Accomplishments

What are the major goals of the project?

The Santa Barbara Coastal LTER (SBC) seeks to develop a predictive understanding of how land and ocean processes alter the biological structure and ecological functions of giant kelp forests under varying conditions of disturbance and climate. The amounts of inorganic nutrients, organic matter, and sediments exchanged between kelp forests and the land and sea that adjoin them vary in response to changes in climate, ocean conditions and land use. Variation in the supply of these materials interacts with natural and human-caused disturbances to influence the abundance and species composition of kelp forest inhabitants, their ecological functions and the ecosystem services that they provide. Thus a general goal of SBC is to understand how coastal ecosystems at the land-sea margin are linked through the exchange of materials. Giant kelp forests are highlighted in our research because they are prominent coastal ecosystems in California and other temperate regions of the world. Site-based research focuses around the following three inter-related themes: (1) Biotic and abiotic drivers of kelp forest structure and function, (2) Material exchange at the land-ocean margin, and (3) Movement and fluxes of inorganic and organic matter in the coastal ocean.

The major objectives of each of our three research themes are:

Theme 1: To determine how variations in climate, wave disturbance and fishing influence the structure and dynamics of kelp forest communities and the patterns and fate of net primary production by giant kelp.

Theme 2: To determine how the input of dissolved and particulate nutrients from watersheds and coastal margins to nearshore waters vary as a function of land use, disturbance by fire, coastal erosion and storms.
Theme 3: To determine how oceanographic processes influence: (a) the dilution and dispersal of freshwater runoff plumes, (b) nitrogen recycling, consumer excretion, efflux from benthic sediments within and adjacent to kelp forests, and the utilization of recycled N by giant kelp, and (c) the fate of net primary production by phytoplankton which are an important food source to a diverse array of kelp forest consumers.

What was accomplished under these goals (you must provide information for at least one of the 4 categories below)?

Major Activities:

We continued collecting data for a core group of long-term integrated measurements in the ocean and on land with the goal of quantifying climate, disturbance, and inorganic and organic subsidies to and from giant kelp forests and their effects on kelp forest community structure, productivity and dynamics. Other major activities for each research theme follow below.

*Theme 1a. Effects of wave disturbance and climate variation on kelp forest structure and function:*

We continued to maintain and evaluate our long-term kelp removal experiment designed to investigate the consequences of increased wave disturbance on kelp forest communities. Our long-term kelp forest community data were analyzed to examine ecological responses to unprecedented ocean warming and to test key ecological theories pertaining to processes governing species diversity and stability. We finished developing a time-series of biomass for 84 species of kelp forest invertebrates derived from species specific relationships between shell free dry mass and % cover or density applied to long-term data of invertebrate abundance. We continued processing Landsat satellite imagery to estimate kelp biomass throughout California and Baja California, Mexico and developed calibrations between Landsat 7 and Landsat 8 to facilitate our ongoing research on the regional determinants of kelp biomass, metapopulation dynamics, and genetic structure.

*Theme 1b. Determining the fate of kelp NPP:*

We refined our time series of giant kelp NPP by incorporating losses of particulate and dissolved organic matter from tissue erosion and exudation into our estimates. We used in situ measurements of kelp blade life span at different depths and locations in the forest to test whether leaf life span theory developed for higher plants also applies to macroalgae. Monthly measurements of photosynthetic pigments and biomass of giant kelp at five sites spanning 900 km of coast from Santa Cruz to San Diego CA were used to evaluate the relative importance of nutrients and light in accounting for its variation in physiological condition and NPP.

*Theme 1c. Effects of fishing on kelp forest structure and function:*

Quarterly sampling of community structure and NPP in experimental plots was completed at two reefs protected from fishing and three reefs unprotected from fishing. Densities of the extensively fished spiny lobster were assessed at these reefs and lobster fishing effort was measured twice per month during the fishing season. Survey data were analyzed to evaluate whether protected areas offered greater biotic resistance to invasion by a rapidly spreading non-indigenous seaweed.

*Theme 2A. Export of nutrients from watersheds*

Activities related to watershed hydrology included updating and expanding the rain gauge network, investigating interpolation approaches to spatially distribute rainfall, and examining the relationships between climate variability and rainfall events. Stream discharge files were updated and combined with hydrochemical data collected at 21 sites during water years 2002-2015 to calculate fluxes of NO₃, NH₄, DON, PO₄ and TSS and characterize their spatio-temporal variability, and to determine the roles of storms, fire, and land uses in the patterns. Analysis of the spatial distribution of rainfall was extended to include the period from1970 to 2015 and used to examine correlations with indices of climate variability including the occurrence of atmospheric rivers, Madden-Julian Oscillations and ENSO events of differing intensity.

*Theme 2b. Trajectories of landscape changes in coastal watersheds:*

Multiple Endmember Spectral Mixture Analysis (MESMA) was applied to hyperspectral imagery obtained from AVIRIS overflights to create a time series of plant species distributions. This time series was used to determine trajectories in the recovery of vegetation cover to fire and how fire, urbanization and agriculture alter the landscape to modify material input to the coastal ocean. Results were incorporated into an analysis of hydrological and hydrochemical responses to fires. We finalized results and published two papers on tectonic subsidence and sea level rise in coastal estuaries.
**Theme 2c. Exchanges of nutrients on beaches**

We continued monthly surveys of macrophyte wrack biomass, and the abundances of birds, people and dogs on six beaches adjacent to kelp forests along with bimonthly surveys of wrack consumer populations at two of these beaches to evaluate seasonal and recovery dynamics of these populations from episodic and seasonal erosion and loss of habitat. We are monitoring the recovery of consumer populations following the impacts caused by the oil spill at one of our sites. We experimentally quantified species-specific rates of wrack shredding and consumption by beach consumers to investigate the effects of consumer diversity on wrack processing.

**Theme 3a. Dilution and dispersal of freshwater runoff plumes**

We completed and published numerical simulations of storm runoff plumes to parameterize the dilution surrounding kelp forests as a function of freshwater discharge, ocean currents, and wind conditions. High spatial resolution (100 m) numerical simulations using Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS) of storm water plumes from two creeks near Mohawk Reef were done for the two wettest seasons in the last 15 years. The dilution of storm water plumes was characterized with respect to discharge, distance from sources, cross-shelf distance, currents, winds, stratification, and vertical mixing. Dispersion of the freshwater plume was compared with our previously published parameterizations of cross- and along-shelf dispersion of Lagrangian particles. Satellite ocean color imagery were analyzed to address the impacts of storm runoff and suspended particle and phytoplankton distributions.

**Theme 3b. Nitrogen recycling and efflux from sediments**

High frequency water sampling from piers was initiated to examine daily and vertical variation of ammonium in the water column. We determined the concentration of important nitrogen species (ammonium, nitrate, urea) in sediment pore waters near reefs, and how it relates to concentrations observed in the surface and bottom waters. Rates of pore water remineralization and their pressure-driven advection into the water column are being examined using flow-through sediment bioreactors in the laboratory. Field sensors coupled with in situ radium measurements are being used to constrain rates of pore water flushing and sediment resuspension. We have begun to characterize the spatial and temporal variability in urea concentrations in the water column inside and outside of kelp forests to determine whether urea contributes to supporting kelp growth, either via direct assimilation or as an ammonium precursor. Two in situ experiments were conducted in the kelp forests at Mohawk and Carpinteria to study rates of urea cycling and uptake by phytoplankton and kelp.

**Theme 3c. Transport and fate of phytoplankton NPP**

We completed analysis of physical and bio-optical data collected from >400 cross-shelf sections obtained from an ocean glider over a wide range of oceanographic conditions. Modeling efforts with ROMS focused on the dynamical characterization of shelf currents, including coastal-trapped waves and submesoscale variability. Analysis of high-resolution towed profiler data and acoustic Doppler current profiler (ADCP) data from earlier oceanographic cruises was completed. These data were used to quantify the total chlorophyll biomass in offshore waters of the Santa Barbara Channel and to quantify chlorophyll biomass below the euphotic zone due to water mass subduction. We continued to collaborate with researchers from the University of South Carolina and the CCE LTER to maintain a 20+ year sediment trap time series in the Santa Barbara Basin located at 250 and 540 m depths.

**Specific Objectives:**

**Theme 1a. Effects of wave disturbance and climate variation on kelp forest structure and function**

Determine the importance of wave disturbance on kelp forest community structure, primary production and metapopulation dynamics under different climatic conditions using data from long-term experiments and core time-series measurements.

