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## OBJECTIVE

My research objective is to understand the interactions between dietary intake, human-associated microbiota, and microbial metabolites to ultimately develop personalized strategies to improve oral and metabolic health.

## EDUCATION

### California Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science, Engineering and Applied Science, 1999

### University of Washington

Doctor of Philosophy, Genome Sciences, 2010  
Research Advisor: Leo J. Pallanck, Ph.D.

### Cornell University

Post-Doctoral Research, Molecular Biology and Genetics and Microbiology,  
2011 – 2017  
Research Advisor: Ruth E. Ley, Ph.D.

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor**, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, July 1, 2017 – present.

**Post-Doctoral Research Associate**, Departments of Molecular Biology and Microbiology, Cornell University, 2011 – 2017.

**Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant**, Department of Genome Sciences, University of Washington at Seattle, 2004 – 2010.

**Research Associate**, Department of Taste Genetics, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, 2000 – 2004.

**Long-term Substitute Teacher**, Reading, Algebra, and Biology, Alhambra High School, Alhambra, California, 1999 – 2000.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Cornell Center for Vertebrate Genomics Seed Grant Award. December 2024. Title: *Genome scale profiling of the gut mycobiome to identify potential effects on human health.*
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Hatch Funding (Accession #7005865). October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2025. Title: *A feasibility trial for optimizing dietary fiber eating patterns to prevent obesity.*
- NIH NHLBI PRIDE (Programs to Increase Diversity Among Individuals Engaged in Health-Related Research) Small Research Project Grant. October 2022. Title: *Gut microbiome features mediate the effects of resistant starch on cholesterol metabolism.*
- Schwartz Research Fund Award for Women and other Underrepresented Faculty in the Life Sciences. February 2020. Title: *The tooth of the matter: investigating mechanisms underlying pathogenic biofilm formation.*
- Affinito-Stewart Grant from The President's Council of Cornell Women. May 2019. Title: *The impact of gene-diet-microbe interactions on host health.*
- Finalist in American Diabetes Association Pathway to Stop Diabetes Award Program, November 2018.
- Keystone Symposia Scholarship, 2015.
- Cornell Center for Comparative and Population Genomics Fellowship, 2013.
- Keystone Symposia Underrepresented Minority Scholarship, 2012.
- NIH, Aging and Disease Training Grant Fellowship Award, 2006 – 2010.
- University of Washington GenOM (Genomics Outreach for Minorities) Fellowship Award, 2004.

## PUBLICATIONS

\* co-first author

Devarakonda SLS\*, Superdock DK\*, Ren J, Johnson LM, Loinard-González AAP, **Poole AC**. Gut microbial features and dietary fiber intake predict gut microbiota response to resistant starch supplementation. *Gut Microbes*. 2024 Jan-Dec;16(1):2367301. doi: 10.1080/19490976.2024.2367301. Epub 2024 Jun 24. PMID: 38913541.

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**Poole AC**. In the grand scheme of things: identifying reproducible microbial signatures in dietary intervention studies. *Cell Host & Microbe* Preview. 2019 August 14; 26(2). PMID: 31415747.

**Poole AC**, Goodrich JK, Youngblut ND, Ruaud A, Luque GG, Sutter JL, Waters JL, Shi Q, Mohamed E-H, Johnson LM, Bar HY, Huson DH, Booth JG, Ley RE. Human salivary amylase gene copy number impacts oral and gut microbiomes. *Cell Host & Microbe*. 2019 April 10; 25(4). PMID: 30974084.

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Chassaing B, Koren O, Goodrich JK, **Poole AC**, Srinivasan S, Ley RE, Gewirtz AT. Dietary emulsifiers impact the mouse gut microbiota promoting colitis and metabolic syndrome. *Nature*. 2015 Mar 5; 519(7541): 92-6. PMID: 25731162.

Panke-Buisse K, **Poole AC**, Goodrich JK, Ley RE, Kao-Kniffin J. Selection on soil microbiomes reveals reproducible impacts on plant function. *ISME Journal*. 2015 Mar 17; 9(4): 980-89. PMID: 25350154.

Goodrich JK, Waters JL, **Poole AC**, Sutter JL, Koren O, Blekhman R, Beaumont M, Van Treuren W, Knight R, Bell JT, Spector TD, Clark AG, Ley RE. Human genetics shape the gut microbiome. *Cell*. 2014 Nov 6; 159(4): 789-99. PMID: 25417156.

