

Nora's Coordinates

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Research

Biofilms in sandy marine settings – today and through Earth history; Interactions of benthic microbiota with physical sediment dynamics; Microbially induced sedimentary structures in the siliciclastic realm;
Earth's earliest environments

Background

I grew up in southern Germany, where I started already as a kid to collect fossils (Jurassic ammonites, to be specific). Clearly, I wanted to become a geologist, so I studied at the University of Tuebingen. As a student of Dolf Seilacher my interests are siliciclastic sediments, modern and ancient. For my PhD, I changed to the University Oldenburg, where I learned a lot about microbiology in the working group of Wolfgang Krumbein. Later, I migrated to the US, becoming a postdoctoral student of Andy Knoll at Harvard University. Soon thereafter I accepted the faculty position here at Old Dominion University in beautiful Virginia.