservation; *Conservation of montane forest anurans in Southeastern Peru*; C Catenazzi (PI), VT Vredenburg (Co-PI); \$10,000  
2011-2013 National Science Foundation; *The effects of climate change and fungal disease on Andean montane frogs*; \$260,000  
2011-2012 US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife Without Borders-Amphibians in Decline; *Can we prevent a chytridiomycosis epidemic in the Philippines?*; \$30,000  
2007-2012 National Science Foundation; *After the crash: factors allowing host persistence following outbreaks of a highly virulent disease*; \$400,000  
2008-2011 CALFED-Bay Delta Program; *Climate change impacts to San Francisco Bay-Delta wetlands: Links to pelagic food webs and predictive responses based on landscape modeling*; T Parker (PI), VT Vredenburg (Co-PI); \$450,000

### Publications

*In Review*

Koo, MS, Vredenburg, VT, Deck, JB, Olson, DH, Ronnenberg, KL, and Wake, DB. *In Review*. Tracking, synthesizing and sharing global Batrachochytrium data at AmphibianDisease.org. *Frontiers in Veterinary*

*Science*

- Cowgill M, AG Zink, W Sparagon, T Yap, H Sulaeman, MS Koo, VT **Vredenburg**. *In Review*. Social behavior, community composition, pathogen strain and host symbionts influence fungal disease dynamics in salamanders. *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*
- Ghose, SL, TA Yap, AQ Byrne, H Sulaeman, EB Rosenblum, W Bauer, A Chan-Alvarado, S Chaukulkar, K Lutz, A Moyer, E Parra, H Rockney, DC Blackburn, and VT **Vredenburg**. *In Review*. Continent-wide recent emergence of a global pathogen in African amphibians. *Science Advances*
- Knapp RA, Joseph MB, Smith TC, Hegeman EE, **Vredenburg** VT, Erdman JE Jr., Boiano DM, Jani AJ, Briggs CJ. *In Review*. Effectiveness of antifungal treatments during chytridiomycosis epizootics in populations of an endangered frog. (*PREPRINT*): *bioRxiv* 2021.06.13.448228; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.13.448228>

**In Press**

94. Ellison, S, Knapp, RA, VT **Vredenburg**. *In Press*. Longitudinal patterns in the skin microbiome of wild, individually marked frogs from the Sierra Nevada, California. *ISME Communications*.
93. Martinez, A, E Parra, JP Gomez, VT **Vredenburg**. *In Press*. Shared Predators between Primate Groups and Mixed Species Bird Flocks: The potential for forest-wide eavesdropping networks. *Oikos*
92. Ritchie, KL, S Chaukulkar, H Butler, VT **Vredenburg**, AG Zink. *In Press*. Social group size influences pathogen transmission in salamanders. *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*.

**2021**

91. Uetz P, Koo MS, Aguilar R, Brings E, Catenazzi A, Chang AT, Chaitanya R, Freed P, Gross J, Hammermann M, Hosek J, Lambert M, Sergi Z, Spencer CL, Summers K, Tarvin R, **Vredenburg** VT, Wake DB. 2021. A Quarter Century of Reptile and Amphibian Databases. *Herpetological Review* 52(2):246-255.

**2020**

93. Greer JA, A Swei, VT **Vredenburg**, AG Zink. Parental Care Alters the Egg Microbiome of Maritime Earwigs. *Microb Ecol* 80, 920–934 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00248-020-01558-x>
92. Olivares-Miranda M, **Vredenburg** VT, García-Sánchez JC, Byrne AQ, Rosenblum EB, Rovito SM. 2020. Fungal infection, decline and persistence in the only obligate troglodytic Neotropical salamander. *PeerJ* 8:e9763 <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.9763>
91. Sette, C.M., **Vredenburg**, V.T. & Zink, A.G. Differences in Fungal Disease Dynamics in Co-occurring Terrestrial and Aquatic Amphibians. *EcoHealth* 17, 302–314 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10393-020-01501-z>
90. Lambert MR, MC Womack, AQ Byrne, MR Grundler, O Hernandez-Gomez, CF Noss, AP Rothstein, DC Blackburn, JP Collins, ML Crump, MS Koo, P Nanjappa, L Rollins-Smith, VT **Vredenburg**, and EB Rosenblum. 2020. Response to Scheele et al.: The amphibian chytrid crisis remains data deficient. *Science* 367. [DOI:10.1126/science.aay1838](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aay1838)
89. Woodhams, D.C., Rollins-Smith, L.A., Reinert, L.K. Lam, B.A., Harris, R.N., Briggs, C.J. **Vredenburg**, V.T., Patel, B.T., Carpioli, R.M., Chaurand, P., Hunziker, P., & Bigler, L. 2020. Probiotics Modulate a Novel Amphibian Skin Defense Peptide That Is Antifungal and Facilitates Growth of Antifungal Bacteria. *Microb Ecol* 79, 192–202 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00248-019-01385-9>
88. Caballero-Díaz, C, Sánchez-Montes, H Butler, VT **Vredenburg**, and Í Martínez-Solano. *In Press*. The role of artificial breeding sites in amphibian conservation: A case study in rural areas in central Spain. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 15(1) 876-104.
87. Bernardo-Cravo, AP, DS Schmeller, A Chatzinotas, VT **Vredenburg**, A Loyau. 2020. Environmental Factors and Host Microbiomes Shape Host–Pathogen Dynamics. *Trends in Parasitology* 36(7) 616-633 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pt.2020.04.010>.

