

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2006 PhD Chemical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, Supervisor: George Georgiou

2000 BS Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology Specialization, Illinois Institute of Technology

CURRENT POSITION

2021-present Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University
Co-Director, Center for Synthetic Biology
Director, MS Biotechnology Program

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2016-2021 Associate Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University
2009-2016 Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering, University of California Berkeley
2011-2016 Staff Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
2008-2009 Postdoctoral Researcher, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
2007-2008 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of California, San Francisco

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023 American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering, Inducted to College of Fellows for “Developing new methods to engineer supramolecular protein assemblies and for fostering a diverse, inclusive synthetic biology community”
2022 Equalize Pitch Competition, MedTech Division, First Place
2020 Biochemical Engineering Journal Young Investigator Award
2018 Outstanding Young Alumna Award, Illinois Institute of Technology ChBE
2015 Searle Leadership Award
2015-16 Merck Chair in Biochemical Engineering
2015-16 Exxon Knowledge Build Award
2012 NSF CAREER Award
2012 Hellman Family Faculty Award
2010 Paper of the Year, Journal of the Taiwan Institute of Chemical Engineers
2009-14 Charles Wilke Endowed Chair in Chemical Engineering
2002-05 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
2002 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship Alternate
2001-02 National Institute of Health Predoctoral Training Grant
1997-00 Illinois Institute of Technology Camras/NEXT Scholarship
1996 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medalist

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

2008-2023 13 Current PhD students
20 PhD Students Graduated (7 Northwestern, 13 UC Berkeley): current 1 professor, 2 consultants, 1 government lab, 12 industry, 2 startup executives, 2 postdocs
2009-2023 1 Current Postdoc
6 Postdocs Supervised (3 Northwestern, 3 UC Berkeley): current positions - 2 professors, 1 academic staff scientist, 1 national lab, 1 consultant, 1 government policy
2013-2023 17 MS Students Graduated (16 Northwestern, 1 UC Berkeley): 3 PhD, 1 policy, 1 science communication, 12 industry
2009-2023 68 BS Students Mentored (24 Northwestern, 44 UC Berkeley): 22 graduate school (1 professor)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2009-2016 Undergraduate courses in thermodynamics, biochemical engineering upstream and downstream processes, protein engineering.
- 2016-2023 Undergraduate courses in thermodynamics, biochemical engineering upstream processes, protein engineering. Graduate courses in biochemical engineering upstream processes, molecular folding and function. Summer short courses in synthetic biology in England, Italy, US (guest lecturer).

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (SELECTED)

- 2021-2022 American Chemical Society, 263rd National Meeting Division Programming Chair, Biotechnology Division (BIOT)
- 2020 Central US Synthetic Biology Workshop, Co-Chair of Organizing Committee
- 2014-2021 American Chemical Society, 3xNational Meeting BIOT Area Coordinator
- 2019 Organizing Committee, International Conference on Biomolecular Engineering
- 2017 American Society of Microbiology, Annual Meeting Plenary Session Organizer
- 2013 American Chemical Society, Theme Committee
- 2012 American Society of Microbiology, Annual Meeting Plenary Session Organizer

EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

- 2022-present Opera Bioscience, Chief Scientific Advisor and Co-Founder
- 2021-2022 Opera Bioscience, Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder
- 2020-present Trends in Biotechnology, Advisory Board Member
- 2017-present ASM mSystems, Editor
- 2011-2023 ACS Synthetic Biology, Editorial Board Member
- 2017-2021 Current Opinion in Biotechnology, Editor, special issues
- 2017-2023 Engineering Biology Research Consortium, Council Member; Education Chair and Steering Committee Member (2017-2021)

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

- 2023-present Member, International Institute for Nanotechnology Steering Committee
- 2019-present Member, Chemistry of Life Processes Institute Faculty Executive Committee
- 2018-present Director, Synthetic Biology Research Experience for Undergraduates
- 2018-2021 Member, Institutional Biosafety Committee
- 2017-2023 Member, Faculty Search Committees (6)
- 2017-2019 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED), *indicates corresponding author

Liang, J.M., Burdette L., Wong H.T., Tullman-Ercek D.* (2023) "Construction of a constitutively active type III secretion system for heterologous protein secretion" Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol. 107(5-6):1785-1800. doi: 10.1007/s00253-023-12411-9

Griffith J.E., Chen Y., Liu Q., Wang Q., Richards J.J., Tullman-Ercek D., Shull K., and Wang M.* (2023) "Quantitative high-throughput measurement of bulk mechanical properties using commonly available equipment." Materials Horizons 10: 97-106.

Mills C.E., Waltmann C. Archer A.G., Kennedy N.W., Abrahamson C.H., Jackson A.D., Roth E.W., Shirman S., Jewett M.C., Mangan N.M., Olvera de la Cruz M., Tullman-Ercek D.* (2022) "Vertex protein PduN tunes encapsulated pathway performance by dictating bacterial metabolosome morphology." Nature Comm 13: 3746.

Waltmann C., Mills C.E., Wang J., Qiao B., Torkelson J.M., Tullman-Ercek D., Olvera de la Cruz M.* (2022) “Functional enzyme-polymer complexes.” *Proc Natl Acad Sci* 119(13):e2119509119. doi: 10.1073/pnas.2119509119.

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Li Y., Kennedy N.W., Li S., Mills C.E., Tullman-Ercek D.*, Olvera de la Cruz M.* (2021) “Computational and experimental approaches to controlling bacterial microcompartment assembly.” *ACS Central Science* 7(4):658-670.

Chen Y., Wang Q., Mills C.E., Kann J.G., Shull KR, Tullman-Ercek D., Wang M.* (2021) “High-Throughput Screening Test for Adhesion in Soft Materials Using Centrifugation.” *ACS Central Science* 7(7):1135-1143. doi: 10.1021/acscentsci.1c00414.

Brauer D.D., Hartman E.C., Bader D.L.V., Merz Z.N., Tullman-Ercek D.*, Francis M.B.* (2019) “Systematic engineering of a protein nanocage for high-yield, site-specific modification.” *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* 141(9): 3875-84.

Hartman E.C., Jakobson C.M., Favor A.H., Benedicto E.A., Francis M.B.*, Tullman-Ercek D.* (2018) “Quantitative characterization of all single amino acid variants of a viral capsid-based drug delivery vehicle.” *Nature Comm.* 9(1): 1385.

Glasgow J.E., Asensio M.A., Jakobson C.M., Francis M.B., Tullman-Ercek D.* (2015) “The influence of electrostatics on small molecule flux through a protein nanoreactor.” *ACS Synth. Biol.* 4(9):1011-9.

PATENTS

“Recombinant Strains and Media Formulation For Enhancing Secretion Titer Using a Type III Secretion System.” D. Tullman-Ercek, L.A. Burdette, H.T. Wong (2019). United States Patent Application US2020/013963. (PCT application filed.)

“Inducible Feedback Promoter Systems and Uses Thereof.” K. E. Tyo, B. Biggs, D. Tullman-Ercek, J. Lucks, C. Glasscock (2018). United States Patent Application 62/730,720. (PCT application filed.)