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Education

Ph.D., Biological Oceanography, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego, 2013

B.S, Aquatic Biology, University of California Santa Barbara, Distinction in Major, 2006

Professional Experience

Senior Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, 2022-present

Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, 2021-2022

Research Specialist and Postdoctoral Researcher, University of California, Irvine, 2018-2020

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Southern California, 2014-2018

Selected Presentations and Conference

Proceedings

F Kessouri, CA Frieder, M Sutula, S Chu, CX Xiang. High-resolution modeling of Direct Ocean Capture in the southern California Current System. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences Meeting, New Orleans, LA. February 2024.

Frieder CA, F Kessouri, M Sutula, K McLaughlin, D Feely, B Carter. Attribution of local-to-global stressors on pelagic calcifier habitat in the southern California Current System. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences Meeting, New Orleans, LA. February 2024.

Frieder CA, F Kessouri, M Ho, N Bednarsek, M Sutula, K McLaughlin, D Bianchi, J McWilliams, P

Damien, E Howard, C Deutsch. Biological exposure to ocean acidification, hypoxia, and warming emerges from a confluence of ocean climate state and local stressors in the southern California Current System. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, HI, February 2022. (virtual)

Frieder CA, K Davis, M Chamecki, Y chao, J McWilliams, D Dauhajre, M Sutula, F Kessouri, R Kudela, M McPherson, J Infante. A Modeling platform to evaluate offshore macroalgal farming. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences Meeting, San Diego, CA, February 2020.

Frieder CA, SL Applebaum, T-C F Pan and DT Manahan. Advancements in quantifying energy costs for organisms to respond to ocean change. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences Meeting, Portland, OR, February 2018.

Frieder CA, SL Applebaum, T-C F Pan and DT Manahan. Metabolic costs of environmental stressors in feeding larval forms. Poster presented at the International Larval Biology Symposium, Honolulu, HI, August 2017.

Frieder CA, SL Applebaum, T-C F Pan, D Hedgecock and DT Manahan. Energy metabolism and shell formation in bivalve larvae under different environmental conditions. Oral presentation delivered at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, New Orleans, LA, January 2017.

Frieder CA, T-C F Pan, SL Applebaum and DT Manahan. Ocean acidification causes increased calcium carbonate turnover during larval shell formation. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2016.

Frieder CA, SL Applebaum, T-C F PAN and DT Manahan. Characterization of coastal CO₂ dynamics and physiological responses of larval Pacific oyster to experimental ocean acidification. Poster presented at the National Shellfisheries Association meeting, Monterey, CA, March 2015.

Frieder CA and LA Levin. Macrofaunal biotic responses through the U.S. West Coast Oxygen Minimum Zone. Oral presentation delivered at the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2013.

Frieder CA and LA Levin. Larval responses of *Mytilus californianus* and *M. galloprovincialis* to low oxygen and/or high pCO₂. Poster presented at the Ocean in a High-CO₂ World, Monterey, CA, September 2012.

Frieder CA, MO Navarro and LA Levin. Continental shelf oxygen and pH dynamics: Implications for *Mytilus californianus* and *Doryteuthis opalescens* early development. Oral presentation delivered at the National Shellfisheries Association meeting, Seattle, WA, March 2012. *Received Outstanding Student Oral Presentation.

Frieder CA and LA Levin. Macrofaunal diversity and community structure in the world's oxygen

minimum and carbon maximum zones. Oral presentation delivered at the Ocean Sciences meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, February 2012.

Frieder CA, TR Martz and LA Levin. Scales and sources of pH and dissolved oxygen variability in a shallow, upwelling-driven ecosystem, Oral presentation delivered at the American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 2011.

Frieder CA, TR Martz and LA Levin. Scales, sources and implications of short-term oxygen and pH variability on the continental shelf off southern California. Oral presentation delivered at the Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference, Tahoe, CA, October 2011.

Frieder CA and LA Levin. Present-day environmental pH windows experienced by marine larvae. Oral presentation delivered at Aquatic Sciences, San Juan, Puerto Rico, February 2011.

