

Dr. Michael David Rennie
Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS (*“Statement of Research Achievements and Interests” available on request*)

My research group (www.ceelab.ca) seeks to understand the fundamental linkages between metabolic performance of individuals and ecosystem-level processes, and how these relationships change in altered environments. Human activities affect ecosystems through multiple pathways of effects, or stressors, which in turn alter the physiological performance of individuals (e.g., activity, feeding efficiency, growth and reproduction) and community composition. Changes at both scales have direct consequences for the pathway and efficiency of energy flow through food webs. Using a combination of fish tracking technology, hydroacoustics, respirometry, calorimetry, computer modeling and life history theory, we seek to demonstrate the mechanistic relationships between individual, population and ecosystem-level traits.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Jul 2018– Present** **Associate Professor, Department of Biology, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON**
- Lead the Community Ecology and Energetics (CEE) Lab, guiding and conducting research on freshwater environments and fisheries, evaluating metabolic and community change in the face of ecosystem disturbance <http://www.ceelab.ca/> (see also “Research Interests”)
 - Supervise postdoctoral researchers, undergraduate and graduate students (see also “*Training of highly qualified personnel*”)
 - Developed and teach courses in experimental limnology, biostatistics and fisheries ecology (see also “*Teaching experience*”)
 - Secure National, Provincial and International funding for research activities
 - Service on faculty, departmental, institutional and supervisory committees
 - Manage financial accounts
 - Held Tier II Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries, 2015-2024
- Jul 2018– Present** **Director, Aquatic Toxicology Research Centre (ATRC), Lakehead University, Thunder, Bay, ON**
- Oversee operations in the ATRC, including budgeting and ensuring financial viability
 - Guide research projects relating to toxicology of anthropogenic contaminants
 - Ensure ISO 17025 accreditation is maintained
- Jan 2015– Present** **Research Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)-Experimental Lakes Area, Winnipeg, MB**
- Oversee and provide guidance on fish research program at the Experimental Lakes Area
 - Oversee and provide guidance on transfer of ELA database to new platform
 - Core team member for IISD-ELA strategic planning, 2014-2019
- Jan 2015– Jun 2018** **Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON**
- Held Tier II Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries, 2015-2019
- Apr 2014– Dec 2014** **Research Scientist, IISD- Experimental Lakes Area, Winnipeg, MB**
- Led independent research on fish populations at the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA)
 - Supervised staff (1 full-time, 1-2 students, 2-3 seasonal employees per year)
 - Led and developed youth science outreach initiatives at ELA

Sept 2010–Apr 2014 Research Scientist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Winnipeg, MB

- Led independent research on fish populations at the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) and participated in highly collaborative whole-lake manipulation studies
- Provided scientific advice to DFO managers and biologists and to external clients
- Supervised staff (1 full-time, 1-2 students, 2-3 seasonal employees annually)
- Managed financial accounts
- Used mark-recapture methods for population abundance estimation
- Updated 40+ year dataset on ELA fishes; initiated archive and data rescue initiative for fish samples, bony structures and data
- Collaborated with Environment Canada on mercury sampling on ELA lakes in support of the Clean Air Regulatory Agenda
- Co-chair, Physical Samples subcommittee, National Science Data Management Committee

Jan–Apr 2010 Instructor, University of Toronto Mississauga, ON (see also “Teaching Experience”)

- Designed course outline, lectures and labs for a course in advanced biostatistics
- Supervised four teaching assistants and assisted in tutorial instruction
- Graded student tests and assignments

Sep 2008–Sep 2010 Postdoctoral Fellow, Trent University, ON (see also “Academic Experience”)

- Investigated temporal changes in food web structure associated with environmental change and species invasions on Lake Simcoe

Consulting services:

2024-present Firelight Group, providing aquatic ecology and fisheries expertise on the impacts of mining development for Ontario First Nations

2021 Norway House First Nation, initial consultation on erosion impacts on fisheries

2018 Petrone & Partners, consultation regarding potential for fisheries in compensation agreement with First Nations

2017-18 Fisheries and Oceans Canada, analysis and reporting of a whole-lake aquaculture experiment on fish populations

2017 Pays Plat First Nation, Analysis of historic fishing records in the region of Pays Plat, 1864-present

2014 Bruce Power, document review

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Academic Work:

July 2025–Present Chair, Department of Biology, Lakehead University, ON, Canada

- Providing leadership to the department, working with colleagues regarding teaching assignments, space use and departmental budgeting and planning
- Coordinating departmental activities with the offices of the Dean and Vice Provost
- Consulting with undergraduate students on program requirements

July-Dec 2024 Acting Chair, Department of Biology, Lakehead University, ON, Canada

Jul 2018–Present Associate Professor, Department of Biology, Lakehead University, ON, Canada

- Principal Investigator, Community Ecology and Energetics (CEE) Laboratory
- **Tier II Canada Research Chair** in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries, 2018-2024

Sept 2018–2024	Adjunct Professor , Department of Environment and Geography, University of Manitoba •Supervising graduate and undergraduate students, serving on student committees across multiple departments
Jan 2015–Jul 2018	Assistant Professor , Department of Biology, Lakehead University, ON, Canada Tier II Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries •Principal Investigator, Community Ecology and Energetics (CEE) Laboratory
Sept 2015–Present	Adjunct Professor , Department of Biology, University of Waterloo •Participation on graduate student committees
Jul 2012–18 Nov 2021–24	Special Graduate Faculty , Environment and Life Sciences Program, Trent University, ON, Canada •Participation on graduate student committees
Sept 2012–Aug 2018; Jul 2024–Present	Adjunct Professor , Department of Biological Sciences, University of Manitoba •Supervising graduate and undergraduate students, serving on student committees across multiple departments •Delivery of departmental seminars and guest lectures
Sep 2008–Sep 2010	Postdoctoral Fellow , Environmental and Life Sciences Program, Trent University Supervisor: Dr. David O. Evans Research Topic: Evaluating historical food web changes in Lake Simcoe
Degrees: Oct 2003–Oct 2008	Doctor of Philosophy , Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto Convocation: June 2009 Supervisors: Dr. W. Gary Sprules, Dr. Timothy B. Johnson Thesis title: Influence of invasive species, climate change and population density on life histories and mercury dynamics of two <i>Coregonus</i> species
Sep 2001–Oct 2003	Master of Science, Zoology , University of Toronto Supervisors: Dr. Nicholas Collins, Dr. Brian Shuter Thesis title: Mercury in aquatic food webs: refining the use of mercury in energetics models of wild fish populations
Sep 1994–Jun 1999	Bachelor of Science, Ecology , University of Calgary Undergraduate thesis Supervisor: Dr. Leland J. Jackson Thesis title: Patterns in submerged aquatic macrophyte structure and littoral invertebrate abundance

Training of Highly Qualified Personnel:

Technical Staff (37)

2025: Samantha Araya-Podlaski, Lakehead University

Andrew Welbourne, **NSERC USRA Awardee**, Lakehead University

Ty Covacs, Lakehead University

Caleb Milne, Lakehead University

Dr. Ben Hlina, University of Windsor

2024-present: Harleen Dhillon, Lakehead University

2024-25: Malakai (Nadya) Olivares Herrera, Lakehead University
Parker Dorland, Lakehead University

2024: Logan Bell, Lakehead University
Cecilia Ribeiro Sorbal, Universidade Federal de Lavras (Research Exchange student)
Ethan Rego, Lakehead University
Marjorie Robinson (nee Scott), Lakehead University

2023-2024: Simon Pollard, Lakehead University

2022-2025: Henry Trinh, toxicology assistant, Lakehead University

2022-2025: Leif Buxton, **Dean's Undergraduate Research Awardee (2022), NSERC USRA Awardee (2023, 2024, 2025)**, Lakehead University

2022: Jose de Campos Marin, toxicology assistant, Lakehead University

2021: Wade Dombroskie, research assistant (casual), **Dean's Undergraduate Research Awardee**, Lakehead University

2020-present: Tyson Bouchard, Toxicologist, Lakehead University

2020-2024: Sydney-Lyn Bernardi, toxicology assistant, Lakehead University

2020-2022: Nadine Elmehriki, toxicology assistant/**NOHFC intern**, Lakehead University

2020: Danielle Gartshore, research assistant (casual), **Dean's Undergraduate Research Awardee** Lakehead University

Cody Veneruzzo, research assistant (casual), **Dean's Undergraduate Research Awardee** Lakehead University

2019, 2021: Kimberly Geils, Undergraduate research assistant (casual), Lakehead University

