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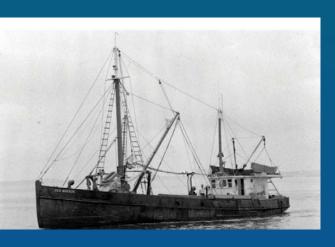


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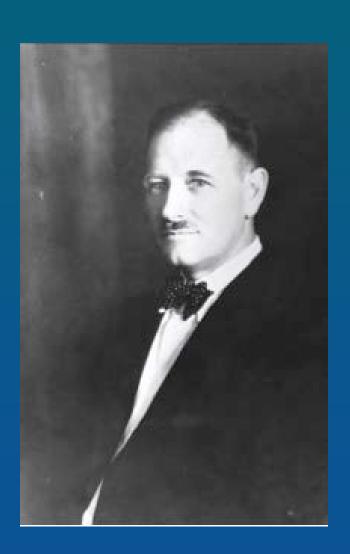




Mark Luckenbach 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming



## On the Shoulders of Giants



#### Donald W. Davis

Davis, D. W. 1941. Biology at the College of William and Mary before the War Between the States. Virginia Journal of Science 2(2/3):41-52



## On the Shoulders of Giants



#### Curtis Newcombe, Director 1940-1944

Newcombe, C. L., & Virginia Fisheries Laboratory. (1940). Studies on the phosphorus content of the estuarine waters of Chesapeake Bay. Yearbook of the American Philosophical Society 1940:225-227

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#### Research Trends - 1940's

#### 30 Publications

Blue Crabs (11)
Oysters (3)
Other fisheries 6)



Curtis Newcombe (7) – Water quality,
fisheries science, blue crabs
Mildred Sandoz (5) Blue crabs
Sewell Hopkins (3) Blue crabs
Margaret Lochhead (2) Blue crabs
Winston Menzel (2) Catfish fishery
John Makin (2) Oysters
Jay Andrews (1) Oysters
Nelson Marshall (1) Fisheries management

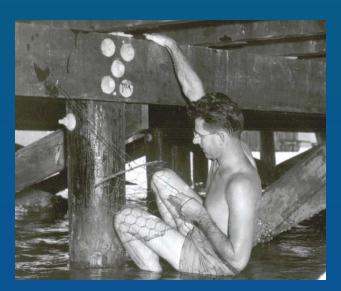


Wilard Van Engel ca. 1947

#### Research Trends - 1950's

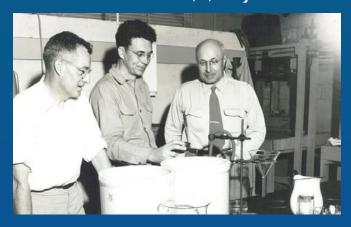
#### 60 Publications

Oysters (16) Crabs (3) Other fisheries (21) General marine ecology (11)



Wilard Van Engel

J.L. McHugh (13) – Oysters, fisheries Jay Andrew (11) – Oysters William Massmann (10) Fin fisheries William J. Hargis (5) Everything Dexter Havens (5) Oysters Willard Van Engle (2) Blue crabs Nelson Marshall (2) Oysters



J.L. McHugh, J. Andrew, V. Loosanoff



#### Research Trends - 1960's

#### 239 Publications

Oysters
Fishes and Fisheries
Sediment transport, Coastal geology
Plankton
Estuarine ecology



Bill Hargis

Bernard Patten (18) – Plankton
Wyman Harrison (15) Sediment Transport,
coastal geology
Jay Andrews (9) – Oysters
Dexter Havens (9) Oysters
William J. Hargis (9) Everything
William Massmann (9) Fisheries
Paul Chanley (8) Bivalves
Frank Perkins (8) Parasites
Maynard Nichols (6) Sediment dynamics
Jack Musick (3) Fishes



#### Research Trends - 1970's

#### 574 Publications

Oysters & oyster disease
Fishes and Fisheries
Coastal Geology, Sediment
transport
Plankton
Estuarine ecology

#### Most cited:

Virstein 1977, Ecology

Chao & Musick 1977. Fishery Bulletin

Wiebe et al. 1975 Science

Hass 1977 Estuar. & Coast. Mar. Sci

Virnstein 1979 Estuaries

Orth 1977 Mar. Biol.

