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Education

B.S., marine biology, California State University, Long Beach, 1991.

Professional Experience

Senior Research Technician, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. Costa Mesa, CA. 2009-present

Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. Costa Mesa, CA. 2006-2009

Senior Research Technician, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. Costa Mesa, CA. 1999-2006

Research Technician, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. Costa Mesa, CA. 1994-1999

Bioassay Technician, Marine Biological Consultants Applied Environmental Sciences. Costa Mesa, CA. 1992-1993

Marine Biology Camp Director, City of Long Beach Department of Parks and Recreation. Long Beach, CA. 1988-1991

Honors and Awards

Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta (National Scholastic Honor Society)
Dean's List, California State University, Long Beach

Professional Societies and Certifications

CRAM Leadership Panel (2022-present)
Society for Freshwater Science (2021-present)
ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro Spatial Analysis and Data Science Certificates (2019-present)
Episodic River CRAM (2018)
California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) (2004-2018)
CRAM for Wetlands (2016)
National Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (Southern California/Southwest Chapter)
Southern California Academy of Sciences
Scuba Diver, Research Scuba Diver
American Red Cross (CPR, Advanced First Aid, Advanced Lifesaving)
Certified Forklift Operator
Range Safety Officer (RSO) Certified at Marine Corp Base Camp Pendleton (2012-2019)

Journal Articles

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Tiefenthaler, L.L., E.D. Stein, K.C. Schiff. 2008. Watershed and land use-based sources of trace metals in urban stormwater. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 27:277-287.

Stein, E.D., L.L. Tiefenthaler, K.C. Schiff. 2006. Watershed-based sources of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in urban storm water. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 25:373-385.

Stein, E.D., L.L. Tiefenthaler. 2005. Dry-weather metals and bacteria loading in an arid, urban watershed: Ballona Creek, California. *Water, Air, and Soil Pollution* 164:367-382.

Greenstein, D.J., L.L. Tiefenthaler, S.M. Bay. 2004. Toxicity of parking lot runoff after application of simulated rainfall. *Environmental Contamination and Toxicology* 47:199-206.

Lu, R., R.P. Turco, K. Stolzenbach, S.K. Friedlander, C. Xiong, K.C. Schiff, L.L. Tiefenthaler, G. Wang. 2003. Dry deposition of airborne trace metals on the Los Angeles basin and adjacent coastal waters. *Journal of Geophysical Research* 108:11.1-11.24.

Leecaster, M.K., K.C. Schiff, L.L. Tiefenthaler. 2002. Assessment of efficient sampling designs for urban stormwater monitoring. *Water Research* 36:1556-1564.

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Book Chapters

Bay, S.M., K.C. Schiff, D.J. Greenstein, L.L. Tiefenthaler. 1997. Stormwater Runoff of Santa Monica Bay: Toxicity, Sediment Quality, and Benthic Community Impacts. in: O.T. Magoon, H. Converse, B. Baird, M. Miller-Henson (eds.), *California and the World Ocean '97* pp. 900-921. American Society of Civil Engineers. Reston, VA.

Technical Reports

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