

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Effects of climate change on fungal communities

Systematics and phylogeny of Ascomycota/lichenized fungi

Evolution of fungal symbioses and fungal natural products

Professional appointments

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| 08.2010 – present | Professor , Department of Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity, Goethe University, Frankfurt; Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre BiK-F, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. |
| 07.2010 – present | Adjunct Assistant Professor , Department of Plant Biology, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, USA. |
| 03. 2007 – present | Research Associate in Botany, Field Museum, Chicago. |
| 08. 2007– 07.2010 | Assistant Professor , Department of Plant Biology, and Herbarium Curator , Bell Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, USA. |
| 11. 2006 – 03.2007 | Research Associate (Postdoc) , Leibniz Institute for Natural Product Research and Infection Biology, Jena, Germany. |
| 05. 2006 – 10. 2006 | Postdoctoral Fellow, Returnees' Fellowship (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), Leibniz Institute for Natural Product Research and Infection Biology, Jena, Germany. |
| 02. 2004 – 04. 2006 | Postdoctoral Fellow, Emmy Noether Stipendium (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), Department of Botany, The Field Museum, Chicago, USA. |
| 08. 2003 – 01. 2004 | Postdoctoral Fellow, Forschungsstipendium (DAAD), Department of Botany, The Field Museum, Chicago, USA. |
| 07. 2002 – 07. 2003 | Research Associate (Postdoc) (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), Botanical Institute, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany. |

Education

- 2002 **PhD in Botany, University Duisburg- Essen, Germany.** Dissertation: Molecular Phylogeny of the Pertusariales (lichenized Ascomycota), graded "summa cum laude".
- 2001 **Staatsexamen (MA) in Sports, University Duisburg- Essen, Germany.**
- 1999 **Staatsexamen (MS/MA) in Biology and English, University Duisburg- Essen, Germany.** Thesis: Molecular phylogenetic studies in the Agyriales (lichenized Ascomycota).

Grants, Fellowships, Awards

09. 2009 **NIH**, International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups (ICBG). Assessing endohypte diversity and chemistry in a permanent forest dynamics plot in Papua New Guinea.
05. 2008 **University of Minnesota**, Grant-In-Aid research award.
01. 2008 **University of Minnesota**, Grant-In-Aid equipment award (HPLC).
05. 2006 – 10. 2006 **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**, Returnees' Fellowship.
02. 2004 – 04. 2006 **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**, Emmy Noether postdoctoral fellowship for outstanding young researchers. Project title: The secondary chemistry of lichens: a phylogenetic perspective (carried out at the Field Museum, Chicago).
08. 2003 – 01. 2004 **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**, Postdoctoral fellowship abroad. Project title: Evolution of fruiting bodies in lichenized ascomycetes (Field Museum, Chicago).
07. 2003 – 08. 2003 **EU (IHP – improving the human research potential)** funded research project with Dra. María Martín at Real Jardín Botánico, Madrid, Spain. Project title: Evolution of PKS genes in the Pertusariaceae (lichenized Ascomycota).
- 2002 **University Duisburg- Essen**, Best dissertation in Biology.
07. 2001 **EU (IHP)** funded research project with Prof. Dr. Ulrik Søchting at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Project title: Molecular phylogeny of the lichen genus *Placopsis* (Agyriaceae).
09. 1998 **EU (IHP)** funded research project with Dr. Mats Wedin at the Natural History Museum, London, U.K. Project title: Molecular and morphological studies in the Agyriaceae (lichenized Ascomycota).
- 1995 – 1996 **EU ERASMUS fellowship** to study a semester abroad (University of Wales at Bangor, U.K.).