Boesch 1973 Mar. Biol

Frank Perkins (22) – Pa William J. Hargis (13) E Paul Sandifer (13) – Dec Fredrick Kazama (12) P Maurice Lynch (11) Mar management Dale Calder (11) Cnidari Victor Goldsmith (11) Se dynamics Jay Andrews (10) Oyster Don Boesch (8) Benthic





### Research Trends - 1970's



Hargis, Cronin & Pritchard

Lynch, M.P. 2005. An unprecedented scientific community response to an unprecedented event: Tropical Storm Agnes and the Chesapeake Bay. *In: K.G. Sellner (ed.). Hurricane Isabel in Perspective. Chesapeake Research Consortium, CRC Publication* 05-160, *Edgewater, MD* 

"A Symposium on the Effects of Tropical Storm Agnes on the Chesapeake Bay Estuarine System," 47 Technical papers



#### Research Trends - 1980's

#### 618 Publications

Oysters & oyster disease
Fishes and Fisheries
Ecotoxicology
Parasitology
Coastal Geology, Sediment
transport
Estuarine ecology

#### Most cited:

Wright & Short 1984. Mar. Geol.

Orth et al. 1984. Estuaries

Orth & Moore 1983. Science

Haas 1982. Ann. Inst. Oceogr.

Landry et al. 1984. MEPS

Morris Roberts (16) – Ecotoxicology Robert Orth (15) - Seagrasses William J. Hargis (14) Everything Gene Burreson (13) – Marine diseases & leeches Jay Andrews (11) Oysters & disease Don Wright (11) Sediment transport, Benthic boundary layer dynamics Dennis Thoney (10) Parasite





### Research Trends - 1980's



Coastal geology, sediment transport, boundary-layer processes, animalsediment relations

Estuarine toxins, ecotoxicology, disease dynamics





Seagrass ecology



#### Research Trends - 1990's

#### 716 Publications

Oysters & oyster disease

Coastal Geology, Sediment transport layer dynamics

Fishes and Fisheries

Ecotoxicology

Parasitology

Benthic ecology

Estuarine ecology

#### Most cited:

Diaz & Rosenberg 1995. Ocea. Mar. Biol.

Carlson, Ducklow & Michaels 1994. Nature

Pihl, Baden & Diaz. 1991 Mar. Biol.

Milliman et al. 1999 Deep-Sea Res.

Burreson & Calvo 1996. JSR

Jerome Maa (20) – Sediment transport, boundary

Fu-Lin Chu (15) – Disease dynamics

Robert Orth (14) – Seagrasses

Mohamed Faisal (13) – Marine diseases

Don Wright (13) Sediment transport, Benthic

boundary layer dynamics

Jerome La Peyre (12) Oyster disease

Rob Hale (10) - Environmental chemistry

Woody Hobbs (10) Coastal geology

Bob Diaz (9) Benthic ecology

Jack Musick (9) Fishes



#### Research Trends - 2000's

#### 1283 Publications

Oysters & oyster disease
Coastal Geology, Sediment dynamics
Hydrodynamic modeling/water quality
Fishes and Fisheries
Parasitology
Benthic ecology
Estuarine ecology

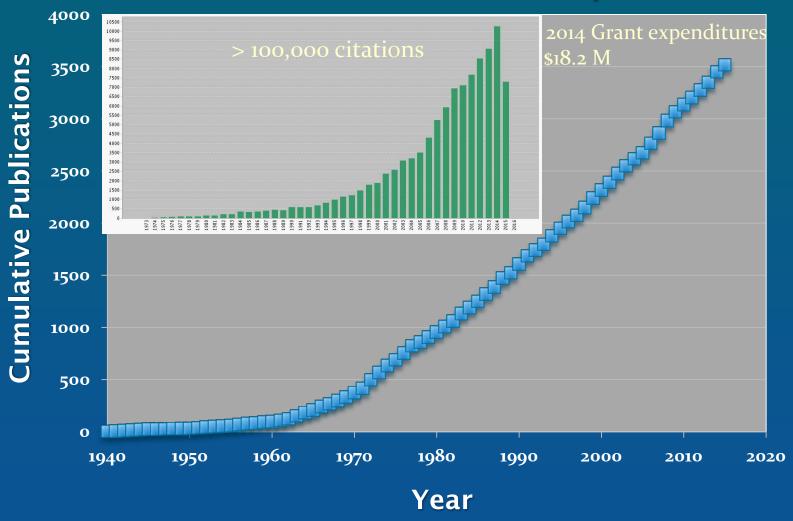
Most cited:
Diaz & Rosenberg 2008. Science
Worm et al. (Duffy) 2006 Nature
Beck et al. (Orth) 2001 BioScience
Cardinale et al. (Duffy) 2006 Nature
Orth et al. 2006. BioScience