2019: Reginald Adiele, Toxicologist, Lakehead University
Colin St. James, toxicology assistant, Lakehead University
Faith Cordiero, toxicology assistant, Lakehead University

2018: Maarit Wolfe, Toxicologist, Lakehead University

2017: Corwin Andrews, Lab Technician (casual), Lakehead University

2016: John Kereliuk, Lab Technician (casual), Lakehead University

2014: Katie Shepard, Fisheries Technician (casual), Fisheries and Oceans Canada

2013-2014: Chandra Rodgers, Fisheries Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and IISD-Experimental Lakes Area

2012: Kim Palmquist, Fisheries Technician (casual), Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Brendan Allan, University of Manitoba

2011: Sara Braun, Fisheries Technician (casual), Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Amy Gilbert (co-op), University of Winnipeg
Candace Wright (co-op), University of Manitoba

2010-2014: Sandy Chalanchuk, Fisheries Technician, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

2010: Sara Braun, University of Manitoba

Postdoctoral (4)

Aug 2025-present: Kennedy Bucci, Postdoctoral Fellow, Lakehead University (**MITACS Elevate, 2025-27 Litter Free Lakes: Measuring and modelling plastic pollution in the Great Lakes**)

Jan-Dec 2018: Liset Cruz-Font, Postdoctoral Fellow, Wildlife Conservation Society of Canada (co-supervised with Constance O'Connor)

Movement ecology of Lake Sturgeon related to hydroelectric water management

Sept-Dec 2018: Bryan Matthias, Fulbright Visiting Fellow
Ecosystem modeling of whole-lake manipulations

2013-2014: Sonya Havens, Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Evaluating links between environmental change and fish productivity

Graduate students (5 PhD, 30 MSc)

PhD: 2025-present: Jubayer Alam, Lakehead University

Using lake sediments to reconstruct past aquatic communities

2020-present: Cody Veneruzzo, Lakehead University

Impact of microplastics on oxygen uptake in freshwater fishes

2019-2024: Alex Ross, Lakehead University (**NSERC PGS-D, 2020-2023; MITACS Accelerate, 2023-24**) *Life history and behavioural response of a mobile predator to complexity in prey food webs*

2019-2023: Ryan Grow, Lakehead University (**OGS, 2020-21; Presidents Award, 2022-23**)

The contribution of fish movement to ecosystem function in Lake Superior

2018-2024: Haley Macleod, Lakehead University (**MITACS Accelerate, 2018-2021; Garfield Weston Award, 2020-21**) *Evaluating predictors and correlates of freshwater fish productivity*

MSc: 2025-present: Eric Randall, Lakehead University

Long-term trends in Walleye across the Rainy Lake basin

2025-present: Monica Giesbrecht, Lakehead University (**NSERC CGS-M Award, 2025-26**)

Changes in lake trout habitat and energetics during Mysis re-establishment

2024-present: Graham Matheson, Lakehead University (**OGS Award, 2025-26**)

Characterizing the Lake Sturgeon population of Whitewater Lake, Wabikimi Provincial Park

2024-present: Natalya Assance, Lakehead University

Evaluating long-range movement of Walleye along the north shore of Lake Superior

2021-2024: Wyatt Beach, Lakehead University (**OGS Award, 2022-23**)

Determining contributions of hydrological connectivity, environment and biology in determining fish communities

2021-2023: James (Ben) Wood, Lakehead University

Effects of Bythotrephes invasion on mercury accumulation of fishes

2020-2024: Mark Schutte, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Rob Mackereth)

*The efficacy of eRNA and eDNA in determining the presence of Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) in Northern Ontario streams, and for the prediction of abundance and biomass*

2020-2022: Amber Fedus, Lakehead University

Effects of macrophyte cutting on a whole lake ecosystem

2020-2022: Danielle Gartshore, Lakehead University

*Invasive spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes cederstroemii*) and their impacts on young-of-year walleye (*Sander vitreus*) growth*

2019-2023: Erin Kelly, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Joe Carney)

*Suitability of biomarker responses in freshwater mussels, *Pyganodon grandis*, as indicators of water quality in Constance Lake, ON*

2019-2022: Mallory Weibe, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Rob Mackereth)

Brook Trout abundance and distribution at multiple spatial scales in Lake Superior tributaries

2019-2022: Tyler Ripku, Lakehead University (**MITACS Accelerate Award, 2020-21**)

Evaluating the Utility of a Point of Care Device to Assess Physiological Differences Among Wild Boreal Fishes

2019-2022: Brenden Slongo, Lakehead University

The Effects of Climate Change on the Growth and Spawning Phenology of Boreal Fishes

2019-2021: Scott Bergson, Lakehead University

Abundance, Transportation, and Preservation of Mysis diluviana eDNA in Freshwater Ecosystems

2018-2020: Nicole Turner, Lakehead University

Walleye (Sander vitreus) movement ecology in Lake Winnipeg, Canada

2017-2021: Sarah Warrack, University of Manitoba (co-supervised with Mark Hanson)

Microplastic fate and behaviour in freshwater mesocosm wetlands

2017-2021: Ashley Salomon, MSc, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Carney Matheson)

Recovering the Proteome of Archived Biomedical Specimens

2017-2020: Hannah Hancock, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Nanda Kanavillil)

Physical habitat associations of fish species in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut, Canada

2017-2020: Andrew Milling, Lakehead University

Mysis diluviana as a keystone species in aquatic ecosystems

2017-2019: Cameron Leitrots, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Rob Mackereth)

Climate change and brook trout distribution in Lake Superior tributaries

2017-2019: Kyle Stratton, Lakehead University

Food web changes in Black Bay, Lake Superior

2016-2019: Victoria Langen, Lakehead University (**OGS Award, 2017-18**)

Changes in the offshore food web of Lake Simcoe following dreissenid invasion

2016-2019: Graydon McKee, Lakehead University

Movement, resource use, and life history strategies of Black Bay Walleye (Sander vitreus)

2016-2019: Marissa Wegher, Lakehead University

Evaluating Spatial Variation in Food Web Connectivity and Energetics within the Lake Superior Fish Community

2015-2019: Brendan Allan, Lakehead University

Influence of prey naivety on predator detection and response

2015-2018: Lauren Hayhurst, Lakehead University (**MITACS Accelerate Award, 2016**)

Nanosilver effects on fish populations and energetics in a whole ecosystem experiment

2015-2018: Stephen Slongo, Lakehead University (co-supervised with Brian McLaren)

Influence of hydroelectric development on Brook Trout spawning phenology

2015-2017: Patrick Kennedy, University of Manitoba

The influence of the prey community on the growth and life history variation of aquatic apex predators in the Canadian boreal shield

2012-2015: Laura Murray, University of Manitoba (co-supervised with Jim Roth)

Effects of nanosilver on stress and metabolism of fish

2012-2015: Marianne Geisler, University of Manitoba (co-supervised with Darren Gillis)

Forecasting the effect of invasive mussels on walleye (Sander vitreus) habitat occupancy and production

Undergraduate theses, project-based Co-operative education and summer undergraduate students (37)

(*Undergraduate students who produced first-authored peer-reviewed publications from their research)

2025-27: Samantha Araya-Podlaski, Lakehead University *TBD*

2025-26: Jordyn Fenton, Lakehead University *Evaluation of energy storage differences between fast and slow growing rainbow trout*

2024-25: Marjorie Robinson (nee Scott), Lakehead University *Evaluating Benthic Invertebrate Communities Under Northern Wild Rice and Invasive Cattail NSERC USRA (2024)*

Ethan Thomson, Lakehead University, *Accumulation of microplastics in Yellow Perch*
Malakai (Nadya) Olivares Hererra, Lakehead University, *Morphometric differences as an indicator of environmental variation in Xiphophorous hybrids*

2023-24: Rowan Gallichan, Lakehead University, *Ontogenetic diet shifts in Walleye (Sander vitreus)*

