

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions:

Principal Investigator, Center for Microbial Pathogenesis, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Academic Appointment at The Ohio State University
Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine
Member, The Center for Microbial Interface Biology

Education:

- 2004 Post-doctoral Fellowship, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242
Department of Internal Medicine and the Division of Infectious Diseases
- 2002 Ph.D. in Microbiology, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242
Mentor: Michael A. Apicella
Thesis: "Complement Opsonization and Direct Adherence of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* to Complement Receptor Type 3 Mediates Cervical Cell Invasion."
* Deans' Distinguished Dissertation Award
- 1997 M.A. in Biology, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN 56661
Mentor: Patrick Guilfoile
Thesis: "The Utility of Thiostrepton for Genetic Analysis of Mycobacteria"
- 1996 B.S. in Biology, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN 56661
Honors: *magna cum laude*

Research Positions:

- April 2002 to Sept. 2004 **Post Doctoral Fellow**, Department of Microbiology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242
- Aug. 1997 to March 2002 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Microbiology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242
- Sept. 1996 to May 1997 **Graduate Assistant**, Department of Biology, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN 56661

- May 1996 to Aug. 1997 **Research Technician**, Department of Biology, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN 56661; Supervisor: Dr. A. Lindgren
- Oct. 1996 **Research Technician**, NASA Biological Research Projects, Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York; Supervisor: Dr. A. Lindgren
- June 1994 to May 1996 Advanced Projects in Molecular and Cellular Biology
Undergraduate Independent Research Projects, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Sept. 1994 to May 1996 **Laboratory Technician**, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN 56661
Supervisor: Dr. P. Guilfoile

Teaching Experience:

- Autumn, 2007 **Co-instructor** for Microbiology 724, Ohio State University, Columbus OH

Presenter, Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program (IBGP course 797) Seminar Series, Ohio State University
- Autumn, 2005 **Co-instructor** for Host-Microbial Interactions, Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program (IBGP course 851), Ohio State University
- Spring, 2004 **Co-instructor** for Pathogenic Bacteriology, the University of Iowa
- Autumn, 2003 **Co-instructor** for Biotechnology, the University of Iowa
- 1999-2001 **Graduate Assistant**, Department of Microbiology, University of Iowa
Classes Taught: Pathogenic Bacteriology
Principles of Infectious Disease
Microbiology for Nursing Students
- 1996-1997 **Graduate Assistant**, Department of Biology, Bemidji State University
Classes Taught: Biology

Teaching Related Experience:

- 2007-present **Initiator and Organizer**, Bench to Outcomes Seminar Series (BOSS), The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus OH

Discussion Leader/Supervisor, Center for Microbial Pathogenesis Journal Club, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus OH
- 2005-present **Presenter/Participant**, Center for Microbial Pathogenesis Work in Progress Meeting, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus OH
- 2002-2003 **Discussion Leader**, Topics in Infectious Disease
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

1994-1996 **Biology and Genetics Tutor**
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

Student Mentoring:

First Year Faculty Advisor:

2006-2007 Laura Franz, IBGP

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee for First Year IBGP Students:

2006-2007 Shirley Luong, Chelsea Bolyard

2005-2006 Susan Richards, Rebecca Allen

Graduate Rotation Students:

2006-2007 Amber Nagy, Bryan Anthony

2005-2006 Susie Richards, Amanda Beltramini

Undergraduate Students:

2005 Ryan Hard, Ohio Northern University; Sarita Maturu, University of Cincinnati

Member Candidate Dissertation Committee:

2006 Susie Richards, Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program

 Mentor: Dr. J. Gunn

Corey Clay, Medical Scientist Program/ Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program

 Mentor: Dr. L. Schlesinger, Dr. J. Gunn

Amanda Burnaugh, Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program

(transferred to the Department of Pathology, Masters Graduate Program, November 2007)

 Mentor: Dr. S. King

Member Dissertation Committee:

2007 Amanda Burnaugh, Department of Pathology, Masters Graduate Program

 Mentor: Dr. S. King

Professional Affiliations:

