

# Eunyoung Lee

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## SUMMARY

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- Ph.D. in Civil Engineering with expertise in microalgae cultivation systems, anaerobic digestion systems, kinetic and process modeling, and life cycle environmental and economic assessments
- Experience in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students
- Research interests including sustainability, life cycle environmental and economic assessments, and energy-water-food nexus

## EDUCATION

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**University of South Florida, Tampa, FL** 2011-2017

*Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, GPA: 3.94/4.0*

*Awards: USF Graduate Fellowship (2011-2012)*

*Dissertation: Carbon and Nutrient Balances in Microalgal Bioenergy System (Advisor: Dr. Qiong Zhang)*

**Myongji University, Youngin, South Korea** 2008-2010

*M.S. in Environmental Engineering & Biotechnology, GPA: 4.44/4.5*

*Awards: Excellent Freshman Scholarship (2008-2009), BK21 Scholarship (2008-2009)*

*Thesis: Removal of COD and color from anaerobic digestion effluent of livestock wastewater by ozone/UV-based advanced oxidation (Advisor: Dr. Kisay Lee)*

**Myongji University, Youngin, South Korea** 2002-2008

*B.S. in Environmental Engineering & Biotechnology, GPA: 4.14/4.5*

*Awards: Honor Roll Scholarship (2003, 2005, 2006), Baekma Scholarship (2004, 2007)*

*Honors Thesis: Distribution of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in Kyeong-An river (Advisors: Dr. Byungrang Lim and Dr. Kisay Lee)*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL** 2017 to present

- Conducting research on high-solids anaerobic digestion in terms of lab-scale experiments (batch and semi-continuous reactors), life cycle assessment, and life cycle cost analysis
- Mentoring students who are conducting high-solids anaerobic digestion, short-cut nitrogen removal process, and nitrogen recovery from urine through ion-exchange process (5 undergraduate students, 1 master's student, 2 doctoral students)
- Preparing manuscripts on high-solids anaerobic digestion in international journals

**Graduate Research Assistant** 2008-2017

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

- Affiliated researcher with the National Science Foundation's Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE), USF's largest sustainability grant (PIs: James R. Mihelcic, Maya Trotz, Camille A. Mckayle, and Christian Wells, Sept. 2012-present). Conducting research on energy and nutrient recovery from the integrated microalgae bioenergy systems (microalgae cultivation integrated with wastewater, anaerobic co-digestion with microalgae and waste activated sludge, process modeling for the integrated system, and life cycle assessment of the integrated system).
- Affiliated researcher with the Hinkley Center for Solid & Hazardous Waste Management. Conducting research on life cycle environmental and economic assessment of high-solids anaerobic digestion of organic fraction of municipal solid waste with biosolids from wastewater treatment (PIs: Sarina J. Ergas and Qiong Zhang, Jan. 2017-Aug. 2017).

Myongji University, Youngin, South Korea

- Assistant researcher with following research topics
  - 1) "Study on the distribution of antibiotic resistant bacteria in river water and treated effluents in Kyongan River," KENTEC (Kyonggi Regional Environmental Technology Development Center), PI: Kisay Lee, May. 2007 – Feb. 2008.
  - 2) "Study on the removal of antibiotics and antibiotic-resistant bacteria from the treated effluent of animal wastewater," KENTEC (Kyonggi Regional Environmental Technology Development Center), PI: Kisay Lee, April 2008 – Jan. 2009.
  - 3) "Physicochemical capture and biological fixation of CO<sub>2</sub> using microalgal photobioreactor," National Research Foundation of Korea, PI: Kisay Lee, Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2010

## Internships

- Kyonggi Regional Environmental Technology Development Center (KENTEC), South Korea Jan.-Feb., 2008  
Research Assistance for “Study on the distribution of antibiotic resistant bacteria in river water and treated effluents in Kyongan River”
- Industry and Academia Cooperation Foundation, South Korea Mar.-Aug., 2010
  - 1) Assistance for research management and accounting
  - 2) Research assistance for “Degradation of organic contaminants and disinfection using micro-bubbled ozone oxidation”

