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Research Area: climate change ecology, disease ecology, behavior, amphibian conservation

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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
2017-present *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
1998-present *Co-Founder, Associate Director* of AmphibiaWeb.org, University of California Berkeley
2019-2020 *Visiting Fulbright Fellow*; Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid, Spain
2019-2020 *Visiting Fulbright Fellow*; Abdelmalek Essaâdi University, Tétouan, Morocco
2012-2017 *Associate Professor* Department of Biology, San Francisco State University
2007-2012 *Assistant Professor* Department of Biology, San Francisco State University
2003-2007 *Postdoctoral Scholar* Department of Integrative Biology and Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California Berkeley

Honors and Awards

2022 Member Scientific Review Board; *Wild Genomes competitive grant program*, co-funded by Revive & Restore and Morris Animal Foundation
2019-2020 Fulbright Scholar: Morocco and Spain: *A Global Amphibian Pandemic: Unravelling pathogen invasion history and present-day dynamics*
2019 Best Paper in Herpetology. American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH); Title: *Demography, habitat, and movements of the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged Frog (*Rana sierrae*) in streams*
2012 Elected Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences
2012 Presidential Award for Faculty, San Francisco State University
2012 Elected Member International 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, Dept of Integrative Biology, UC 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) (Spring 2022)
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)

Anti-Racism Statement

The Vredenburg Laboratory is committed to being a safe, supportive, anti-racist, and anti-sexist environment in which students from diverse racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientations, socio-economic, and other backgrounds are equally and inclusively supported in their education and training. We strive to eliminate unconscious biases, micro-aggressions, and other forms of unintended discrimination or sexism through sustained communication, empathy, continuous learning and understanding. The Vredenburg Laboratory is a safe and supportive environment for all students including LGBTQ and underrepresented minority groups.

Research Grants

2021-2022 San Francisco State University Faculty Research Award: The global amphibian pandemic: the role of skin microbes in survival of susceptible hosts. \$12,000
2019-2020 Fulbright Research Scholarship: *A global amphibian pandemic: Unravelling pathogen invasion history and present-day dynamics in Morocco and Spain.* \$55,000
2019-2020 US Department of Defense: *Acquisition of a Digital Droplet PRC Platform for Pathogen Detection* A. Swei (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
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

	Citations (total)	h-index	Papers cited ≥ 10 times (i10-index)	Most Cited Paper: (Wake and Vredenburg 2008 <i>PNAS</i>)
All	10174	42	77	2008
Since 2017	4954	36	68	

In Review

- Dodge, CM, C Brown, AJ Lind, RA Knapp, LR Wilkinson, VT **Vredenburg**. *In Review*. Historical and contemporary impacts of the invasive fungal pathogen, *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, on the Yosemite toad, *Anaxyrus canorus*. *Animal Conservation*
- Womack MC, E Steigerwald, DC Blackburn, DC Cannatella, A Catenazzi, J Che, M. Koo, JA McGuire, S Ron, C Spencer, VT **Vredenburg**, RD Tarvin. *In Review*. State of Amphibia 2020: Five Years of Amphibian Research, Diversity and Resources." *EcoEvoRxiv*, 16 Dec. 2021. Web. (<https://ecoevorxiv.org/r9qga/>)
- Bernardo-Cravo AP, Loyau A, Karakoç C, Haver M, **Vredenburg** VT, Chatzinotas A, DS Schmeller. *In Review*. Climate and introduced fish influence amphibian skin microbiome in mountain lakes. *Scientific Reports*
- 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*
- Schmeller, DS, T Cheng, J Shelton, C Lin, A Chan- Alvarado, A Bernardo-Cravo, L Zoccarato, T Ding, A Yu, Y Lin, A Swei, MC Fisher, VT **Vredenburg**, A Loyau. *In Review*. Environment is associated with chytrid infection and skin microbiome richness in an amphibian biodiversity hotspot. *Scientific Reports*
- Bates, KA, J Friesen, A Loyau, H Butler, VT **Vredenburg**, J Laufer, A Chatzinotas, DS Schmeller. *In Review*. Environment and anthropogenic disturbance shape the amphibian skin microbiome. *Microbial Ecology*

2022

103. García-Sánchez, JC, J Arredondo-Centeno, MG Segovia-Ramírez, M, AM Tenorio Olvera, G Parra Olea, VT **Vredenburg**, and SM Rovito. Factors Influencing Bacterial and Fungal Skin Communities of Montane Salamanders of Central Mexico. *Microb Ecol* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00248-022-02049-x>
102. Knapp RA, Joseph MB, Smith TC, Hegeman EE, **Vredenburg** VT, Erdman Jr JE, Boiano DM, Jani AJ, Briggs CJ. 2022. Effectiveness of antifungal treatments during chytridiomycosis epizootics in populations of an endangered frog. *PeerJ* 10:e12712 <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.12712>

