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Education

- BA, Biology – May 1994
Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC

- MS, Biology, May 2000
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
Thesis Title: Does a predator transition determine the distribution of
crayfish species in the New River, NC?
Advisor: Robert P. Creed Jr.

- PhD, Environmental Science and Engineering, August 2010
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Dissertation Title: Organic matter processing in arctic lake sediments.
Advisor: Steve Whalen

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor, Longwood University, Farmville, VA
August 2012 - present

- Part-Time Assistant Professor of Biology, DePauw University, Green-
castle, IN
August 2009 - July 2012
 - Organismal Biology
 - Ecology and Evolution
 - Independent Research for Undergraduates
 - Human Anatomy

- Math and Science Tutor, Carteret Community College, Morehead City NC
August 2008 - May 2009
 - Algebra, Precalculus, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology
- Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Institute of Marine Sciences, Morehead City, NC
August 2008 - December 2008
 - Coastal Community Ecology, Human Impacts on Estuarine Processes
- Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
August 2004 - May 2005
 - Estuarine Processes
- Adjunct Instructor, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
August 2001 - May 2003
 - Introduction to biology for non-majors
- Adjunct Instructor, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
August 2000 - May 2001
 - Introduction to biology for non-majors
- Teaching Assistant, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
August 1997 - May 2000
 - Ecology laboratories, Biology laboratories for non majors

Publications

- Fortino, K.**, A. E. Hershey, M. D. Keyse. 2009. Summer sedimentation in six shallow lakes. *Hydrobiologia*. 621:75-84.
- Tranvik, L. J., J. Downing, and 26 others. 2009. Lakes and impoundments as regulators of carbon cycling and climate. *Limnology and Oceanography*. 54:2298-2314. (This is a summary paper from a working group at the Chapman Conf. on Lakes as Sentinels, Integrators, and Regulators of Climate Change.)
- Fortino, K.** and Creed, R. P., 2007. Abiotic factors, competition, or predation: what determines the distribution of young crayfish in a watershed? *Hydrobiologia*. 575:301-314.

- Keyse M.D., **Fortino K.**, Hershey A.E., O'Brien W.J., Lienesch P.W., Luecke C., McDonald M.E. 2007. Effects of large lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) on the dietary habits of small lake trout: a comparison of stable isotopes ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) and stomach content analyses. *Hydrobiologia*. 579:175-185.
- Beaty, S. R., **Fortino, K.**, Hershey, A. E. 2006. Distribution and growth of benthic macroinvertebrates among different patch types of the littoral zone of two arctic lakes. *Freshwater Biology*. 51:2347-2361.
- Fortino, K.** 2006. Effect of season on the impact of ecosystem engineers in the New River, NC. 2006. *Hydrobiologia*. 559: 463 - 466.
- Goodman, K. J., Hershey, A. E., **Fortino, K.** 2006. The effect of forest type on benthic macroinvertebrate structure and ecological function in a pine plantation in the North Carolina Piedmont. *Hydrobiologia*. 559: 305 - 318.
- Hershey, A. E., Beaty, S., **Fortino, K.**, Kelly, S., Keyse, M., Luecke, C., O'Brien, W. J., Whalen, S. C. 2006. Stable isotope signatures of benthic invertebrates in arctic lakes indicate limited coupling to pelagic production. *Limnology and Oceanography*. 51: 177 - 188.
- Hershey, A. E., S. C. Whalen, W. J. O'Brien, M. D. Keyse, and **K. Fortino**. 2006. The effect of landscape surface age on linking terrestrial productivity to higher trophic levels in lake ecosystems through methanotrophic bacteria. Pages 225-233 in Water and the Landscape: The Landscape Ecology of Freshwater Ecosystems, B. Davies and S. Thomson Eds. Colin Cross Printers, Ltd., Garstang, UK. (Proceedings of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (UK)).
- Hershey, A. E., Beaty, S., **Fortino, K.**, Keyse, M., Mou, P. P., O'Brien, W. J., Ulseth, A. J., Gettel, G. A., Lienesch, P. W., Luecke, C., McDonald, M. E., Mayer, C. H., Miller, M. C., Richards, C., Schuldt, J. A., Whalen, S. C. 2006. Effect of landscape factors on fish distribution in arctic Alaskan lakes. *Freshwater Biology*. 51: 39 - 55.
- Hershey, A. E., **Fortino K.**, Peterson, B. J., Ulseth, A. J. 2006. Stream Food Webs. in Hauer, F. R. and Lamberti, G. A. (Eds.) Methods in Stream Ecology Academic Press. Burlington, MA.
- Whalen, S. C., Chalfant, B. B., Fischer, E. N., **Fortino, K.**, Hershey, A. E. 2006. Comparative influence of resuspended glacial sediment on physicochemical characteristics and primary production in two arctic lakes. *Aquatic Sciences*. 68: 65 - 77.
- Hershey, A. E., S. Beaty, **K. Fortino**, S. Kelly, M. Keyse, C. Luecke, and

