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## Professional Preparation

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| University of East Anglia (England) | Environmental Sciences | B.S., 1997 |
| University of Illinois | Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences | M.S., 1999 |
| Stanford University | Environmental Engineering and Science | Ph. D., 2003 |
| USDA-ARS | Environmental Microbiology | Postdoctoral, 2003-2006 |

## Appointments

1997-1999, Research Assistant, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois.
1999-2003, Research Assistant, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University.
2003-2006, Postdoctoral Fellow (microbiologist), USDA-ARS, Urbana, IL.
January 2006 – present, Assist. Prof., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Michigan State University.

## Peer Reviewed Publications

**Cupples, A. M. 2008.** Real-time PCR quantification of *Dehalococcoides* populations: methods and applications. *Journal of Microbiological Methods, 72: 1-11.*

**Cupples, A. M.**, E. A. Shaffer, J. C. Chee-Sanford, and G. K. Sims. **2007**. DNA buoyant density shifts during $^{15}N$ DNA stable isotope probing. *Microbiological Research, 162: 328-334.*

**Cupples, A. M.** and G. K. Sims. **2007**. Identification of *in situ* 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid-degrading soil microorganisms using DNA-stable isotope probing, *Soil Biology and Biochemistry, 39: 232-238.*

**Cupples, A. M.**, R. A. Sanford, and G. K. Sims. **2005**. Dehalogenation of the herbicides bromoxynil (3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxybenzonitrile) and ioxynil (3,5-diiodino-4-hydroxybenzonitrile) *by Desulfitobacterium chlororespirans*. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology. 71: 3741-3746.*

**Cupples, A. M.**, A. M. Spormann and P. L. McCarty. **2004**. Comparative evaluation of chloroethene dechlorination to ethene by *Dehalococcoides*-like microorganisms. *Environmental Science and Technology, 38: 4768-4774.*

**Cupples, A. M.**, A. M. Spormann and P. L. McCarty. **2004**. Vinyl chloride and *cis*-dichloroethene dechlorination kinetics and microorganism growth under substrate limiting conditions. *Environmental Science and Technology, 38: 1102-1107.*

**Cupples, A. M.**, A. M. Spormann, and P. L. McCarty. **2003**. Growth of a *Dehalococcoides*-like microorganism on vinyl chloride and *cis*-dichloroethene as electron acceptors as determined by competitive PCR. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology. 69: 953-959.*

**Cupples, A. M.**, G. K. Sims, R. P. Hultgen and S. E. Hart. **2000**. Effect of soil conditions of the degradation of chloransulam-methyl. *Journal of Environmental Quality 29: 786- 794.*

Sims, G. K. and **A. M. Cupples**. **1999**. Factors controlling degradation of pesticides in soil. *Pesticide Science 55: 598-601.*

David, M. B., **A. M. Cupples**, G. B. Lawrence, G. Shi, K. Vogt and P. M. Wargo. **1998**. Effect of chronic nitrogen additions on soil nitrogen fractions in Red Spruce stands. Water, Air and Soil Poll. 105: 183-192.

## Conference Proceedings and Book Reviews

Sims, G. K., R. P. Hultgren, **A. M. Cupples**, and R. J. Hudson. 2001. Role of ionization in bacterial uptake and soil sorption of agrochemicals. pp. 268-270 In Proc. 3rd Internet. Conf. on Groundwater Quality, Univ. of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK.

Hultgren, R. P., E. Elverson, **A. M. Cupples**, R. J. Hudson, and G. K. Sims. 2000. Bacterial uptake and soil sorption of ionizable agrochemicals. In Specialty Chemicals. Symp. Proc. Am. Chem. Soc. 40(1):192-194.

**Cupples, A. M.** (book review) Principles and Application of Soil Microbiology, 2nd Edition (edited by D. M. Sylvia, J. J. Fuhrmann, P. G. Hartel, and D. A. Zuberer). Journal of Environmental Quality, 30:731-732.

## Teaching Experience

Michigan State University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- CE 487 Microbiology for Environmental Health Engineers
- CE 280 Principles of Environmental Engineering and Science

University of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, 2003
- Guest lectures in soil microbiology.

Stanford University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2001.
- Teaching assistant for environmental microbiology (graduate & undergraduates).

## Professional Society Membership

American Society for Microbiology, Soil Science Society of America, Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors, Center for Water Sciences (MSU).

## Awards and Fellowships

Two USDA-ARS awards for superior research in environmental microbiology (2005 and 2006)
Research Assistantships, tuition & stipend, Stanford University (1999-2003), UIUC (1997-1999)
Graduate Fellowship, UIUC (1998-1999)
Alumni Award for Graduate Student Travel, UIUC (1998)

## Advisees

I currently advise three graduate students (Ph.D) and a postdoctoral fellow:
Weimin Sun (Ph. D. Student)
Melissa Knapp (M.S. Student)
Indumathy Jayamani (M.S. Student)
Jong-Mun Cha (Postdoctoral Fellow)

Previous advisee (during postdoctoral fellowship):
Beth Shaffer (M.S.)