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EDUCATION

PhD	Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego <i>Oceanography</i> (Advisor: Jeremy Jackson)	2011
MS	Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego <i>Marine Biology</i> (Advisor: Jeremy Jackson)	2007
BS	University of California, San Diego <i>Ecology, Behavior, Evolution</i>	1998

APPOINTMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (*ON PART-TIME PARENTAL LEAVE FROM 2017-2019*)

Associate Research Professor and Program Lead for Coral Reef Conservation 2019-present
Center for Biodiversity Outcomes, Arizona State University

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Ocean Science Fellow

Center for Oceans and Moore Center for Science, Conservation International

Principal Investigator of marine conservation (paleo)ecology research program focused on improving the health of coral reef ecosystems via (1) pinpointing the social and ecological mechanisms of recent declines and (2) identifying strategies to improve the sustainability of coral reef fisheries and the food security of reef-dependent communities.

Postdoctoral Researcher 2015-2017

Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), UC San Diego

PI in study constructing a timeline of pre-historical and historical human impacts to Caribbean coastal marine ecosystems from a synthesis of historical, archaeological, and paleontological data to inform conservation.

Course Coordinator 2016

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Led intensive summer course 'Introduction to Marine Biodiversity, Conservation and Global Change' for incoming graduate students. Developed and graded course assignments, provided context and common thread for diverse content, gave lecture and lab on marine paleoecology, and led field trip on coastal geology of San Diego.

- Lecturer** 2016
UC San Diego
Co-taught undergraduate course 'Introduction to Environmental Systems'. Designed and instructed a course curriculum focused on ecology, evolution, conservation ecology, water resources and pollution, and environmental economics and policy, and designed Teaching Assistant-led discussion sections to improve critical thinking and writing skills.
- Smithsonian Institution MarineGEO Postdoctoral Fellow** 2012-2014
 National Museum of Natural History/Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
PI in study identifying anthropogenic drivers of recent Caribbean reef declines by assessing millennial-scale reef ecological change from coral reef fossils and sediments collected from reef matrix cores.
- Ecologist, Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network** 2012
 International Union for Conservation of Nature (Washington, DC)
In collaboration with reef researchers from universities, marine labs, management agencies, and environmental NGOs across the Caribbean, developed and analyzed largest database to date of Caribbean reef ecological survey data (spanning from 1959-present) to: (1) determine status and trends of reefs across the Caribbean, (2) identify varying trajectories of decline across reef locations to resolve drivers of recent ecological change, (3) provide recommendations to reef managers for promoting reef recovery and resilience.
- NOAA Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellow** 2011-2012
 U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard
As congressional staffer to Senators Jay Rockefeller and Mark Begich, assisted in analyzing, proposing, and drafting legislation to advance sustainable management of fishery, coral reef, and other marine resources; designed and coordinated oversight and legislative hearings; analyzed effectiveness of NOAA programs; advised Commerce Committee Senators and staff on marine science issues.
- SIO Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Fellow** 2009-2011
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) Pre-doctoral Fellow 2008-2009
Organization for Tropical Studies Tropical Biology Field Course, Costa Rica 2006
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) Short-term Fellow 2004
NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Fellow 2004-2006
For doctoral work, reconstructed timeline of centennial-scale anthropogenic change in coral reef ecological communities and environments from analysis of reef coral and mollusk fossils, historical records, and archaeological data; developed a revised biogeographic scheme for the Eastern Tropical Pacific and Caribbean using shorefish species distributions. Collaborators = Jeremy Jackson and Ross Robertson
- Fisheries Ecologist, Protected Resources Division** 1998-2004
 National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center (La Jolla)
Led study assessing impact of yellowfin tuna purse seine fishery on reproductive output of depleted dolphin populations in the Eastern Tropical Pacific (ETP); conducted extensive field work including shipboard, land-based, and aerial surveys of pelagic and coastal cetaceans; became expert in fields of fisheries science, marine conservation ecology, population dynamics, statistical analysis and modeling of ecological data, and computer programming.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles and preprints