**2019**

86. De León ME, Zumbado-Ulate H, García- Rodríguez A, Alvarado G, Sulaeman H, Bolaños F, & VT **Vredenburg**. 2019. Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis infection in amphibians predates first known epizootic in Costa Rica. *PLoS ONE* 14(12): e0208969. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0208969>
85. Brown, C, LR Wilkinson, KK Wilkinson, T Tunstall, R Foote, BD Todd and VT **Vredenburg**. 2019. Demography, habitat, and movements of the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged Frog (*Rana sierrae*) in streams. *Copeia* 107(4) 661–675

84. Byrne, AQ, VT **Vredenburg**, A Martel, F Pasmans, RC Bell, DC Blackburn, CJ Briggs, RM Brown, MC Bletz, J Bosch, R Figueroa-Valenzuela, SL Ghose, JR Jaeger, AJ Jani, M Jirku, RA Knapp, DM Portik, CL Richards-Zawacki, H Rockney, T Stark, H Sulaeman, N T Tao, J Voyles, AW Waddle, Z Yuan, E B Rosenblum. 2019. Cryptic diversity of a widespread global pathogen reveals new threats for amphibian conservation. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* 2019 116 (41) 20382-20387  
<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1908289116>
83. **Vredenburg** VT, McNally SVG, Sulaeman H, Butler HM, Yap T, Koo MS, D Schmeller, C Dodge, T Cheng, G Lau, and CJ Briggs. (2019) Pathogen invasion history elucidates contemporary host pathogen dynamics. *PLoS ONE* 14(9): e0219981. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0219981>
82. Zumbado-Ulate, H, A García-Rodríguez, VT **Vredenburg**, C Searle. 2019. Infection with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* is common in tropical lowland habitats: Implications for amphibian conservation. *Ecology and Evolution* 9 (8):4917-4930. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.5098>
81. Flechas SV, Acosta-González A, Escobar LA, Kueneman JG, Sánchez-Quitian ZA, Parra-Giraldo CM, Rollins-Smith LA, Reinert LK, **Vredenburg** VT, Amézquita A, Woodhams DC (2019) Microbiota and skin defense peptides may facilitate coexistence of two sympatric Andean frog species with a lethal pathogen. *ISME J* 2019 Feb;13(2):361-373. doi: 10.1038/s41396-018-0284-9
80. Woodhams, DC, Rollins-Smith, LA, Reinert, LK, Lam, BA, Harris, RN, Briggs, CJ, **Vredenburg**, VT, Patel, BT, Caprioli, RM, Chaurand, P, Hunziker, P, and Bigler, L 2019. Probiotics modulate a novel amphibian skin defense peptide that is antifungal and facilitates growth of antifungal bacteria. *Microb Ecol* (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00248-019-01385-9>
79. Ellison S, Knapp RA, Sparagon W, Swei A, VT **Vredenburg**. Reduced skin bacterial diversity correlates with increased pathogen infection intensity in an endangered amphibian host. *Mol Ecol.* 2019; 28: 127–140. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.14964>