- Grant Tipping, Lakehead University, *Impacts of aquaculture on minnow energy densities*
Courtney MacIssac, Lakehead University, *Impacts of acidification on minnow*
- 2022-25: Leif Buxton, Dean's Undergraduate Research Awardee (2022), NSERC USRA Awardee (2023, 2024, 2025)**, Lakehead University, *Microplastic fate in northern crayfish*
- 2022-23: Amy Campbell, Lakehead University, *Sediment characterization of Goulais Bay, Lake Superior, in relation to habitat selection of Lake Sturgeon***
- Connor Kubinec, Work-study student, Lakehead University, *Impacts of aquaculture on minnow energy densities and mercury bioaccumulation***
- 2021-23: *Kelvi Toskovich, NSERC USRA (2022, 2023)**, Lakehead University, *Changes in the winter community and phenology of birds in the Thunder Bay region*
- 2021-22: Tristan Morrison, Lakehead University *Effects of microplastics exposure on larval fish behaviour (best NRM thesis presentation, 2022)***
- Adam Poulin, University of Toronto Scarborough, *eDNA detection of fishes (co-supervised with Nick Mandarak)***
- 2020-21: *Kim Geils, NSERC USRA, Lakehead University *Effect of nanosilver on Northern Pike (Esox lucius) bioenergetics***
- Lauren Dupuis, Lakehead University *The invasion of dreissenid mussels into Lake Simcoe and their effect on benthic invertebrates***
- 2019-21: Emily Meek, Dean's Undergraduate Research Awardee, Lakehead University *An investigation of white sucker (Catostomus commersonii) respiration across a range of biologically relevant temperatures***
- 2019-20: Nadine Elmehriki, Lakehead University *Understanding connections in the Superior Shoals food web***
- Cody Veneruzzo, Lakehead University *Changes in the energetic status and mercury concentrations of native Lake Trout (Salvelinus namaycush) during aquaculture operations***
- 2018-19: *Ty Colvin, NSERC USRA, BSc Honours, Lakehead University *Changes in benthic communities associated with the loss of Mysis diluviana***
- *Tyler Ripku, Lakehead University *Impacts of nanosilver additions on resource use of Northern Pike***
- *Brenden Slongo, Lakehead University *Impacts of nanosilver additions on growth rates of Northern Pike***
- 2017-18: Liam Spicer, Lakehead University *Spatial variation in pelagic fish diets, Lake Superior***
- *Justin Hubbard, Trent University *Effects of surgical implants on lake trout survival***
- Anouch Tamian, Lakehead University *Spatial variation in energy densities among Lake Superior fishes***
- 2016-17: Brennan Deboer, BSc Honours, Lakehead University *Changes in yellow perch diets associated with nanosilver exposure in freshwater lakes***
- Kyle Stratton, BSc Honours, Lakehead University *Diversity of life history characteristics of Lake Superior migratory rainbow trout***
- *Brandon Greenaway (nee Vennell), NSERC USRA, BSc Honours, Lakehead University *Differences in resting metabolic rate between domestic and wild rainbow trout***
- *Sarah Warrack, BSc Honours, University of Manitoba *The occurrence of microplastics in the Red and Assiniboine Rivers***
- 2015-16: Marissa Wegher, BSc Honours, Lakehead University *Evaluating correspondence between baitfish communities in bait shops vs. natural lakes***
- *Philip Anderson, Queen's University. *Evaluating sample processing techniques for enumerating surface microplastics in Lake Winnipeg***

- 2014-15:** Riley Bartel (co-op), University of Manitoba. *Climate variation drives annual growth in warmwater fishes*
Lauren Hayhurst (co-op), University of Manitoba. *Fish community structure in Lake 302*
- 2013:** Jessica Mai (co-op), University of Manitoba. *The effects of climate change on lake trout and white sucker spawning phenologies*
- 2012:** *Michele Nicholson (co-op), University of Manitoba. *Apparent extirpation of prey fish communities following northern pike introduction*
Emianka Sotiri (co-op), University of Manitoba. *Seasonal and spatial variation in Yellow perch energy densities at the ELA*

Graduate and undergraduate student supervisory committees (20)

- 2025-present:** Amy Klaasen, MSc Biology, Lakehead University
- 2024-present:** Brant Muir, PhD Environmental Biotechnology, Lakehead University
- 2022-present:** Justin Weins, MSc Biology, Lakehead University
- 2022-2023:** Mikayla Lekun, MSc Biology, Lakehead University (withdrawn)
- 2021:** Aislinn Nichol, BSc Chemistry, Lakehead University
- 2021-2023:** Giulio Navarroli, MSc, University of Winnipeg
- 2021-2024:** Courtney Taylor, MSc, Trent University
- 2020-2022:** Colin St. James, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2019-2023:** Tim Hollinger, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2018-present:** Lilian Weins, PhD, University of Manitoba
- 2018:** Dallas Nygard, BSc Chemistry, Lakehead University
- 2017-present:** Nathan Wilson, PhD Environmental Technology, Lakehead University
- 2017-2021:** Nancy Cummings, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2017-2018:** Cameron Robb-MacKay, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2016-2019:** Adam Pun, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2016-2019:** Joseph Tonin, MSc, University of Manitoba
- 2016-2019:** Kerman Bajina, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2015-2019:** Michael St. James, MSc, Lakehead University
- 2015-2018:** Brent Lewis, MSc, University of Waterloo
- 2012-2018:** Jonathan Martin, PhD, Trent University (withdrawn)
- 2011-2018:** Matthew Guzzo, PhD, University of Manitoba

AWARDS

Recognition:

- 2025 Merit award*, Lakehead University** for exceptional performance in Research, 2022/23-2023/2024
- 2023 Outstanding Service Recognition Award, Society of Canadian Aquatic Sciences** for outstanding service in helping establish the new society, coordinating work for the new society logo and assisting with development of society web page.
- 2023 Merit award*, Lakehead University** for exceptional performance in Research, 2020/21-2021/2022
- 2022 Visiting Scientist Award, University of Padova, Italy** (€2,500) Provided short courses on bioenergetics modelling and lectures regarding fish movement and whole lake experimentation during sabbatical visit.
- 2021 Merit award*, Lakehead University** for exceptional performance in Research, 2018/19-2019/2020
- 2020 Journal of Great Lakes Research Reviewer Award** issued by the International Association of Great Lakes Research.
- 2020 Service Award, Society of Canadian Limnologists** recognizing “significant and long-term contributions” to the society.

2020-2024 Tier II Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries renewal of award recognizing research excellence in their field for an early-career scientist.

2019 Merit award*, Lakehead University for exceptional performance in Research, 2016/17-2017/18

2016 Prix D'Excellence Award for Excellence in Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Recognizing leadership role and efforts while a DFO employee towards the National Physical Samples Steering Committee. *“the Prix d’Excellence is the Department’s most prestigious award and was established to honour the best and most exemplary employee contributions to Fisheries and Oceans Canada.”*

2015-2019 Tier II Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries recognizing research excellence in their field for an early-career scientist.

*Merit awards at Lakehead University are valued at \$2,000, for which faculty are eligible to apply every 2 years.

External Research Grants:

Grant Title/ Granting agency	Value	Institution	Period Held
Rates of ecosystem function at Superior Shoals/ <i>Parks Canada</i>	\$228,850	Lakehead University	2026-2029
Hydroacoustics partnership / <i>Lakehead University, University of Minnesota Duluth</i>	\$6,000	Lakehead University	2025
Litter-free Lakes / <i>MITACS</i>	\$120,000	Lakehead University	2025-27
Long-term assessment of Rainy Lakes Walleye/ <i>Rainy Lakes Conservancy</i>	\$15,000	Lakehead University	2025-27
Quantifying biological productivity at lakemounts/ <i>Great Lakes Fishery Commission Pilot Grant</i>	\$24,753	Lakehead University	2025
Matching funds for lakemount ship time grant/ <i>University of Minnesota Duluth</i>	\$45,621	University of Minnesota Duluth	2025
Productivity, biodiversity and genetic novelty of fishes at lakemounts / <i>NSERC Ship Time Grant Great Lakes Fishery Commission Technical Assistance</i> / Great Lakes tissue database	\$159,674	Lakehead University	2025
Assessment of Lake Sturgeon in Wabikimi Provincial Park / <i>Wabikimi UBS Donor Advised Fund</i>	\$25,000	Lakehead University	2025
Assessment of Lake Sturgeon in Wabikimi Provincial Park / <i>Wabikimi UBS Donor Advised Fund</i>	\$58,750	Lakehead University / Ontario MECP	2024-2027
Walleye habitat use across northern Lake Superior/ <i>Parks Canada Grants and Contributions</i>	\$29,900	Lakehead University	2024-2027
CRADLES/ <i>NSERC Alliance</i>	\$1,350,000	Laurentian University	2024-2026
Salmonid morphological variation / <i>North2North</i>	\$2,200	Lakehead University/ Norwegian University of Life Sciences	2024
Swordtail hybridization / <i>CALAREO</i>	\$9,000	Lakehead University	2024
Calories in, calories out / <i>MITACS</i>	\$20,000	Lakehead University	2023-2024
Community-led monitoring of hydro-related impacts... using both Indigenous and western science/ <i>NSERC Discovery Horizons</i>	\$500,000	University of Manitoba/Lakehead University/Others	2023-2028
Mentoring and Training the Next Generation of Environmental Researchers Working in the Indigenous North/ <i>NSERC CREATE</i>	\$1,650,000	University of Manitoba/Lakehead University/Others	2023-2029
Grants and Contributions Program/ <i>Environment and Climate Change Canada</i>	\$90,000	Lakehead University	2022-2023

