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BIO

I am a Staff Scientist at the Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions. My research focuses on optimizing molecular and computational tools to address ecological and evolutionary questions. I have published in the areas of environmental change, ocean health, biodiversity, disease, eDNA, -omics, and aquaculture. I hold a B.S. in Biology from the University of Georgia, began my doctoral studies at the University of California, Merced, and earned my Ph.D. at Penn State. I completed two postdoctoral appointments, first as a joint-postdoctoral researcher at University of Washington's School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and University of Maryland's Institute for Marine and Environmental Technology. Second, I completed advanced collaborative training as a postdoctoral scholar at Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment in conjunction with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. I enjoy exploring and teaching about the natural world, its diversity, complexities, and the challenges faced by our environment.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Basic Life Research Scientist, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.S., University of Georgia, Athens , Biology (2005)
- Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, University Park , Biology (2014)

LINKS

- Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions: <https://oceansolutions.stanford.edu/people/collin-closek>
- closek.com: <http://www.closek.com>

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Up in Arms: Immune and Nervous System Response to Sea Star Wasting Disease** *PLOS ONE*
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- **Microbes in the coral holobiont: partners through evolution, development, and ecological interactions** *FRONTIERS IN CELLULAR AND INFECTION MICROBIOLOGY*
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