

# ERIC WILLIAM VETTER

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION:

Ph.D., 1995, Oceanography, University of California at San Diego,  
Scripps Institution of Oceanography  
B.Sc., 1988, Marine Biology, San Francisco State University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

9/1/09 – present	Professor of Marine Science, Hawaii Pacific University
9/1/97 – 9/1/2009	Associate Professor of Marine Science, Hawaii Pacific University
5/15/95-8/30/97	Postgraduate Researcher, Marine Life Research Group, SIO/UCSD
1988-1995	Research Assistant, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla

### AWARDS:

Best Paper Award, Ecology and Evolution, AAAS, Pacific Division, 1994  
PADI Foundation research grant  
Sierra Club foundation research grant  
NOAA-WCNURC; three years of funding to study biological processes deep within Southern California submarine canyons using submarines  
NOAA-HURL; Support funds plus ship and submersible time for 24 days of dives to study megafaunal, macrofaunal and scavenging communities deep in submarine canyons in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands.  
HURL: Support funds plus ship and submersible time for 15 days of dives to study megafaunal, macrofaunal and scavenging communities deep in submarine canyons off the Island of Moloka'i.  
HPU Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Program: Community Ecology of Submarine Canyons, Coral Reef Monitoring (Molokini, Maui)  
International Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Experiment – funding for Cruises off Oahu, Hawaii, and Norway.  
Naval Research Laboratory – Ship, submersible and equipment funds for studies of hydrothermal venting on Loihi.

Lockheed Martin –Research support for investigating near-bottom zooplankton communities over the Clarion-Clipperton fracture zone abyssal plain. Yearly RFP and budgeting based on continued success.

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:**

Ecological Society of America  
American Society of Limnology and Oceanography  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Sigma Xi  
Phi Beta Kappa

**RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:**

1987	Population biology of intertidal gastropods
1988-1989	Antarctic benthic community ecology and water column productivity
1989-1991	Zooplankton vertical migration, population biology of leptostracan crustaceans, community response to pulsed enrichments (benthic)
1991-1995	Secondary production of macrofaunal crustaceans in detrital habitats, community ecology in shallow submarine canyons
1995-1997	Effects of macrophyte detritus on communities in deep submarine canyons, carbon sources for infauna in submarine canyons, impact of submarine canyons on nearshore fisheries
1999-2002	Effects of CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration on benthic communities Scavenger communities on the Hawaiian Slope Influences of hydrothermal venting on benthic animals on Loihi Seamount
2003-2007	Effects of macrophyte detritus on communities in deep submarine canyons, carbon sources for infauna in submarine canyons, impact of submarine canyons on nearshore fisheries
2008-2010	Habitat usage and ecological services provided by green sea turtles in the main Hawaiian Islands
2013-	Near-bottom zooplankton communities over the abyssal plain in the tropical North Pacific
2015	FjordEco, Andvord Bay, Antarctic Peninsula, Benthic community dynamics, PI: Craig Smith
2017-	Larval supply to deep seamounts and the abyssal plain in the Northeast Tropical Pacific

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Lecturer: General Biology I, HPU  
General Biology I Lab., HPU

Marine Biology Lab., HPU  
Ecology, HPU  
Ecology Lab., HPU  
Marine Ecology, HPU  
Marine Ecology Lab, HPU  
Introduction to Oceanography, UCSD  
Introduction to Oceanography Lab., UCSD  
Biological Oceanography, HPU, SIO  
Biological Oceanography Lab., HPU  
Biometry, HPU  
Honors Seminar, HPU  
Honors Research, HPU  
Masters Research, HPU  
Marine Biology and the Global Ocean, HPU

## **OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE**

### Research Vessels:

*R/V R. Revelle, R/V Atlantis II, R/V Hakon Mosby, R/V R.G. Sproul, R/V Vantuna, R/V Laney Chouest, R/V Ka'imikai-o-Kanaloa, R/V Cavalier, R/V Hakurei Maru, R/V Melville, R/V Laurence M. Gould*

### Submersible Experience:

*R/V Alvin, R/V Sea Cliff, R/V Pisces V, R/V Delta, Advanced Tethered Vehicle (ROV), Benthos Sea ROVER (ROV), Aglanta (ROV), R/V Pisces IV, Remora (ROV)*