**Theme 1b. Determining the fate of kelp NPP:**

Determine the amount, rates and forms of biomass lost by giant kelp, the factors affecting these losses and the proportion of giant kelp NPP that is retained and utilized in the kelp forest versus exported to other ecosystems.

**Theme 1c. Effects of fishing on kelp forest structure and function:**

Experimentally investigate the short and long-term effects of fishing on kelp forest structure and function, and place these effects within the context of past variability resulting from different climatic conditions.

**Theme 2a. Export of nutrients from watersheds:**
Determine climatic variation in the fluxes of dissolved and particulate nutrients, organic matter and sediments to the Santa Barbara Channel from watersheds with different fire histories and land uses. Estimate post-fire nitrogen cycling and vegetation growth in chaparral ecosystems and determine the factors controlling the amount of nitrogen exported from them.

**Theme 2b. Trajectories of landscape changes in coastal watersheds:**
Use time series of airborne hyperspectral data to develop land cover maps before and after fires for use in ecohydrological modeling, nutrient flux calculations and examination of riparian conditions along streams. Calculate gully depths and erosion rates from Lidar data for unburned and burned catchments. Extend the time scale of our examination of landscape changes with cosmogenic radionuclide analysis of riverine sands and analyses of sediment cores taken from estuaries that border the Santa Barbara Channel.

**Theme 2c. Exchanges of nutrients on beaches**
Determine the degree to which beach ecosystems supply recycled marine nutrients to nearshore waters. Determine the effect of varying organic matter sources and processing history on the dissolved organic and inorganic carbon and nitrogen dynamics in intertidal beach sands.

**Theme 3a. Dilution and dispersal of freshwater runoff plumes**
Simulate many realizations of ROMS-modeled stormwater plumes to enable a robust statistical characterization of the dispersal and dilution of runoff in the coastal environment. Use ROMS output to quantify freshwater plume dilution fields as a function of along-and cross-shore distance from creek mouths and creek discharge rate. Assess the impacts of freshwater runoff events on ocean suspended particle and phytoplankton distributions from available satellite ocean color imagery.

**Theme 3b. Nitrogen recycling and efflux from sediments**
Determine the importance of regenerated N to the nitrogen demand of giant kelp by measuring rates of: 1) N efflux from sediments, 2) N recycling by kelp forest consumers and 3) uptake of different forms of recycled N by giant kelp.

**Theme 3c. Transport and fate of phytoplankton NPP**
Characterize coastal dispersal with respect to several environmental parameters such as season, coastal geometry, distance from the shore, and flow characteristics from high-resolution ROMS output. Analyze data from an autonomous glider to resolve cross-shelf sections of water properties and particle fields during various oceanographic conditions. Assess time/space distributions of suspended particles and phytoplankton from both glider and satellite ocean color observations and the roles of environmental variability.

**Significant Results:**

**Theme 1a. Effects of wave disturbance and climate variation on kelp forest structure and function**
Analyses of long-term data revealed that giant kelp did not presage ecosystem effects of extreme warming off southern California despite its expected vulnerability. Fluctuations in the biomass of giant kelp, understory algae, invertebrates and fish remained within historical ranges despite 24 months of above average temperatures and below average nutrients. These results challenge the general perception that kelp-dominated systems are highly vulnerable to extreme warming events and question their general use as early indicators of climate change. Analyses of 15-year time series of algal and invertebrate biomass revealed temporal stability in community biomass increased across a benthic biodiversity gradient in response to selection processes involving dominant species rather than in response to compensatory dynamics or transgressive overyielding. Statistical models applied to Landsat imagery and ROMS simulations demonstrated that fluctuations in propagule production, rather than dispersal, are the dominant driver of connectivity in kelp metapopulations, and are an important determinant of local extinctions and colonizations.

**Theme 1b. Determining the fate of kelp NPP**
Studies tracking individual kelp blades showed that 1) shorter blade life spans and larger blade areas were associated with increased light availability, 2) nitrogen content and photosynthesis decreased with blade age, and 3) the decrease of N and P with age was greater in shorter-lived blades. These observations are generally consistent with resource allocation theory governing leaf life span in vascular plants and represent the first test of this theory in marine macroalgae. Photosynthetic pigment state and physiological condition of the kelp canopy in southern California more closely resembled changes in available nitrate than light while the reverse was true in the more nutrient replete waters of central California. Estimates of
canopy biomass from Landsat coupled with Chl:C measurements of blades provided estimates of NPP that were comparable to those obtained using more labor intensive diver surveys.

**Theme 1c. Effects of fishing on kelp forest structure and function**

Lobster densities and sizes continued to increase in recently established reserve sites relative to sites where fishing effort remained high. Disease associated with unusually warm water led to a 50% reduction in sea urchins a major prey item of lobster, both of which are important fisheries. Higher abundances of the invasive seaweed *Sargassum horneri* were recorded outside reserves where densities of native algae were lower, sea urchins were higher and lobster were lower compared to reserve sites, suggesting restrictions on fishing enhance the biotic resistance of kelp forests to invasion.

**Theme 2a. Export of nutrients from watersheds**

Simulations with the watershed model RHESSys demonstrated the sensitivity of nitrate concentration-discharge relationships to interactions between vertical soil nitrate distributions and vertical soil hydraulic conductivity. Studies of stream metabolism found that ecosystem rates of gross primary production are elevated in urban creeks compared to non-urban creeks and that this difference is likely caused by differences in nitrate concentrations and water temperature. As the drought continued for a fourth year, streams were dry or stagnant in October 2015 and did not begin to flow until early January 2016; overall, the El Nino did not result in significant runoff for the Santa Barbara region. A wildfire in June 2016 burned a portion of the Refugio watershed, one of our long-term sites.

**Theme 2b. Trajectories of landscape changes in coastal watersheds**

Analyses of airborne hyperspectral data from AVIRIS showed that pre-fire fuel types had little impact on fire spread except in orchards, lawns and riparian areas. Fire severity depended on fuel type, fuel moisture and meteorology and affected trajectories of vegetation recovery and nutrient and sediment export. Calculated subsidence rates in SBC estuaries are similar in magnitude to rates of relative sea-level rise experienced over the late Holocene, effectively doubling the sea-level rise rates experienced over the last five decades on the open coast for these coastal estuaries.

**Theme 2c. Exchanges of nutrients on beaches**

Elevated sea level and beach erosion associated with the 2015-16 ENSO coupled with low sediment inputs from streams due to extended drought resulted in very low levels of sand, consumer abundance and kelp consumption rates on intertidal beaches. Recovery of wrack consumer populations from these impacts has been slow and most have not returned to pre-2014 levels. Experimental results show kelp consumption rates vary significantly among diverse intertidal consumer species.

**Theme 3a. Dilution and dispersal of freshwater runoff plumes**

The numerical simulations of storm water runoff predicted plumes that are generally trapped against the coast and cross-shelf exchange that is largely influenced by surface winds and flow structures. Lateral spreading of plumes from storm water runoff is largely anisotropic, spreading 10 times faster along-shelf than cross-shelf. Simulated runoff events over 2 seasons were linked to the wind forcing, which leads to an initially narrow freshwater front at ~ 0.5 km from shore that widens to a cross-shelf extent of ~ 2 km. These results were used to develop a model describing the dilution field as a function of discharge, input tracer concentration, wind and current variability, and background density gradients. The results also allowed the quantification of relevant measures of the dilution field such as the fraction of time exceeding threshold concentrations, maximum dilution and probability density functions of the dilution field.

**Theme 3b. Nitrogen recycling and efflux from sediments**

Monthly water sampling revealed urea was consistently present throughout the water column at $10^1$ to $10^4$-fold higher concentrations than ammonium. In situ isotope uptake experiments provided the first direct evidence that urea is a source of nitrogenous nutrition to giant kelp. We are currently analyzing experiment results to determine if this is due to direct assimilation or dissolution to ammonium, followed by uptake. Initial diffusive efflux measurements of ammonium from sediments indicated a potential flux of ~1.5 mMol m$^{-2}$ d$^{-1}$; when mixed into a 10 m water column. Ammonium and urea concentrations in sediment pore water were consistently 30-100 fold higher than in the overlying water column. Pressure driven exchange of ammonium and urea in pore waters in the upper 15 cm of sediments could only contribute ~0.54 mM N L$^{-1}$ to a 10 m water column; therefore the sediment contribution seems strongly regulated by the rate at which pore waters are resupplied with ammonium and urea and the time scales over which they are exchanged.