McClenachan L, Rick T, Thurstan RH, Trant A, Alagona, P.S., Alleway, H.K., Armstrong, C., Bird, R.B., Rubio-Cisneros, N.T., Clavero, M. and Colonese, A.C., Cramer KL, et al. 2023. [Global research priorities for historical ecology to inform conservation](#). *In review, Endangered Species Research*

Muraoka WT*, Cramer KL*, O’Dea A, Zhao J, Leonard ND, Norris RD. 2022. [Historical declines in parrotfish on Belizean coral reefs linked to shifts in reef exploitation following European colonization](#). *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* 10:972172 (*equal authorship)

Cramer KL, Jackson JBC, Donovan MK, Greenstein BJ, Korpanty CA, Cook GM, Pandolfi JM. 2021. [The transformation of Caribbean coral communities since humans](#). *Ecology and Evolution* 11:10098-10118

Cramer KL, Kittinger JH. 2021. [Reef conservation off the hook: Can market interventions make coral reef fisheries more sustainable?](#) *Frontiers in Marine Science* 8:675274

Cramer KL, Jackson JBC, Greenstein BJ, Donovan MK, Korpanty CA, Cook GM, Pandolfi JM. 2020. [Widespread loss of Caribbean acroporid corals was underway before coral bleaching and disease outbreaks](#). *Science Advances* 6:17 eaax9395 [recommended in Faculty Opinions as being of special significance in its field; [10.3410/f.738253948.793578481](#)]

Cramer KL, O’Dea A, Leonard-Pingel JS, Norris RD. 2019. [Millennial-scale change in Caribbean coral reef ecosystem structure and the role of human and natural disturbance](#). *Ecography* 43:283-293

Łukowiak M, Cramer KL, Madzia D, Hynes MG, Norris RD, O’Dea A. 2018. [Historical change in a Caribbean reef sponge community and long-term loss of sponge predators](#). *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 601:127-37

Cramer KL, O’Dea A, Carpenter C, Norris RD. 2018. [A 3,000 year record of Caribbean reef urchin communities reveals causes and consequences of long-term decline in *Diadema antillarum*](#). *Ecography* 41:164-73

Cramer KL, O’Dea A, Clark TR, Zhao J, Norris RD. 2017. [Prehistorical and historical declines in Caribbean coral reef accretion rates driven by loss of parrotfish](#). *Nature Communications* 8:14160

Sibert EC, Cramer KL, Hastings PA, Norris RD. 2017. [Methods for isolation and quantification of microfossil fish teeth and elasmobranch dermal denticles \(ichthyoliths\) from marine sediments](#). *Palaeontologia Electronica* 20:1–14

Cramer KL, Leonard-Pingel JS, Rodríguez F, Jackson JBC. 2015. [Molluscan subfossil assemblages reveal the long-term deterioration of coral reef environments in Caribbean Panama](#). *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 96:176–187

Robertson DR, Cramer KL (equal authorship). 2014. [Defining and dividing the Greater Caribbean: insights from the biogeography of shorefishes](#). *PLoS One* 9(7):e102918

Cramer KL. 2013. [History of human occupation and environmental change in western and central Caribbean Panama](#). *Bulletin of Marine Science* 89:955-982

Cramer KL, Jackson JBC, Angioletti C, Leonard-Pingel J, Guilderson TP. 2012. [Anthropogenic mortality on coral reefs in Caribbean Panama predates coral disease and bleaching](#). *Ecology Letters* 15:561-567

Robertson DR, **Cramer KL** (equal authorship). 2009. [Shore fishes and biogeographic subdivisions of the Tropical Eastern Pacific](#). *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 380:1-17 (feature article)

Cramer KL, Perryman W, Gerrodette T. 2008. [Declines in reproductive output in two dolphin populations depleted by the tuna purse-seine fishery](#). *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 369:273-285

