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CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Microbiologist, veterinarian and data analyst in the Relman lab studying the indigenous gut microbiota of a wide range of marine and terrestrial mammals. Current research interests include characterizing microbiome assembly in neonatal mammals, host-microbiome co-evolution and patterns of microbiome diversity associated with wildlife population health.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PhD, Stanford School of Medicine , Microbiology & Immunology (2019)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine , Veterinary Medicine (2009)
- Masters of Preventative Vet Med, University of California at Davis , Public health & zoonoses (2013)

Publications

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