2004 to present Center for Microbial Interface Biology, The Ohio State University

1995 to present American Society for Microbiology

1999 to 2005 Iowa Microscopy Society

Service:

2007 ***Initiator and Organizer**, Bench to Outcomes Seminar Series (BOSS), The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus OH
***Member**, CCRI Retreat Planning Committee
***Judge**, Sixth Annual Ohio State University Medical College Graduate and Postgraduate Research Day
***Judge**, College of Medicine Future Physician Scientist Award
***Judge**, Center for Microbial Interface Biology Retreat
***Interviewer**; IBGP student applicants

2006 ***Participant**, Girls are Great! Columbus Children's Hospital
***Judge**, Fifth Annual Ohio State University Medical College Graduate and Postgraduate Research Day
***Graduate Faculty Representative** – Doctoral Exam Committee Environmental Science Graduate Program
***Interviewer**; IBGP student applicants

2005 ***Participant**, Girls are Great! Columbus Children's Hospital
***Judge**, Fourth Annual Ohio State University Medical College Graduate and Postgraduate Research Day
***Judge**, College of Medicine Future Physician Scientist Award
***Interviewer**; IBGP student applicants

***Ad hoc* Reviewer:**

Cellular Microbiology
Infection and Immunity
Clinical and Vaccine Immunology

Honors and Awards:

2007 * Young Investigator Award, Columbus Children's Research Institute Intramural Research Support Award
* Selected for *Who's Who in America*; Marquis Who's Who Selection Committee

2006 * International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference; Cairns, QLD, Australia. Abstract selected for Plenary Session presentation

2004 * International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference; Milwaukee, Wisconsin Abstract selected for Plenary Session presentation
* Igor Stojiljkovic/Raoul Rosenthal Memorial Travel Award, International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference Organizing Committee

2003 * Deans' Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Iowa, Graduate College,

“...a special, occasional, award presented to scholars who have submitted superior dissertations...” to the Graduate College
* 2001-2003 D. C. Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize Department of Microbiology nominee for The University of Iowa, a precursory award to the Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award.

- 2002
 - * NIH Post-doctoral Fellowship, University of Iowa, Department of Internal Medicine
 - * International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference; Oslo, Norway
Abstract selected for Plenary Session presentation
 - * NIH Post-doctoral Fellowship, University of Iowa, Division of Infectious Diseases

- 2001
 - * First place poster competition, University of Iowa, College of Medicine Research Week
 - * First place poster competition, University of Iowa, Graduate School Student Forum
 - * Richard and Mary Finkelstein Student Travel Grant, American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Orlando, FL; one of six awards given annually to students demonstrating excellence in the area of microbial pathogenesis

- 2000
 - * International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference; Galveston, TX
Abstract selected for Plenary Session presentation
 - * Rachel Mason Travel Grant, University of Iowa, Department of Microbiology
 - * First place poster competition, Iowa Microscopy Society Annual Meeting
 - * Abstract selected for American Society for Microbiology General Meeting Press Release
 - * NIH Pre-doctoral Research Training Grant, University of Iowa, Department of Internal Medicine

- 1999
 - * Iowa Microscopy Society Annual Meeting, Guest Speaker in Recognition of Outstanding Performance as a Student Researcher

- 1996 -97
 - * Teaching Assistantship, Bemidji State University, Department of Biology

- 1993-96
 - * Dean’s List, every quarter of attendance, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

- 1995
 - * Biology Departmental Merit Award
 - * Fishing for Fun Scholarship
 - * Alliss Educational Foundation Scholarship, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

- 1994
 - * Biology Departmental Merit Award
 - * Alliss Educational Foundation Scholarship, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

Publications:

Hamilton, H. L., **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2007) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* type

IV secretion system mutants are delayed in adherence and hyper-aggregate on host cells. (*In preparation for submission to Infect. Immun.*)