Cramer KL. 1998. Trace element characterization of San Diego Bay invertebrates. *Journal of Undergraduate Research, University of California, San Diego*

Submitted manuscripts

Waldock C, Hoey A, Loiseau N, Feary DA, McLean M, Ferse SCA, Mellin C, **Cramer KL,** Maire E, Zamborain-Mason J, MacNeil MA. Micronutrient mismatch between reported catches and availability in reef fish assemblages. In review, *People and Nature*

Staples TL, Blois J, **Cramer KL,** Cunningham ET, Dornelas M, Haberle SG, Heger T, Kiessling W, Magurran AE, O’Dea A, Penny AM, Radeloff VC, Smith JA, Thuiller W, Williams JW, Pandolfi JM. A unifying framework for the measurement of ecological and environmental novelty. Submitted, *Ecology Letters*

Book chapters

Cramer KL, Bernard ML, Bernat I, Gutierrez L, Murphy EL, Sangolquí P, Surrey KC, Gerber LR. 2021a. The present and future status of ecosystem services for coral reefs. Reference Module in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences, Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-821139-7.00177-X>

Cramer KL. Historia del impacto humano sobre los ecosistemas costeros del Caribe panameño. 2014. In: Rodríguez F, O’Dea A, editors. Historia Natural del Istmo de Panamá. Panamá: Albacrome S.A.

Reports

Andrachuk M, Peckham H, Box S, Campbell S, **Cramer KL,** Darling E, Dougherty D, Geers T, Hicks C, Kleisner K, Mangubhai S, Mason J, Matthews E, Rife A, Rivera A, Robinson J, Wabnitz C. 2022. [The role of coral reef small-scale fisheries for addressing malnutrition and avoiding biodiversity loss](#). A Vibrant Oceans Initiative Whitepaper.

Jackson JBC, Donovan MK, **Cramer KL,** Lam W (editors). 2014. [Status and trends of Caribbean coral reefs: 1970-2012](#). Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Gland, Switzerland.

Jackson J, **Cramer KL,** Donovan M, Friedlander A, Hooten A, Lam V. 2012. [Tropical Americas coral reef resilience workshop report](#), April 29-May 5, 2012. Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, 33 pp.

Hull PM, Aburto-Oropeza O, Bedolla Y, **Cramer KL**, Hanson K, Marhaver K, Murray J, Roth M, Tomas-Nash F, Sandin S, Sanchez C, Sala E. 2006. [An ecological and economic baseline for the Revillagigedo Archipelago Biosphere Reserve, Mexico](#). *Expedition Report to UC-Mexus Program*.

Cramer KL, Perryman WL. 2002. Estimation of reproductive and demographic parameters of the eastern spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris orientalis*) using aerial photography. NOAA Administrative Report LJ-02-31, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA.

Conference Abstracts

Cramer KL, McClenachan L, Alvarez-Filip L, Carilli J, Cope J, Graham R, Martínez I, McField M, Nowlis J, Pérez Jiménez JC, Rubio-Cisneros N, Tewfik A, Vardi T, Whaley Z. 2023. Integrating paleo, historical, archeological, and traditional ecological knowledge data into Caribbean coral reef management. 2nd Conservation Paleobiology Symposium, Gainesville, FL.

Whaley Z, **Cramer KL**, McClenachan L, Alvarez-Filip L, Carilli J, McField M, Tewfik A, Vardi T. 2023. Long-term change in Caribbean reef water quality and ecosystem health. 2nd Conservation Paleobiology Symposium, Gainesville, FL.

O'Quinn M, Justice I, **Cramer KL**, Leonard-Pingel J. 2022. Coral reef subfossil assemblages suggest early reef loss in Belize. Geological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Denver.

Cramer KL, Donovan MK, Pandolfi JM, Greenstein BJ, Jackson JBC. 2022. Reconstructing long-term change in Caribbean coral communities to inform management and conservation. 15th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Bremen, Germany.