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International Research Partnership Award/ <i>Lakehead University</i>	\$10,000	Lakehead University	2022-2023
Discovery Grant/ <i>NSERC</i>	\$200,000	Lakehead University	2022-2027
Ecological Applications and Transfer of Fisheries Acoustic Technologies/ <i>CIEE</i> (Co-applicant)	\$11,540	Lakehead University	2022
pELastic whole lake experiment/ <i>NSERC Plastic Science for a Cleaner Future</i> (Co-applicant)	\$1,000,000	University of Toronto/Lakehead University/Others	2021-2025
Natural selection in wild populations/ <i>Royal Society International Exchange</i> (Co-applicant)	\$20,950	University of St. Andrews/Lakehead	2021-2023
Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries (Renewal)/ <i>NSERC</i>	\$500,000	Lakehead University	2020-2024
Impacts of plastics in aquatic ecosystems/ <i>DFO NCAG</i> (Co-Applicant)	\$217,998	Lakehead University	2020-2023
Impacts of Species Invasions and Climate Change on Growth and Mercury of Fishes/ <i>Quetico Foundation</i>	\$75,000	Lakehead University	2020-2023
Impacts of plastics on lake trout recruitment and production/ <i>ECCC IKPP initiative</i>	\$56,221	Lakehead University	2020-2022
Impacts of species invasions on fish growth/ <i>Rainy Lakes Fishery Charity Trust (RLFCT)</i>	\$10,000	Lakehead University	2020-2022
Internship in Aquatic Toxicology/ <i>Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation</i>	\$31,500	Lakehead University	2020-2021
Natural and induced stress on fish populations/ <i>MITACS Accelerate</i>	\$54,000	Lakehead University	2020-2021
Impacts and Indicators/ <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada Grants and Contributions</i> (Co-investigator)	\$393,215	IISD-Experimental Lakes Area	2019-2023
Lake Superior Living Labs Network/ <i>SSHRC</i> (Co-investigator)	\$188,106	Lakehead University	2019-2022
Early Researcher Award/ <i>Government of Ontario</i>	\$150,000	Lakehead University	2018-2023
Matawa Water Futures/ <i>Global Water Futures</i> (Co-investigator)	\$399,528	Lakehead University	2018-2021
Canada Research Chair Supplement	\$35,000	Lakehead University	2018-2019
Size-dependent Walleye movement/ <i>Fisheries and Wildlife Enhancement Fund, Province of Manitoba</i>	\$14,000	Lakehead University	2018-2019
NSERC RTI (Co-investigator)	\$76,099	Lakehead University	2018
Photons to Fish (PHISH): Ecosystem indicators of fish productivity/ <i>MITACS Accelerate</i>	\$133,333	Lakehead University	2017-2020
Changes in the Food Web of Black Bay, Lake Superior/ <i>North Shore Steelhead Association</i>	\$20,000	Lakehead University	2017-2019
Great Lakes food web research/ <i>Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry</i>	\$30,000	Lakehead University	2017-2018
Food web ecology of offshore Lake Superior/ <i>Lakehead University, University of Minnesota Duluth</i>	\$6,000	Lakehead University, University of Minnesota Duluth	2017
Evaluating change in fisheries for Lake Superior North Shore First Nations/ <i>various First Nations</i>	\$15,525	Lakehead University	2017

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Spatial variation in Lake Superior fish energetics/ <i>Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry</i>	\$15,000	Lakehead University, University of Windsor	2017
Infrastructure operating grant/ <i>CFI</i>	\$32,400	Lakehead University	2016-2022
Discovery Grant/ <i>NSERC</i>	\$140,000	Lakehead University	2016-2022
Indicators of fish productivity/ <i>Manitoba Hydro</i> (Co-investigator)	\$340,000	IISD-Experimental Lakes Area	2016-2019
Walleye Movement in the Red River and Lake Winnipeg/ <i>Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund</i> (Co-investigator)	\$136,100	Manitoba Sustainable Development, Lakehead University	2016-2018
Evaluating changes in nearshore carbon delivery in Lake Simcoe / <i>Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change</i>	\$34,000	Lakehead University	2016-2018
Recovery of fish populations from environmental nanosilver release/ <i>MITACS Accelerate</i>	\$15,000	Lakehead University	2016
Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology and Fisheries/ <i>NSERC</i>	\$500,000	Lakehead University	2015-2019
<i>IISD-ELA Research Fellow support in aid of research (up to \$20,000 annual support)</i>	\$190,000	IISD-Experimental Lakes Area	2015-2025
Habitat and community dynamics as drivers of Northern Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) growth potential/ <i>RLFCT</i>	\$10,000	University of Manitoba	2015-2017
<i>Canadian Foundation for Innovation John Evans Leadership Fund/Ontario Research Fund</i>	\$337,500	Lakehead University	2015-2016
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Effects of nanosilver on a lake ecosystem (Collaborator)/ <i>NSERC Strategic Grant</i>	\$736,200	Trent University, University of Manitoba, ELA	2011–2014
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<http://www.macleans.ca/society/science/un-muzzle-the-scientists-mp-ted-hsu-responds/#Michael>

Invited Lectures:

The Experimental Lakes Area: Big policy impact, insights from long-term changes. Presentation to the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists. 24 November 2025.

Lake invaders: Species-dependent changes in fish mercury concentrations after spiny water flea invasion. 2025 Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies Speaker Series invited lecture. 26 February 2025.

Spatial and ecological drivers of fish metacommunity structure in boreal shield lakes. Plenary speaker for GIS day, Lakehead University. 20 November 2024.

Using collaborative whole-lake manipulation studies to inform environmental policy and management. Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management seminar, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU). 13 November 2024.

Small particles, big impacts: nanosilver disrupts ecosystem functioning in lakes. Faculty of Natural Resources Management seminar, Lakehead University. 15 October 2024. Thunder, Bay, ON, Canada.

Potential role of spiny water flea in long-term changes of northwestern Ontario Walleye populations. Presentation to the Rainy Lake Conservancy Board of Governors. 11 August 2024. Fort Frances, ON, Canada.

Grow with the flow (or don't): Differential impacts of spiny water flea invasion on fishes. IISD Experimental Lakes Area Seminar Series. 22 May 2024. IISD ELA, ON, Canada.

Using lakes as test tubes: Why ecosystem-level experiments are the scale needed to inform environmental policy. 16 November 2022. University of Padua, Padua, Italy.

Considering fish behaviour and habitat use in lake management and restoration. 4 October 2022. Visiting scientist lecture, University of Padua, Chioggia, Italy.

Invasive species: re-engineering Great Lakes food webs. Let's Talk Science Great Lakes Initiative lecture series. 4 March 2022. Thunder Bay, ON, Canada (virtual).

Whole-ecosystem impacts of antimicrobials: a nanosilver story. 11 February 2022. Lakehead Biology Seminar Series. Thunder Bay, ON, Canada (virtual).

Impacts of a whole-lake addition of nanosilver on fishes. 2 November 2021. Laurentian SETAC "Pub Night" invited lecture. Ottawa, ON, Canada (virtual).

Microplastics in freshwater- understanding the problem to find solutions. 17 June 2021. Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association. Kenora, ON, Canada (virtual).

Evaluating correlates and drivers of fish production and rapid fish health assessment tools. 25 March 2021. Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Thunder Bay, ON, Canada (virtual).

Embracing complexity: Using whole-ecosystem experiments to inform environmental policy. 4 March 2021. Complexity Science graduate seminar course, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada (virtual).

Microplastics in freshwater- how big is the problem? Presentation to the Alberta Lake Management Society seminar series, 11 September 2020. Alberta, Canada (virtual).

Whole-ecosystem experiments lead to effective, comprehensive environmental policy. Canadian Environmental Law (LAWS 2512) invited guest speaker. 11 March 2020. Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON.

Whole-ecosystem research makes the best environmental policy. Northern Ignite 180 second Research Challenge. 4 March 2020. Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON.

You put WHAT in the Lake? Why whole lake experiments are necessary to understand human impacts on freshwater. 25 January 2020. Lakehead University “In Conversation” talk, Mary JL Black Public Library, Thunder Bay, ON.

