

# Vera BS Chan (PhD)

## How I got here:

After my UG degree at HKU with 1<sup>st</sup> class honours in Ecology major, I joined as a first PhD student of the newly established Rajan's lab.

## What I did for my PhD?

Started ocean acidification experiments with tubeworms and looked at the end product of biomineralization, the tube. Biomineralization is my research identity. I defended my PhD thesis in 2013 and Published 8 Papers. Got 'best Teaching Assistant award'.

## What I am doing now?

Did 1<sup>st</sup> Post doc at Clemson University and now doing my research in France.

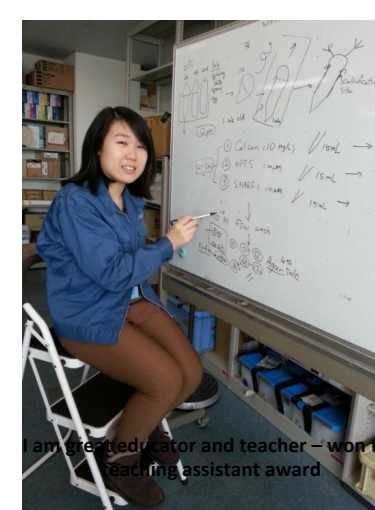
## My contribution to the Lab: Rajan's view

Vera – You told us what is biomineralization and quite quickly inspired us to develop it as one of our lab's primary research areas. You identified, convinced and brought several collaborators from various parts of the world to work with us in this fascinating field of biomineralization. Your mentorship and leadership skills and your ability to keep your research collaborators happy are outstanding and exemplary. Vera –it may not have been possible for me to build our interdisciplinary research team without your highly talented and dedicated contribution from all angles. I strongly hope to see you as one of the brilliant scientists.

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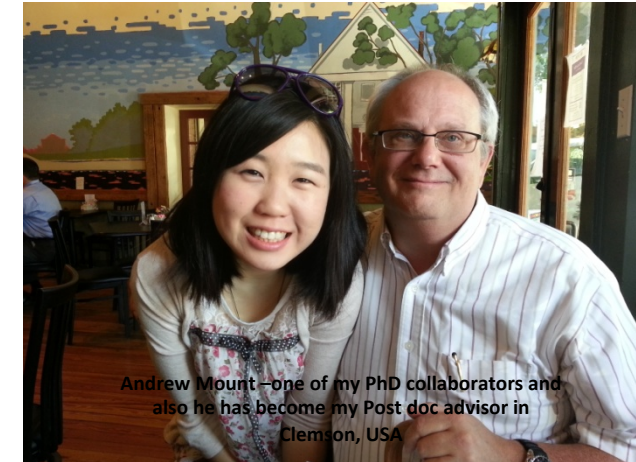
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I am a great educator and teacher – won the teaching assistant award



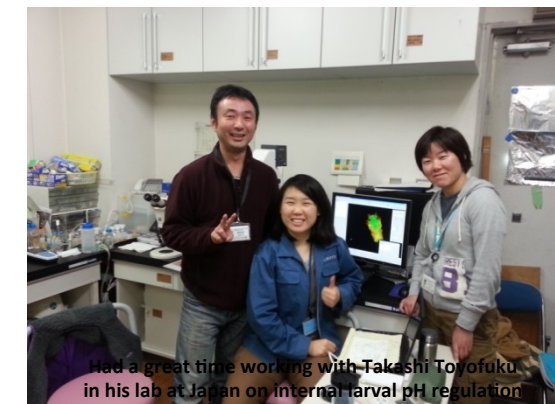
We three (Ackley and Dinesh) have not only worked together and also great social research life with Rajan – we all have received PhD graduation degree at same time



Andrew Mount – one of my PhD collaborators and also he has become my Post doc advisor in Clemson, USA



My farewell gift by Rajan



Had a great time working with Takashi Toyofuku in his lab at Japan on internal larval pH regulation