60 + submarine dives

30 + ROV dives

### SCUBA experience:

SIO (formerly) certified to 200 ft., 2,000+ research dives

## **SERVICE**

1981-1984 United States Army  
1984-1988 California Marine Mammal Center, associate fund raising director, animal care volunteer  
1993 Uncompensated Consultant, City of San Diego  
1991-1994 SIO, Student representative, biological oceanography curricular group  
1992-1997 SIO, Staff Research Development Shop Committee  
1990-1996 SIO, Diving Control Board  
1997-1999 Chairman, Curriculum Review, HPU Marine Biology Degree  
1998 Chairman, Faculty Search Committee, HPU Marine Science Program  
1998-1999 Chairman, Program Review, Marine Science, HPU  
1998-2000 Scientific Advisor, Island Marine Internship Program, Lahaina, Maui  
1999-2001 Chairman, HPU Faculty Assembly Learning Resources Committee

2000-2003 Member International Technical Committee of the Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Experiment

2001- 2010 Member HPU Educational Effectiveness Planning Committee

2001-2003 Member HPU College of Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee

2001 Member Chemistry Search Committee

2004 Member Biology Search Committee

2005-2006 Member College of Natural Sciences Dean Search Committee

2005-2006 Member of HPU VP for Research Search Committee

2007 Member of CNS Oceanography Search Committee

2007-2009 Chair MSMS Admissions Committee

2007-2009 Program Chair, CNS Marine Science Program

2008 Member OLC Annex design committee (OI/HPU)

2007-2008 Member HPU Faculty Assembly FPRC

2012-2013 Member HPU General Education Working Group

2013 Member HPU CNCS FPRC

2014-2016 Member HPU CNCS Curriculum Committee

2014- Faculty Advisor, HPU MSMS Club

2014- Member HPU University Student Success Committee

2015- Member HPU Student Retention Subcommittee

2015- Faculty Advisor, HPU Marine Science Club

2014-2016 Chair, HPU CNCS Marine Science Program

2014-2015 Chair, Faculty Assembly University Life and Sustainability Committee

2016 Member, Department of Natural Sciences Faculty Promotion and Review Committee

2017 Member Shared Governance Planning Committee, Department of Natural Sciences Faculty Promotion and Review Committee, Marine Science Program Cohort Faculty Advisor

Reviewer for journals:

- (1) *Limnology and Oceanography*
- (2) *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*
- (3) *Lethia*
- (4) *Deep-Sea Research*
- (5) *Continental Shelf Research*
- (6) *Ecological Applications*
- (7) *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*
- (8) *Marine and Freshwater Research*
- (9) *Global Change Biology*
- (10) *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*
- (11) *Estuaries*
- (12) *Ecological Monographs*
- (13) *Marine Ecology Progress Series*
- (14) *Proceeding of the Royal Society (B)*
- (15) *Marine Ecology*
- (16) *Fisheries Bulletin*
- (17) *Ecological Applications*
- (18) *Progress in Oceanography*

Reviewed grant proposals for:

- (1) National Science Foundation
- (2) National Undersea Research Program
- (3) Sea Grant
- (4) Sigma Xi
- (5) National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

## DISSERTATION

**Vetter**, E. W. 1995. Southern California *Nebalia*, Ecology, Production, Natural History and Systematics of three Subtidal Species. Ph.D. thesis, University of California, San Diego.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Vetter**, E. W. 1994. Hotspots of benthic production. *Nature* 372: 47.

**Vetter**, E. W. 1995. Detritus-Based Patches of High Secondary Production in the Nearshore Benthos. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 120: 251-262.

**Vetter**, E. W. 1996. *Nebalia daytoni*, n. sp. A leptostracan from Southern California (Crustacea: Phyllocarida). *Crustaceana* 69: 379-386.