## 2018

78. Ellison, S, S Rovito, G Parra-Olea, C Vazquez-Almazan, SV Flechas, K Bi, and VT **Vredenburg**. 2018. The influence of habitat and phylogeny on the skin microbiome of amphibians in Guatemala and Mexico. *Microb Ecol* (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00248-018-1288-8>
77. Rios-Sotelo, G., Figueroa-Valenzuela, R., and V.T. **Vredenburg**. 2018. Retrospective survey reveals extreme rarity of amphibian fungal pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in Japanese amphibians from 1890-1990s. *Herpetological Review* 49(2): 247-252.
76. von May, R, A Catenazzi , R Santa-Cruz, VT **Vredenburg**. 2018. Microhabitat temperatures and prevalence of the pathogenic fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in lowland Amazonian frogs. *Tropical Conservation Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1940082918797057>
75. Chaukulkar S, Sulaeman H, Zink AG, VT **Vredenburg**. 2018 Pathogen invasion and non-epizootic dynamics in Pacific newts in California over the last century. *PLoS ONE* 13(7): e0197710. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0197710>
74. Martinez, A. E., Parra, E., Muellerklein, O., and VT **Vredenburg**. 2018. Fear-based niche shifts in neotropical birds. *Ecology* (2018), 10.1002/ecy.2217.
73. Bird AK, SR Prado-Irwin, VT **Vredenburg** and AG Zink. 2018. Skin Microbiomes of California Terrestrial Salamanders Are Influenced by Habitat More Than Host Phylogeny. *Front. Microbiol.* 9:442. doi: 10.3389/fmicb.2018.00442
72. Catenazzi A, Flechas SV, Burkart D, Hooven ND, Townsend J and VT **Vredenburg**. 2018. Widespread Elevational Occurrence of Antifungal Bacteria in Andean Amphibians Decimated by Disease: A Complex Role for Skin Symbionts in Defense Against Chytridiomycosis. *Front. Microbiol.* 9:465. doi: 10.3389/fmicb.2018.00465
71. Yap TA, Koo MS, Ambrose RF, VT **Vredenburg**. 2018. Introduced bullfrog facilitates pathogen invasion in the western United States. *PLoS ONE* 13(4): e0188384. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0188384>
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69. Owens, MT, Additional Authors, VT **Vredenburg**, AG Zink, LA Kelley, CR Domingo, KD Tanner. 2018. Collectively Improving Our Teaching: Attempting Biology Department-wide Professional Development in Scientific Teaching. *CBE: Life Sci. Educ.* March 1; 17(1):ar2.

## 2017

68. Yap, TA, Nguyen, NT, Serr, M, Shepak, A, and VT **Vredenburg**. 2017. *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* and the risk of a second amphibian pandemic. *EcoHealth* (2017) 14: 851. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10393-017-1278-1>
67. Burkart, D, Flechas, SV, **Vredenburg**, VT and Catenazzi, A. 2017. Cutaneous bacteria, but not peptides, are associated with chytridiomycosis resistance in Peruvian marsupial frogs. *Anim Conserv*. doi:10.1111/acv.12352
66. Catenazzi A, Swei A, Finkle J, Foreyt E, Wyman L, **Vredenburg** VT. 2017. Epizootic to enzootic transition of a fungal disease in tropical Andean frogs: Are surviving species still susceptible? *PLoS ONE* 12(10): e0186478. **2017**
65. Prado-Irwin, SR, Bird, AK, Zink, AG, & **Vredenburg**, VT. 2017. Intraspecific variation in the skin-associated microbiome of *Ensatina*, the terrestrial ring-species salamander. *Microb Ecol*. 2017. doi:10.1007/s00248-017-0986-y
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63. Jaeger, JR, Waddle, AW, Rivera, R, Harrison DT, Ellison, S, Forrest, MJ, **Vredenburg**, VT, van Breukelen, F. 2017. *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* and the decline and survival of the Relict Leopard Frog. *EcoHealth*. doi:10.1007/s10393-017-1240-2
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58. Cusi JC, AC Barboza, VT **Vredenburg**, R von May. 2017. New distribution records and conservation status of *Atelopus seminiiferus* Cope, 1874: A Critically Endangered harlequin frog from northern Peru *Amphibian & Reptile Conservation* 11 (1), 17-24

## 2016

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55. Yap, T, L Gillespie, S Ellison, SV Flechas, MS Koo, AE Martinez, and VT **Vredenburg**. 2016. Invasion of the fungal pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* on California Islands. *EcoHealth* DOI 10.1007/s10393-015-1071-y

## 2015

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Flores, 1988 (Anura: Craugastoridae) in Peru. *Check List* 11, 1608.