**Theme 3c. Transport and fate of phytoplankton NPP**
The bio-optical and water property data from the glider sections, and complementary data from instrumented moorings, reveal cross-shore flow pathways between the inner-shelf and offshore waters. The role of surface gravity waves in the resuspension of sediments was clearly identified in new analyses of these data. Analysis of satellite ocean color imagery shows a decoupling of offshore and inshore processes regulating phytoplankton abundances for the Southern California Bight. Phytoplankton blooms in the warmer portions of the domain occurred in phase with SST minima, usually in early spring, while blooms in the cooler regions lag SST minima and occurred simultaneously with the strongest equatorward winds, often in the summer. Connections with El Niño conditions were also found, illustrating the wide range of processes that affect chlorophyll variability.

**Key outcomes or Other achievements:**

During the past year, SBC scientists published 40 journal articles and 6 book chapters, and currently have 9 additional journal articles in press. SBC graduate students produced 5 doctoral dissertations and one Masters thesis. A complete list of SBC publications and presentations can be found at: [http://sbc.lternet.edu/cgi-bin/publications.cgi](http://sbc.lternet.edu/cgi-bin/publications.cgi). Since Sept 2015, all ongoing time series (77 datasets) were updated with the latest available data (collected within previous year), and a new time-series added for beach wrack macroinvertebrate biomass and abundance. Datasets were cataloged for 11 short-term studies related to papers and student research, with an additional 16 datasets in progress. Planning has begun for anticipated new time-series (nearshore dissolved oxygen and alkalinity, kelp biomass from Landsat 7 & 8). Two peer-reviewed papers were published featuring SBC’s data management practices.

Anomalous ocean warming and drought of unprecedented magnitude and duration led to several key research outcomes. Analyses of our time series data of coastal oceanography and kelp forest community structure revealed that fluctuations in the biomass of giant kelp, understory algae, invertebrates and fish remained within historical ranges despite 24 months of above average temperatures and below average nutrients. Sea stars, and to a lesser extent sea urchins, were exceptions, plummeting due to disease outbreaks linked to the warming. Our results challenge the general perception that kelp-dominated systems are highly vulnerable to extreme warming events and question their general use as early indicators of climate change. The unexpected resilience of giant kelp to the unprecedented warming highlights the limitations in our understanding of kelp ecology and prompted us to initiate new studies on the role of other forms of nitrogen in the nutritional needs of giant kelp. Results from these new studies provided the first evidence that urea is consistently present throughout the water column at high concentrations and that it is a source of nitrogenous nutrition to giant kelp. Elevated sea levels and large winter swells in 2016 coupled with a fifth year of an ongoing drought that is unprecedented in the historical record led to lowest sand levels that we have ever recorded at our long-term beach sites. This has had cascading effects on the beach food web as it reduced the retention of kelp wrack on beaches and led to declines in populations of beach amphipods that consume wrack and serve as prey for migrating shorebirds. Other key research outcomes and achievements are listed in “Accomplishments.”

During this reporting period we hosted a midterm review of our project performed by a team of five scientists appointed by NSF. During the two and one half day review we gave 20 short research presentations during field trips to our kelp forest, beach and watershed study sites, two additional and more substantial presentations at UCSB to introduce and synthesize the accomplishments of our research and education programs, a poster session highlighting SBC research and education and hosted meetings with graduate students and university administrators. The external review team and NSF provided us with detailed comments on the strengths and perceived weaknesses of our program and suggestions on areas for new opportunities. A notable outcome of this review is that we have been meeting regularly to discuss ways to build on our strengths, improve on our perceived weaknesses and capitalize on areas of new opportunities. As part of this process we have been carefully examining our most stellar contributions to date and the opportunities that could be further exploited in future proposals. One area that we have been paying special attention to is a concern expressed by the review team and NSF about the broad scope of our project and the need to determine the extent to which its overall focus moving forward will be on the kelp forest or on coastal ecosystems that contain kelp forests. We will continue to work on resolving these issues in the coming year to ensure that we are well positioned to submit a compelling and competitive renewal proposal in 2018.
What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

Education and training are tightly integrated into all aspects of SBC LTER research. During the past year (year 4 of SBC III), 9 postdoctoral fellows, 36 graduate students, 6 REU students and 121 undergraduate students participated in SBC research. REU students work closely with SBC LTER researchers on a wide range of topics and most choose to pursue an advanced degree following their undergraduate education. UCSB undergraduates have a high propensity to get involved in sponsored research and the SBC LTER contributes substantially in this regard. In addition to gaining valuable research experience, many undergraduates earn academic credit or received monetary compensation for participating in SBC research as interns and honors students. Three of these students presented posters of their SBC research projects at UCSB’s Undergraduate Research Colloquium on May 17, 2016. This campus wide annual colloquium and poster exhibition recognizes the scholarly achievements of UCSB’s undergraduates and offers them an opportunity to share their hard work and develop their research and presentation skills. Over 250 students participated in the colloquium this year. The three SBC presenters were Rose Dodgen, "Niche separation in California beachhoppers" (Honorable Mention Prize); Nicolette Flamery, "Impacts of urbanization on sandy beach ecosystems"; and John Liedle "Feeding and distribution of the Norris’s kelp snail"; mentored by Jenny Dugan, Nick Schooler and Christie Yorke, respectively.

The focus of SBC’s mentoring and training of postdoctoral scientists is on providing them with strong interdisciplinary skills, professional development opportunities, and the experience, and support required for them to transition to career faculty positions. In addition to the specific training associated with the SBC project, postdoctoral scientists are mentored through grant proposal development and writing and the job application and interview process by SBC investigators and via access to UCSB’s resources for postdoctoral scientists. During this past year former SBC post doc, Andrew Rassweiler, began a tenure-track assistant professor position at Florida State University and current post doc Max Castorani submitted a research proposal to NSF OCE-BIO as a lead principal investigator.

SBC graduate student and postdoctoral training are coordinated with several graduate programs on the UCSB campus to promote opportunities for interdisciplinary graduate training in ecology, physiology, geology, geography, hydrology, oceanography, and coastal policy. This enables valuable cross-training on environmental issues pertaining to coastal ecosystems, provides a common language for communicating scientific information on these issues, and contributes to the creation of a diverse scientific community of students and postdocs that fosters a respect and appreciation for other disciplines.

A new blog, “Short Stories About Long-Term Ecological Research” (SSALTER), is up and running: https://ssalterblog.wordpress.com. The new blog was created by LTER graduate students following a joint SBC-MCR-CCE LTER graduate student symposium and the LTER All Scientists Meeting in 2015. The goal is to provide an outlet for students engaged in long term ecological research to informally share their research experiences with each other and the wider world. Current moderators are Stella Swanson (MCR) Ali Freibott (CCE) and Christie Yorke (SBC). SSALTER also has a facebook page ("ssalterblog") and a twitter feed ("ssalterblog1").

UCSB’s teaching aquarium (Research Experience & Education Facility know as the “REEF”) features SBC LTER research and provides a wide range of training and professional development opportunities. The REEF also serves as a marine ecology teaching facility for UCSB courses in Earth Sciences, Ecology Evolution & Marine Biology, English and Teacher Ed programs through the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and for many area colleges including Cal Lutheran Thousand Oaks, California State University Channel Islands, and Santa Barbara and Ventura community colleges. The REEF is equipped with state-of-the-art, aquaria and touch tanks. The REEF also utilizes a high-tech life support system for the Research Tank, which features current SBC LTER research. One of the joint goals of the SBC LTER and the REEF programs is to provide UCSB undergraduates majoring in Aquatic Biology, with a solid foundation in marine ecology and research. The REEF training provides them with the basis for communicating this knowledge in an educational format. To that end, The REEF develops its Oceans-to-Classrooms curriculum around a number of research programs at UCSB and SBC LTER is the most significant contributor to this endeavor. Support from the SBC Schoolyard LTER program has allowed the REEF to obtain teaching supplies and equipment for curriculum as well as provide salaries for professional staff and undergraduate internships. The REEF also utilizes SBC graduate students, research staff, and post-docs from the SBC LTER to train REEF interns, which, in turn, enhances their training as laboratory and field assistants and research divers for SBC research. A total of 48 undergraduate interns were trained in this rigorous and pedagogically sound program this year.
How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest?