- Field Engineer, TrueAlgae, Inc., Plant City, FL** Mar.-June, 2018
- Cultivating microalgae in vertical photo-bioreactor, producing microalgae-based products, and monitoring the productivity of microalgae and microalgae –based products

## EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING AND MENTORING

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### Teaching Assistant

- Environmental Analysis Laboratory 2008-2010  
Department of Environmental Engineering & Biotechnology, Myongji University
- Statics and Geotech Engineering 2011-2017  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of South Florida

### Graduate Assistant

- Assistance for INTO pathway program 2015-2016  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of South Florida

### Graduate research mentor

- To assist to develop an ability to design and perform experiments and publish their research in peer- reviewed journals 2012-present  
\*8 Undergraduate students and 6 Master’s students

## EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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### Middleton High School, *Volunteer*, Tampa, FL 2012

- Science project teacher for Biology class
- Installed microalgae photobioreactors and cultivated microalgae under different conditions

### Morning Star Fishermen, *Volunteer*, Dade City, Florida 2015-2016

- Aquaponics operation and maintenance
- Research on biogas production using anaerobic co-digestion of fish waste and moringa leaves

### University of South Florida, *Volunteer*, Tampa, FL 2016-2018

- Teaching assistant for Environmental Engineering laboratory class
- Teaching basic water chemical analysis and hydrology laboratory

### Food Studies Research Initiative, *Volunteer*, Tampa, Florida 2017 to Present

- Sustainability consulting for USF campus in Tampa
- Assisting them to analyze energy usage, environmental impact, and associated operating costs for anaerobic digestion of food waste

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATION

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- **Published papers**
  - **Review paper**

Lee E., Jalalizadeh M., & Zhang Q. (2015). Growth kinetic models for microalgal biofuel: A review. *Algal research*, 12 497-512.

- **Research paper**

Lee, E., Cumberbatch, J., Wang, M., & Zhang Q. (2017). Kinetic parameter estimation model for anaerobic co-digestion of waste activated sludge and microalgae. *Bioresource technology*, 228, 9-17.

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. (2016). Integrated co-limitation kinetic model for microalgae growth in anaerobically digested municipal sludge concentrate. *Algal Research*, 18, 15-24.

Wang, M., Lee, E., Dilbeck, M. P., Liebelt, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S.J. (2016). Thermal pretreatment of microalgae for biomethane production: experimental studies, kinetics and energy analysis. *Journal of Chemical Technology and Biotechnology*, 92(2), 399-407.

Wang, M., Lee, E., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S.J. (2016). Anaerobic Co-digestion of Swine Manure and Microalgae *Chlorella*: Experimental Studies and Energy Analysis. *BioEnergy Research*, 9(4), 1204-1215.

Lee, H., Lee, E., Lee, C. H., & Lee, K. (2011). Degradation of chlorotetracycline and bacterial disinfection in livestock wastewater by ozone-based advanced oxidation. *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, 17(3), 468-473.

Lee, E., Lee, H., Kim, Y. K., Sohn, K., & Lee, K. (2011). Hydrogen peroxide interference in chemical oxygen demand during ozone based advanced oxidation of anaerobically digested livestock wastewater. *International Journal of Environmental Science & Technology*, 8(2), 381-388.

Lee, I., Lee, E., Lee, H., & Lee, K. (2011). Removal of COD and Color from Anaerobic Digestion Effluent of Livestock Wastewater by Advanced Oxidation Using Microbubbled Ozone. *Applied Chemistry for Engineering* 22 (6), 617-622.

Lee, E., Lee, H., Jung, W., Park, S., Yang, D., & Lee, K. (2009). Influences of humic acids and photoreactivation on the disinfection of *Escherichia coli* by a high-power pulsed UV irradiation. *Korean journal of chemical engineering*, 26(5), 1301-1307.