O'Quinn M, Leonard-Pingel J, **Cramer KL**. 2021. Change in coral reef bivalve assemblages indicate early loss of reef building corals in Belize. Geological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting.

Cramer KL. 2020. Coral reefs in the present – centuries of human impact. AAAS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

Cramer KL, Jackson JBC, Donovan MK, Greenstein BJ, Korpanty CA, Cook GM, Pandolfi JM. 2019. Integrating paleoecological, historical, and ecological data to understand the mechanisms of Caribbean acroporid coral loss. 100th Meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists, Ensenada, Mexico

Cramer KL, Jackson JBC, Donovan MK, Greenstein BJ, Korpanty CA, Pandolfi JM. 2019. Integrating paleoecological, historical, and ecological data to understand the drivers of Caribbean acroporid coral loss. 11th North American Paleontological Convention, Riverside, CA

Cramer KL, Norris RD, O'Dea A. 2016. Prehistorical and historical deterioration of Caribbean reef ecosystems linked to declines in reef accretion, herbivory, and water quality. 13th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Honolulu, HI

Carpenter C, **Cramer KL**, O'Dea A, Norris RD. 2016. A 3000 year record of abundance and dynamics of the keystone urchin *Diadema antillarum* from analysis of subfossil spines from reef sediment cores. 13th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Honolulu, HI

McComas K, **Cramer KL**, O’Dea A, Norris RD. 2016. A modern fish tooth reference collection to help track historical change in Caribbean reef fish communities from tooth fossils found in reef sediments. 13th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Honolulu, HI

Cramer KL, Norris RD, O’Dea A. 2015. A quantitative reconstruction of historical change in Caribbean reef ecosystems. 37th Meeting of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean, Curacao.

Cramer KL, Norris RD, O’Dea A. 2013. Historical change in Caribbean reef fish and coral communities. 94th Meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists, Oxnard, CA

Cramer KL, Jackson J, Angioletti C, Leonard-Pingel J, Guilderson T. 2013. Historical anthropogenic change in reef coral and molluscan communities in Caribbean Panama. 46th Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists, San Diego, CA

Cramer KL, Norris RD, O’Dea A. 2013. Changes in Caribbean coral reef environments and fish communities over the last millennium. Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Fellows Symposium, Balboa, Panama.

Robertson DR, **Cramer KL**. 2013. The Caribbean sandwich: biogeographical revelations from shore-fishes. 9th Indo-Pacific Fish Conference, Okinawa, Japan

Cramer KL, Jackson J, Angioletti C, Leonard-Pingel J, Guilderson T. 2012. Anthropogenic mortality on Caribbean coral reefs before coral bleaching and disease. 12th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Cairns, Australia

Jackson J, **Cramer KL***, Donovan M, Friedlander A, Hooten A, Lam V. 2012. Disparate trajectories of coral reef decline inform strategies for recovery. 12th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Cairns, Australia (**presenter*)

Cramer KL. 2011. Historical change in coral and molluscan communities in Caribbean Panama. Colloquium on Ecological and Evolutionary Change in Tropical American Seas Over Broad Timescales, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Bocas del Toro, Panama

Cramer KL. 2008. Historical changes in coral communities along a gradient of land use in Bocas del Toro, Panama. 11th International Coral Reef Symposium, International Society for Reef Studies, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Cramer KL, Perryman W. 2003. Estimation of reproductive and demographic parameters of the eastern spinner and northeastern offshore spotted dolphin using aerial photogrammetry. 15th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals, Society for Marine Mammalogy, Greensboro, NC

FUNDRAISING (GRANTS)

Awarded

NSF Human Environment and Geographical Sciences (\$400k)	2023
NSF Supplementary Research Award (\$26k)	2021
NSF Research Coordination Network (\$19k)	2021
National Science Foundation, Geosciences ICER Program (\$200k)	2019
“Best Research Idea”, Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean meeting (\$2k)	2015

