Environmental Science Graduate Program Seminar Series

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Water Microbes: Comprehension and Control

Microorganisms and byproducts of their metabolism present increasing challenges for protection of public and environmental health. By expanding fundamental biological understanding, engineers can more sustainably control microbes in natural and engineered aquatic environments.

The objectives of this research were
(1) to characterize microbiota and their surroundings in aquatic niches including tap water and humidifiers, and
(2) to elucidate microbial responses to treatments including conventional surface water treatment and disinfection by ultraviolet light.

These results add to a growing body of knowledge that will evolve alongside emerging synthetic and molecular biology tools to enable improved detection and control of microbes and their related risks. This talk will also cover elements of constructing an effective academic job talk.