#### • Papers to be submitted

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. (2019). An integrated process model for microalgae bioenergy production coupled with wastewater treatment. *Water Research*. (in preparation)

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. (2019). Life cycle assessment of microalgae bioenergy production coupled with wastewater treatment. *Journal of Cleaner Production*. (in preparation)

Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Casimir, L., Jimenez, E., Wang, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S.J. (2019). Biogas production from high solids anaerobic co-digestion of food waste and yard waste with sewage sludge addition. *Waste Management*. (in preparation)

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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Dixon, P., Bittencourt, P., Lee, E., Wang, M., Jimenez, E., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S. J. (2017). Effects of Biosolids Addition and Alkalinity Sources on High-Solids Anaerobic co-Digestion (HS-AcD) of Food Waste and Green Waste. *Proceedings of the Water Environment Federation*, 2017(1), 1219-1235.

Wang M., Lee E., Zhang Q., & Ergas S. (2014). Energy production from anaerobic co-digestion of swine manure and microalgae *Chlorella* sp. *Proceedings of the Water Environment Federation*. Paper presented at WEFTEC 2014 87th Annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference, New Orleans Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, September 27 - October 1, Water Environment Federation.

Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Casimir, L., Jimenez, E., Oliveira, D.S.B.L., Oliveira, L.S.B.L., Wang, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S.J. (2019). Sustainable biogas production: High-solids anaerobic digestion of food waste, yard waste, and biosolids. *Proceedings of the 16th World Congress on Anaerobic Digestion*, Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands, June 23-27, 2019 (in review)

Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Casimir, L., Jimenez, E., Oliveira, D.S.B.L., Oliveira, L.S.B.L., Wang, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S.J. (2019). Sustainable biogas production by high solids anaerobic digestion: A case study. Paper to be presented at Florida Water Resource Conference, Tampa convention center, Florida, April 14-17, 2019 (in review)

Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Casimir, L., Jimenez, E., Oliveira, D.S.B.L., Oliveira, L.S.B.L., Hinds, G., Wang, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S.J. (2019). Sustainable biogas production by high solids anaerobic digestion of food waste, yard waste, and biosolids: A case study. *Proceedings of Residuals and Biosolids Conference 2019*, Fort Lauderdale Convention Center, Florida, May 7-9, 2019 (in review)

### TECHNICAL REPORTS

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Ergas, S., Zhang, Q., Dixon, P., Lee, E., Jimenez, E., & Bittencourt, P. "Phase II Bioenergy Production from MSW by High Solids Anaerobic Digestion", Hinkley Center for Solid & Hazardous Waste Management 2017 Quarterly Report # 1, May 2017.

Ergas, S., Zhang, Q., Lee, E., Wang, M., Dixon, P., Jimenez, E., Casimir, L. Bittencourt, P., Stolte Bezerra Lisboa Oliveira, D., & Stolte Bezerra Lisboa Oliveira, L. "Phase II Bioenergy Production from MSW by High Solids Anaerobic Digestion", Hinkley Center for Solid & Hazardous Waste Management 2017 Quarterly Report # 2, July 2017.

Ergas, S., Zhang, Q., Lee, E., Wang, M., Dixon, P., Jimenez, E., Casimir, L. Bittencourt, P., Stolte Bezerra Lisboa Oliveira, D., & Stolte Bezerra Lisboa Oliveira, L. "Phase II Bioenergy Production from MSW by High Solids Anaerobic Digestion", Hinkley Center for Solid & Hazardous Waste Management 2017 Quarterly Report # 3, October 2017.

Ergas, S., Zhang, Q., Lee, E., Wang, M., Dixon, P., Jimenez, E., Casimir, L., Bittencourt, P., Stolte Bezerra Lisboa Oliveira, D., & Stolte Bezerra Lisboa Oliveira, L. "Phase II Bioenergy Production from MSW by High Solids Anaerobic Digestion", Hinkley Center for Solid & Hazardous Waste Management 2017 Quarterly Report # 4, December 2017.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

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### • Conference oral presentations

Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Casimir L., Jimenez, E., Wang M., Zhang, Q., and Ergas, S. "High Solids Anaerobic Co-digestion of Food and Yard Waste with Biosolids for Biogas Production", Global Waste Management Symposium, Palm Spring, CA, USA, Feb 11-14, 2018.