Julie Harding (19) – Molluscan ecology
Emmett Duffy (15) – Evolutionary ecology
John Olney (15) – Larval fishes
Jian Shen (15) – Hydrodynamic modeling
Bob Orth (14) Seagrasses
Fu-Lin Chu (13) Oyster disease
Roger Mann (12) – Molluscan ecology
Rochelle Seitz (10) Benthic ecology
Jeff Shields (10) Crustacean disease ecology
Kam Tang (9) Zooplankton ecology





#### **Cumulative Publications by Year**





# Research Themes Water Quality Monitoring



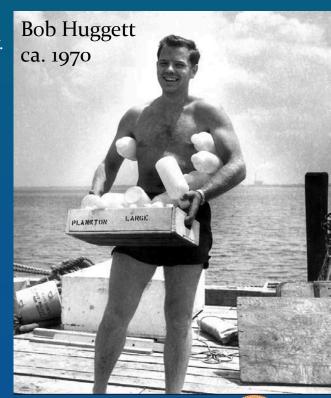
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1960's





## Research Themes Water Quality Monitoring











## Research Themes Hydrodynamic & Water Quality Modeling



James River Hydraulic model Vicksburg, MS 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

Chesapeake Bay Hydraulic model
Kent Island, MD
8 acres



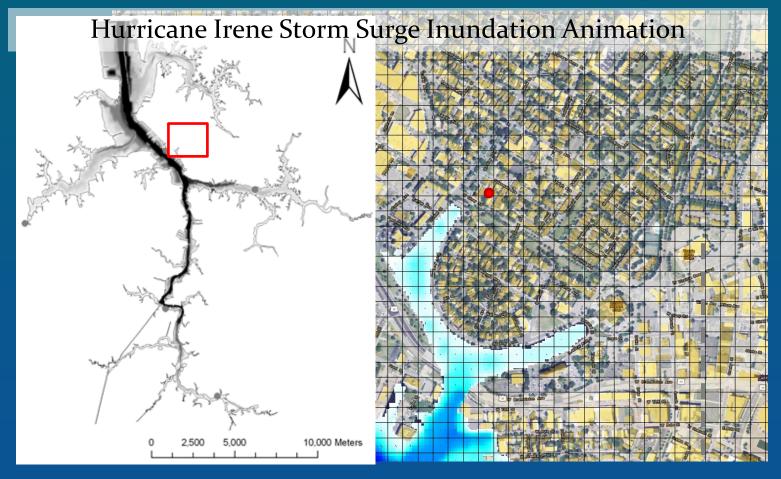


## Research Themes Water Quality Modeling



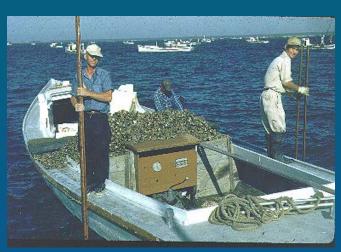


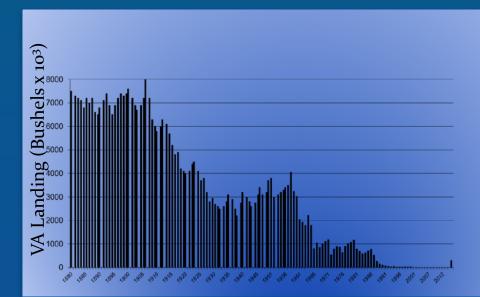
## Research Themes Hydrodynamic Modeling