Potter, A. J., S. P. Kidd, **J. L. Edwards**, M. Falsetta, M. A. Apicella, M. P. Jennings and A. G. McEwan (2007) Thioredoxin reductase is essential for defense of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* against oxidative stress and for survival of the pathogen during interactions with cervical epithelial cells. (*In preparation for submission to J. Infect. Dis.*)

M. P. Jennings, M. A. Apicella, and **Edwards, J. L.** (2007) Pilin glycosylation modulates CR3-mediated *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* infection of primary, human, cervical epithelial cells. (*In preparation for submission to Cell. Microbiol.*)

Edwards, J. L. (2007) Progesterone augments CR3-mediated *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* infection of primary, human, cervical epithelial cells. (*In preparation for submission to Cell. Microbiol.*)

Srikhanta, Y. N., K. L. Seib, H.-J.Wu, **J. L. Edwards**, M. L. Falsetta, T. L. Maguire, S. M. Grimmond, M. A. Apicella, and M. P. Jennings (*Submitted*) Phasevarion mediated differentiation of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* into cell types with distinct properties in model systems of colonization and infection. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*

Lim, K. H. L, C. E. Jones, R. N. vanden Hoven, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, M. P. Jennings and A. G. McEwan (*Submitted*) Metal binding specificity of the MntABC permease system of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and its role in cell growth and survival. *Infect. Immun.*

Edwards, J. L. (2007) Gender Differences in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Pathogenesis, p. 149-173, in Virulence Mechanisms of Bacterial Pathogens, 4th Ed, American Society for Microbiology Press, Washington D. C., K. Brogden, Editor.

Seib, K. L., H.-J.Wu, Y. Srikhanta, **J. L. Edwards**, T. L. Maguire, S. M. Grimmond, M. A. Apicella, A. G. McEwan, and M. P. Jennings (2007) Characterization of the OxyR regulon of *N. gonorrhoeae*. *Mol. Microbiol.* 63:54-68

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella. (2006) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* PLD directly interacts with Akt kinase upon infection of primary, human, cervical epithelial cells. *Cell. Microbiol.* 8:1253-1271.

Tseng, H.-J. , Y. Srikhanta, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and M. P. Jennings (2006) The PerR regulon controls Mn-dependent resistance to oxidative stress in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. *Mol. Microbiol.* 60:401-416.

Wu, H.-J. , K. L. Seib, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, A. G. McEwan, and M. P. Jennings (2005) Azurin of pathogenic *Neisseria* is involved in defense against hydrogen peroxide and survival within cervical epithelial cells. *Infect. Immun.* 73:8444-8448.

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella. (2005) I-domain-containing integrins serve as pilus receptors for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* adherence to human epithelial cells. *Cell. Microbiol.* 7:1197-1211.

L. L. Greiner, **J. L. Edwards**, C. A. Rabinak, J. Q. Shao, and M. A. Apicella. (2005) Biofilm formation by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. *Infect. Immun.* 73:1964-1970. (Greiner and Edwards are co-first authors)

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella (2004) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*: The molecular mechanisms that initiate infection differ between men and women. *Clin. Microbiol. Rev.* 17:965-981.

Edwards, J. L., H. A. Harvey, and M. A. Apicella. (2004) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*: The varying mechanism of pathogenesis in males and females, p. 203-238, in Bacterial Invasion of Host Cells, Cambridge University Press, Richard Lamont, Editor.

Edwards, J. L., D. D. Entz, and M. A. Apicella (2003) Gonococcal phospholipase D modulates the expression and function of complement receptor 3 in primary cervical epithelial cells. *Infect. Immun.* 71:6381-6391.

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella (2002) The role of lipooligosaccharide in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* pathogenesis of cervical epithelia: lipid A serves as a C3 acceptor molecule. *Cell. Microbiol.* 4: 584-598.

Edwards, J. L., E. J. Brown, S. Uk-Nham, J. G. Cannon, M. S. Blake, and M. A. Apicella (2002) A co-operative interaction between *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and complement receptor 3 mediates infection of primary cervical epithelial cells. *Cell. Microbiol.* 4: 571-584.