Dixon, P., Bittencourt, P., Lee, E., Wang, M., Jimenez, E., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S. "Effects of Biosolids Addition and Alkalinity Sources on High-Solids Anaerobic co-Digestion (HS-AcD) of Food Waste and Green Waste", WEF Residuals and Biosolids Conference, Seattle WA, USA, April 8-11, 2017.

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "Modeling algal growth kinetics on wastewater", BioWET mini-symposium at USF Tampa, FL, USA, August 2, 2013.

Lee, E., & Zaribaf, B.H. "Applications of LCA to Algae production system", BioWet Summer School, USF, Tampa, FL, USA, July 23, 2012.

Lee E., Lee, H., & Lee, K. "A study of COD and color removal in swine wastewater by two-step oxidation with microbubbled ozone and ultraviolet irradiation," AOTs-15 (15th Advanced Oxidation Technologies for Treatment of Water, Air and Soil), Niagara Falls, NY, USA, October 5-8, 2009.

Lee E., Lee, H., & Lee, K. "Removal of non-biodegradable organics and color from a livestock wastewater by advanced oxidation based upon O<sub>3</sub>/UV," AOTs-15 (15th Advanced Oxidation Technologies for Treatment of Water, Air and Soil), Niagara Falls, NY, USA, October 5-8, 2009.

Lee, H., Lee E., & Lee, K. "Degradation of antibiotic compounds and disinfection capability in livestock wastewater by UV/O<sub>3</sub>-based advanced oxidation," AOTs-15 (15th Advanced Oxidation Technologies for Treatment of Water, Air and Soil), Niagara Falls, NY, USA, October 5-8, 2009.

### • Conference poster presentations

Oliveira, L.S.B.L., Oliveira, D.S.B.L., Lee, E., Jimenez, E., Ergas, S., & Zhang, Q. "Life Cycle Assessment for High Solids Anaerobic Digestion of Food Waste, Yard Waste, and Biosolids", The Thirty-Third International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management, Annapolis, MD. (March 11-14, 2018)

Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Jimenez, E., Casimir, L., Wang, M., Dixon, P., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S. "High-Solids Anaerobic Co-digestion of Food Waste and Yard Waste with Biosolids for Sustainable Bioenergy Production", FAMU ENERGYWATERFOODNEXUS 2017 International Summit, DoubleTree Hotel at Orlando Airport, Orlando, FL. (October 19-20, 2017)

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "Life Cycle Assessment for Microalgae Bioenergy Production coupled with Wastewater Treatment", Renewable Energy systems and Sustainability Conference, Florida Polytechnic University, Lakeland, FL. (July 31-August 1, 2017)

Dixon, P., Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Jimenez, E., Casimir, L., Wang, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S. "Effects of Biosolids Addition and Alkalinity Sources on High-Solids Anaerobic Co-digestion of Food Waste and Green Waste", Renewable Energy systems and Sustainability Conference, Florida Polytechnic University, Lakeland, FL. (July 31-August 1, 2017)

Dixon, P., Lee, E., Bittencourt, P., Jimenez, E., Casimir, L., Wang, M., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S. "Effects of Biosolids Addition and Alkalinity Sources on High-Solids Anaerobic Co-digestion of Food Waste and Green Waste", SWANA FL 2017 Summer Conference and Hinkley Center Colloquium, Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort, Fort Myers, FL, USA (July 23-25, 2017)

Dixon, P., Bittencourt, P., Jimenez, E., Wang, M., Lee, E., Zhang, Q., & Ergas, S. "Alkalinity and Temperature Effects on Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) Yield in High-Solids Anaerobic co-Digestion (HS-AcD)", Florida Water Resources Conference (FWRC), Palm Beach County Convention Center, West Palm Beach, FL, USA (April 23-26, 2017)

