

Qualifications & Research Interests

- Major research interests: 1) Proxy development (organic biomarkers and their C & H isotopes) and application to the reconstruction of climate and ocean geochemistry. 2) Co-evolution of biosynthetic pathways and environment. 3) Modern ocean biogeochemistry and microbial ecology.
 - 29 peer-reviewed publications, 12 as first author.
 - Raised over 1.8 M € in external research funding.
 - Experience in teaching a wide range of geoscience topics (introductory geology, geobiology, geochemistry, and oceanography).
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Research Experience

- Since 2021 **Emmy Noether Research Group Leader**
Leibniz-Laboratory for Radiometric Dating and Stable Isotope Research,
Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel.
- 2016-2020 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University.
Advisor: Ann Pearson
- 2015 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Center for Marine Environmental Sciences (MARUM), University of Bremen.
Advisor: Kai-Uwe Hinrichs
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Education

- 2012-2015 **PhD in Geosciences** (highest distinction), MARUM, University of Bremen
Thesis: *Factors controlling the lipid composition in marine planktonic Thaumarchaeota*. Advisor: Kai-Uwe Hinrichs
- 2009-2012 **M. Sc. Marine Geosciences**, University of Bremen
Thesis: *Microbial carbon cycling in the hypersaline, anoxic Orca Basin, northern Gulf of Mexico*. Advisor: Kai-Uwe Hinrichs
- 2010 **Study abroad** at University Centre of Svalbard/University of Bergen (Norway).
- 2006-2009 **B. Sc. Geosciences**, University of Bremen
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Grants

- 2020 **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Emmy Noether research group #441217575** (1,888,396 €). Topic: *Novel hydrological and carbon cycle constraints from the isotopic composition of archaeal lipid biomarkers*.

- 2018 **Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst RISE Fellowship #US-ES-4055** (~3,200 €). Topic: *Novel applications of archaeal lipid isotopic analysis*. Providing 3 months of funding for an undergraduate lab assistant.
- 2017 **National Science Foundation award OCE-1702262** (\$332,460). Topic: *Beyond ocean temperature: Extracting new dimensions of paleoclimatic information from archaeal lipids and their isotopic compositions*. Equal co-author, but employment designation prevented listing both Elling and Pearson as Co-PIs. PI: Ann Pearson.
- 2017 **Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst RISE Fellowship #US-ES-2997** (~3,200 €). Topic: *Lipid-based reconstruction of the Paleocene-Eocene carbon isotope excursion*. Providing 3 months of funding for an undergraduate lab assistant.
- 2015 **MARUM Extension Funding** (~8,150 €)
Award for conclusion of manuscripts resulting from outstanding PhD theses.
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Awards

- 2021 **Pieter Schenck Award, European Association of Organic Geochemists.**
- 2020 **Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University.** Awarded for achieving >90% positive evaluations for teaching undergraduate courses.
- 2018 **Thomas Hoopes Prize, Harvard University.** Awarded for “*excellence in the art of teaching*” in supervising an outstanding senior thesis.
- 2016 **MARUM Research Award for Marine Science.** Awarded for best PhD dissertation in marine sciences.
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Teaching Experience

- 2019 **Teaching fellow** for GenEd1018 *How to Build a Habitable Planet* (36 students). History of the universe, earth, and life; sustainability and global change. Course head: Charles Langmuir.
- 2018 **Teaching fellow** for EPS50 *The Fluid Earth: Atmospheres and Oceans* (19 students). Introductory course on oceanography and climatology. Course head: Ann Pearson.
- 2017 **Teaching fellow** for SPU14 *How to Build a Habitable Planet* (13 students). History of the universe, earth, and life; sustainability and global change. Course head: Charles Langmuir.
- 2014 **Laboratory demonstrator** for European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling summer school *Subseafloor Biosphere Current Advances and Future Challenges* (22 students).

Mentoring Experience

I have **advised five thesis students (2 M.Sc., 3 B.Sc.) and six research students** at Harvard University and the University of Bremen. Two thesis advisees continued to pursue a PhD. Three advisees have first-authored/co-authored their first publication under my supervision.