Impacts of freshwater aquaculture on fish communities: a whole-ecosystem approach. 11 December 2019. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Thunder Bay, ON, Canada (also web broadcast to staff in Owen Sound ON).

Using ecological insights to guide restoration efforts. 4 December 2019. Center For Limnology, University of Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI, USA.

Impacts of a whole-lake addition of nanosilver on fish communities. IISD Experimental Lakes Area Seminar Series, ON, Canada. August 2019. IISD ELA, ON, Canada.

Potential impact of climate on freshwater fishes. January 24, 2019. Nowiikin workshop, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

Seeing the forest for the trees: Scaling individual-level processes to populations in aquatic ecosystems. November 15, 2018. McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada.

Community level impacts of experimental aquaculture. 8 November 2018. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry workshop. Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

Plastic microfiber pollution in inland waters. October 20, 2017. 63rd annual Northwestern Ontario Water and Wastewater Conference. Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

Aquaculture: A fish story. 30 August 2017. IISD Experimental Lakes Area Seminar Series, ON, Canada.

Tiny particles, (potentially) big problem? Microplastics in Lake Winnipeg, Canada (Keynote speaker). April 26, 2017. Annual General Meeting of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

A multi-scale approach to fisheries conservation. January 12, 2017. University of Alberta Department of Biological Sciences, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Current threats to the Lake Winnipeg Ecosystem. October 24, 2016. Presentation to Science First, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

The threat of invasive dreissenid mussels to inland fisheries. October 18, 2016. Presentation to the Faculty of Natural Resource Management, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

Microplastic pollution in inland waters (Plenary speaker). June 17, 2016 SETAC Prairie Northern Chapter 7th Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Evaluating (and anticipating) the effects of dreissenid mussels on inland fisheries. April 14, 2016. University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, USA.

The role of dresenids in changing Great Lakes Fisheries. April 7, 2016. Large Lakes Observatory, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN, USA.

IISD-Experimental Lakes Area Research: small lakes, global impact. September 26, 2015. (Keynote speaker). Annual meeting of the Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers. Kenora, ON, Canada.

Effects of large scale ecological change on fish life histories. April 1, 2015. Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag), Kastainenbaum, Switzerland.

Assessing plastic pollution in freshwater systems- what's the threat to Lake Winnipeg? February 25, 2015. Manitoba Environmental Industry Association Remediation and Prevention Conference, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Life history consequences of large-scale ecological change. February 11, 2015. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB, Canada.

Changes in lake whitefish diet, growth and behaviour following dreissenid establishment. February 19, 2014. Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Annual Science Workshop, Winnipeg MB, Canada.

Linking behaviour to life history through ecosystem change. January 15, 2014. Lakehead University, Department of Biological Sciences, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

Drivers and consequences of ecosystem-level change. November 25, 2013. University of Alberta Department of Biological Sciences, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Finding the ghost of ecosystems past: Gaining ecological insights from biological tissue archives. November 23, 2012. University of Manitoba, Department of Biological Sciences, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Species invasions should affect fish contaminant levels, but do they? July 10, 2012. Experimental Lakes Area Seminar Series, Experimental Lakes Area, ON, Canada.

What drives yellow perch young-of-year growth? A case study from ELA lake 239. February 11, 2012. Freshwater Institute Ecosystem Research Discussion Group, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Temporal changes in resource use among Lake Simcoe fishes. August 17 2011. Experimental Lakes Area Seminar Series, Experimental Lakes Area, ON, Canada.

Teasing apart the effects of multiple stressors on aquatic food webs. Feb. 2, 2010. Freshwater Institute, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Identifying drivers of change in aquatic food web structure. January 27, 2010. Trent University, Peterborough, ON, Canada.

Using chemical tracers to gain ecological insights. Sep 25, 2009. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Aquatic Research and Development Section Annual Meeting, Algonquin Park, ON, Canada.

Dreissenid mussels: Bonus or blight for lake whitefish populations? December 8, 2008. Trent University, Department of Biology, Peterborough, ON, Canada.

Plasticity in the growth and life history lake whitefish populations: A case study of potential factors affecting change. Feb 22, 2006. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Upper Great Lakes Management Unit Seminar Series. Owen Sound, ON, Canada.

Contributed Presentations (as lead/presenting author only; I am co-author on a dozen or more presentations with students and colleagues each year):

Rennie, M.D., *Ross, A.J. and Paterson, M.J. Predicting the effects of *Mysis* re-establishment on lake trout growth and energetics. Annual Meeting for the Society of Canadian Aquatic Sciences. 22 February 2025. Hamilton, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., *MacLeod, H.A., *Veneruzzo, C., *Buxton, A.L., *Morrison, T., Simmons, D. and Rochman, C. Effects of a microplastic exposure gradient on juvenile lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*). 28 September 2024. Micro 2024 meeting, Arrecife, Tenerife (Canary Islands), Spain.

Rennie, M.D. and Paterson, M.J. Successful intentional re-establishment of the freshwater shrimp *Mysis diluviana* to an acid-recovered lake. 7 June 2024. Annual Meeting for the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, Madison, WI, USA.

*Greenaway, B., *Veneruzzo, C. and **Rennie, M.D.** Differential resting metabolism between rainbow trout growth forms supports pace of life hypothesis. 13 June 2023. Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., James, L., Arnott, S., Casselman, J., Evans, D.O. and Sprules, W.G. Species invasion alters fish biomagnification rates. 23 February 2023. Annual meeting of the Society of Canadian Aquatic Sciences. Montreal, QC, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., *Hayhurst, L.D., *Geils, K., *Slongo, B., *Ripku, T. and Metcalfe, C. Where's the beef? Nanosilver exposure reduces food web energy transfer in natural fish populations by half. 25 February 2022. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., *Matthias, B., *Milling, A., *Colvin, T., and Paterson, M.P. Hold the shrimp: does extirpation of *Mysis* alter aquatic communities? January 5, 2019. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, London, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., *Geisler, M., Gillis, D., Koops, M. and Hoyle, J. Declines in Walleye yield following dreissenid mussel invasion: Ecological or physiological? June 18, 2018. International Congress of Fish Biology, Calgary AB, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., *Kennedy, P.J., Mills, K.H., *Rodgers, C., Chalanchuk, S., Blanchfield, P., Paterson, M. and Podemski, C. Community-level impacts of an experimental aquaculture operation. January 6, 2018. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Evans, D.O., James, L., Arnott, S. and Sprules, W.G. September 11, 2017. *Bythotrephes* invasion alters Lake Herring Biomagnification rates. 13th International Coregonid Symposium, Bayfield, WI, USA.

- Rennie, M.D.,** *Murray, L., Enders, E.C., Pleskach, K., *Martin, J., Svendsen, J.C. and *Hayhurst, L. January 8, 2017. Direct exposure of nanosilver induces a stress response but does not affect whole body performance measures. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Charles, C., *Bartel, R., Higgins, S., Chalanchuk, S. and Mills, K. October 9, 2016. Effects of climatic trends and variability on fish growth and survival in freshwater lakes. Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry 7th World Congress, Orlando, FL, USA.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Blanchfield, P.J., Orihel, D. and Biro, P. July 9, 2016. Personality-biased differences in metabolic efficiency as a mechanism for divergent contaminant accumulation rates. Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution, St. John's, NL, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** *Anderson, P. and *Langen, V. June 10, 2016. First estimate of microplastic pollution in Lake Winnipeg. International Association for Great Lakes Research Annual Meeting, Guelph, ON, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Kling, H. and Scott, K. Feb. 18, 2015. Assessing plastic pollution in Lake Winnipeg. Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Annual Science Workshop, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** *Nicholson, M. and Mills, K.H. Jan 8, 2015. Extirpation of prey fish following pike introduction. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Paterson, M.J. and Findlay, D. Aug 19, 2014. Testing biomass size spectrum theory with whole-lake experiments. Annual meeting for the American Fisheries Society, Quebec City, QC, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Chalanchuk, S. and *Mai, J. May 27, 2014. Climatic drivers of fish life history traits at the Experimental Lakes Area. Genomes to biomes: joint meeting of the Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution, Society for Canadian Limnologists and Society of Canadian Zoologists. Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Weidel, B., Claramunt, R. and Dunlop, E.S. Jan. 5, 2014. Changes in the depth distribution of Great Lakes lake whitefish. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Dupuis, A. and Paterson, M. Jan. 4, 2013. Ontogenetic effects of climate warming in warm water fishes. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Windsor, ON, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Evans, D.O., LaRose, J.K.L. and Robillard, M.M. May 27, 2011. Temporal changes in resource use among Lake Simcoe fishes. Lake Simcoe Science Forum, Barrie, ON, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D. and** Evans, D.O. Jan 9, 2011. Temporal changes in the bioenergetics of Lake Simcoe fishes. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Rennie, M.D.,** Evans, D.O., LaRose, J.K.L. and Robillard, M.M. May 19, 2010. Temporal changes in the importance and identity of coldwater fish resources. Annual Meeting of the International Association of Great Lakes Research. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Wagner, T. and Ebener, M. May 18, 2010. Can migration mitigate the effects of ecosystem change? Patterns of dispersal, energy allocation and acquisition in Great Lakes lake whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) (Poster). Annual Meeting of the International Association of Great Lakes Research. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. and Evans, D.O. Jan. 9, 2010. Long-term changes in the benthic invertebrate community of Lake Simcoe, Ontario. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Winnipeg, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Strecker, A.L. and Palmer, M. Oct. 1, 2009. *Bythotrephes* invasion elevates trophic position of fish and zooplankton communities. 4th International *Bythotrephes* workshop, Oct 1, Dorset, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Jimenez, A., LaRose, J. and Sprules, W.G. Apr 21, 2009. Multivariate approaches to evaluating change in the Lake Simcoe benthic invertebrate community (Poster). Inaugural Lake Simcoe Synthesis Workshop, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. Randomization and graphing in R. Feb 2, 2009. Toolbox Seminar Series, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Toronto ON, Canada