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**Poole AC\***, Thomas RE\*, Yu S, Vincow ES, Pallanck LJ. The mitochondrial fusion-promoting factor Mitofusin is a substrate of the PINK1/Parkin pathway. *PLoS One*. 2010 Apr 7. PMID: 20383334.

**Poole AC\***, Thomas RE\*, Andrews LA, McBride HM, Whitworth AJ, Pallanck LJ. The PINK1/Parkin pathway regulates mitochondrial morphology. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2008 Feb 5; 105(5): 1638-43. PMID: 18230723.

Kumar KG, **Poole AC**, York B, Volaufova J, Zuberi A, Richards BK. Quantitative trait loci for carbohydrate and total energy intake on mouse chromosome 17: congenic strain confirmation and candidate gene analyses (Glo1, Glp1r). *Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol*. 2006 Jan; 292(1): R207-16. PMID: 16946080.

Smith Richards BK, Belton BN, **Poole AC**, Mancuso JJ, Churchill GA, Li R, Volaufova J, Zuberi A, York B. QTL analysis of self-selected macronutrient diet intake: fat, carbohydrate, and total kilocalories. *Physiol Genomics*. 2002 Dec 3;11(3):205-17. PMID: 12388789.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Co-creator and Co-instructor** of NS 4210/6210: Precision Nutrition and Health, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, 2024 – present.

**Creator and Instructor** of NS 4200: Diet and the Microbiome, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, 2019 – present.

**Guest Lecturer** for NS 3150: Obesity and the Regulation of Body Weight, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, 2023 – present.

**Guest Lecturer** for NS 6320: Regulation of Macronutrient Metabolism, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, 2018 – 2020.

**Guest Lecturer** for NS2750: Human Biology and Evolution, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, 2013 – 2015.

**Guest Lecturer** for BME 6130: Engineering the Microbiome, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Cornell University, 2016.

**Guest Lecturer** for BIOMI 3210: The Normal Microbes of the Human Body in Health and Disease, Department of Microbiology, Cornell University, 2016.

**Teaching Assistant** for Genome 107: CSI Seattle, Department of Genome Sciences, University of Washington, 2008.

**Teaching Assistant** for Genome 371: Introductory Genetics, Department of Genome Sciences, University of Washington, 2007.

**ACADEMIC TRAINEES**

Master's committee chair for graduate student Kalem Hanlon, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University (August 2024 – present).

Master's committee chair for graduate student Colette Strathman, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University (August 2024 – present).

Research advisor to 8 undergraduate students. Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University (August 2024 – present).

PhD minor committee member for graduate student Ellie Tan, Department of Microbiology, Cornell University (June 2024 – present).

PhD committee chair for graduate student Sri Devarakonda, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University (January 2018 – August 2023).

PhD committee chair for graduate student Dorothy (Kim) Superdock, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University (January 2018 – June 2023).

PhD field-appointed committee member for graduate student Shariwa Oke, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University (2022 – present).

PhD minor committee member for graduate student Jingzhang Feng, Department of Food Science, Cornell University (2021 – present).

PhD minor committee member for graduate student Andrea Darby, Department of Entomology, Cornell University (July 2020 – May 2024).

Research Advisor to Ezra Mutai, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow, Division of Nutritional Sciences, November 2019 – July 2021.

Honors Thesis Advisor to Jiayuan Liu, Cornell University August 2020 – June 2021.

Honors Thesis Advisor to Alizeh Khan, Cornell University August 2021 – June 2022.

Research Advisor to Shuai Man, Cornell University, August 2022 – June 2023.

Research Advisor to Belle Lin, Cornell University, January 2021 – December 2021.

Research Advisor to Jaden Ombre, Cornell University, August 2020 – May 2021.

Research Advisor to 9 undergraduate students, Cornell University, August 2019 – May 2020.

Supervision of one undergraduate in the laboratory of Dr. R. E. Ley, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Cornell University (2013 – 2014).

Supervision of one undergraduate in the laboratory of Dr. L. J. Pallanck, Department of Genome Sciences, University of Washington (2008 – 2010).

## SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Seminar: “The association of host and microbial features with microbial response to starch.” The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota. Austin, Minnesota, November 2024.