Supervision of B.S. and M.S. thesis students

- 2018 Sebastian Gfellner (M.Sc.). Project: *Lipid recycling by energy-stressed archaea*
- 2017 Catherine Polik (B.Sc.). Project: *Effects of microbial ecology on paleotemperature records during Mediterranean sapropel formation*. Now: Lab manager at University of Michigan, Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences, USA.
- 2017 Louise Kip (M.Sc.). Project: *Miocene-Holocene history of ocean temperature and biological productivity of the East Equatorial Pacific*. Now: Junior Soil Specialist Oil & Gas at Arcadis, Netherlands.
- 2014 Andreas Greve (B.Sc.). Project: *Membrane lipid adaptation mechanisms to pH in Thaumarchaeota*. Now: PhD student at the Max-Planck-Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany.
- 2013 Nadine Smit (B.Sc.). Project: *Temperature adaptation mechanisms in Thaumarchaeota*. Now: PhD student at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Sea Research (NIOZ), Texel, Netherlands.

Supervision of undergraduate research students

Sophie Webster (2019), Laura Kattein (2018), Claire Jasper (2017), Samuel McNichol (2017), Katiana Doeana (2017), Mirko Lange (2014).

Academic Service

Service in departmental committees (Department of Geosciences, University of Bremen):

Elected member of department board (3 years) • Elected graduate student representative (2 years) • Member of PhD admissions board (2 years) • Elected undergraduate student representative (3 years) • Member of committee for re-designing curricula of Geosciences BSc (2009) and MSc (2011) programs • Member of search committee (Professorship in Marine Geology).

Conference session co-chair:

- 2021 *Organic geochemical tools for understanding the oceans and atmosphere now and through time, Goldschmidt Conference 2021, Lyon*
- 2018 *Honoring John Hayes: Molecular and isotopic biogeochemistry across time and space, Goldschmidt Conference 2018, Boston*

Manuscript reviewer (46 reviews in 2015-2021):

Archives of Microbiology • Biogeosciences • Chemical Geology • Climate of the Past • Communications Earth & Environment • Deep Sea Research • Environmental Microbiology • Environmental Earth Sciences • Environmental Science & Technology • Frontiers in Earth Science • Frontiers in Microbiology

• *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* • *Geology* • *ISME Journal* • *Journal of Geophysical Research - Biogeosciences* • *Limnology & Oceanography* • *Marine Chemistry* • *Organic Geochemistry* • *Paleoceanography & Paleoclimatology* • *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* • *Science Advances* • *Scientific Reports* • *Soil Biology & Biochemistry*

Proposal reviewer: *US National Science Foundation (Geobiology & Low Temp. Geochemistry)*

Outreach Activities

I am engaged in science outreach through museums and science festivals. I use these opportunities to reach a diverse public audience, including underserved groups and children, and promote science literacy and foster enthusiasm for earth sciences.

- 2019 **U.S. Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum**, New York (USA) Kids Week: Hands-on activities on marine sediments and microfossils as paleoclimate archives.
 - 2019 **Cambridge Festival of Science**, Hands-on activities promoting beneficial aspects of microbes. Cambridge (USA)
 - 2018-2019 **Microbial Life Exhibition**, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Cambridge (USA): 4 hours/month visitor interaction and experimental demonstrations on microbiology (e.g., microscopy of live microbes from fermented foods & soil).
 - 2018 **Microbial Science Short Talk**, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Cambridge (USA): *What microbes can tell us about past climate*.
 - 2013 **University of Bremen Open Day**, showcasing paleoclimate research performed at MARUM using sediment cores and microfossils.
 - 2011 **Organizer of the academic open day**, Department of Geosciences, University of Bremen (Germany): lectures and social activities focused on geoscience career perspectives for students.
 - 2010 **Co-organizer of paleoclimate project for secondary school students**, Cooperation between University of Bremen and Secondary School Wittstock (Germany) entitled: "Paleoclimate research enters the classroom: Drilling Lake El'gygytgyn" (two days, 60 students).
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Expeditions & Field Work

I am experienced in planning, performing, and leading ship- and land-based expeditions in collaboration with international scientists. Previous field work included geological mapping as well as geochemical and microbiological sampling campaigns at sea and on land.