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G., Vaillancourt, A. Jan 10, 2009. Changes in fish condition and mercury vary by region rather than food chain length: A result of climate change? Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. Dec 5, 2008. Dreissenid mussels: blight or bonus for lake whitefish populations? Trent University Ecology and Evolution Seminar Series, Peterborough, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. Nov 19, 2008. Human effects on ecosystems: Aquatic ecosystems in a changing climate. Presentation made to Grade 8 students through Virtual Researcher On Call program. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Johnson, T.B., and Sprules, W.G. Aug 28, 2008. More fish or more active? Invader-induced changes in lake whitefish activity rates. 10th International Symposium on the Biology and Management of Coregonid Fishes. Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Murphy, S., Heaton, M. and Robinson, C. Aug 21, 2008. Multi-partner educational programs based on salmon re-introduction initiatives 138th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Johnson, T.B., and Sprules, W.G. May 12, 2008. Evaluating growth declines in lake whitefish. 3rd annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G. and Johnson, T.B. Apr 19, 2008. Resource switching in fish following a major food web disruption. 2nd annual Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Colloquium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. Mar 14, 2008. Evaluating the effects of food web disruptions on fish populations. University of Toronto at Mississauga Biology Seminar Series (Ph.D. exit seminar), Mississauga, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Johnson, T.B. and Sprules, W.G. Sep 6, 2007. Are dreissenids a red herring? Evaluating alternative explanations for growth declines of lake whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) in the Great Lakes basin. 137th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G., and Johnson, T.B. Aug 17, 2007. Evaluating the role of the invasive spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes longimanus*) on fish contaminant burdens. 30th Congress of the International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G., and Johnson, T.B. Jun 1, 2007. Assessing temporal diet changes in whitefish using stable isotopes. 50th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Great Lakes Research. University Park, PA, USA.

Rennie, M.D. Apr 28, 2007. Re-introducing Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario via classrooms. Annual Conference of the Ontario Society for Environmental Education. Lakefield, ON, CA.

Rennie, M.D. Oct 3, 2006. Contribution of diet to growth differences between lake whitefish stocks in the Upper Great Lakes. Lake Whitefish Natural Mortality Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G. and Johnson, T.B. May 24, 2006. Identifying correlates of historic growth and condition records for the lake whitefish, *Coregonus clupeaformis*. International Association of Great Lakes Research. Annual Meeting, Windsor, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. Jan 14, 2006. Atlantic Salmon re-introduction efforts on Lake Ontario: Building on the Fish Friends model. Let's Talk Science Partnership Program Eastern Regional Conference, Hamilton, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G. and Johnson, T.B. Jan 7, 2006. Evaluating changes in lake whitefish life histories after aquatic invertebrate invasions. Society of Canadian Limnologists, Annual Meeting, Calgary, AB, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G. and Johnson, T.B. Sep 21, 2005. How do we know when the menu has changed? Evaluating spatial and temporal variation in Great Lakes lake whitefish diets. Lake Whitefish Natural Mortality Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G., Johnson, T. and McNickle, G.G. Jun 22, 2005. Long-term trends in growth and life histories of lake whitefish in Lake Huron: Climate, diet or density? Summer meeting of the American Society of Limnologists and Oceanographers, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Rennie, M.D., Sprules, W.G., Yan, N., Villiancourt, A., and Hayton, A. Apr 27, 2005. Utility of a government database to assess affects of non-indigenous species on mercury levels of coregonines. Second North American Biennial Cercopagid workshop, Kingston, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Apr 14, 2005. Evaluation of a condition index for the lake whitefish, *Coregonus clupeaformis*. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Fisheries Assessment Unit Meeting. Barrie, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., McNickle, G.G., Sprules, W.G. and Johnson, T. Jan 8, 2005. Prey electivity of lake whitefish in the Canadian waters of Lake Huron. Society of Canadian Limnologists, Annual Meeting, Windsor, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Collins, N.C., Purchase, C.F. and Tremblay, A. Jun 14, 2004. Predictive models of benthic invertebrate methylmercury in Ontario and Québec lakes. Summer Meeting of the American Society of Limnologists and Oceanographers, Savannah, GA, USA.

Rennie, M.D. May 11, 2004. Establishing a graduate student-based science outreach program at an Ontario University. (Poster) Ontario Ecology and Ethology Colloquium, Mississauga, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Collins, N.C., Henderson, B. and Shuter, B.J. Jan 10, 2004. Minimizing error in model estimates of consumption and activity for wild fish populations. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Annual Meeting. St. John's, NF, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Collins, N.C., Henderson, B., Shuter, B. and Coture, P. Aug 12, 2003. Can growth variation between populations of perch be explained by variation in consumption and activity? 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Québec City, QC, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Collins, N.C., Henderson, B. and Shuter, B. Apr 3, 2003. Validating activity costs in wild fish populations. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Fisheries Assessment Unit Meeting. Dorset, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Collins, N.C., Henderson, B. and Shuter, B. Mar 22, 2003. Using enzyme activity and independent observations to evaluate modelled activity estimates. University of Toronto Research Colloquium. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D., Collins, N.C., Henderson, B. and Shuter, B. Jan 4, 2003. Evaluating bioenergetic activity costs in yellow perch populations using the mercury mass balance model. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Annual Meeting. Ottawa, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. and Collins, N.C. Jan 4, 2003. Do environmental factors affect mercury concentrations in benthic invertebrates? (Poster). Society of Canadian Limnologists, Annual Meeting. Ottawa, ON, Canada.

Rennie, M.D. and Jackson, L.J. Jan 5, 2002. Does fish predation affect patterns of littoral invertebrate distribution and abundance in ponds? Society of Canadian Limnologists, Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Public outreach:

Skype talk with First LEGO League team, York Region, Ontario, answering questions on the topic of microplastic pollution. November 8, 2017.

Gairdner talk, Lakehead University (to local high school students). All lake Great and small (and the slimy things that live in them). March 9, 2017.

Government Consultation:

External reviewer of Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat document on Pygmy Whitefish. Fisheries and Oceans Canada, January 2020.

Recycling Task Force Meeting discussing microplastics in freshwater ecosystems, Manitoba Sustainable Development (Sept 4, 2018)

Expert panel discussions:

What can we do about mercury in our water? March 6, 2017. Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

Current threats to the Lake Winnipeg Ecosystem. October 24, 2016. Hosted by Science First, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Full Dossier available upon request)

Instructor:

2024

Structural equation modelling (Biology 5131- reading course), Lakehead University

- Led an individualized reading course on structural equation modelling, including theory and methodology, exploring several different R packages for implementation and assisting with practical application to a dataset to advance thesis-related research

2022

Multivariate statistics (Biology 5131- reading course), Lakehead University

- Led an individualized reading course on multivariate statistics, introducing the student to common methods and assisting with practical application to a dataset to advance thesis-related research

2021

Fish bioenergetics (Biology 5131- reading course), Lakehead University

- Developed a graduate seminar course on fish bioenergetics, including practical applications using common and context-specific software/estimation methods, including applications integrating contaminant accumulation models

2020

Fisheries and Climate Change (Biology 5131- reading course), Lakehead University

- Developed a graduate seminar course to evaluate the impacts of climate change on fish and fisheries, including physiological and ecological responses

**2017-
present**

Biology of Fishes (Biology 4212), Lakehead University

- Developed a course to provide students with an understanding of the evolutionary history of fishes, comparative anatomy and the use of fisheries life history data to inform management practices. Includes hands-on labs focused on identification, preparation and determination of age using calcified structures, mark-recapture techniques of population estimation and the use of mathematical models in describing and understanding fisheries.

