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## Education

- B.A. 1989 Biology, *summa cum laude*, Earlham College, Richmond IN  
Ph.D. 1999 Biochemistry, Harvard University, Cambridge MA. Thesis: "Evidence for the evolution of bdelloid rotifers without sexual reproduction or genetic exchange."

## Academic appointments

- 2001–2003 Research Associate, Josephine Bay Paul Center for Comparative Molecular Biology and Evolution, Marine Biological Laboratory  
2003–2006 Assistant Research Scientist, Josephine Bay Paul Center  
2005–2010 Assistant Professor (MBL), Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Brown University  
2006–2010 Assistant Scientist, Josephine Bay Paul Center  
2010–2013 Assistant Professor (MBL), Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry (MCB), Brown University  
2010–2015 Associate Scientist, Josephine Bay Paul Center  
2013–2018 Associate Professor (MBL), MCB, Brown University  
2015–present Senior Scientist, Josephine Bay Paul Center

## Professional appointments

- 2013–present Director, Josephine Bay Paul Center  
2014–2018 Associate, Center for Computational Molecular Biology, Brown University  
2016–2019 Associate Director, The Microbiome Center of the University of Chicago-MBL-Argonne National Laboratory  
2017–2021 Interim Director of the Division of Research, Marine Biological Laboratory  
2019–present Co-Director, The Microbiome Center of the University of Chicago-MBL-Argonne National Laboratory  
2022—present Director, Semester in Biological Discovery

## Academic honors

- 1989 College Honors, Departmental Honors (Biology), Earlham College  
1989–1992 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Grant  
1993, 2001 Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University  
2005 Neal Cornell Research Fellow, Marine Biological Laboratory  
2007 Neal Cornell Career Development Award, Marine Biological Laboratory

## Publications

### refereed journal articles

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- Mark Welch, D.B., 2005. Bayesian and maximum likelihood analysis of rotifer-acanthocephalan relationships. *Hydrobiologia* 546: 47–54.
- Mark Welch, D.B., and J.L. Mark Welch. 2005. The potential of genomic approaches to rotifer ecology. *Hydrobiologia* 546: 101–108.
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- Huse, S.M., J.A. Huber, H.G. Morrison, M.L. Sogin, and D.B. Mark Welch. 2007. Accuracy and quality of massively parallel pyrosequencing. *Genome Biology* 8: R143.
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## Service

### a. to the University/MBL

2004–present	MBL Corporation/Society member
2008–2013	Chair, MBL Radiation Safety Committee
2008/2009	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Brown University
2009–2012	MBL Committee on Awards and Scholarships
2010–2014	Chair, MBL Institutional Biosafety Committee
2010–2014	MBL Science Council
2011–2013	Chair, MBL-WHOI Library Users Committee
2011–2012	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry, Brown University
2013	Associate Director, Josephine Bay Paul Center for Comparative Molecular Biology and Evolution
2013–present	Director, Josephine Bay Paul Center for Comparative Molecular Biology and Evolution
2015	co-Convener, MBL Vision Team, “Ecological and Evolutionary Trajectories in a Changing World”
2016–2019	Associate Director, The Microbiome Center, University of Chicago-MBL-Argonne National Laboratory
2017–2021	Interim Director of the Division of Research, Marine Biological Laboratory
2019–present	co-Director, The Microbiome Center
2022–present	Chair, MBL Diversity and Inclusion Committee
2022–present	Chair, MBL Institutional Biosafety Committee

b. to the profession

*ad hoc* Referee for the NSF, NIH, European Science Foundation, Natural Environment Research Council (UK), and the New Zealand Academy of Sciences.

Guest editor for *Proc Nat Acad Sci.*; referee of manuscripts for numerous journals including *Biol J Linn Soc*, *BMC Ecology*, *BMC Evo Biol*, *Current Biol*, *Evolution*, *Genetics*, *J Evol Biol*, *J Mol Evol*, *Mol Biol Evol*, *Mol Ecology*, *Mol Genom Evol*, *Mol Phylogenet Evol*, *Nature Letters*, *Nature Reviews Genetics*, *PLoS Biology*, *PLoS ONE*, *Proc Nat Acad Sci*, *Proc R Soc*, and *Science*.

- 2010 Organizer and Chair, *Alpha Diversity Working Group for the International Census of Marine Microbes*, Bremen, Germany.
- 2011 Co-organizer, *2<sup>nd</sup> Beta Diversity Working Group for the International Census of Marine Microbes*, Los Angeles CA
- 2011 Co-founder, MBL Advanced Research Training Course *Strategies and techniques in Analysis of Microbial Population Structures*
- 2015–2016 Scientific Committee, XIV International Rotifer Symposium
- 2017–2018 Scientific Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> Aquatic Animal Models of Human Disease
- 2020–2023 Scientific Committee, XVI International Rotifer Symposium

Secondary School Teaching

- 2019– *Exploring Microbiomes of Marine Organisms*, MBL High School Science Discovery Program

Undergraduate Teaching

- 2015 *Experimental Biology by the Sea* (BIOS17101). University of Chicago off-campus semester “The Whale: Biology, Culture, and Evolution on Nantucket Sound.”
- 2017– Microbiomes Across Environments (BIOS 27720). University of Chicago September MBL course.

Graduate Teaching

- 2010–2015 *Foundations for Advanced Study in Experimental Biology* (BIOL2030) Team-taught seminar course for first year graduate students in the Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry at Brown University
- 2012–2016 *Computational Integration of Genomes, Organism and Environments* (BIOL2430) IGERT core course in reverse ecology, Brown-MBL Graduate Program

Post Graduate Teaching

- 2011–2017 MBL, *Strategies and Techniques for Analysis of Microbial Population Structures*: co-founder and Co-Director of MBL Summer Special Topics Course for 60-65 students (graduate students, postdocs, PIs) covering bioinformatics of next-gen sequencing based molecular microbial ecology.
- 2017 *Getting Involved in Microbiome Research for Clinicians: From Sequencing to Grant Writing*. Training course for physicians sponsored by The Microbiome Center.