- 2019 **Black Sea**, RV *Poseidon* cruise POS539 (2 weeks). Biogeochemistry of the marine nitrogen cycle. Role: Organic geochemistry team leader.
- 2010 **Gulf of Mexico**, RV *Atlantis* cruise AT18-2 (4 weeks). Biogeochemistry of seafloor brine pools. Role: Organic geochemist & starboard observer during DSV *Alvin* dive 4658
- 2010 **Svalbard**, Central Tertiary Basin (4 weeks). Sampling of bentonites as stratigraphic markers for the Paleocene-Eocene. Role: Sedimentologist & trip leader.

Publications

I have authored 29 peer-reviewed, published articles; 12 as first/co-first author, 1 as corresponding author of my advisee first-author; total citations (Google Scholar): 788; *h*-index: 16. Three first-author articles appeared in high-impact journals (2x *PNAS*, 1x *Nature Communications*). One first-author and two co-author manuscripts are under review.

Google Scholar profile: <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=RVNhsHMAAAAJ>

*Asterisks denote shared first-authorship. Advisees are underlined.

Under review

32. Evans, T.W., **Elling, F.J.**, Li, Y., Pearson, A., Summons, R.E., Optimizing the potential of lipidomics: a new and improved protocol for extraction of intact polar membrane lipids from Archaea. Under review for *Organic Geochemistry*.
31. Blewett, J., **Elling, F.J.**, Naafs, B.D.A., Kattein, L., Evans, T.W., Lauretano, V., Gallego-Sala, A.V., Pancost, R.D., Pearson, A. Stable carbon isotopic compositions of archaeal and bacterial GDGTs as tracers of carbon flow pathways in wetlands and lignites. Under review for *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.
30. **Elling, F.J.**, Evans, T.W., Hemingway, J.D., Kharbush, J.J., Spieck, E., Summons, R.E., Pearson, A. Marine and terrestrial nitrifying bacteria are sources of diverse bacteriohopanepolyols. Under review for *Geobiology*.

Peer-reviewed, published/accepted articles

29. **Elling, F.J.***, Hemingway, J.D.*, Kharbush, J.J., Becker, K.W., Polik, C.A., Pearson, A. (2021) Linking diatom-diazotroph symbioses to nitrogen cycle perturbations and deep-water anoxia: Insights from Mediterranean sapropel events. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 571, 117110. doi: [10.1016/j.epsl.2021.117110](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2021.117110)
28. Lattaud, J., De Jonge, C., Pearson, **Elling, F.J.**, A., Eglinton, T.I. (2021) Microbial lipid signatures in Arctic deltaic sediments – insights into methane cycling and climate variability. *Organic Geochemistry* 157, 104242. doi: [10.1016/j.orggeochem.2021.104242](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.orggeochem.2021.104242)
27. Santoro, A.E., Bayer, B., **Elling, F.J.**, Pearson, A. (2021) *Candidatus Nitrosopelagicus*. In *Bergey's Manual of Systematics of Archaea and Bacteria* (eds M.E. Trujillo, S. Dedysh, P. DeVos, B. Hedlund, P. Kämpfer, F.A. Rainey and W.B. Whitman). doi: [10.1002/9781118960608.gbm01969](https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118960608.gbm01969)
26. **Elling, F.J.**, Hemingway, J.D., Evans, T.W., Kharbush, J.J., Spieck, E., Summons, R.E., Pearson, A. (2020). Vitamin B₁₂-dependent biosynthesis ties amplified 2-methylhopanoid production during oceanic anoxic events to nitrification. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 117, 32996-33004. doi: [10.1073/pnas.2012357117](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2012357117)
25. Cobban, A., Zhang, Y., Zhou, A., Weber, Y., **Elling, F.J.**, Pearson, A., Leavitt, W.D. (2020). Multiple environmental parameters impact lipid cyclization in *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*. *Environmental Microbiology* 22, 4046-4056. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.15194](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.15194)