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#### 2014

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Review of Cheng et al 2011

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### Student Mentoring

*Master's Students-Vredenburg as chair (completed 2009-present)*

24. Alan Chan-Alvarado; The skin microbiome of amphibians from Taiwan is influenced by pathogens and habitat
23. Helen Butler; Historical context of pathogen / host dynamics suggest recent invasion in the Pyrenees Mountains of a fungal pathogen
22. Hasan Suleaman; Is an amphibian epidemic imminent in Indonesia?
21. Heidi Rockney; Historical and present day host/ pathogen dynamics of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* and amphibians of Sulawesi, Indonesia
20. Shruti Chaukulkar; *Pathogen invasion and non-epizootic dynamics in Pacific newts in California over the last century.*
19. Jordan Greer; *Parental care influences the microbiome structure and function of earwig eggs* (Dr.A Zink co-chair)
18. Eliseo Parra; *Vocal mimicry of mixed-flock leader by a tracheophone suboscine bird*
17. Mae Cowgill; *Sociality and disease across the *Batrachoseps* phylogeny* (Dr.A Zink co-chair)
16. Kendra Ritchie; *Sociality and disease dynamics in the salamanders *Batrachoseps attenuatus* and *Batrachoseps gregarius** (Dr.A Zink co-chair)
15. Alicia Bird; *The role of parental care in disease transmission in a fungal pathogen/ amphibian host system* (Dr.A Zink co-chair)
14. Sofia Prado-Irwin; *Skin microbial communities, and the role of parental care in the transmission and maintenance of the skin microbiome in *Ensatina* salamanders.* (Dr.A Zink co-chair)
13. Sam McNally; *Tracking the spread of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* through amphibians in California's Sierra Nevada*
12. Silas Ellison; *The role of frog skin microbiome in health and disease*
11. Andrea Manzano; *Chytridiomycosis and the decline of the amphibian fauna in Ecuador*
10. Carla Sette; *Reconstructing historical and contemporary disease dynamics: a case study using the California slender salamander* (Published *Biological Conservation*; Dr.A Zink co-chair)
9. Jon Young; *The restoration of Mountain Lake: San Francisco's only natural lake* (in prep to submit to journal)

8. Angel Jacobo Conde; *The amphibian chytrid pathogen Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in Guatemala* (in prep to submit to journal)
7. Danqing Shao; *Investigating the role of introduced American Bullfrogs in the spread chytridiomycosis disease in Chinese amphibians?* (submitted: *EcoHealth*)
6. Raul Figueroa; *Was the fungal pathogen, Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis, spread throughout Asia by the amphibian food and pet trade?* (in prep to submit to journal)
5. Gabriela Rios-Sotelo; *Did the fungal pathogen Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis originate from Japan?* (Recent winner of Young Scientist Travel Award, *EcoHealth* 2012) (submitted to *EcoHealth*)
4. Celeste Dodge; *Effects of a fungal pathogen on the Yosemite Toad?* (Submitted: *Conservation Biology*)
3. Tina Cheng; *The effects of chytridiomycosis disease on Central American salamanders* (published in *PNAS*; winner Ecological Society of America *Best Student Paper Award 2011*)
2. Meghan Bishop; *Habitat use and conservation of red-legged frogs in coastal California* (Published in *Journal of Herpetology*); collaborative project with California Academy of Sciences, Dr. Robert Drewes.
1. Natalie Reeder; *A reservoir species for the emerging amphibian pathogen Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis thrives in a landscape decimated by disease.* [Nominated for the 2010 Western Association of Graduate Studies Distinguished Master's Thesis Award 2010; Thesis published in 2012 in *PLoS ONE*]