Invited Speaker: “Predicting oral and gut microbiota response to carbohydrate consumption.” 24th International Lake Arrowhead Microbial Genomics Conference. Lake Arrowhead, California, September 2024.

Speaker: “Identifying predictors of short-chain fatty acid response for precision nutrition guidelines regarding dietary fiber intake.” 9th Conference on Beneficial Microbes. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, Wisconsin, July 2024.

Invited Speaker: “Gut microbiome features and prior dietary intake predict short-chain fatty acid response to resistant starch supplementation.” Fifth International Conference on Precision Nutrition and Metabolism in Public Health and Medicine, an Aegean conference. Ioannina, Greece, July 2024.

Invited Seminar: “Progress toward personalizing dietary intake to improve metabolic health.” Southern Tier Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (STAND) and Central New York Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 2023.

Invited Speaker: “Prior dietary intake and gut microbial features predict gut microbiota response to resistant starch supplementation.” ASM Microbe (American Society for Microbiology). Houston, Texas, June 2023.

Invited Seminar: “Assessment of candidate predictors of gut microbiota response to starches: A precision nutrition study.” Center for Metagenomics and Microbiome Research at the Baylor College of Medicine. Virtual, November 2022.

Invited Seminar: “Exploring the causes and consequences of gut microbiome variation to choose the best dietary fiber for *you*.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Bacteriology. Virtual, March 2022.

Invited Speaker: “A host gene-microbe interaction potentially relevant to personalized nutrition.” First International Conference on Precision Nutrition and Metabolism in Public Health and Medicine, an Aegean conference in Chania, Crete, Greece. September 2018.

Invited Seminar: “Salivary amylase gene copy number affects microbiomes with implications for host health.” Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology. Tübingen, Germany, September 2018.

Invited Seminar: "The effects of diet-related host genes on oral and gut microbiomes." University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas, October 2017.

Poster: "Amylase gene copy number impacts the structure and function of human oral and gut microbiomes." 16th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology. Montreal, Canada, August 2016.

Invited Speaker: "Human salivary amylase gene copy number impacts the gut microbiome and its function." 11th Annual University of Michigan Early Career Scientists Symposium: Ecosystems Within Organisms: Ecology and Evolution of the Microbiome. Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 2015.

Electronic Poster: "Human salivary amylase gene copy number impacts the gut microbiome and its function." Keystone conference: Gut Microbiota Modulation of Host Physiology: The Search for Mechanism. Keystone, Colorado, March 2015.

Poster: "The affect of salivary amylase gene copy number on gut microbiota composition and function." 15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology. Seoul, South Korea, August 2014.

Invited Speaker: "Exploring the Co-evolution of Gut Microbes, Humans, and Their Diets." American Society for Microbiology: General Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. March 2014.

Poster: "Correlation of Salivary Amylase Levels with Gut Microbiome Composition." Keystone conference: The Microbiome. Keystone, Colorado, March 2012.

Workshop: "Microbiota and Your Research: A How-to Guide to Designing and Executing Studies of the Microbiota in Your Favorite Niche." Keystone conference: The Microbiome. Keystone, Colorado, March 2012.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Service**

- Cornell University Service - CALS Board, 2023 – present.
- Cornell Division of Nutritional Sciences Seminar Committee, 2022 – present.
- Cornell Graduate Field of Nutrition Academic Affairs Committee, 2019 – present.
- Cornell Division of Nutritional Sciences Pre-Health Bridge Program/PostBacc Committee, 2018.

### **Professional Appointments and Memberships**

- NIH Early Career Reviewer Program, study section: Nutrition and Metabolism in Health and Disease, June 21-22, 2022
- USDA NIFA grant review panel, study section on Food and Human Health, November 2019

- Associate Editor on the Editorial Board of Microbiome in Health and Disease, a specialty section within *Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology*
- Member, Cornell University Center for Vertebrate Genomics
- Faculty Fellow, Cornell University Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future
- Cornell Institute of Host-Microbe Interactions and Disease

**Ad hoc Reviewer**

- *Cell Host & Microbe* (Impact factor 21.0)
- *Cell Reports Medicine* (Impact factor 16.99)
- *Genome Biology* (Impact factor 10.8)
- *The ISME Journal* (Impact factor 10.3)
- *npj Biofilms and Microbiomes* (Impact factor 7.1)
- *mSystems* (Impact factor 5.9)

**Cornell University Graduate Field Memberships**

- Nutritional Sciences
- Microbiology