24. Nigro, L.M., **Elling, F.J.**, Hinrichs, K.-U., Joye, S.B., Teske, A. (2020). Microbial diversity and biogeochemistry of hypersaline sediments in Orca Basin. *Plos One* 15(4), e0231676. doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0231676](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0231676)
23. Probst, A.J.*, **Elling, F.J.***, Castelle, C., Zhu, Q., Elvert, M., Birarda, G., Holman, H.-Y., Ladd, B., Ryan, M. C., Hinrichs, K.-U., Banfield, J.F. (2020). Lipid analysis of CO₂-rich subsurface aquifers suggests an autotrophy-based deep biosphere with lysolipids enriched in CPR bacteria. *ISME Journal* 14, 1547-1560. doi: [10.1038/s41396-020-0624-4](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41396-020-0624-4).
22. **Elling, F.J.**, Gottschalk, J., Doñana, K.D., Kusch, S., Hurley, S.J., Pearson, A. (2019) Archaeal lipid biomarker constraints on the Paleocene-Eocene carbon isotope excursion. *Nature Communications* 10, 4519. doi: [10.1038/s41467-019-12553-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-12553-3).
21. Zhou, A., Chiu, B.K., Cobban, A.B., Weber, Y., **Elling, F.J.**, Pearson, A., Leavitt, W.D. Electron donor flux controls GDGT cyclization in the model thermoacidophile *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*. *Environmental Microbiology* 22, 343-353. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.14851](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.14851)
20. Hurley, S.J., Close, H.G., **Elling, F.J.**, Jasper, C.E., Gospodinova, K., McNichol, A.P., Pearson, A. (2019). CO₂-dependent carbon isotope fractionation in Archaea, Part II: The marine water column. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 261, 383-395. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2019.06.043](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2019.06.043)
19. Pearson, A., Hurley, S.J., **Elling, F.J.**, Wilkes, E.B. (2019). CO₂-dependent carbon isotope fractionation in Archaea, Part I: Modeling the 3HP/4HB pathway. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 261, 368-382. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2019.06.042](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2019.06.042)
18. Polik, C.A., **Elling, F.J.**, Pearson, A. (2018). Impacts of paleoecology on the TEX₈₆ sea surface temperature proxy in the Pliocene-Pleistocene Mediterranean Sea. *Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology* 33, 1472-1489. doi: [10.1029/2018PA003494](https://doi.org/10.1029/2018PA003494)
17. Becker, K.W. *, **Elling, F.J.***, Schröder, J.M., Lipp, J.S., Goldhammer, T., Zabel, M., Elvert, M., Overmann J., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2018). Isoprenoid quinones resolve the stratification of microbial redox processes in a biogeochemical continuum from the photic zone to deep anoxic sediments of the Black Sea. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 84, e02736-17. doi: [10.1128/AEM.02736-17](https://doi.org/10.1128/AEM.02736-17)
16. Hemingway, J.D., Kusch, S., Shah Walter, S.R., Polik, C.A, **Elling, F.J.**, Pearson, A. (2018). A novel method to measure the ¹³C composition of intact bacteriohopanepolyols. *Organic Geochemistry* 123, 144–147. doi: [10.1016/j.orggeochem.2018.07.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.orggeochem.2018.07.002)
15. **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Nicol, G.W., Stieglmeier, M., Bayer, B., Spieck, E., de la Torre, J.R., Becker, K.W., Thomm, M., Prosser, J.I., Herndl, G.J., Schleper, C., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2017). Chemotaxonomic characterisation of the thaumarchaeal lipidome. *Environmental Microbiology* 19, 2681-2700. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.13759](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.13759)
14. Hurley, S.J.*, **Elling, F.J.***, Könneke, M., Buchwald, C., Wankel, S.D., Santoro, A.E., Lipp, J.S., Hinrichs, K.-U., Pearson, A. (2016). Influence of ammonia oxidation rate on thaumarchaeal lipid composition and the TEX₈₆ temperature proxy. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 113, 7762-7767. doi: [10.1073/pnas.1518534113](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1518534113)