Kaplan Foundation (\$2k)	2014
National Geographic Society / Waitt Foundation Grant (\$12.5k)	2013
UC Academic Senate Grant (\$5.5k)	2013
PADI Project AWARE Foundation Grant (\$1.5k)	2008
UC Academic Senate Grant (\$20k)	2006

Submitted

NSF Engineering Research Center (\$5M)	2023
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TEACHING, MENTORING, AND OUTREACH

Teaching, Seminars, and Outreach

- 2024 Instructor for Sustainability Research Course (SOS 499)
- 2023 Instructor for Sustainability Research Course (SOS 499)
- 2022 Seminar titled “Integrating Historical Data into Caribbean Reef Management and Conservation”, Q-Mare (Quaternary Marine Ecosystems) group
- 2021 Guest lecture for undergraduate course “Marine Ecology and Conservation”, New York University
- 2020 Guest lecture for graduate course “Social-Ecological-Technical Systems”, Arizona State University
- 2020 Seminar titled “Reconstructing Long-term Change in Caribbean Coral Reefs to Inform Conservation”, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History
- 2020 Seminar titled “Reconstructing Long-term Change in Caribbean Coral Reefs to Inform Conservation”, Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology Department, UC Santa Barbara
- 2020 Seminar titled “The Past, Present, and Future of Coral Reefs” to Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability, Arizona State University
- 2019 Departmental seminar titled “Reconstructing Long-term Change in Coral Reefs to Inform Conservation” at Biology Department, Cal State University San Marcos
- 2019 Seminar to Earth Sciences Department at University of California Riverside, “Reconstructing Long-term Change in Marine Ecosystems to Inform Conservation”
- 2018 Lecture and laboratory on “A Brief History of Life” to graduate course in Marine Biodiversity, Conservation, and Global Change, Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- 2018 Invited presentation to Encinitas Environmental Commission (advisory body to Encinitas City Council), “The Past and Present of Coral Reefs and What We Can Do to Enable Their Survival”
- 2018 Departmental seminar titled “Anatomy of an Ecological Collapse: Reconstructing Long-Term Change in Caribbean Reefs” at Geology and Environmental Studies Departments, Washington and Lee University
- 2018 Seminar for Assistant Professor position (received job offer), “Reconstructing Long-term Change in Marine Ecosystems to Inform Conservation”, University of Hong Kong
- 2017 Expert on science panel for audience Q&A following public screening of “Chasing Coral”, La Paloma Theater, Encinitas, CA
- 2016 Course Coordinator for graduate course “Introduction to Marine Biodiversity, Conservation and Global Change”
- 2016 Instructor for undergraduate course “Introduction to Environmental Systems”, University of California, San Diego
- 2016 Departmental seminar titled “Anatomy of an Ecological Collapse: Reconstructing a Timeline of Long-Term Change in Caribbean Coral Reefs” at Department of Earth and Biological Sciences, Loma Linda University

- 2016 Departmental seminar titled “Uncovering the Antiquity and Causes of Caribbean Coral Reef Collapse with Paleontological, Archaeological, and Historical Data” to Marine Biology Research Division, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- 2015 Leader of Better Education for Women in Science (BEWiSE) workshop on coral reef historical ecology and conservation using fossils, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA (8th/9th grade students)
- 2014 Paleobiology Departmental Seminar, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC
- 2014 Presentation entitled “What should Caribbean reefs look like?” to National Geographic Society, Washington, DC
- 2014 Guest lecture entitled “Historical Ecology of Caribbean Coral Reefs”, Perspectives on Ocean Science undergraduate course at SIO
- 2014 Leader of Better Education for Women in Science (BEWiSE) workshop on marine historical ecology using fossils, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA (8th/9th grade students)
- 2013 Public lecture to San Diego Shell Club on historical changes in Caribbean coral reef mollusks from human activities, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
- 2012 Leader of Better Education for Women in Science (BEWiSE) workshop on coral reef paleoecology, Scripps Institution of Oceanography (8th/9th grade students)
- 2010 Guest Lecturer, UCSD Academic Connections summer course in Paleobiology for local high school students
- 2010 Leader of Better Education for Women in Science (BEWiSE) workshop on coral reef paleoecology, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA (8th/9th grade students)
- 2009 Public lecture on coral reef conservation (in Spanish) to university students, Meliá Panamá Canal Hotel, Colón, Panama
- 2009 American Cetacean Society public lecture on tuna/dolphin issue, Cabrillo Aquarium, San Pedro, CA
- 2008 Coral reef conservation lecture and lab to K-12 students in local indigenous community, Bocas del Toro, Panama (in Spanish)
- 2007 Teaching Assistant, undergraduate course in Biological Oceanography at UCSD