W. J. O'Brien. 2005. $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ signatures of chironomids in arctic lakes: role and direction of benthic-pelagic coupling. *Verh. Internat. Verein. Limnol.* 29(1):92-96.

Fortino, K., Hershey, A. E., Goodman, K. J. 2004. Utility of biological monitoring for detection of timber harvest effects on streams and evaluation of Best Management Practices: a review. *Journal of the North American Benthological Society.* 23: 634 - 646.

Manuscripts Submitted

Fortino, K., Whalen, S. C., Smoak, J. Patterns in the sediment organic matter content of arctic lakes. submitted to *Fundamental and Applied Limnology*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Fortino, K., Whalen, S. C., Johnson, C. The effect of climate change on sediment organic processing in lakes: The role of changing transparency. in prep. for *Biogeochemistry*

Leech, D. M., Bedard, L. and **Fortino, K.** Factors affecting the distribution of and diversity of aquatic microbes in small ponds. in prep. for *ISME*

Contributed Presentations and Posters

K. Fortino and S. C. Whalen. 2008. Organic Matter Burial in Arctic Lake Sediments: The Effect of Temperature, Oxygen Availability, and Organic Matter Source. Poster at Chapman Conference: Lakes as Sentinels, Integrators, and Regulators of Climate Change. Lake Tahoe, CA.

K. Fortino and S. C. Whalen. 2008. Burial efficiency in three shallow oligotrophic lakes in the Alaskan Arctic: The effect of temperature, oxygen availability, and organic matter quality. American Society of Limnology and Oceanography Annual Meeting, Saint Johns, Newfoundland

K. Fortino, M. Keyse, A. E. Hershey, and S. R. Beaty. 2006. The utilization of lake-derived nitrogen by the outlet stream communities of two fertilized lakes in the Alaskan arctic. North American Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Anchorage, AK.

K. Fortino, A. E. Hershey, and S. C. Whalen. 2005. Possible landscape-scale explanations for sedimentation rate variability in Alaskan arctic lakes. Poster. American Society of Limnology and Oceanography

Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

K. Fortino, A. E. Hershey, S. C. Whalen, and C. Luecke. 2004. The effect of landscape position on the resuspension of benthic material: implications for lake trophic dynamics. North American Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.

K. Fortino, A. E. Hershey, W. J. O'Brien, P. W. Lienesch, and C. M. Mayer. 2003. The effect of fish on benthic community structure in arctic lakes. North American Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Athens, GA.

K. Fortino and R. P. Creed Jr. 2000. Does a predator transition maintain the crayfish distribution in the South Fork of the New River, NC. Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Snowbird, UT.

K. Fortino and R. P. Creed. 2000. The possible role of a predator transition in the maintenance of the crayfish distributions on the South Fork of the New River (Watauga Co., NC). North American Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Keystone CO.

K. Fortino and R.P. Creed. 1999. What determines the distribution and abundance of stream-dwelling crayfish in the New River, NC? North American Benthological Society Annual Meeting, Duluth MN.

Recent Participation in Campus Programs

2010 – Participated in drafting campus sustainability statement

2010 – Led a panel discussion on fisheries for a symposium on sustainable food production

2011 – Panelist for a discussion of the effects of Tar Sand exploitation on ecosystems

2011 – Member of the advisory committee for student run campus farm

Professional Societies

American Society of Limnology and Oceanography

North American Benthological Society

Grants

1998 – Theodore Roosevelt Grant

1998 – Graduate School Thesis/Dissertation Grant

Scholarships & Fellowships

1999 – Daniel Boone Native Gardens Grant - in - Aide Scholarship

Awards

2000 – Eugene P. Odum Award. for the best paper presented in ecology. 61st Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists, Chattanooga, TN.