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Education

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. Earth and Planetary Science	2012
College of William and Mary, B.S. Biology	2003

Professional Experience

2023-present	Associate Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis
2017-2023	Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis
2015-2017	Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Arizona and The Ohio State University
2012-2015	Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Colorado at Boulder
2003-2007	Research Associate, J. Craig Venter Institute/The Institute for Genomic Research

Teaching

PLP 298: Microbial Ecology (25 graduate students, 3 one-hour lecture/discussion periods per week, bioinformatics project), Spring Quarter 2023

PLP 201A: Impacts, Mechanisms, and Control of Plant Diseases (12 graduate students, 3 one-hour lectures on Plant Virology per week for 3 weeks), Fall Quarters 2021-2023

GDB 187: Global Disease Biology Seminar (50 undergraduate students, 2 one-hour lectures/discussions per week), Spring Quarters 2019-2024, Winter Quarter 2022

SAS 13: Disease and Society (350 undergraduate students, 3 one-hour lectures per week), Winter Quarters 2019-2021

Service (selected examples)

Co-Organizer, International Soil Virus Conference (Livermore, CA)	2024
Senior Editor, <i>The ISME Journal</i>	2020-present
Editor, <i>mSystems</i>	2019-2022
Organizing Committee and Instructor, International Viromics Workshops (OH)	2019-present
Organizing Committee, Viral EcoGenomics and Applications (VEGA) Symposia	2017-present

Honors and Awards

Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)	2025
NSF CAREER Award	2023
DOE Early Career Award	2020

Grants and Other External Support (selected active awards)

USDA NIFA OREI, “*Hunting for healthy soils: Organic management of micro-predators for pathogen control*” 2024-2028. (PI Samuel Martins, \$3.5M, \$844K to Co-PI Emerson).

Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP), “*Scaling the impact of viruses from single cells to the global methane cycle*” 2024-2027. #RGP018/2024 (PI Ashish Malik, \$1.35M, \$337.5K to Co-PI Emerson).

DOE JGI CSP, “*Scaling wetland viral impacts on methane cycling from single cells to ecosystems*” 2024-2027. #509865 (PI Emerson, in-kind sequencing support, ~20 Tbp, ~\$200K equivalent, Co-PIs Ashish Malik, Karthik Anantharaman, Christina Hazard, Graeme Nicol, Caitlin Singleton).

NIH HVP, “*Establishing laboratory methods for quantitative recovery of diverse DNA and RNA viral sequences from human biosamples*” 2024-2028. (PI Emerson, \$2.2M, Subaward PI Matthew Olm, Collaborator Sean Adams).

NSF CAREER, “*CAREER: Leveraging soil viromics to unravel ecological patterns in complex communities*” 2023-2028. #2236611 (PI Emerson, \$898,516).

DOE BER Genomic Sciences, “*Predicting post-fire N cycling through traits and cross-kingdom interactions*” 2022-2025. (PI Sydney Glassman, \$3.1M, \$521,805 to Co-PI Emerson).

DOE LLNL Soil Microbiomes SFA, “*Microbes Persist: Systems Biology of the Soil Microbiome*” 2021-2025. (PI Jennifer Pett-Ridge, \$12.5M, \$522,516 to Co-PI Emerson).

USDA NIFA AFRI Agricultural Microbiomes, “*Viruses in soil: untapped resources for understanding soil health and mitigating plant disease*” 2021-2025. #2021-67013-34815-0. (PI Emerson, Co-PI Amanda Hodson, \$749,960).

DOE Early Career Award, “*Infective viruses and inert virions: illuminating abundant unknowns in terrestrial biogeochemical cycles*” 2020-2025. DE-SC0021198. (PI Emerson, \$750,957).

Publications (59 peer-reviewed, 3 preprints)

*undergraduate, §graduate student, or †postdoc in our group; ^equal contributions

62. §Geonczy, SE, †Hillary, LS, †Sorensen, JW, †Santos-Medellín, C, **Emerson, JB** (preprint). Locally heterogeneous soil viral and prokaryotic responses to prescribed burn correspond with patchy burn severity in a mixed conifer forest. *bioRxiv*, 2024.10. 28.619755
61. §Geonczy, SE, §ter Horst, AM, **Emerson, JB** (preprint). Soil viral and prokaryotic communities shifted significantly after wildfire in chaparral and woodland habitats. *bioRxiv*, 2024.11. 15.623834
60. §ter Horst, A.M., *Adebiyi, T.V., Hernandez, D.A., §Fudyma, J.D., **Emerson, J.B.** (preprint). Almond rhizosphere viral, prokaryotic, and fungal communities differed significantly among four California orchards and in comparison to bulk soil communities. *bioRxiv*. 2023.06.03.543555.
59. §Geonczy, S.E., †Hillary, L.S., †Santos-Medellín, C., §Fudyma, J.D., †Sorensen, J.W., **Emerson, J.B.** (2024). Virome responses to heating of a forest soil suggest that most dsDNA viral particles do not persist at 90°C. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry*. 202, 109651.
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54. †Santos-Medellín, C., Blazewicz, S.J., Pett-Ridge, J., Firestone, M.K., **Emerson, J.B.** (2023). Viral but not bacterial community successional patterns reflect extreme turnover shortly after rewetting dry soils. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*. 7:1809-1822.
53. ^*Matsumoto, B.L., ^†Sieradzki, E.T., Greenlon, A., Perilla-Henao, L.M., §ter Horst, A.M., §Geonczy, S.E., Cook, D.R., **Emerson, J.B.** (2023). Viruses of nitrogen fixing *Mesorhizobium* bacteria in globally distributed chickpea root nodules. *Phytobiomes Journal*. 8(2):2471-2906.
52. **Emerson, J.B.** (2023). Introducing our 15th Anniversary article collection. *The ISME Journal*. 17:949.
51. Buivydaite, Z., Aryal, L., Correa, F.B., Chen, T., Langlois, V., Elberg, C.L., Netherway, T., Wang, R., Zhao, T., Acharya, B., **Emerson, J.B.**, †Hillary, L.S., Khadka, R.B., Mason Jones, K., Sapkota, R., Sutela, S., Trubl, G., White III, R.A., Winding, A., Carreira, C. (2023). Meeting report: the first soil viral workshop (2022). *Virus Research*. 331(2023):199121.
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