*Master's Students-Committee Member (Completed)*

15. David Burkhart –The role of bacterial symbionts in survival of Peruvian frogs in the face of chytridiomycosis (Chair: A. Catenazzi) Southern Illinois University Carbondale
14. Marcel Talla; *Feeding ecology and breeding biology of a West African caecilian* (Chair: D. Blackburn) California Academy of Sciences
13. Daniella Reagan (Chair: C Davidson); *The cumulative effects of pesticides and disease on the Cascades Frog (Rana cascadae).*
12. Kim Vincent (Chair: E Routman), *The effects of pesticides on Pacific chorus frog tadpoles*
11. Anthony Chazar (Chair: R Sehgal), *Effects of deforestation on the prevalence and diversity of blood parasites in two African rainforest birds*
10. Maria Tonione (Chair: E Routman), *Microsatellite variation in the hellbender, Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*
9. Jenny Carlson (Chair: R Sehgal), *Evolution of blood pathogens in avian hosts*
8. Hazel Thwin (Chair: J Dumbaucher), **California Academy of Sciences**, *Ornithology of Myanmar*
7. Molly Dodge (Chair: R Sehgal), *Transmission of haemosporidian pathogens in resident and migrating birds*
6. Holly Archer (Chair: R Sehgal), *Emerging infectious disease and blood parasite prevalence in countryside birds*
5. Stephen Micheletti (Chair: E Routman), *Population structure of Side-blotched Lizards (Uta stansburiana): Displaying adaptive dorsal coloration*
4. Alexandra Vasquez Ochoa; *El ensambleaje de anfibios en 13 localidades de la region Andina central oriental, Orinoquia y Amazonia de Colombia*; Pontificia Universidad la Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia
3. Tessa Margaret Page *Effects of lowered pH on the exoskeleton mineralogy of porcelain crabs* (Chair: J Stillman)
2. Greg Jongsma; *Diversity and biogeography of the frog genus Hylarana (Ranidae) across the sub-saharan Africa* (Chair: D Blackburn) California Academy of Sciences
1. Adria Rae Abigail R. Eda *Isolation, screening and identification of frog cutaneous bacteria for anti-Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis activity*; Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, Philippines

*PhD Students (SFSU does not have a PhD program)-Committee Member*

*In progress*

1. Angélica Arenas Rodríguez *Emergence of the fungal pathogen Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in frogs occurring at La Chingaza National Park, Colombia.* Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Facultad de Ciencias, Doctorado en Ciencias Biológicas, Unidad de Ecología y Sistemática UNESIS, Laboratorio de Herpetología, Bogotá, Colombia

*Completed PhD students=Committee Member (SFSU does not have a PhD program)*

3. Tiffany Yap, *Modeling vulnerability to the invasion of Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans in North American amphibians*, University of California Los Angeles
2. Sandra Victoria Flechas, *Interactions between frog microbiota and Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in Peru.*

(Chair A. Amezcuita), Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

1. Brooke Talley (Chair K Lips, Southern Illinois University), *Ecology of Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in amphibians of Illinois*

*Undergraduate students conducting research in Vredenburg Lab*  
5-18 students per semester since 2009.

#### **Featured Vredenburg Lab research**

**University Biology Textbooks:** 1) Campbell, NA, & Reece, J B (2015) *Biology*, Benjamin Cummings, 8<sup>th</sup> edition pp650-651 (*This is the most commonly used Biology textbook in Introductory Biology Courses in the USA*); 2) Cain, ML, WD Bowman, and SD Hacker. (2015) *Ecology*, Sinauer Assoc. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p 18.

**Public Exhibits Natural History Museums:** 1) California Academy of Sciences->1.5 million people visits/ year; 2) University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum; 3) Philippines National Museum of Natural History, Manila.

#### **Public Outreach**

Co-Founder of ***AmphibiaWeb.org***: online research and conservation resource for the world's amphibians; with average of 7.3 million successful queries / year by students, conservation scientists, and the general public since 2002; helped create: ***Amphibian Disease Portal***: providing free access to published data; ***NY Times***, (*Slow to Save Salamanders* by Carl Zimmer, *Toiling against a deadly disease to save a threatened frog* by Erica Rex, *Infection that devastates amphibians already in Europe could spread to U.S.* by James Gorman); ***National Geographic Magazine***, *The Vanishing* by Jenny Holland; ***GEO Magazine*** (Germany), *Amphibians in Crisis* by Markus Wolff; ***Nautilus Magazine***, *When Evolution is Infectious* by Moises Velasquez-Manoff; ***Animal Planet***: *The Vanishing Frog* with Jeff Corwin; ABC-News; CNN; CBS Evening News; CBC Radio *Quirks and Qarks*; **National Public Radio**-Science Friday; WALO Radio Puerto Rico *in Spanish*; **National Science Foundation**- Science Nation :NPR KQED QUEST; **American Association of the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**- *Science Update*

#### **Invited presentations/lectures/forums**

**AAAS** – American Association for the Advancement of Science: Advancing Knowledge of Global Amphibian Decline with International Cooperation; The role of natural history museums (February 2016); **BAASICS** – Bay Area art & science interdisciplinary collaborative sessions (2015)  
**Ecological Society of America**: The role of the skin microbiome in health and disease; California (2014)  
**California Academy of Sciences** – *Fellows Lecture*, San Francisco, California (2012)