Mentoring

- 2023 Honor’s thesis advisor to student at ASU’s Barrett Honors College conducting research on food security benefits of community-based management of coral reef marine protected areas
- 2023 Committee member for PhD student at ASU’s School of Life Sciences conducting research on vulnerability of Caribbean coral species and associated ecosystem services
- 2022 Supervisor to undergraduate Arizona State University student conducting independent research project for course credit
- 2022 Supervisor to one undergraduate student (from Dalhousie University) conducting internship for [Reef Futures](#) Project
- 2021 Supervisor to three undergraduate students (from Arizona State University and University of Dalhousie) conducting internships for [Reef Futures](#) Project
- 2020 Supervisor to six undergraduate students (from Arizona State University, Stanford University, and University of Dalhousie) conducting internships for [Reef Futures](#) Project
- 2020 Mentor to two undergraduate students for NSF-funded Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- 2019 Co-advisor to Master’s student conducting independent research in Norris laboratory at SIO

- 2018 Co-advisor to Master's student conducting independent research in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2017 Supervisor to Master's student conducting independent research in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2016 Supervisor to two UCSD undergraduate students conducting independent research in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2015 Advisor to five UCSD undergraduate students and one undergraduate student from Brazil conducting independent research projects in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2014 Advisor to 11 UCSD undergraduate students conducting independent research projects for course credit in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2013 Supervisor to three UCSD work-study students in laboratory of Richard Norris at SIO
- 2013 Advisor to two UCSD undergraduate students conducting senior research projects in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2013 Advisor to two volunteers (recent UCSD graduates) working on projects related to my post-doctoral research, in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2013 Advisor to under-represented Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) student in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2013 Advisor to two UCSD undergraduate students conducting independent research projects for course credit in Norris laboratory at SIO
- 2010 Advisor to Summer Training Academy for Research in the Sciences (STARS) under-represented undergraduate student in laboratory of Jeremy Jackson at SIO
- 2009 Advisor to Panamanian undergraduate student intern
- 2008 Advisor to UCSD undergraduate student conducting senior project in laboratory of Jeremy Jackson at SIO