13. Zhu, C., Wakeham, S.G., **Elling, F.J.**, Basse, A., Mollenhauer, G., Versteegh, G.J.M., Könneke, M., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2016). Stratification of archaeal membrane lipids in the ocean and implications for adaptation and chemotaxonomy of planktonic archaea. *Environmental Microbiology* 18, 4324-4336. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.13289](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.13289)
12. Becker, K.W., **Elling, F.J.**, Yoshinaga, M.Y., Söllinger, A., Urich, T., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2016). Unusual butane- and pentanetriol-based tetraether lipids in *Methanomassiliicoccus luminyensis*, a representative of the seventh order of methanogens. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 82, 4505-4516. doi: [10.1128/AEM.00772-16](https://doi.org/10.1128/AEM.00772-16)
11. **Elling, F.J.***, Becker, K.W.*, Könneke, M., Schröder, J.M., Kellermann, M.Y., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2016). Respiratory quinones in *Archaea*: phylogenetic distribution and application as biomarkers in the marine environment. *Environmental Microbiology* 18, 692-707. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.13086](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.13086)
10. Zhuang, G.-C.*, **Elling, F.J.***, Nigro, L.M., Samarkin, V., Joye, S.B., Teske, A., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2016). Multiple evidence for methylotrophic methanogenesis as the dominant methanogenic pathway in deep-sea hypersaline sediments. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 187, 1-20. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2016.05.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2016.05.005)
9. Liu, X.-L., Birgel, D., **Elling, F.J.**, Sutton, P.A., Lipp, J.S., Zhu, R., Zhang, C., Könneke, M., Peckmann, J., Rowland, S.J., Summons, R.E., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2016). From ether to acid: a plausible degradation pathway of glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 183, 138-152. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2016.04.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2016.04.016)
8. Widderich, N., Czech, L., **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Stöveken, N., Pittelkow, M., Riclea, R., Dickschat, J.S., Heider, J., Bremer, E. (2016). Strangers in the archaeal world: osmotic stress-responsive biosynthesis of ectoine and hydroxyectoine by the marine thaumarchaeon *Nitrosopumilus maritimus*. *Environmental Microbiology* 18, 1227-1248. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.13156](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.13156)
7. Yao, M., **Elling, F.J.**, Jones, C., Sulung, N., Long, C.P., Crowe, S.A., Antoniewicz, M.R., Hinrichs, K.-U., Maresca, J.A. (2016). Heterotrophic bacteria from an extremely phosphate-poor lake have conditionally reduced phosphorus demand and utilize diverse sources of phosphorus. *Environmental Microbiology* 18, 656-667. doi: [10.1111/1462-2920.13063](https://doi.org/10.1111/1462-2920.13063)
6. **Elling, F.J.**, Spiegel, C., Estrada, S., Davis, D.W., Reinhardt, L., Henjes-Kunst, F., Allroggen, N., Dohrmann, R., Piepjohn, K., Lisker, F. (2016). Origin of bentonites and detrital zircons of the Paleocene Basilika Formation, Svalbard. *Frontiers in Earth Science* 4, 73. doi: [10.3389/feart.2016.00073](https://doi.org/10.3389/feart.2016.00073)
5. **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Mußmann, M., Greve, A., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2015). Influence of temperature, pH, and salinity on membrane lipid composition and TEX₈₆ of marine planktonic thaumarchaeal isolates. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 171, 238-255. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2015.09.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2015.09.004)
4. Lü, X., Liu, X.-L., **Elling, F.J.**, Yang, H., Xie, S., Song, J., Li, X., Yuan, H., Li, N., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2015). Hydroxylated isoprenoidal GDGTs in China coastal seas and their potential as paleotemperature proxy in mid-to-low latitude marginal seas. *Organic Geochemistry* 89-90, 31-43. doi: [10.1016/j.orggeochem.2015.10.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.orggeochem.2015.10.004)