SBC’s Schoolyard LTER (sLTER) program is organized around a theme of kelp forest ecology in the context of the Research Overview of the SBC LTER. Curriculum is developed for and delivered through UCSB’s Marine Science Institute’s Research Experience & Education Facility (REEF) and its Oceans-to-Classrooms (O,C) curricula. Our focus is on long-term connections with local, regional and state schools through a network of partnerships that include both on, and off, campus programs. Our approach also allows for an integrated program that spans both academic year activities, as well as summer programs, and includes undergraduate and graduate students, K-12 teachers, K-12 students, the UC Community and the general public. SBC LTER-based curriculum is rich in STEM content and meets California State Science Standards, Common Core State Standards and the introduction of Next Generation Science Standards. O,C and the REEF served over 16,000 visitors last year through continued outreach visits to schools, community events and on-campus programs. This included visits from primary and secondary schools from the San Joaquin Valley and Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, San Bernardino Counties and Sedona, Arizona. This year sLTER specific program content reached over 6,000 students in grades K-12. On-campus efforts communicated the research of the SBC to over 800 UCSB undergraduate and graduate students. We continue to develop and adapt marine science lesson plans that engage students with learning about the local environment in the context of the SBC LTER. These lessons incorporate ongoing SBC research that includes working with project data. The program is designed to build student’s skills in scientific inquiry through activities that move from structured or guided investigation to open-ended inquiry and experimentation. It also includes a combination of school-based activities, field trips, and on-campus experiences that immerse students in the environment of a college campus.

1. Focused sLTER Programming:
This year, sLTER focused on two partnership programs, 1) the American Association of University Women’s (AAUW): Tech Trek Program, 2) Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) Ocean Science Sequence (OSS) Partnership.

- Tech Trek is an on-campus residential science and math summer program designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women entering the eighth grade. Tech Trek is part of an interdisciplinary partnership involving science, technology, engineering, and math departments at UCSB through the Office of Education Partnerships (OEP). The goal of OEP is to build college-going communities that improve student learning, increase college-going rates in underrepresented populations, and provide equal access to higher education for California’s diverse students. In working with Tech Trek, the SBC SLER program engaged two groups of 76 girls each (152 TOTAL) from junior high and middle schools from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern and Los Angeles counties, representing a diverse range of socioeconomic and demographic groups. During a weeklong residential immersion at UCSB, students participated in “core” science courses. This year the program focused on solutions to three real-world challenges, Ocean Exploration and Climate Change, Sustainable Foods, and What to Do With Decommissioned Oil Rigs. Participants enrolled in a “core” class based on their discipline of interest: Physics, Math, Engineering, or Marine Science. Cooperative project groups were then formed with “specialist” from each core area. The girls also engaged in a number of place-based, hands-on, activities that promoted concept application and citizenship, including a boat trip to SBC-LTER Kelp Forest study sites and SBC-based Floating Lab that focused on marine ecology and ecosystem services. Through this long-term commitment, we are now seeing former program participants enrolling in UCSB. Verizon has shown interest in supporting the program and worked with us this year to develop an apps course. This year’s program brought key AAUW National Office personnel interested in expanding our learning model to other Tech Trek sites at both the state, and national level!

- SBC LTER’s partnership with O,C and the REEF completed an incredibly successful year in teacher professional development, as well as academic support in participant classrooms. We remain committed to equippin educators with the tools they need to teach ocean and environmental science, foster science literacy, and cultivate next generation of ocean stewards. In 2014, the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) adopted ocean science as a theme for their sixth grade curriculum and partnered with us and BaySci, a coordinated effort of science education leaders, institutions, school districts, and teachers led by the Lawrence Hall of Science that seeks to systematically enhance the quantity and quality of K-12 science teaching and learning in districts and schools. Partnering with BaySci helps ensure that Next
Generation Science Standards and the Common Core State Standards are convergently implemented, which is essential to curricular and intellectual coherence in our education system. SBC LTER scientists and professional education staff received training through the Lawrence Hall of Science on the science content, pedagogy, and implementation of the material.

2. SBC co-hosted a booth with MCR LTER at the 2016 Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival to raise public awareness about LTER research. This year's festival attracted approximately 23,000 people. A highlight was a virtual kelp forest in which SBC students and staff acted as 'dive buddies' for children who toured the forest and collected data on kelp forest inhabitants.

3. We are broadening our K-12 outreach efforts by developing “The Golden Forest”, a bilingual book (English and Spanish) for the LTER Schoolyard Book Series that highlights material connections between giant kelp forests and sandy beaches. The text for the book has been finalized, an illustrator has been hired and the storyboards and sidebars are now in progress. Other programmatic outreach efforts include: (1) developing a Sandy Beaches Field Guide as a free iPhone application to complement SBC’s Subtidal Field Guide and a local tidepool field guide that are available on iTunes.

4. SBC investigators, education representatives and students contributed to the following stories that appeared in newspapers and other media outlets.

- All Aboard Bob Ballard’s E/V Nautilus!  
  [Link](http://www.independent.com/news/2016/jul/06/all-aboard-bob-ballards-ev-nautilus/)

- Real-Time Exploring via E/V Nautilus  

- The impact of invasive *Sargassum horneri* on the community dynamics of kelp beds, National Marine Sanctuary (2016)  
  [Link](http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/news/feb16/foster-scholar-takes-on-invasive-species.html)

- California’s Ecological Abundance: SBC investigators are lead and co-authors of several chapters in a new book, Ecosystems of California, published by UC Press  
  [Link](http://www.news.ucsb.edu/2016/016475/california-s-ecological-abundance)

- A 20+ year SBC time-series reveals new answers to questions about fluctuations in fish populations  
  [Link](http://www.news.ucsb.edu/2015/016170/fine-kettle-fish)

**What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?**

Continue research activities as planned.

**Products**

**Books & Book Chapters**


Journals or Juried Conference Papers


Inventions

Journals or Juried Conference Papers


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Trong, Michael | Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant | 0
Simon, Eleanor | Other | 0

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 3
**Contribution to the Project:** Leads overall project and directs kelp forest and reef research
**Funding Support:** Private, NSF, UCSB
**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** Yes, Italy - 0 years, 0 months, 8 days

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1
**Contribution to the Project:** Co-investigator
**Funding Support:** UC Santa Barbara
**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1
**Contribution to the Project:** Leads the watershed research component (Theme 2) and contributes to research in Theme 3
**Funding Support:** UCSB
**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1
**Contribution to the Project:** Co - Principal investigator responsible for leading Theme 3B and participates in research affiliated with Theme 1a and 1b
**Funding Support:** NSF, NASA, BOEM
**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1
**Contribution to the Project:** Serves as co investigator, Leads ocean remote sensing studies.
**Funding Support:** NASA, UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: conducted research on population genetics of giant kelp
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: conducted research on harmful algal blooms and biogeochemical cycling and mixing of ocean water
Funding Support: University of South Carolina
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Carol Blanchette
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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: investigated ocean acidification and coordinated K-12 education activities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Mark Brzezinski
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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Directed monthly monitoring of water chemistry at the core kelp forests sites. Participated in process studies involving i) the analysis of oceanographic data from SBC cruises ii) the partitioning of net primary production among giant kelp, understory algae and phytoplankton within kelp forests, iii) interactions between the kelp forest and its flow environment and iv) the connectivity between kelp forests and offshore waters and the exchange of materials across the continental shelf.
Funding Support: University of California, Santa Barbara
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Investigated the direct and indirect effects of wave disturbance on kelp forest food web structure via changes in kelp abundance and productivity using long-term data records.
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Craig Carlson
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Investigates the role of microbial mediation of dissolved organic matter in near shore
SBC system. Involved with data synthesis and sample analyses of DOM for SBC researchers.

**Funding Support:** none  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

**Kyle Cavanaugh**  
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**Most Senior Project Role:** Co-Investigator  
**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** Conducted studies of spatiotemporal variability of giant kelp biomass and production across multiple scales of observation. Combined satellite and aerial remote sensing with detailed field measurements to scale up local observations to larger areas and longer times.

**Funding Support:** none  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

**Scott Cooper**  
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**Most Senior Project Role:** Co-Investigator  
**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** Coordinated and oversaw projects dealing with stream ecology, performed field and laboratory work, analyzed data and wrote papers and reports.

**Funding Support:** UCSB  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

**Carla D’Antonio**  
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**Most Senior Project Role:** Co-Investigator  
**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** Led evaluations of how plant communities and soil and plant nitrogen respond to high intensity wildfire

**Funding Support:** University of California, Santa Barbara  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Most Senior Project Role:** Co-Investigator  
**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 4  
**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with overall project coordination. Led core measurements and ecological studies of sandy beach ecosystems

**Funding Support:** Sea Grant, NOAA  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

**Melanie Fewings**  
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**Most Senior Project Role:** Co-Investigator  
**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** investigated tidal and subtidal-frequency variations of water velocity and temperature on the inner continental shelves of California's Channel Islands and along the mainland in the Santa Barbara Basin, and how those patterns relate to the delivery of larval fish and invertebrates.