2017, 2025

Stable Isotope Ecology (Biology 5131- reading course), Lakehead University

- Developed a graduate seminar course exploring the use of stable isotopes in the fields of ecology and environmental science
- Following an organization and introductory seminar, graduate students prepared seminars and guided discussions on topics relevant to field of study/interest, submitted papers on topic that was presented to the class.

- 2017, 2019, 2020** **Population Estimation Methodology (Biology 5131- reading course), Lakehead University**
- Developed a graduate level reading course to explore methods of population estimation and apply to datasets required by the graduate student, including instruction in the use of Program MARK open-source software. Student-led discussions, hands-on experience with Program MARK using data sets and reporting of results in a final paper.
- 2016- present** **Biostatistics (Biology 3112/5171), Lakehead University**
- Developed and taught a winter semester course to provide students with the skills to analyze typical ecological data using traditional and modern approaches.
 - Instructed students in using statistical program R.
 - Advised teaching assistants in appropriately managing their time and in tutorial instruction.
 - Managed course content and discussion forums using web-based software.
- 2015- present** **Experimental Limnology and Aquatic Ecology (Biology 4152), Lakehead University**
- Developed and taught a 2-week intensive field course based at the IISD-Experimental Lakes Area investigating hands-on field-based approaches to aquatic research with an emphasis on experimentation and student-driven research projects.
- 2010** **Biometrics Level II (Biology 361), University of Toronto Mississauga**
- Designed course outline, lectures and examinations for a third and fourth-year advanced undergraduate course on statistics applied to biological investigations. Topics included regression, analysis of variance, non-parametric and resampling techniques.
 - Advised teaching assistants in appropriately managing their time and in tutorial instruction.
 - Managed course content and discussion forums using web-based software.

Course facilitation:

- 2016- present** **Ontario Universities Program in Field Biology (Biology 4153), Lakehead University**
- As University coordinator, advise, enroll and administer Lakehead University students participating in other Ontario University field courses
 - Super-coordinator in 2023-24; organized annual meeting and course enrollment for all participating Ontario universities
- Fall 2014- present** **Fish and Wildlife Practice (Natural Resources Management 4251), Lakehead University**
- With staff at the Experimental Lakes Area, organized, facilitated and led students through collection, marking and release of fishes for mark-recapture program
 - Constructed an exercise for students to use Schnabel census methods to estimate fish abundance from an ELA reference lake, combine and discuss results as a class.

(Teaching experience during Graduate and Undergraduate training available upon request)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2025** **NSERC Ship Time Allocations Committee, NSERC**
- External reviews of ship time applications to NSERC

2025	<u>CFI evaluation committee, Fonds de Recherche Québec</u> •External review of CFI application
2024-26	<u>Faculty Search Committee Chair, Department of Biology, Lakehead University</u> •Coordinated faculty search committees for two positions in the Department of Biology; organized scheduling of committee meetings to review applicants; organized candidate interviews and committee selection meetings; liaised with the Dean of Science and Environmental Studies to provide search committee decisions and recommendations.
2024	<u>University Senate, Lakehead University</u> •Represent the interests of the Department of Biology as Interim Chair
2022	<u>Decanal search Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Evaluated applicants and participated in multiple interviews and committee meetings for the external search for a new Dean of Natural Resource Management
2021	<u>Lakehead University Research Chair Evaluation Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Reviewed Research Chair applications and served on a panel to select successful candidates
July 2020- 2023	<u>Graduate coordinator, Department of Biology, Lakehead University</u> •Oversee Graduate enrollment and recruitment in the Department and ensure all departmental procedures are followed
2020	<u>NSERC PGS-D review panel, Lakehead University</u> •Reviewed PGS-D application files and recommended applicants to forward to Ottawa
2020	<u>Department of Biology Tenure Track Search Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Reviewed applications and ranked applicants for a tenure track appointment
2020	<u>Department of Biology Visioning Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Drafted consensus-based vision statements for research and teaching that will be used for future hires and departmental program reviews to update instruction
2020, 2021, 2025	<u>Internal CFI review panels, JELF and COVID-19 iterations, Lakehead University</u> •Reviewed applications and provided ranking for submission to CFI
2020- 2022, 2024	<u>NSERC USRA review panel, Department of Biology, Lakehead University</u> •Reviewed applications and provided ranking for Student Awards for selection
2019- 2022	<u>Coordinating Committee, Society for Canadian Aquatic Sciences</u> •Part of a group to help develop a new aquatic science society in Canada •Coordinated new logo design, website
2019- present	<u>Adjunct Committee, Department of Biology, Lakehead University</u> •Maintained up to date list of adjuncts, organized renewals and evaluated applications
2017- present	<u>Science Advisory Committee, Lake Winnipeg Foundation</u> •Provide feedback in my area of expertise on topics relevant to Lake Winnipeg

2017– present	<u>Faculty representative, Let's Talk Science Outreach Program, Lakehead University</u> •Provide a point of first contact for Let's Talk Science student volunteers •Provide guidance and suggestions on program development •Advocate for the program to University Administration
2017– 2020	<u>Science Advisory Board, International Joint Commission</u> •Participating in a working group investigating declines in the offshore productivity of the Great Lakes.
2017	<u>CRC Renewal Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Participated in a Tier I Renewal Committee process for a Lakehead researcher; attended seminar, interview and critically evaluated application as a member of a larger evaluation group.
2017	<u>Biology Chair Search Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Solicited and evaluated nominations for Chair among internal candidates. Acted as Scrutineer for voting.
2016– present	<u>Animal Care Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Review Animal Use Protocols and make recommendations for safe and humane handling •Inspection of laboratories and facilities
2016– present	<u>Field Safety Committee, Biology Faculty representative, Lakehead University</u> •Represent Biology faculty at the Field Safety Committee, a sub-committee of the Health and Safety committee at Lakehead University •Helped to align Departmental field safety protocols with those across several field-based university departments for both research and field courses
2016– present	<u>Biology Aquatics Facility (BAF) Committee, Lakehead University</u> •Assign and allocate space in the BAF according to space availability and research needs •Identify research needs and infrastructure improvements required to maximize research potential in the facility
2016, 2023	<u>NSERC PGS-M review panel, Lakehead University</u> •Reviewed PGS-M application files and recommended awardees
Sep 2013– Apr 2015	<u>Faculty representative, Biological Sciences (University of Manitoba), Let's Talk Science Outreach Program</u> •Provided a point of first contact for Let's Talk Science student volunteers •Provided guidance and suggestions on program development
Feb 2011– Dec 2019	<u>Communications officer, Society for Canadian Limnologists</u> •Facilitate communications among society members •Led re-design of society logo, web page (www.socanlimnol.ca) •Editor-in-chief and creator of society newsletter, “The Current” •Editor, content manager of society web page, twitter feed (@Can_Limnology)

Jan 2011– Apr 2014	<p><u>Co-chair, National Science Data Management Physical Samples Steering Committee, Fisheries and Oceans Canada</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategize for national funding for data management priorities among regions • Led development of a national physical archive database for DFO
Jan 2010– Apr 2014	<p><u>Environmental Science representative, Regional Science Data Management Committee, Central and Arctic Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in drafting of Terms of Reference, regional update meetings to discuss data management/ data rescue initiatives within the region

(Service during Graduate and Undergraduate training available upon request)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Awards:

Award	Location/Agency	Period Held
Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award	University of Toronto Mississauga	2008
Principal's Involvement Award	University of Toronto Mississauga	2008
Graduate Student Leadership Award	University of Toronto Mississauga	2008
Volunteer Recognition Award	University of Toronto Mississauga	2008
Certificate of Recognition	Let's Talk Science	2005
Lifetime Achievement Award, CFRE Radio	University of Toronto Mississauga	2005
Outstanding Volunteer Award	University of Toronto Mississauga	2004
Volunteer Recognition Award	University of Toronto Mississauga	2004
Atomic DJ Award, CFRE Radio	University of Toronto Mississauga	2003

June 2023– Present	<p><u>Fisheries Management Zone Council Zone 5</u> (Inland lakes, Thunder Bay region)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute expert insight related to recreational fisheries management in the region
June 2023– Present	<p><u>Fisheries Management Zone Council Zone 9</u> (North Shore Lake Superior)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute expert insight related to fisheries management on Lake Superior
Sep 2015– Jun 2018	<p><u>Scout leader, Scouts Canada, Thunder Bay, ON</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading local Cub pack in weekly activities and weekend outings
Jul 2002– 2008	<p><u>Volunteer, Let's Talk Science Partnership Program, University of Toronto Mississauga, ON</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and facilitated hands-on activities with classrooms in the Greater Toronto Area. • Helped maintain the local Let's Talk Science website. • Developed and coordinated a program (in association with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Recovery Team) bringing Atlantic Salmon reintroduction efforts in Lake Ontario into primary and secondary school classrooms; helped initiate the program in Halton region and Prince Edward County. • Participated with coordinators from four other universities to facilitate an emergency funding package for the National Partnership Program.
Jan 2002– Sep 2006	<p><u>Disc Jockey, CFRE Campus Radio, University of Toronto Mississauga, ON</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced and hosted a weekly music show, highlighting current Canadian artists. • Assisted in training of new DJs.