Edwards, J. L., E. J. Brown, K. A. Ault, and M. A. Apicella (2001) The role of complement receptor 3 (CR3) in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* infection of human cervical epithelia. *Cell. Microbiol.* 3:611-622.

Edwards, J. L., J. Q. Shao, K. A. Ault, and M. A. Apicella (2000) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* elicits membrane ruffling and cytoskeletal rearrangements upon infection of primary human endocervical and ectocervical cells. *Infect. Immun.* 68: 5354-5363.

Wen, K.-K., P. C. Giardina, M. S. Blake, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and P. A. Rubenstein (2000) Interaction of the gonococcal porin P.IB with G- and F-actin. *Biochem.* 39: 8638-8647.

Abstracts:

Edwards, J. L. (2006) Hormonal Modulation of CR3-mediated *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Infection of Primary, Human, Cervical Epithelial Cells. **Poster Presentation**, 13th Annual Midwest Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, Cincinnati, OH.

Dominguez, N. M., H. L. Hamilton, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2005) Integration and Excision of the Gonococcal Genetic Island of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. **Poster Presentation**, 105th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Atlanta, GA.

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella. (2004) I-domain-containing alpha integrins serve as pilin receptors for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* adherence to human epithelial cells. **Poster Presentation**, Fourteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Dominquez, N. M., H. L. Hamilton, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2004) The gonococcal genetic island of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*: a mobile genetic element. **Poster Presentation**, Fourteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Hamilton, H. L., **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2004) The gonococcal genetic island-encoded type IV secretion system is involved in infection. **Poster Presentation**, Fourteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella. (2004) Signal Transduction Events Triggered by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Engagement of CR3 on Cervical Epithelia are Modulated by Gonococcal PLD. **Poster Presentation**, 104th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, New Orleans, LA.

Hamilton, H. L., N. M. Dominquez, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2004) Interactions of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* with the host: a role for the gonococcal genetic island-encoded type IV secretion system in infection. **Poster Presentation**, 104th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, New Orleans, LA.

Edwards, J. L., D. Entz, and M. A. Apicella (2003) The modulatory role of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* PLD in complement receptor 3-mediated pathogenesis of primary, human, cervical epithelia. **Poster Presentation**, Tenth Annual Midwest Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, Iowa City, IA.

Hamilton, H. L., **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2003) The type IV secretion system of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is involved in DNA secretion and bacteria-host cell interactions. **Poster Presentation**, Tenth Annual Midwest Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, Iowa City, IA.

Hamilton, H. L., J. M. Skarie, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2003) The Type IV secretion system of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* secretes DNA and is involved in host cell interactions. **Poster Presentation**, 103rd General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC.

Edwards, J. L., D. Entz, and M. A. Apicella (2002) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* specifically release a phospholipase D homolog that augments CR3-mediated cervical cell infection. **Poster Presentation**, Ninth Annual Midwest Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Hamilton, H. L., J. M. Skarie, **J. L. Edwards**, M. A. Apicella, and J. P. Dillard (2002) Type IV secretion system mutants of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* are deficient in DNA secretion and show altered interactions with host cells. **Poster Presentation**, Thirteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Oslo, Norway.

Edwards, J. L., E. J. Brown, S. Uk-Nham, J. G. Cannon, M. S. Blake, and M. A. Apicella (2002) Opsonic and non-opsonic interactions occur between *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and complement receptor 3 on primary cervical epithelial cells. **Poster Presentation**, 102nd General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Salt Lake City, UT.

Dillard, J. P., H. L. Hamilton, K. A. Cloud, K. J. Schwartz, **J. L. Edwards**, and M. A. Apicella (2002) Sequence and mutational analysis of the 60 kb gonococcal genetic island. **Poster Presentation**, Molecular Genetics of Bacteria and Phages Annual Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY.

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella (2001) The specific interaction of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* with complement receptor type 3 (CR3) on primary cervical epithelial cells. **Poster Presentation**, Eighth Annual Midwest Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, Champaign/Urbana, IL.