**Funding Support:** University of Connecticut  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

**Anita Guerrini**  
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: investigating the role of history in informing ecological restoration in the coastal zone of the Santa Barbara Channel
Funding Support: Oregon State University
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Gretchen Hofmann
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Led investigations of the impact on marine organisms of rising atmospheric CO2 concentrations via ocean warming and acidification
Funding Support: University of California, Santa Barbara
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Directed and conducted collaborative research in fisheries biology, ecology and management
Funding Support: University of California, Santa Barbara
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

David Lopez-Carr
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Conducted research on human impacts to coastal marine ecosystems, and the adaptations of humans to environmental change in these systems
Funding Support: University of California, Santa Barbara
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: studied inputs of incoming streams and delivery of subsidies to kelp and other organisms in the nearshore environment
Funding Support: UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Erika McPhee-Shaw
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Collaborated on nearshore oceanographic analyses and research
Funding Support: University
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Contributes to studies of coastal circulation at SBC. Ran and applied the Regional Ocean Model System (ROMS) to several SBC LTER sites in the Santa Barbara Channel
Funding Support: UCLA
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: conducted research on nearshore oceanographic circulation and dispersal of particles
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: led research on studies that use stable isotope techniques to explore the sources of organic matter used by kelp forest and stream consumers
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: conducted measurements of pH, DIC (dissolved inorganic carbon) and TA (total alkalinity) to ground-truth data from simultaneously deployed SeaFet sensors, which measure pH continuously
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Co-leads investigations of the metapopulation dynamics of giant kelp, Macrocystis pyrifera
Funding Support: UCSC
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Investigated long-term dynamics of kelp forest communities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: led studies mapping vegetation species and plant functional types, urban composition, pre-fire fuel conditions (fuel types, canopy moisture and fuel loads) and post-fire impacts in the various sBC watersheds that feed in to the coastal zone
Funding Support: UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2
Contribution to the Project: investigates the coastal circulation and mixing of runoff waters using the Regional Ocean Model System (ROMS) coupled to a wave model (e.g. Simulating Waves Nearshore - SWAN) to model surface wave-current interactions and stream water dispersion for several SBC LTER sites
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: investigated patterns and mechanisms affecting nutrient transport to the coastal ocean
Funding Support: UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Russ Schmitt
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: co-leads investigations of kelp forest community dynamics
Funding Support: UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

Steve Schroeter
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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: led integration of ongoing collection of long term dataset on coastal invertebrate larval settlement patterns into SBC core monitoring.
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Co-Investigator
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Directed research on the sedimentary record of SBC coastal ecosystems that can be used to decipher the long-term history of environmental changes. He directed the collection and analysis of sediment cores for reconstructing a long-term record of how physical processes affecting the coast have change through time.
Funding Support: University of California, Santa Barbara
International Collaboration: Yes, Spain
International Travel: No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** used LTER data on stream flow and stream chemistry as well as remote sensing analysis of terrestrial vegetation and land use to improve the parameterization of coupled eco-hydrologic models  
**Funding Support:** UCSB  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 2  
**Contribution to the Project:** Continued analysis and synthesis of data from SBC-LTER cruises. Advised and helped design new mooring hardware. Assisted and advised on oversight of mooring operations. Coordinated ocean acidification sampling for SBC-LTER. Assisted with project planning. Helped develop SBC-LTER oceanographic research directions  
**Funding Support:** UCSB  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** Contributes to education and outreach. Co-PI on MSP grant, works with all research and theme groups. Mentors postdoc (Hammond) in demographic research.  
**Funding Support:** none  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

Bill Wright  
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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** conducted research on predator prey interactions and behavior inside and outside marine reserves  
**Funding Support:** Chapman University  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Project Coordinator  
**Funding Support:** University Supported  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  
**Contribution to the Project:** conducted collaborative fisheries research on spiny lobster populations  
**Funding Support:** none  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No
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Contribution to the Project: ROA participant
Funding Support: ROA
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Hydrological modeling
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 6
Contribution to the Project: Investigated long-term dynamics of kelp forest communities
Funding Support: NSF other
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 6
Contribution to the Project: Physical oceanographic process studies
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 6
Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Postdoctoral (scholar, fellow or other postdoctoral position)
Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Blair collected base flow samples manually and used automated sampling machines to collect storm samples from streams. He processed base flow samples. He measured conductivity and temperature of base flow samples. He prepared base flow samples for analysis of ammonium, nitrate, and phosphate. He prepared base flow, storm, and marine plume samples for analysis of total dissolved nitrogen (TDN) and total dissolved phosphorus (TDP) concentrations. He analyzed ammonium, nitrate, phosphate, total dissolved nitrogen (TDN), and total dissolved phosphorus (TDP) concentrations in base flow, storm, and marine plume samples. He analyzed total suspended solids (TSS) in storm samples. He downloaded data from in situ dataloggers and rain gauges. He surveyed the studied streams and measured discharge of them. He maintained field equipment including in situ dataloggers, rain gauges, and automated sampling machines. He interviewed, hired, trained, and supervised...
undergraduate student workers. He edited and updated the field and laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). He edited and updated the Chemical Hygiene Plan and MSDS binders for the laboratory. He typed up and processed field and laboratory data. He analyzed field and laboratory data using Matlab. He maintained cleanliness and organization of the laboratory, field room, and storage areas.

**Funding Support:** None

**International Collaboration:** No

**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 2  
**Contribution to the Project:** Reef data analysis, research mentor  

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 12  
**Contribution to the Project:** Analyzed stream physical-chemical data and assisted with paper development.  

**Jason Smith**  
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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 6  
**Contribution to the Project:** Nitrogen cycling in nearshore sediments  

**Chris Gotschalk**  
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**Most Senior Project Role:** Other Professional  
**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 2  
**Contribution to the Project:** assisted with development of SBC’s autonomous glider program, which included hands on experience in programing missions, trouble shooting equipment failures and developing methods of methods of processing and analyzing sensor data  

**Funding Support:** NSF  

**International Collaboration:** No  

**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** assisted with sandy beach core monitoring  

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Collaborated in the planning and delivery of professional development for teachers, as well as in-classroom support for teachers for the SBC and MSP projects.
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Worked on papers associated with algal data.
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: serves as information manager for project
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Led the LTER schoolyard and PD programs at SBC.
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Managed laboratory, assisted with field work, processed stream invertebrate samples, invertebrate gut analyses, entered and analyzed stream invertebrate and leaf litter data.
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Ocean acidification studies
Funding Support: UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Kelp forest data collection and surveys
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 3
Contribution to the Project: Contributed to oceanographic remote sensing research
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: conducted HPLC analyses for oceanographic research
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 3
Contribution to the Project: Served as laboratory manager and conducts DOM analyses. She has analyzed several large data sets for the SBC including the inshore monthly Time Series as well as experimental data sets from SBC researchers. She serves as the point of contact for data management for SBC related projects on microbial oceanography including DOM.
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 4
Contribution to the Project: assisted with development of SBC’s autonomous glider program, which included hands on experience in programing missions, trouble shooting equipment failures and developing methods of methods of processing and analyzing sensor data
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Conduct field activities, supervise undergraduate interns and lead data management, quality control analysis and synthesis for kelp forests
Funding Support: NSF
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 3
Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 3
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field research
Funding Support: BOEM
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Collected base flow samples manually and used automated sampling machines to collect storm samples from streams. He processed base flow samples. He measured conductivity and temperature of base flow samples. He prepared base flow samples for analysis of ammonium, nitrate, and phosphate. He prepared base flow, storm, and marine plume samples for analysis of total dissolved nitrogen (TDN) and total dissolved phosphorus (TDP) concentrations. He analyzed ammonium, nitrate, phosphate, total dissolved nitrogen (TDN), and total dissolved phosphorus (TDP) concentrations in base flow, storm, and marine plume samples. He analyzed total suspended solids (TSS) in storm samples. He downloaded data from in situ dataloggers and rain gauges. He surveyed the studied streams and measured discharge of them. He maintained field equipment including in situ dataloggers, rain gauges, and automated sampling machines. He interviewed, hired, trained, and supervised undergraduate student workers. He edited and updated the field and laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). He edited and updated the Chemical Hygiene Plan and MSDS binders for the laboratory. He typed up and processed field and laboratory data. He analyzed field and laboratory data using Matlab. He maintained cleanliness and organization of the laboratory, field room, and storage areas.
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Lead SBC Field research activities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2
Contribution to the Project: Phytoplankton and Carbon Cycling Sampling and Analysis
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Assisted in coordinating field sampling. Assisted with preparation of instruments for field deployments. Participated in SCUBA diving to deploy instruments. Learned to operate research launch for mooring operations and other field sampling. Assisted with instrument preparations and calibration.
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 3
Contribution to the Project: Coordinated field sampling. Oversaw preparation of instruments for field deployments and oversaw instrument downloading from instruments and uploading to database. Operated research launch for mooring deployments and other field sampling. Kept project records, and oversaw instrument calibrations, and arranged instrument servicing.
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Kelp forest data collection and surveys
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Technician
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: assisted with SBC’s autonomous glider program, which included hands on experience in programming missions, trouble shooting equipment failures and developing methods of processing and analyzing sensor data
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2
Contribution to the Project: Maintains ocean Ph sensors
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Assists with core monitoring of sandy beaches
Danuta Bennett  
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  
Contribution to the Project: Processed algal samples, entered algal data, analyzed algal and invertebrate gut data.  
Funding Support: None  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with manuscript production  
Funding Support: None  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1  
Contribution to the Project: Prepared and analyzed microbial samples. Entered and analyzed microbial data.  
Funding Support: None  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