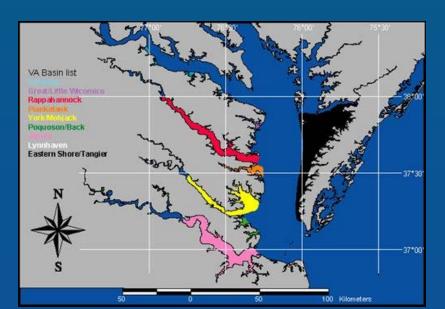




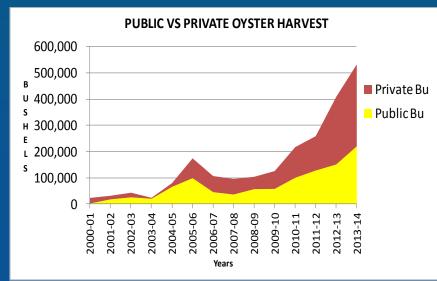






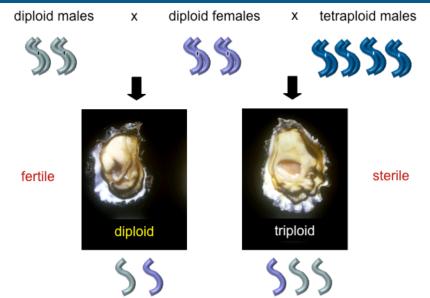


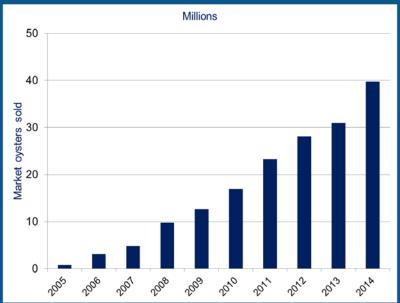






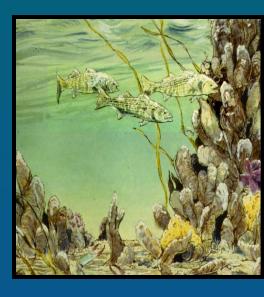




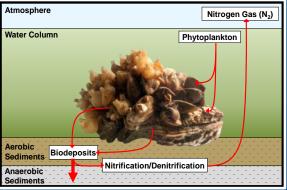
















## Research Themes Fisheries Surveys

Some of the longest running fish surveys in the country





Oyster monitoring program, est. 1940's Crab and Juvenile finfish surveys, est. 1955 Shark surveys, est. 1978 Striped bass, est. 1981



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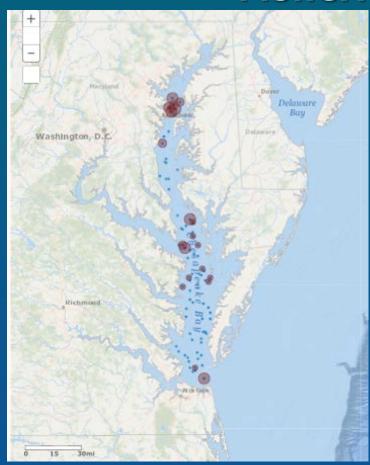






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## Research Themes Fisheries Surveys



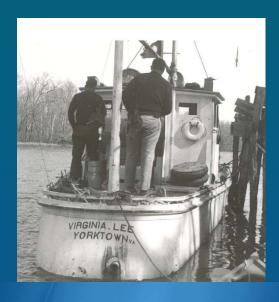




## A brief aside... Vessels





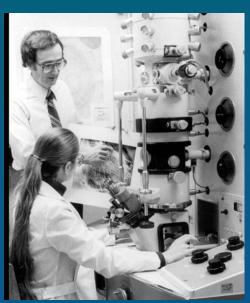






## Research Themes Marine Diseases











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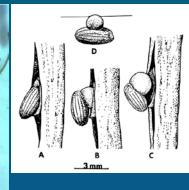




## **Research Themes** Seagrasses

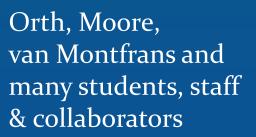
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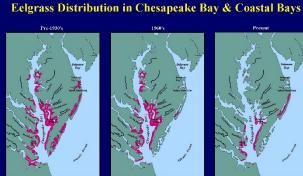




Mapping

Restoration













# Research Themes Seagrasses



In its fifth decade later...

Orth, Moore, students, staff and collaborators

Over 300 publications, theses and dissertations

Most successful eelgrass restoration project in the world

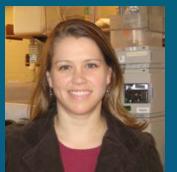








### The Future































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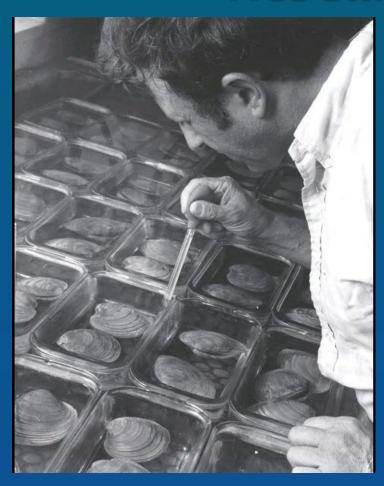






