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Describe your research interests.

Bacteria in hot springs are able withstand such extreme conditions. Turns out, these conditions are extreme to us, but the microbes love it! But why? I am interested in why we find some bacteria at high temperatures, some at low temperatures, and what allows 'flexible' bacteria to live in any temperature range. Bonus: the bacteria that I am interested in use energy from the sun, similar to plants.

If you could study any one topic or idea, and money/time/equipment were not an issue, what would you study?

Survey EVERY hot spring ever for Chloroflexi. Completely unrelated: backpacker microbiome, bottom of the ocean/marine mammal microbiome.

What is one of your favorite aspects of your work?

Mentoring people, learning new things, GIFs