Rachel Simons  
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Most Senior Project Role: Staff Scientist (doctoral level)  
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1  
Contribution to the Project: investigated larval transport and population connectivity in the Southern California Bight, which includes the Santa Barbara Channel, using a three-dimensional physical-biological model.  
Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  
Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis  
Funding Support: UCSB  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  
Contribution to the Project: investigated inherent optical properties (IOP) in the Santa Barbara Channel and factors controlling IOP variability  
Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Investigates biomass dynamics in kelp forests
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Investigated responses of watershed hydrology to land use change
Funding Support: NSF, GRFP Fellowship, teaching assistant
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2
Contribution to the Project: Studies of phytoplankton optics and genomics
Funding Support: NASA, MBON
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis
Funding Support: UCSB
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis
Funding Support: ERPI
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Land use and remote sensing
Funding Support: NASA
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12
Contribution to the Project: Investigated nearshore ocean circulation using ROMs and other models
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: Yes, japan
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
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International Collaboration: No
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Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: led work analyzing fire effects on terrestrial biogeochemistry. This included work linking field measurements with remote sensing and modeling.
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Conducted research on ocean optical properties using the autonomous glider
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
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Contribution to the Project: investigated the fate and transport of runoff, including nutrients and pollutants, from two coastal streams that drain into the Santa Barbara Channel. My research includes numerical modeling of coastal streams in an idealized model using a coupled wave-current model, Regional Ocean Model System (ROMS) with Simulating WAves Nearshore (SWAN).  
Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: UCSB  
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Contribution to the Project: investigated the impact of variable pCO2 on DOM production by Diatoms and DOM utilization by heterotrophic bacterioplankton. She uses samples and data from the SBC to help with interpretation of results.  
Funding Support: NSF  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: None  
International Collaboration: No  
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**Funding Support:** none  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Funding Support:** NSF, other  
**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Funding Support:** UCSB  
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Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
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International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with research on the sedimentary record of SBC coastal ecosystems including the collection and analysis of sediment cores for reconstructing a long-term record of how physical processes affecting the coast have change through time.
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: Yes, Spain
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: UC Mexxus
International Collaboration: No
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International Travel: No

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International Collaboration: Yes, New Zealand  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: investigated the temporal and spatial variability of DOM availability in the SBC and how that impacts bacterioplankton production and diversity as part of a collaborative project. Her research is aided by data and samples from the SBC and Plumes and Blooms projects  
Funding Support: NSF, NASA  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: Sea Grant  
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International Travel: No

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International Collaboration: Yes, New Zealand  
International Travel: No

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International Collaboration: No
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International Collaboration: No
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Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
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Most Senior Project Role: Undergraduate Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Stream sample collection and processing
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Undergraduate Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Undergraduate Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 1
Contribution to the Project: Salaried sLTER informal science educator
Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory and data activities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory and data activities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory and data activities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory and data activities
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Volunteer sLTER informal science educator
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Volunteer sLTER informal science educator
Funding Support: None
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: High School Student
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Scientific illustrations of kelp forest organisms
Funding Support: Pinhead Program
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 4
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities
Funding Support: NSF REU
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 4
Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis, Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
Year of schooling completed: No
Home Institution: University of California, Santa Barbara
Government fiscal year(s) was this REU participant supported: 2016-2017

Lance Lowenberg
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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 0
Contribution to the Project: Worked on new sampling bottle for pH. Assisted with instrument preparation
Funding Support: NSF REU
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
Year of schooling completed: 2016-2017
Home Institution: University of California, Santa Barbara
Government fiscal year(s) was this REU participant supported: 2016-2017

Taylor Traxler
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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 2
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities
Funding Support: NSF REU

International Collaboration:  No  
International Travel:  No  
Year of schooling completed:  
Home Institution: 
Government fiscal year(s) was this REU participant supported: 

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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant  
Nearest Person Month Worked:  0  
Contribution to the Project: Data collection, data analysis  
Funding Support: NSF REU  
International Collaboration:  No  
International Travel:  No  
Year of schooling completed:  
Home Institution: 
Government fiscal year(s) was this REU participant supported: 

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Most Senior Project Role: Other  
Nearest Person Month Worked:  0  
Contribution to the Project: Volunteer sLTER informal science educator  
Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration:  No  
International Travel:  No  

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**American Assoc. Univ. Women, Tech Trek**
- **Organization Type:** Other Nonprofits
- **Organization Location:** Santa Barbara, CA
- **Partner's Contribution to the Project:**
  - Financial support
  - Facilities
- **More Detail on Partner and Contribution:** Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. Tech Trek is an ongoing SBC Schoolyard partner.

**Arizona State University**
- **Organization Type:** Academic Institution
- **Organization Location:** Tempe, Arizona
- **Partner's Contribution to the Project:**
  - Collaborative Research
- **More Detail on Partner and Contribution:**
California Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Organization Type: State or Local Government
Organization Location: Sacramento, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: California Sea Grant Extension Program
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: La Jolla, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on new climate change assessment study for SBC
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Facilities
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborated with SBC on oceanographic data collection and education activities
Channel Islands National Park
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: Ventura, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Facilities
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Shared and collaborated on long term data on kelp forest communities in the Santa Barbara Channel
City of Santa Barbara
Organization Type: State or Local Government
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
County of Santa Barbara
Organization Type: State or Local Government
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
Hope School District GATE Program
Organization Type: School or School Systems
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Financial support
Facilities
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborates with SBC on K-12 education
Kobe University
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Japan
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
LTER Math Science Partnership
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Financial support
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: LTER Math-Science-Partnership (MSP) The project connects the research and education prowess in the environmental sciences of universities and sites within LTER with teacher professional development in science and mathematics of partner middle schools and high schools. It extends across the nation and involves four LTER research sites, the Shortgrass Steppe, Baltimore Ecosystems Study, Kellogg Biological Station, and Santa Barbara Coastal and their partnering institutions, the LTER Network Office, and a group of 22 K-12 schools and districts that will directly impact over 250 science and mathematics teachers and 70,000 students from diverse backgrounds.

La Cumbre Junior High School
Organization Type: School or School Systems
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: SBC-LTER is collaborating with LCJHS through the NSF funded Math and Science Partnership.

Monash University
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Melbourne, Australia
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

Moss Landing Marine Laboratory
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Moss Landing, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

National Marine Fisheries Service
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: California
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Santa Cruz, CA

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: Washington, D.C.
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Financial support
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

Ocean Education Trust
Organization Type: Other Nonprofits
Organization Location: Kingston, RI
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
In-Kind Support
Facilities
Personnel Exchanges
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: NautilusLive! program
Santa Barbara Channel Keeper
Organization Type: Other Nonprofits
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: The Santa Barbara Channel Keeper staff conduct monthly collections along the Ventura River, and we complement their in situ measurements with high quality nutrient chemistry on water samples from local streams and rivers.

Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD)
Organization Type: School or School Systems
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Financial support
Facilities
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborates to conduct Explore the Sea Summer Program for K-12 students

Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: La Jolla, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on new climate change assessment study for SBC

Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: California
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: SCCOOS: SBC partners with Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the University of Southern California, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as part of the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS). SCCOOS has provided data and instrumentation to the SBC-LTER

US Forest Service
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

US Geological Survey
Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: Santa Cruz, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Conducts collaborative research on kelp forest communities and coastal sediment inputs and dynamics

Universidad Austral de Chile
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Valdivia, Chile
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

University of Auckland
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Auckland, New Zealand
Partner's Contribution to the Project:
In-Kind Support
Facilities
Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
University of Barcelona
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Barcelona, Spain
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
University of California Davis
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Bodega Bay, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on effects of kelp forests on flow and water column subsidies
University of California Los Angeles
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Los Angeles, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on modeling studies of nearshore plume and particle dispersal
University of California San Diego
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: La Jolla, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on oceanographic data collection and analyses
University of California Santa Cruz
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Santa Cruz, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on kelp forest metapopulation research
University of California, Berkeley
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Berkeley, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
University of Coimbra
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Coimbra, Portugal
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution:
University of Connecticut
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Groton, CT
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: collaborates on coastal physical oceanography including observational process studies of wind-, wave-, and tidally-driven circulation, heating and cooling of the shallow continental shelf, and coastal-trapped waves.

University of Girona
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Girona, Spain
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: 

University of New Mexico
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Albuquerque, NM
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: 

University of South Carolina
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Columbia, SC
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate to maintain a sediment trap time-series in the Santa Barbara Basin designed to provide data on the composition and flux of particles sinking to the seafloor

University of Wisconsin
Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Milwaukee, WI
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: collaborates on population genetics and metapopulation analyses of kelp forests

What other collaborators or contacts have been involved?
Nothing to report

Impacts

What is the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?

Results from SBC research are helping to address the growing need for understanding ecosystem level processes in coastal systems. Of particular significance are our unique time series data and findings pertaining to: (1) controls and fate of primary production, (2) the movement and utilization of different sources and forms of nutrients, (3) environmental drivers of nearshore food webs, and (4) exchange of organic and inorganic materials among ecosystems.

SBC’s development of an ongoing time series of canopy biomass for giant kelp in California and Mexico from Landsat satellite imagery has provided an unprecedented opportunity to test ecological theory pertaining to patterns and drivers of population dynamics at unprecedented temporal resolution and spatial and temporal scales. The time series continues to generate considerable interest from the science community and contributed substantively to several collaborations this past year. Investigators Byrnes and Cavanaugh (both former post docs) partnered with Zooinverse to continue to develop a web-based citizen science project (Floating Forests) that uses the efforts of
volunteers to analyze Landsat imagery of giant kelp from across the world. To date, Floating Forests has logged 6695 users who have conducted more than 2.6 million classifications and more than 650,000 images have been analysed. Byrnes also spearheaded the formation of the Kelp Ecosystem Ecology Network (KEEN) to assess the impacts of environmental change on kelp forests globally. This network includes 79 members from > 20 bioregions and six continents who use standardized sampling methods and experimental protocols (based on those developed by SBC LTER) to create an unified open access dataset for assessing past and predicting future changes in kelp forests worldwide.

With funding from NASA, BOEM and NOAA SBC investigators, Miller, Carlson, Iglesias-Rodriquez, Rassweiler, Reed and Siegel, are developing a prototype marine Biodiversity Observation Network (BON) in the Santa Barbara Channel that is intimately linked with SBC LTER. Tracking biodiversity in marine habitats will improve capacity for science-based decision-making intended to protect natural ecosystems and sustain the services that they provide amid increasing threats of coastal development, invasive species and climate change. The concentration and wide array of biodiversity measurements already taking place in the Santa Barbara Channel, particularly by SBC LTER and Channel Islands National Park, make this area an ideal testing ground for this pioneering effort. Additionally, this new project builds strongly on SBC’s Information management framework to manage the large amount of biodiversity data generated.

Ongoing analysis of the large volume of data collected during the SBC LTER UNOLS cruises continues to provide new insights into the fate and transport of phytoplankton. These analyses will positively impact the principal discipline of biological oceanography. In particular, modeling efforts to understand the evolution of phytoplankton blooms, including harmful algal blooms, in the coastal ocean will improve as they incorporate effects of frontal processes that lead to subduction of phytoplankton biomass.

SBC partners with other research programs to maintain spatially extensive array of moored sensors is providing spatially comprehensive high frequency data on ocean properties including currents, temperature and pH. This year with help of supplemental funding we added sensors for measuring oxygen and chlorophyll fluorescence, and routine water samples for measuring total alkalinity and total CO$_2$.

Additional efforts and cross site collaborations during the past year that have broadened the reach of SBC research include:

- SBC is collaborating with CCE and scientists from the University of South Carolina to maintain a 20+ year sediment trap time series in the Santa Barbara Basin. Data from this novel time series are being used to address a variety of research topics including the transport and fate of harmful algal blooms, and the development of proxies that can be used to reconstruct changes in climate over the geologic past.
- Investigator Cooper is a member of an LTER working group conducting a meta-analysis of nutrient enrichment effects on stream ecosystems and serves on the STREON technical advisory committee, advises NEON personnel on stream ecology issues, and organizes workshops for the NSF Stream Resiliency Research Coordination Network, collectively dealing with the effects of nutrient loading, biodiversity loss, and extreme events on stream ecosystems.
- Investigator Rassweiler and post docs Castorani and Lamy are participating in a LTER cross-site synthesis working group titled “Using the metacommunity concept to synthesize biodiversity patterns across LTER sites”.
- Investigator Cooper was the co-organizer and co-editor for recent special issue of Freshwater Science on “The Effects of Fire on Freshwater Ecosystems” (Published December 2015, 17 articles).
- Investigator Guerrini contributed to a symposium on Historical Ecology and Novel Ecosystems at the 2016 ESA meeting and submitted a synthesis working group proposal on developing LTER historical data resources in 2015.
- Investigator Dugan is a member of an LTER working group developing a new synthesis of the ecological responses of soft sediment ecosystems to armoring and coastal squeeze and lead author on a manuscript on this topic.
- SBC investigators co-authored several chapters on different ecosystems including Kelp Forests (Reed), Rocky Intertidal (Blanchette), Sandy Beaches (Dugan), Rivers (Cooper) and Lakes (Melack) in a new Ecosystems of California book edited by H. Mooney and E. Zavaleta published by the University of California Press in 2016.
What is the impact on other disciplines?

The research mission of SBC LTER is very interdisciplinary in scope. As such, our research contributes to a wide range of disciplines including: marine, aquatic and terrestrial ecology, physical, biological and chemical oceanography, hydrology, geology, geography, environmental history, science education and informatics. Investigator Guerrini is working with other LTER sites to analyze and explore the history of LTER programs. The theme of history record-keeping and analysis is likely to become a more important feature of LTER programs as the first generation of LTER researchers move into retirement. Guerrini and colleagues submitted a synthesis working group proposal on that topic to the LTER Communications Office in 2015. Although it was not one of the two (out of 26) proposals selected for funding it received favorable marks and she is continuing to pursue opportunities for this work with her collaborators from SBC, AEF and other LTER sites.

What is the impact on the development of human resources?

Our project provides significant opportunities for scientific training in research at multiple levels. During the past year 121 undergraduate students, 36 graduate students, 9 post doctoral fellows were trained through substantial involvement in SBC research. Additionally, SBC faculty investigators actively incorporate the activities and findings of SBC LTER research into their teaching and curriculum development, thereby extending the project's contributions to the broader student body. The active involvement of large numbers of undergraduate students in SBC research (typically >80 each year) not only provides valuable undergraduate training, but also affords SBC’s graduate students and post docs with significant opportunities for mentorship training. For example, each year 20-30 undergraduate students receive academic credit to participate in a structured SBC marine research training program that runs the entire academic year. Students in the program actively participate in the collection, processing and analysis of core data and many develop their own independent research projects. The experience gained from such training has proven to be very important to SBC graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who routinely go on to academic positions where the training legacy from SBC LTER continues. During this reporting period former SBC post doc, Andrew Rassweiler, and former SBC graduate student Sarah Lester began tenure-track assistant professor positions at Florida State University and current post doc Max Castorani submitted a research proposal to NSF OCE-BIO as a lead principal investigator.

Four SBC graduate students participated in Tech Savvy, a program that gives girls in grades six through nine an opportunity to explore STEM education and related careers through hands-on workshops. Two of these workshops were created and hosted by SBC graduate students Heather Frazier, Helen Chen, Fernanda Henderikx-Freitas, and Susan Meerdink, who represented the UCSB Department of Geography’s Visibility and Outreach committee. The first workshop “Selfies from Space” introduced girls to Landsat and aerial imagery through a trivia game. The second workshop “Is it getting hot in here? Exploring your climate” featured two experiments, one where the girls learned that melting land-based ice contributes to greater sea-level rise than melting sea ice and one that demonstrated the climate’s greenhouse effect using a FLIR camera to measure temperature.