3. Coban, H., Miltner, A., **Elling, F.J.**, Hinrichs, K.-U., Kästner, M. (2015). The contribution of biogas residues to soil organic matter formation and CO₂ emissions in an arable soil. *Soil Biology & Biochemistry* 86, 108-115. doi: [10.1016/j.soilbio.2015.03.023](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soilbio.2015.03.023)
2. **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Lipp, J.S., Becker, K.W., Gagen, E.J., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2014). Effects of growth phase on the membrane lipid composition of the thaumarchaeon *Nitrosopumilus maritimus* and their implications for archaeal lipid distributions in the marine environment. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 141, 579-597. doi: [10.1016/j.gca.2014.07.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2014.07.005)
1. Meador, T.B., Zhu, C., **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Hinrichs, K.-U. (2014). Identification of isoprenoid glycosidic glycerol dibiphytanol diethers and indications for their biosynthetic origin. *Organic Geochemistry* 69, 70-75. doi: [10.1016/j.orggeochem.2014.02.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.orggeochem.2014.02.005)

Selected Conference Contributions

- 2019 **Elling, F.J.**, Hemingway, J.D., Evans, T.W., Kharbush, J.J., Spieck, E., Summons., R.E., Pearson, A. Cobalamin-dependent biosynthesis of 2-methylhopanoids in nitrite-oxidizing bacteria: Implications for the geologic record of hopanoids. *AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, USA. *Oral presentation*
- 2019 **Elling, F.J.**, Hemingway, J.D., Polik, C.A., Pearson, A. Nitrogen loss and carbon cycle feedbacks during past marine anoxia. *Goldschmidt Conference*, Barcelona, Spain. *Oral presentation*
- 2019 **Elling, F.J.**, Gottschalk, J., Doeana, K., Kusch, S., Hurley, S. J., Pearson, A. Archaeal lipid biomarker constraints on the Paleocene-Eocene carbon isotope excursion. 13th International Conference on Paleoceanography, Sydney, Australia. *Poster presentation*
- 2018 **Elling, F.J.**, Doeana, K., Kusch, S., Pearson, A. Magnitude of the marine carbon isotope excursion during the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum constrained through archaeal biomarkers. *Goldschmidt Conference*, Boston, USA. *Oral presentation*
- 2016 **Elling, F.J.**, Kusch, S., Pearson, A. Constraining the magnitude of the Paleocene-Eocene marine carbon isotope excursion using intact GDGTs. *Gordon Research Conference on Organic Geochemistry*, Holderness, USA. *Poster presentation*
- 2015 **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Hurley, S., Lipp, J.S., Mußmann, M., Pearson, A., Hinrichs, K.-U. The influence of temperature and other factors on membrane lipid composition and TEX₈₆ in thaumarchaeal pure cultures. 27th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry, Prague, Czech Republic. *Oral presentation*
- 2015 **Elling, F.J.**, Becker, K.W., Könneke, M., Schröder, J.M., Hurley, S.J., Mußmann, M., Pearson, A., Hinrichs, K.-U. Physiological and ecological constraints on TEX₈₆ and GDGT provenance revealed by pure culture experiments and quinone biomarkers. *Goldschmidt Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic. *Oral presentation*
- 2014 **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Lipp, J.S., Hinrichs, K.-U. Influence of growth phase, temperature and salinity on the membrane lipid composition in the marine ammonia-oxidizing archaeon *Nitrosopumilus maritimus*. *GDGT Workshop 2014*, Texel, Netherlands. *Oral presentation*

- 2014 **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Lipp, J.S., Mußmann, M., Hinrichs, K.U. Effect of environmental and physiological parameters on the membrane lipid composition of marine ammonia-oxidizing archaea. *Gordon Research Conference on Organic Geochemistry, Holderness, USA. Poster presentation*
- 2013 **Elling, F.J.**, Könneke, M., Lipp, J.S., Gagen, E., Thomm, M., Hinrichs, K.-U. Response of membrane lipid composition to growth conditions in the marine ammonia-oxidizing archaeon *Nitrosopumilus maritimus*. *26th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry, Costa Adeje, Spain. Poster presentation*
- 2013 **Elling, F.**, Könneke, M., Lipp, J.S., Hinrichs, K.-U. Growth phase-dependent membrane lipid composition of the marine ammonia-oxidizing archaeon *Nitrosopumilus maritimus*. *Annual Conference of the Association for General and Applied Microbiology, Bremen, Germany. Poster presentation*