POPULAR COVERAGE OF RESEARCH & SciCOMM

- ASU News, [*"ASU research provides new insights into Belizean coral reef conservation"*](#)
- Conservation International, [*"In the face of climate change, Caribbean corals are crumbling"*](#)
- The Guardian, [*"US plans to protect thousands of miles of coral reefs in Pacific and Caribbean"*](#)
- Trinidad and Tobago Newsday, [*"Hungry parrotfish crucial to healthy reefs"*](#)
- Conservation Paleobiology Research Highlight, [*"Local human activities began disrupting Caribbean coral populations decades before coral disease and bleaching outbreaks"*](#)
- ASU Now, [*"ASU researchers shine at world's largest science meeting"*](#)
- Phys.org, [*"Coral Reefs: Centuries of Human Impact"*](#)
- Washington Post, [*"240-Year-Old Nautical Maps Show Coral Loss is Much Worse than We Knew"*](#)
- Nature Research Highlights, [*"Parrotfish Loss Drives Reef Decline"*](#)
- Smithsonian Insider, [*"Coral Reefs Grow Faster, Healthier When Parrotfish are Abundant"*](#)
- Oceana Blog, [*"To Make a Tropical Paradise, Start with Parrotfish Poop"*](#)
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography News, [*"Study Finds Parrotfish are Critical to Coral Reef Health"*](#)
- Biosphere Magazine, [*"Parrotfish are Critical to Coral Reef Survival"*](#)
- Smithsonian Institution, Smithsonian Science News, [*"Study reveals Agriculture and Fishing Cause Coral Reef Decline"*](#)
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography, [*"Research Highlight: Agriculture and Fishing Cause Coral Reef Decline"*](#)
- New York Times, Dot Earth blog, [*"Protecting Parrotfish on the Path to a Caribbean Reef Revival"*](#)
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, [*"Three Caribbean Seas"*](#)
- Crítica newspaper, Panamá, [*"Estudio revela que humanos han alterado los ambientes terrestres y marino-costeros"*](#)

- University of Panamá news page, "[En Panamá, los humanos han alterado el ambiente muchísimo antes de lo que pensábamos](#)"
- Smithsonian Institution Science blog, "[Q&A: Katie Cramer on the long term human impact on coral reefs in Caribbean Panama](#)"
- Smithsonian Institution E-Torch blog, "[Building on the past to save the future of the coral reef](#)"
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography, "[Declines in Caribbean coral reefs pre-date climate change damage](#)"
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, "[Coral contains a message](#)"

LEADERSHIP/SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SKILLS

- Reviewer for NSF CAREER proposal (2024)
- Review Panelist for NSF Human Environment and Geographical Sciences (HEGS) program (2023)
- Lead of NSF-funded project "[The role of land use change in the decline and recovery of Caribbean coral reefs](#)"
- Co-lead of working group on "[Integrating paleo and historical data into coral reef management and policy](#)" funded by Conservation Paleobiology Network (via NSF)
- Academic Partner and member of "Building the Case" working group, [Ocean Sewage Alliance](#)
- Affiliate Member of Hawaii Monitoring and Reporting Collaborative (HIMARC)
- Participant of Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP) Improving Coastal Health Working Group
- American Academy of Underwater Sciences-certified Scientific SCUBA Diver
- [Annual Meeting Panel Member](#), Conservation Paleobiology Network
- Faculty participant in ASU Global Futures Laboratory Research Accelerator program
- Member of working group on "Application of quantified ecological novelty into ecosystem management frameworks" at the Paleosynthesis Center, Friedrich-Alexander University, Germany
- Co-chair of cross-disciplinary session "The value of historical, archeological and paleoecological data for assessing and conserving coral reefs", 13th International Coral Reef Symposium, Honolulu (June 2016)
- Co-Chair of special session on Marine Historical Ecology at 37th Scientific Meeting of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean, Curacao (May 2015)
- Reviewer for National Science Foundation, *Atoll Research Bulletin*, *Conservation Biology*, *Conservation Letters*, *Coral Reefs*, *Diversity*, *Ecological Applications*, *Ecography*, *Ecology and Society*, *Frontiers in Marine Science*, *Frontiers in Water*, *Journal of Biogeography*, *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, *Molecular Ecology*, *Oryx*, *PeerJ*, *PLoS Climate*, *PLoS One*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, *Revista de Biología Tropical*, *Science Advances*, *Scientific Reports*
- Proposal reviewer for Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research and Hong Kong Environment and Conservation Fund
- Proficiency in computer programming (R, QGIS), biostatistics, ecological and geospatial modeling
- Proficiency in written and spoken Spanish
- [Commissioner](#) and Vice-Chair, Environmental Commission, City of Encinitas, CA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- [National Geographic Explorer](#)
- Ocean Sewage Alliance

- Conservation Paleobiology Network
- International Coral Reef Society
- Society for Conservation Biology
- American Geophysical Union
- Western Society of Malacologists