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He has published 60 peer-reviewed articles in journals including *Science*, *Ecology*, *Limnology & Oceanography* and *Marine Ecology Progress Series*. His research program has generated over 15 million dollars in extramural support from federal and state agencies including the National Science Foundation, National Marine Fisheries Service and SeaGrant. He has also mentored numerous graduate students and undergraduates during his career at the University of South Alabama, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and University of North Carolina.