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## RESEARCH THEMES

Paleobiology and historical ecology of tropical seas

## EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D. Biological Sciences, Environmental inferences from Recent and fossil bryozoans  
University of Bristol, UK
- 1996 B.Sc (Hons.) Joint major Ecology & Earth Science Liverpool John Moores University, UK

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2015– Staff Scientist Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- 2012– Distinguished Researcher, National System of Investigators, Panama
- 2012–2015 Associate Scientist Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- 2007–2012 Earl S. Tupper postdoctoral fellow Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- 2004–2007 Post-doctoral fellow Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California
- 2002–2003 Post-doctoral fellow Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

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