2021

101. Haver, M, G Le Roux, J Friesen, A Loyau, VT **Vredenburg**, DS Schmeller. 2021. The role of abiotic variables in an emerging global amphibian fungal disease in mountains. *Science of The Total Environment* 152735. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.152735>
100. Cowgill M, AG Zink, W Sparagon, T Yap, H Sulaeman, MS Koo, VT **Vredenburg**. 2021. Social behavior, community composition, pathogen strain and host symbionts influence fungal disease dynamics in salamanders. *Front. Vet. Sci.* <https://doi.org/10.3389/fvets.2021.742288>
99. Koo MS, **Vredenburg** VT, Deck JB, Olson DH, Ronnenberg KL and Wake DB (2021) Tracking, Synthesizing,

and Sharing Global Batrachochytrium Data at AmphibianDisease.org. *Front. Vet. Sci.* 8:728232. doi: 10.3389/fvets.2021.728232

98. Ellison, S., Knapp, R. & **Vredenburg**, VT. 2021. Longitudinal patterns in the skin microbiome of wild, individually marked frogs from the Sierra Nevada, California. *ISME COMMUN.* 1, 45 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43705-021-00047-7>
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2020

94. 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>
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92. 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>
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88. 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>.

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*Awarded 2019 Best Paper in Herpetology! American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH)
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76. 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>
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Student Mentoring

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

26. Adrienne Le; *Patterns of fungal infection in two threatened amphibian species, Ambystoma macrodactylum and Hylola regilla, over the last century (in prep to submit to journal)*
25. Gordon Lau; *Do salamander life history traits correlate with susceptibility to fungal infections? (in prep to submit to journal)*
24. Alan Chan-Alvarado; *The skin microbiome of amphibians from Taiwan is influenced by pathogens and habitat (in review)*
23. Helen Butler; *Historical context of pathogen / host dynamics suggest recent invasion in the Pyrenees Mountains of a fungal pathogen (Published Behav Ecol Sociobiol, Herpetol Conserv, PLOS ONE)*
22. Hasan Suleaman; *Is an amphibian epidemic imminent in Indonesia? (in prep to submit to journal)*
21. Heidi Rockney; *Historical and present-day host/ pathogen dynamics of Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis and amphibians of Sulawesi, Indonesia (in prep to submit to journal)*
20. Shruti Chaukulkar; *Pathogen invasion and non-epizootic dynamics in Pacific newts in California over the last century. (Published PLOS ONE, Behav Ecol Sociobiol)*
19. Jordan Greer; *Parental care influences the microbiome structure and function of earwig eggs (Dr.A Zink co-chair)(Published Microb Ecol)*
18. Eliseo Parra; *Vocal mimicry of mixed-flock leader by a tracheophone suboscine bird (in prep to submit to journal)*
17. Mae Cowgill; *Sociality and disease across the Batrachoseps phylogeny (Dr. A Zink co-chair)(Published Front Vet Sci)*
16. Kendra Ritchie; *Sociality and disease dynamics in the salamanders Batrachoseps attenuatus and Batrachoseps gregarius (Dr.A Zink co-chair)(Published Behav Ecol Sociobiol)*
15. Alicia Bird; *The role of parental care in disease transmission in a fungal pathogen/ amphibian host system (Dr.A Zink co-chair)(Published Front Microbiol, Microb Ecol)*
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)(Published Fron. Microb, Micrb Ecol)*
13. Sam McNally; *Tracking the spread of Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis through amphibians in California's Sierra Nevada (Published PLOS ONE)*
12. Silas Ellison; *The role of frog skin microbiome in health and disease (Published Microb Ecol, EcoHealth X2, ISME, Mol Ecol)*
11. Andrea Manzano; *Chytridiomycosis and the decline of the amphibian fauna in Ecuador (in prep to submit to journal)*
10. Carla Sette; *Reconstructing historical and contemporary disease dynamics: a case study using the California slender salamander (Published Biological Conservation, EcoHealth; 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?* (in prep to submit to journal)
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) (Published in *Herp Review*)
4. Celeste Dodge; *Effects of a fungal pathogen on the Yosemite Toad?* (Submitted: *Animal Conservation*)
3. Tina Cheng; *The effects of chytridiomycosis disease on Central American salamanders* (published in *PNAS*; *PLOS ONE* X 3, *J Zoo Wildlife Med*, *Herp Notes*; 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 *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; Published *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. Emma Steigerwald. *Fungal pathogen Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in high elevation areas of Peru.* University of California Berkeley.

2. 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

4. Julio César García Sánchez, Ph.D. *La capacidad antifúngica del microbioma bacteriano de salamandras cavernícolas de México*. Chair: Sean Rovito, Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Unidad Irapuato, México.
3. Tiffany Yap, Ph.D. *Modeling vulnerability to the invasion of Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans in North American amphibians*. University of California Los Angeles.
2. Sandra Victoria Flechas, Ph.D. *Interactions between frog microbiota and Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in Peru*. Chair A. Amezcua, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.
1. Brooke Talley, Ph.D. *Ecology of Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis in amphibians of Illinois*. Chair K Lips, Southern Illinois University.

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, 8th 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. 3rd 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 Quarks*; **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

NAS – National Academies of Sciences, Institute of Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR): Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Animal Species, and Biodiversity (2022)
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)