Edwards, J. L., J. Shao, K. Ault, E. J. Brown, M. A. Apicella (2001) Complement receptor type 3 (CR3) on primary cervical epithelial cells serves as a receptor for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. **Poster Presentation**, 101st General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Orlando, FL.

Edwards, J. L., J. Shao, K. Ault, and M. A. Apicella (2000) Studies on the invasion of primary human cervical epithelial cells by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. **Poster Presentation**, 100th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Los Angeles, CA.

Zenni, M. K., **J. L. Edwards**, J. Q. Shao, M. R. Ketterer, R. D. Williams, and M. A. Apicella (1999) CD66 carcinoembryonic antigens as receptors for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in human urethral epithelial cell systems. **Poster Presentation**, 94th Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association, Dallas, TX, 1999.

Invited Press Release:

Edwards, J. L. and M. A. Apicella (2000) Ruffles and ribbons: studies of gonococcal infection in a model of the lower female genital tract. **Press Release**, 100th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Los Angeles, CA.

Other Creative Works Pertinent to Professional Focus:

US Patent # 7250172 Vaccine and Compositions for the Prevention and Treatment of Neisserial Infections. Approval date: July 31, 2007; Apicella, M.A., **J. L. Edwards**, B. W. Gibson, and K. Scheffler.

US Patent # 7261901 Vaccine and Compositions for the Prevention and Treatment of Neisserial Infections. Approval date: August 28, 2007; Apicella, M.A. and **J. L. Edwards**

Invited and Oral Presentations:

The role of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* PLD in cervical cell infection. FASEB Summer Research Conference: Phospholipid metabolism: disease, signal transduction, and membrane dynamics. New Haven, CT. To be presented July 2008.

Gonococcal nitric oxide respiratory and detoxification mechanisms contribute to infection of primary cervical epithelial cells. The Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. October 2007.

Progesterone and nitric oxide augment gonococcal cervical infection. Children's Health Research Center Seminar Series. Columbus, OH. October 2007.

Nitric oxide promotes *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* infection of primary cervical epithelial cells. 14th Annual Midwest Microbial Pathogenesis Meeting, Chicago, IL. September 2007.

Hormonal Modulation of CR3-mediated *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Infection of Primary, Human, Cervical Epithelial Cells. Fifteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Cairns, QLD, Australia. September 2006.

Gonococcal PLD and signaling events triggered by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* infection of primary cervical epithelial cells. Fourteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Milwaukee, WI. September 2004.

The Modulatory Role of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* PLD in Complement Receptor 3-mediated Pathogenesis of Primary, Human, Cervical Epithelia. Children's Research Institute. Columbus, OH. November 2003.

Complement opsonization and direct adherence of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* to complement receptor 3 mediate cervical cell invasion. Wyeth Vaccines Research. Pearl River, NY. August 2003.

Gonococcal PLD modulates CR3-dependent infection of cervical epithelia. Wyeth Vaccines Research. Rochester, NY. July 2003

Neisserial phospholipase D: a novel, secreted, virulence factor in gonococcal cervicitis. The Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease Seminar Series, Iowa City, IA. February, 2003.

Neisseria gonorrhoeae directly binds to the I-domain of complement receptor 3 on primary cervical epithelial cells. Thirteenth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Oslo, Norway. September 2002.

The specific interaction of the gonococcus with complement receptor type 3 (CR3) on primary cervical epithelial cells. Mechanisms of Parasitism and Infectious Diseases Research Retreat, Iowa City, IA. August 2002.

The role of the alternative complement pathway in the interaction of the gonococcus with CR3 on primary cervical epithelial cells. The Department of Internal Medicine Inflammation Group Seminar Series, Iowa City, IA. May, 2001.

Cellular studies on the invasion of primary cervical epithelial cells by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Twelfth International Pathogenic *Neisseria* Conference, Galveston, TX. November 2000.

Studies of the interaction of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* with primary human cervical epithelial cells. Iowa Microscopy Society Annual Meeting, Iowa City, IA. September 1999.