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "Development of a kinetic model for microalgae growth in wastewater", 2015 AEESP Research and Education Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA (June 13-16, 2015)

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "Development of a kinetic model for microalgae growth in wastewater", College of Engineering Research Day 2014, USF Marshall Student Center Ballroom, Tampa, FL, USA (Nov. 19, 2014) \* win a 2014 College of Engineering Research Week Poster Award Honorable Mention

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "Development of a kinetic model for microalgae growth in wastewater", 4th International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels, and Bioproducts, Santa Fe Convention Center, New Mexico, USA (June 15-18, 2014)

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "A kinetic model for microalgae growth in wastewater", Florida Energy System Consortium Workshop, The Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, Gainesville, FL, USA. (May 12-13, 2014)

Lee, E., & Zhang, Q. "A kinetic model for microalgae growth in wastewater", AEESP Distinguished Lecture Series Poster reception, USF, Tampa, FL, USA. (Jan. 29, 2014)

Lee, H., Lee, E., & Lee, K. "Antibiotics degradation and disinfection of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in UV/O<sub>3</sub>-based advanced oxidation process," ISBBE 2009, P-066, ECUST, Shanghai, China, August 3-6, 2009.

Lee, E., Lee, H., Park, J., & Lee, K. "Nitrogen removal by microalgae and application of advanced oxidation to remove COD and color in livestock wastewater treatment," ISBBE 2009, P-061, ECUST, Shanghai, China, August 3-6, 2009.

Lee, E., Lee, H., & Lee, K. "Antibiotics degradation and disinfection of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in O<sub>3</sub>/UV advanced oxidation process," Korean Society of Water Quality, November 18-19, 2009. Incheon, South Korea

Lee, E., Lee, H., & Lee, K. "Removal of non-biodegradable organics and color from biological treatment effluent of livestock wastewater by ozone-based advanced oxidation," Korean Society of Water Quality, November 18-19, 2009. Incheon, South Korea

Lee, E., Lee, H., & Lee, K. "Removal of COD and Color in livestock wastewater by ozone-based advanced oxidation processes," Korean Society of Water Quality, April 17, 2009. Suwon, South Korea.

Lee, H., Lee, E., & Lee, K. "Characteristics of antibiotics degradation by advanced oxidation process of UV/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Korean Society of Industrial Engineering Chemistry, November 12-14, 2008. Jeju, South Korea.

Lee, E., Lee, K., & Lim, B. "Distribution of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in river and WTPs effluent," Korean Society of Water and Wastewater, November 15-16, 2006. Daegu, South Korea. \*win the Best Poster Award

## **SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

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**Computer Skills:** Matlab, SimaPro profession 8, Arc GIS (Basic)

**Experimental Skills:** Microbiological methods - Cultivation of bacteria and microalgae & culture stock preservation  
- Analyses of HPC (heterotrophic plate counts), ASFs (aerobic spore formers)  
- Antibiotic-resistant bacteria

Analytical methods - TOC (total organic carbon) analyzer  
- GC-TCD (detection of CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, CH<sub>4</sub>)  
- IC (detection of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, etc.)  
- Ammonia analyzer (a diffusion conductivity method)  
- Chlorophyll a  
- Other water quality analysis (pH, COD, TN, TP, etc.)

Instrumentation/Operation - Ozone generator and reactor  
- Pulsed UV generator and reactor  
- Activated carbon adsorption column with fraction collector  
- Ion-change using zeolite and synthetic resin for batch and column  
- Microalgae Photobioreactor  
- Liquid and solid states anaerobic digestion reactor

**Languages:** Korean (Native), English

## **CERTIFICATES**

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Microsoft Office Word 2003 Expert, Microsoft Office Excel 2003 Expert, Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003 Core, Microsoft Office Access 2003 Core, and Microsoft Office 2003 Editions Master

## **AFFILIATIONS**

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Association of Environmental Engineering & Science Professors