Additional impacts on the development of human resources are achieved through SBC’s extensive outreach programs (see Accomplishments), which primarily target K-12 students and teachers. These outreach programs, particularly the REEF, provide large numbers of undergraduate student interns with a solid foundation in marine ecology and training in communicating their knowledge in an educational format. The REEF utilizes SBC graduate students, research staff, and post-docs to train REEF interns, which, in turn, enhances their training as laboratory and field assistants for SBC research. Several SBC investigators mentor middle and high school students in developing and executing science projects and conducting research each year.

The success of SBC’s outreach programs has led us to explore new methods for reaching larger audiences. To this end Investigator Blanchette is leading SBC’s efforts on a bilingual LTER children’s book, The Golden Forest, that highlights the links between giant kelp forests and sandy beaches. The text has been finalized and story boards and illustrations for the book are currently in progress. In addition, an iPhone application for sandy beach ecosystems developed with collaborative funding is due to be released in the next few months on iTunes. This new guide will complement the SBC LTER Kelp Forest Field Guide, an interactive field guide that provides information on >150 marine algae, plants, fish and invertebrates that inhabit the unique ecosystem of California nearshore kelp forests.
What is the impact on physical resources that form infrastructure?

NSF funds awarded to SBC are being used to maintain a custom 22' research vessel that was specifically designed for diving and oceanographic research and an autonomous ocean glider that is customized for coastal research. Both items were purchased with NSF funds awarded to SBC. Research groups collaborating with SBC have access to the vessel and glider for their research needs. SBC partners with other research programs (e.g. Southern California Ocean Observing System (SCOOS), Partnership for Interdisciplinary Study of Coastal Oceans (PISCO)) to maintain an extensive array of moored sensors that is providing spatially comprehensive high frequency data on ocean properties including currents, temperature, salinity, chlorophyll, oxygen and pH.

What is the impact on institutional resources that form infrastructure?

Nothing to report.

What is the impact on information resources that form infrastructure?

SBC’s publicly available data holdings increased by about 10% during the past year. As in the recent past, new datasets often represent data from students or postdoctoral scholars, specifically designed to meet journals’ increasingly frequent requirement to post data along with research papers. The number of datasets of this type is now large enough that patterns are becoming evident, and SBC is developing protocols for a consistent approach to naming and describing paper-related datasets which we hope will advance the community’s ability to form linkages between papers and their data resources. New time-series are being developed and existing ones adapted. New instrumentation for in situ oxygen measurements is being installed at our ongoing mooring sites which already produce several series of datasets for currents, hydrography and pH, (see data catalog, “Inshore Ocean”). Incorporation of these new data streams will drive a reassessment of current data package design as outlined for our pH data in Rivest, et al (in press). Plans are underway for a new dataset on taxon-specific biomass, applying results from recent work (e.g., package id knb-lter-sbc.99.1). All metadata are available in the XML specification Ecological Metadata Language (EML), with data and metadata uploaded regularly to the LTER Network Information System catalog. SBC’s own data catalog is based on this same corpus and organized into sampling collections, which are accessible from the website’s research descriptions and sampling sites map. Our local infrastructure provides nightly backup for all data.

O’Brien also is co-Investigator of the new Environmental Data Initiative, EDI (NSF #1629233, #1565103) which will extend the LTER approach to data management to other ecosystem-level research endeavors funded by NSF, particularly MSB, LTREB and the Organization of Biological Field Stations (OBFS), and also will facilitate coordinate data curation activities within the LTER Network. As these new responsibilities will detract from her ability to fully serve SBC LTER, we are now recruiting a replacement. O’Brien also continues to work two other NSF funded projects, DataONE (DataNet, ACI) and GeoLink (EarthCube, GEO), specifically in the areas of semantics and data discovery, which highlights the usability of SBC data, and increases the visibility of all LTER data in federated systems.

What is the impact on technology transfer?

Nothing to report.

What is the impact on society beyond science and technology?

SBC investigators actively apply their knowledge of coastal ecosystems to inform, develop and implement changes in local and regional policies. Investigators serve as advisors and committee and board members for a number of local and national groups concerned with conservation and management of natural resources.
Investigators Reed and Page work with the staff of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) on a large multidimensional program designed to mitigate for the loss of coastal marine resources caused by the operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), a coastal power plant located in north San Diego County. The major emphasis in this program is compensation for lost marine resources via wetland and kelp forest restoration. Reed and Page’s primary responsibilities are to consult with the CCC and their staff, the employees of the power plant (Southern California Edison), and other resource agencies on ecological issues relating to the design of the mitigation projects and to develop and implement monitoring programs capable of determining whether the biological and physical performance of these projects meet pre-determined standards. Much of the science done on these mitigation projects is very complementary to that done by SBC and there is considerable exchange of information and ideas between the two projects.

As a panel member at the White House Citizen Science Forum on September 30, 2015, Investigator Cavanaugh presented the Floating Forests project, a citizen science-based effort to map giant kelp using satellite imagery. SBC lead investigator Reed and Post Doc Castorani participated in a two-day CICESE workshop that engaged researchers from California and Baja California to discuss the state of ecological and socioeconomic knowledge on the coupled human-natural system of kelp forests across the binational region (California and Mexico). This workshop produced a technical report (“Mexico-California bi-national initiative of kelp forest ecosystems and fisheries”) and the participants are working on a shorter review paper to be submitted for peer review.

SBC investigators and students are contributing time and expertise to the ongoing NRDA (National Response Damage Assessment) investigation of the impacts of the May 2015 Refugio Oil Spill on the coastal ecosystems of the Santa Barbara Channel. SBC time series data are providing much needed information on a number of coastal ecosystems affected by the oil spill.

SBC investigators and students are collaborating with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary to assess factors affecting the spread and ecological consequences of two recent and rapidly spreading invasive species in southern California (the brown seaweed Sargassum horneri and the colonial bryozoan Watersipora subtorquata). SBC researchers are also engaged in informing policy for local watershed issues. We have developed mutually beneficial, cooperative associations with local and national government agencies and departments, and NGOs. Our intensive sampling of nutrients and particulates during the entire hydrograph for most storms complements the agency data collection, and we cooperatively share data and interpretations. In 2015-16 we performed high quality nutrient chemistry analyses on water samples from local streams and rivers for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper. Investigator Melack chairs UCSB’s committee on wetlands that is overseeing restoration of campus wetlands that is being used as mitigation for staff and student housing projects. Investigator Cooper regularly provides advice about stream environmental issues and the monitoring and management of southern California steelhead populations to personnel from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, and the Environmental Defense Center and the Audubon Society’s Conservation Committee.

Investigators Melack, Page, Dugan and Reed are co-investigators of an ongoing study of climate change vulnerability entitled ‘Santa Barbara Area Coastal Ecosystem Vulnerability Assessment’. The study is funded by NOAA actively engages the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta and Carpinteria in assessing and evaluating the responses of Santa Barbara County’s wetlands, beaches and coastal watersheds to climatic forcing. This study relies largely on SBC core datasets and is fostering collaboration with climate scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography and coastal processes scientists from USGS. This study is actively engaging the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta and Carpinteria in assessment and evaluation of the responses of local coastal ecosystems, including, wetlands, beaches and coastal watersheds to climatic forcing. Workshops on project results for Santa Barbara county wetlands, watersheds and beaches were led by Page, Melack and Dugan respectively in 2015-2016.

SBC research has led to a growing recognition of the unique biodiversity, functions and wildlife supported by beaches and the role of kelp and other macroalgal wrack as an ecological resource by local and state agencies. SBC results are contributing to the development of new policies for conservation and management of sandy beach ecosystems worldwide. Investigator Dugan plays an active advisory role with coastal consortiums, state agencies and groups concerned with improving the conservation and management of beach ecosystems, including the California Coastal Commission, California Dept, of Fish and Wildlife, and the Ocean Science Trust. In September 2015 Dugan presented a webinar on Sandy Beach Ecosystems and Oil Spills for the trustees of the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. In July 2016 Dugan and SBC graduate student N. Schooler provided a webinar and a field training on ecological monitoring approaches for sandy beach ecosystems to the National Park Service.
Changes/Problems

Changes in approach and reason for change
Nothing to report.

Actual or Anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them
Nothing to report.

Changes that have a significant impact on expenditures
Nothing to report.

Significant changes in use or care of human subjects
Nothing to report.

Significant changes in use or care of vertebrate animals
Nothing to report.

Significant changes in use or care of biohazards
Nothing to report.