- Vetter**, E. W. 1996. Enrichment experiments and infaunal population cycles on a Southern California sand plain: response of the leptostracan *Nebalia daytoni* and other infauna. Marine Ecology Progress Series 137: 95-101.
- Vetter**, E. W. 1996. Secondary production of a Southern California *Nebalia* (Crustacea: Leptostraca). Marine Ecology Progress Series 137: 83-93.
- Martin, J., E. W. **Vetter** and C. Cash-Clark. 1996. Description and external morphology of a new species of *Nebalia* Leach, 1814 (Crustacea, Phyllocarida, Leptostraca) from Southern California, with a key to extant Families and Genera of the Leptostraca. Journal of Crustacean Research 16: 347-372.
- Vetter**, E. W. 1996. Life history patterns of two Southern California *Nebalia* (Crustacean; Leptostraca): the failure of form to predict function. Marine Biology 127: 131-141.
- Vetter**, E. W. 1998. Population dynamics of a dense assemblage of marine detritivores. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology 226: 131-161.
- Vetter**, E. W., P. K. Dayton. 1998 Macrofaunal Communities within and adjacent to a Detritus-Rich Submarine Canyon System. Deep-Sea Research II 45: 25-54.
- Gibbons, M. J. et al. 1999. The taxonomic richness of South Africa's marine fauna: a crisis at hand. South African Journal of Science 95: 8-12. (too many authors to list all)
- Vetter**, E. W., P. K. Dayton. 1999 Organic enrichment by macrophyte detritus, and abundance patterns of megafaunal populations in submarine canyons. Marine Ecology Progress Series 186:137-148.
- Adams E. Akai M. Alendal G. Golmen L. Haugan P. Herzog H. Masutani S. Murai S. Nihous G. Ohsumi T. Shirayama Y. Smith C. **Vetter** E. Wong CS. 2002. International field experiment on ocean carbon sequestration. [Letter] Environmental Science & Technology. 36(21):399A.
- Summers, J., E. **Vetter**, C. Smith, P. Bergman E. Adams, M. Akai 2004. Results of international field experiment on a natural CO<sub>2</sub> analogue, Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies 7, Volume I.
- Vetter**, E. W. and C. R. Smith, 2005, Ecological effects of deep-ocean CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment: Insights from natural high-CO<sub>2</sub> habitats, Journal of Geophysical Research, Oceans. 110: C09S13, 10 pp.
- Haney T.A., J.W. Martin, and E.W. **Vetter**, 2007. Leptostraca, The Light and Smith Manual Intertidal Invertebrates from Central California to Oregon, Fourth Edition, University of California Press, Berkeley

- Vetter**, E. W., C. R. Smith, F. C. and De Leo, 2010, Hawaiian Hotspots: enhanced megafaunal abundance and diversity in submarine canyons on the oceanic islands of Hawaii, *Marine Ecology*. 31: 183-199
- De Leo, F., J.C. Drazen, E.W. **Vetter**, A. A. Rowden, and C.R. Smith, 2012. The effects of submarine canyons and the oxygen minimum zone on deep-sea fish assemblages off Hawai'i. *Deep-Sea Research Part 1* 64: 54-70.
- Francke, D.L. S.A. Hargrove, E.W. **Vetter**, C.D. Winn, G.H. Balazs, K.D. Hyrenbach, 2013, Behavior of juvenile green turtles in a coastal neritic habitat: Validating time–depth–temperature records using visual observations, *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*, 444: 55-65.
- De Leo, F., ,E.W. **Vetter**, C.R. Smith, A.A. Rowden, M. McGranaghan, 2014, Spatial scale-dependent habitat heterogeneity influences submarine canyon macrofaunal abundance and diversity off the Main and Northwest Hawaiian Islands, *Deep-Sea Research Part II*, 104: 267-290.
- Kersten, O, C.R. Smith, E.W. **Vetter**, 2017, Abyssal near-bottom dispersal stages of benthic invertebrates in the Clarion-Clipperton polymetallic nodule province, *Deep-Sea Research Part 1*, 127:31-40.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Dayton, P. K., J. P. Barry, J. Hanson, M. Riddle, S. Thrush and E. W. Vetter. Benthic ecology and production of McMurdo Sound (Antarctica).

Vetter, E. W., P. K. Dayton. Southern California submarine canyons as nursery grounds for juvenile Pacific hake (*Merluccius productus*).

