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(a) Professional Preparation

Michigan State University	Geology	BS 1986
Western Michigan University	Geology	MS 1991
Western Michigan University	Hydrogeology	MS 1993
College of William and Mary	Marine Science	Ph.D. 1999
Texas A&M University	Oceanography	Post-doc 1999-2000

(b) Appointments

Sept. 2022	Professor, TAMUG-Dept. Marine and Coastal Environ. Sci/Oceanography
Sept. 2008	Associate Professor, TAMUG-Dept. of Marine Sciences/Oceanography
Sept. 2000	Assistant Professor, TAMUG-Dept. of Marine Sciences/Oceanography
Sept. 2000	Assistant Professor, TAMUG- Dept. Oceanography- joint appointment
1999-2000	Texas Institute of Oceanography Postdoctoral Fellow- Texas A&M University

(c) Recent Examples of Research Expertise

- Run the Coastal Geology Laboratory at Texas A&M University-Galveston Campus
- Conducted over 40 contracts for Texas General Land Office related to coastal geology issues
- Assessed the impact of estuarine dams in Korea on sedimentation
- Assessed Hg dispersal in parts of Kuwait Bay
- Mapped oyster reef distribution in Galveston, Copano, Lavaca and Matagorda Bays
- Assessed the impact of removing the western Brazos River flood gate on sediment dispersal for Texas General Land Office
- Developed 3-D monitoring project for Galveston Island shoreface using swath bathymetry, side scan sonar, and single beam bathymetry (mapped entire island 3 times (2001-2004; 2011; 2014).
- Assessed sediment dispersal, suspended sediment transport in upper Galveston Bay to address channel siltation issues for USACOE (Dellapenna et al., 2023)
- Collaborated with modelers to assess suspended sediment transport (and residence times in Galveston Bay-NOAA/TGLO/CMP (Du et al., 2019)
- Collected and assessed sediment cores from San Jacinto River for potential sand mining for San Jacinto River Authority and Houston Flood Control District (2020)
- Investigated sediment infilling of Barker Reservoir for USACOE (2020)
- Assessed sediment dispersal and deposition from Hurricane Harvey as well as the dispersal of Hg, Pb and PAH's in Galveston Bay from Hurricane Harvey (Du et al., 2019; Dellapenna et al., 2020; Camargo et al., 2020, Lopez et al., 2021; Dellapenna et al., 2021)

Products (Recent Papers):

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- Lee, G-H., Carlin, J., Fan, D., Dellapenna, T. M., 2023. Editorial: Process and management of altered estuaries and deltas in the Anthropocene. *Frontiers in Marine Science*. 10:1220155. <https://DOI:10.3389/fmars.2023.1220155>
- Figlus, J., Joubert, J. J., Dellapenna, T. M., 2023 Field investigation of enhanced ship channel shoaling in a shallow bay system. *Conference Proceeding: Coastal Sediments 2023*.
- * Wellbrock, N.B., Jung, N. W., Retchless, D. P., Dellapenna, T. M., Salgado, V. L., 2023. Introducing ICEDAP" An "iterative Coastal Embayment Delineation and Analysis Process" with application for the management of coastal change. *Remote Sensing* 15: 4034 <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs15164034> .
- Lopez, A. M., Fitzsimmons, J. N., Adams, H. M., **Dellapenna, T. M.**, and Brandon, A. D. (2022). A time-series of heavy metal geochemistry in sediments of Galveston Bay estuary, Texas, 2017-2019. *Science of the Total Environment*. <https://doi-org.srv-proxy1.library.tamu.edu/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.150446>
- Camargo, K., Unger, M., Vogelbein, M. A., Horney, J., **Dellapenna, T. M.**, Knap, A. H., Sericano, J. L., Wade, T. L., McDonald, T. J., and Chiu, W. A. (2022). Biosensor Applications in Galveston Bay: Implications for Disaster Research Response. *Environmental Research* 204, p.111893. <https://doi-org.srv-proxy2.library.tamu.edu/10.1016/j.envres.2021.111893>
- Dellapenna, T. M.**, *Hoelscher, C. E., *Hill, L., *Critides, L., *Bartlett, V., +Bell, M., Al Mukaimi, Du, J., Park, K., M., Knap, A. (2021). Hurricane Harvey delivered a massive load of mercury rich sediment to Galveston Bay, Texas, USA. *Estuaries and Coasts*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12237-021-00990-7>
- Du, J., Park, K., Jensen, C., **Dellapenna, T. M.**, Zhang, W. G., and Yong, S., 2021. Massive oyster kill in Galveston. *Science of The Total Environment*, 774: 145132. <https://doi-org.srv-proxy1.library.tamu.edu/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2018.10.403>
- *Schmidt, N., **Dellapenna, T. M.**, Lin, P. (2021). Cold Front Sediment Resuspension, Age, and Residence Times of Suspended Sediment Using $^{7}\text{Be}/^{210}\text{Pb}_{\text{xs}}$ Ratio in Galveston Bay. *Frontiers in Marine Science*, 8: 703945. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2021.703945>
- Lopez, A. M., Brandon, A. D., Ramos, F. C., Fitzsimmons, J. N., **Dellapenna, T. M.**, Adams, H. M. (2021). Lead geochemistry of sediments in Galveston Bay, Texas. *Environmental Advances*, 100057, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envadv.2021.100057>
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- *Al Mukiami, M., Kaiser, K., *Williams, J. R., **Dellapenna, T. M.**, Louchourn, P., & Santschi, P. H. 2018. Centennial record of anthropogenic impacts in Galveston Bay: Evidence from trace metals (Hg, Pb, Ni, Zn) and lignin oxidation products. *Environmental Pollution*, 237, 887-899. [doi:10.1016/j.envpol.2018.01.027](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2018.01.027)
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