- Recipient of “Atomic DJ” award for best DJ, 2003; Lifetime achievement award, 2005.

Apr 2002– 2006	<u>Judge</u>, Peel Region Science Fair, Mississauga, ON •Selected medal winners amongst participants, grades 7–12.
Jul 2002– 2005	<u>Volunteer Coordinator</u>, Let’s Talk Science Partnership Program, University of Toronto Mississauga, ON •Founded Mississauga branch of this science outreach program in 2002; organized volunteer recruitment and training; organized partnerships between graduate students and teachers, and volunteer participation in other community-based activities; established strong relationships between university scientists and the broader Mississauga community. •Participated as a volunteer making classroom visits, judging science fairs and other university/community science outreach events. •Helped initiate the program at Scarborough Campus, 2004. •Led funding initiative to secure university support for the program at all three University of Toronto campuses (secured \$75,000 for the period 2004/05–2007/08). •Helped organize the Partnership Program Regional Conference, 2005.
Oct 2001– Dec 2001	<u>Volunteer</u>, CIUT Campus Radio, University of Toronto, ON •Aided in studio construction, CD library organisation, marketing.
Mar 2000– Aug 2000	<u>Land Use, Development and Special Projects Member</u>, Calgary River Valleys Committee, AB •Promoted public awareness and protection of Calgary's river valley ecosystems. •Commented on developments and shared concerns with Calgary City Council.
Mar 1999	<u>Judge</u>, Calgary Youth Science Fair, Calgary, AB •Selected medal winners with a panel of judges.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICES

Peer Reviewing:

Advances in Limnology	Global Change Biology
Aquaculture Reports	Hydrobiologia
Aquatic Invasions	Inland Waters
Aquatic Living Resources	Isotopes in Environmental and Health Studies
Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology	Journal of Animal Ecology
Biological Invasions	Journal of Applied Ecology
Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences	Journal of Fish Ecology
Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology - Part C: Toxicology and Pharmacology	Journal of Great Lakes Research
Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology - Part D: Genomics and Proteomics	Limnologica
Conservation Biology	Limnology and Oceanography
Ecography	Limnology and Oceanography Letters
Ecological Applications	Marine Ecology Press Series
Ecology	Marine Environmental Research

Ecology of Freshwater Fish	Marine Life Sciences and Technology
Environmental Pollution	North American Journal of Fisheries Management
Environmental Science and Technology	Oikos
Evolution	Royal Society Open Science
Evolutionary Applications	PLoS ONE
FACTS	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Fisheries Research	Science of the Total Environment
Fish and Fisheries	Scientific Reports
Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution	Transactions of the American Fisheries Society
Freshwater Biology	

Grant Reviewing: Alberta Biodiversity Grants (Alberta Conservation Society), Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Canada Research Chairs Program, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Great Lakes Fishery Trust, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, MITACS, National Science Centre (Poland), New York Sea Grant, NSERC (various programs), Wisconsin Sea Grant

Grant Review Panels: Ontario Early Career Researcher (2019, 2020)

Editorial positions:

Co-Editor, Special Issue in tribute of Dr. Jeff Hutchings, Canadian Science Publishing (multiple journals), September 2023-present

Associate Editor, Journal of Great Lakes Research (Feb 2024-present)

Associate Editor, FACTS (June 2023-present)

Associate Editor, Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (July 2015–present)

Editor-in-chief, The Current: newsletter of the Society of Canadian Limnologists (2012–2019)

Assistant Editor, special issue on Lake Simcoe, Inland Waters (2011–2013)

Co-Editor, Proceedings of the 10th Meeting on the Biology of Coregonid Fishes (2010–2012)

Active Professional Memberships:

American Fisheries Society, Canadian Aquatic Resources Section, Ontario Chapter
 Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution
 International Association for Great Lakes Research
 Society of Canadian Aquatic Sciences

Conference Organization Committees:

Session chair, Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Feb 15-19, 2021 (Virtual meeting).

Co-chair, session on the IISD-Experimental Lakes Area, International Association for Great Lakes Research, June 6-10, 2020, Winnipeg, MB.

Chair, session on Lake Superior North Shore Research, State of Lake Superior conference, October 9-12 2018, Houghton, MI.

Co-chair, session on the Lake Ecosystem Nanosilver (LENS) Experiment. Annual meeting of the Society of Canadian Limnologists/ Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Jan. 8, 2017, Montreal, QC.

Co-chair, session on research at the Experimental Lakes Area, Annual meeting of the Society of Canadian Limnologists/ Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Jan. 8–11, 2015, Ottawa, ON.

Chair, session on research at the Experimental Lakes Area, Annual meeting of the Society of Canadian Limnologists/ Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research, Jan. 3–5, 2013, Windsor, ON.

Session Co-chair, special session on Lake Simcoe, 2010 International Association for Great Lakes Research, May 17–21, Toronto, ON

Session Leader, 2009 Littoral-pelagic coupling workshop, April 27–30, Algonquin Park, ON

Lead Organizer, 2009 Lake Simcoe Science Synthesis meeting, April 21–22, Toronto, ON
Co-organizer, 2005 Let's Talk Science Eastern Regional Conference, Jan. 28–30, Toronto, ON
Session Leader, 2005 Lake Whitefish Natural Mortality Workshop, Sept. 21–22, Ann Arbor, MI
Co-chair, Social Committee, 2004 Ontario Ecology, Ethology Colloquium, May 10–12, Mississauga, ON

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- **Supervision/mentoring:** Since 2010 I have supervised and trained over 100 personnel including undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and lab/field technicians. Prior to 2010, three undergraduate thesis students at the University of Toronto published their work in peer-reviewed journals under my mentorship.
- **Analytical lab techniques:** More than twenty years experience performing total, organic and methyl-mercury analyses and bomb calorimetry, and training others to use equipment and techniques.
- **Independent field research:** Designed, organized and implemented large-scale multi-year field studies.
- **Data management:** Construction and maintenance of relational databases, queries using MS Access and pgAdmin (postgres) using SQL.
- **Modelling:** Use and manipulation of models describing the energetics and mercury accumulation of fish.
- **Statistical analysis:** Data analysis using *R*; Estimation of survival, capture probabilities, recruitment and population size for mark-recapture studies using Program MARK.
- **Programming:** Experienced with the statistical language, *S*, limited experience with *Python* and version-control software (*Subversion*). Learning Github. Participant in Software Carpentry course, Toronto (2006).
- **Marine certification:** Pleasure Craft Operator Card (8 June 2006); MED-A3 (Marine Emergency Duties) certification (8 May 2009); SVOP (Small Vessel Operator Proficiency) certification (11 Sept. 2009).
- **Health and Safety training:** Working-on-ice training (March 2009), Traffic control training (July 2009), ATV training (2011), Transport of Dangerous Goods (2011), Safe Chainsaw operation (2011), Ontario Supervisor Health and Safety Awareness (2014), Snowmobile operators course (2018), Worker Health and Safety Awareness (2025), First-aid/CPR (certified to March 2026).
- **SCUBA training:** Open-water diver (1998); Oxygen first aid for divers training (2012); Advanced open-water diver (2013); Dry-suit specialty diver (2013); Rescue diver (2013); Ice diver (2014).
- **Media training:** completed a 2-day media training course with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (2012) and 1-day virtual training with IISD-ELA (2025).
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training:** Ontario Human Rights 101 Training (2025); NSERC Unconscious Bias Training Module (2025); Lakehead-specific EDI training for hiring purposes (2024); Lakehead University Certificate in Inclusive Research Leadership (2025)