Journal Articles

Frieder, C.A., T.W. Bell, H. Berry, K. Cavanaugh, D.C. Claar, J. Freiwald, B. Grime, S. Hamilton, H.F. Houskeeper, N. Lombardo, S. Marion, T.A. McHugh, G. McKenna, P.E. Parnell, P. Spector, S.B. Weisberg. 2025. Developing a Status and Trends Assessment for Floating Kelp Canopies across Large Geographic Areas. *Environmental Science & Technology* DOI:10.1021/acs.est.5c07501.

Hoel, P., D. Bianchi, K.C. Cavanaugh, C.A. Frieder, F. Kessouri. 2025. Influence of anthropogenic nutrient sources on kelp canopies during a marine heat wave. *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 216:117788.

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Bo, T., J.C. McWilliams, C.A. Frieder, K.A. Davis, M. Chamecki. 2024. Nutrient Replenishment by Turbulent Mixing in Suspended Macroalgal Farms. *Geophysical Research Letters* DOI:10.1029/2024GL109128.

Kessouri, F., M. Sutula, D. Bianchi, M. Ho, P. Damien, J.C. McWilliams, C.A. Frieder, L. Renault, H. Frenzel, K. McLaughlin, C. Deutsch. 2024. Cross-shore transport and eddies promote large scale response to urban eutrophication. *Scientific Reports* 14:7240.

Ho, M., F. Kessouri, C.A. Frieder, M. Sutula, D. Bianchi, J.C. McWilliams. 2023. Effect of ocean outfall discharge volume and dissolved inorganic nitrogen load on urban eutrophication outcomes in the Southern California Bight. *Scientific Reports* 13:22148.

Arzeno-Soltero, I.B., B.T. Saenz, C.A. Frieder, M.C. Long, J. DeAngelo, S.J. Davis, K.A. Davis. 2023. Large global variations in the carbon dioxide removal potential of seaweed farming due to biophysical constraints. *Communications Earth and Environment* 4:185.

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Frieder, C.A., C. Yan, M. Chamecki, D. Dauhajre, J.C. McWilliams, J. Infante, M.L. McPherson, R.M. Kudela, F. Kessouri, M. Sutula, I.B. Arzeno-Soltero, K.A. Davis. 2022. A Macroalgal Cultivation Modeling System (MACMODS): Evaluating the Role of Physical-Biological Coupling on Nutrients and Farm Yield. *Frontiers in Marine Science* DOI:10.3389/fmars.2022.752951.

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Ern R, D Chung, CA Frieder, N Madsen and B Speers-Roesch (2020) Oxygen-dependence of upper thermal limits in crustaceans from different thermal habitats. *Journal of Thermal Biology* 93, 102732.

Breitburg DL, H Baumann, IM Sokolova and CA Frieder (2019) Chapter 6. Multiple stressors - forces that combine to worsen deoxygenation and its effects. In: *Ocean deoxygenation: Everyone's problem. Causes, impacts, consequences and solutions*. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Report xxii, 562 pp.

Frieder CA, SL Applebaum, T-CF Pan and DT Manahan (2018) Shifting balance of protein synthesis and degradation sets a threshold for larval growth under environmental stress. *The Biological Bulletin* 234, 45-57.

Pan T-CF, SL Applebaum, CA Frieder, and DT Manahan (2018) Biochemical bases of growth variation during development: a study of protein turnover in pedigreed families of bivalve larvae (*Crassostrea gigas*). *Journal of Experimental Biology* 221:jeb171967 *selected as Editor's Choice and 2018 JEB Outstanding Paper

Frieder CA, SL Applebaum, T-CF Pan, D Hedgecock and DT Manahan (2017) Metabolic cost of calcification in bivalve larvae under experimental ocean acidification. *ICES Journal of Marine Science* 74, 941-954. *selected as Editor's Choice

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Hofmann GE, JE Smith, KS Johnson, [et al., including CA Frieder] (2011) High-frequency dynamics of ocean pH: A multi-ecosystem comparison. *PLoS ONE* 6(12), e28983.

Technical Reports

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Sutula, M., F. Kessouri, M. Ho, C.A. Frieder. 2026. Numerical Simulation of Potential Eutrophication Effects of Oil and Gas Produced Water Discharges on the Southern California Bight. Technical Report 1446. Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. Costa Mesa, CA.

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