Andrews, Haven





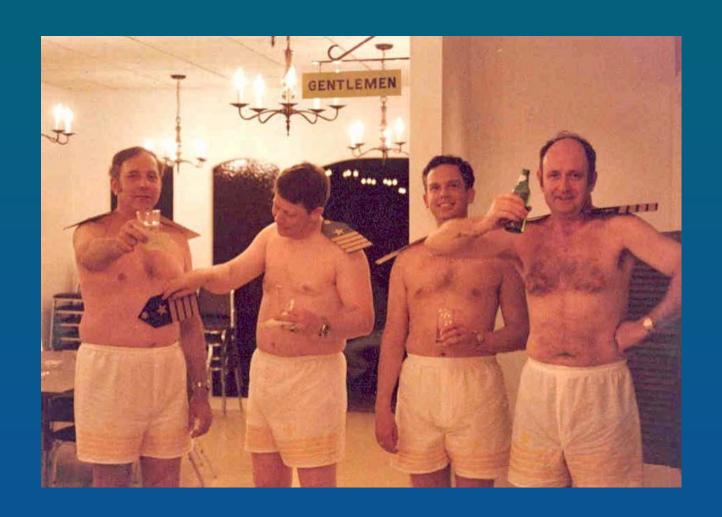
Castagna





Huggett









Students

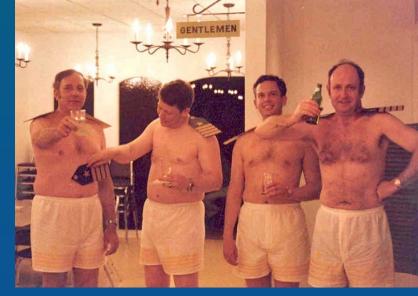


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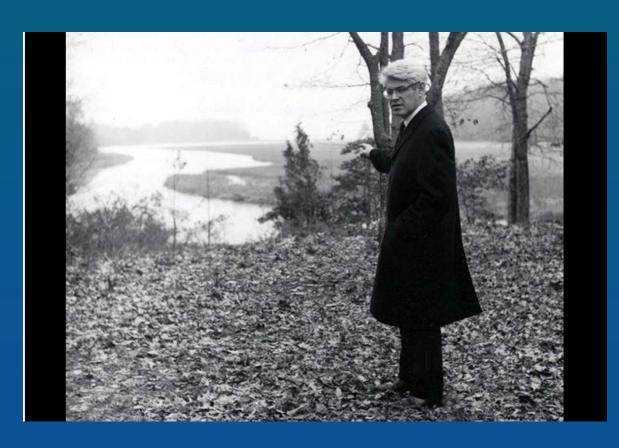


Drink beer!

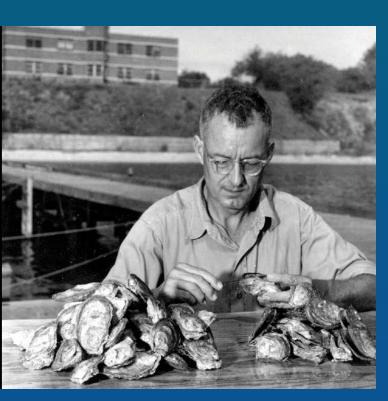








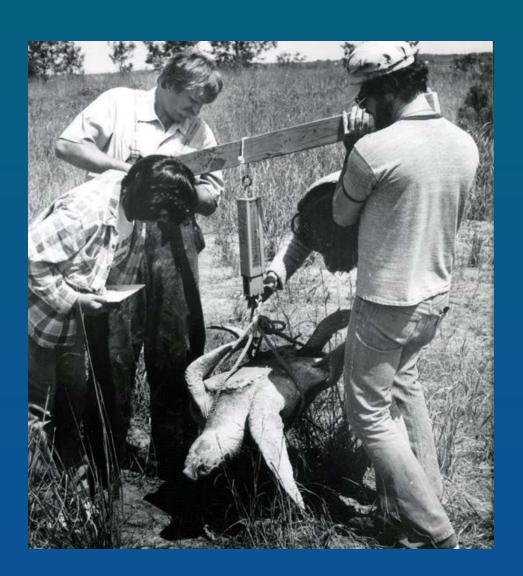












Musick