Vetter, E. W., P. K. Dayton. Enhanced benthic production attributable to macrophyte detrital aggregates, stable isotope evidence.

## ABSTRACTS

Vetter, E. W. 1993. Extraordinarily high secondary productivity fueled by kelp and surfgrass detritus at the head of the La Jolla Submarine canyon. *American Zoologist* 33(5): 17A.

Vetter, E. W. 1994. Biological and physical regulation of a community of marine scavengers inhabiting accumulations of macrophyte detritus. *EOS, Transactions, American Geophysical Union, Supplement.* 75(3): 215.

Vetter, E. W. 1994. Annual physical and biological disturbances control populations by mediating fish predation. *Proceedings of the Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science.* 13(1): 99.

Vetter, E. W. and P. K. Dayton 1996. Effects of large quantities of macrophyte detritus on benthic and demersal animals within a submarine canyon. *Western Society of Naturalists, 76th Annual Meeting, Port Washington.*

Vetter, E. W. and P. K. Dayton 1996. Observations of juvenile hake (*Merluccius productus*) in and around the Scripps/La Jolla submarine canyon system. *California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations, Annual Conference, Asilomar, California.*

Vetter, E. W. and P. K. Dayton 1998. Macrofaunal Communities Within and Adjacent to a Detritus-Rich Submarine Canyon System. *1998 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Eos* 16 Dec. 1997.

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Vetter, E. W., and C. R. Smith (2002) Direct Carbon Dioxide Sequestration in the Deep-Sea. *Biological Consequences, 6<sup>th</sup> Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies meeting, Kyoto, Japan.*

- Vetter, E. W. 2002. The Ecological Setting of Submarine Canyons. Seamounts, Canyons and Deep Sediments Workshop, Hatfield Marine Center, Oregon
- Vetter, E. W. and C. R. Smith (2004) Impacts of Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> on Deep-Sea Scavengers, *The oceans in a high carbon dioxide world*, UNESCO Scientific Committee on Ocean Research conference, Paris, France
- Vetter, E. W. (2004) Submarine Canyons. Deep-Sea Fisheries: Ecology, Economics and Conservation, sponsored by the Ocean Life Institute (OLI) of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the New England Aquarium, Woods Hole, Mass.
- Vetter, E. W. and C. R. Smith (2004) Potential Impacts Deep-Sea CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration on Deep-Sea Scavengers, *ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting*, Honolulu, HI
- Vetter E.W. & Smith C.R. (2006) Canyon and slope assemblages on the oceanic island of Oahu: detrital enrichment in the deep blue sea. 11th International Deep-Sea Biology Symposium, National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, UK
- Yeh, J; Smith, C R ; Vetter, E W (2007) Effects of submarine canyons on megafaunal scavengers of the Hawaiian islands, *ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting, Santa Fe, NM*
- De Leo, F.; Smith, C; Rowden, A.; Vetter, E. (2008) Submarine canyons as sources of habitat heterogeneity and enhanced biodiversity on the Hawaiian and New Zealand margins. Workshop 'Roles of Habitat Heterogeneity in Generating and Maintaining Continental Margin Biodiversity' at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA
- De Leo, F.; Drazen, J.; Smith, C; Vetter, E. (2010) Quantitative assessment of deep-sea fish communities off Hawaii: the effect of submarine canyons and habitat structure on assemblage abundance and composition. Poster - 12th Deep-sea Biology, Reykjavík, Iceland, June 7-11
- De Leo, F.; Smith, C; Vetter, E. (2010) Enhanced macrofaunal abundance and beta diversity in three Hawaiian submarine canyons: deep-sea oases embedded in an oligotrophic ocean. Poster - 12th Deep-sea Biology Symposium, Reykjavík, Iceland
- Kersten O., Smith C., Vetter E. (2015) Abyssal benthopelagic zooplankton in the Clarion Clipperton Zone - 14 Deep-sea Biology Symposium, Aveiro, Portugal
- Kersten O., Vetter E., Smith C., Goetze E (2016) Assessment of an abyssal near-bottom zooplankton community via metabarcoding. ICES/PICES 6TH Zooplankton Production Symposium, Bergen, Norway.