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EDUCATION

B.S., Chemistry (Highest Honors) (2001) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
M.Phil., Chemistry (2002) University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
M.S., Chemical Physics (2004) Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D., Chemical Physics (2007) Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Miller Fellow Postdoctoral Associate (2011) University of California, Berkeley, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor (2021-)

Associate Professor (2016-2021)

and Associate Chair (2018-2023), Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University

Affiliations at Northwestern:

Associate Chair, Chemical and Biological Engineering, 2018-2023
Member, Center for Synthetic Biology, 2016-Present
Member and Preceptor, Chemistry of Life Processes Institute, 2016-Present
Member, Center for Water Research, 2018-Present
Member, Center for Engineering, Sustainability and Resilience, 2019-Present
Member, Center for Air and Water, International Institute of Nanotechnology, 2020-Present
Preceptor, Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences Graduate Program, 2016-Present
Preceptor, Steering Committee, Molecular Biophysics Training Program, 2017-Present
Preceptor, Biotechnology Training Program, 2017-Present
Affiliate, International Institute of Nanotechnology, 2016-Present

Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Cornell University, 2011-2016

Affiliations at Cornell:

Graduate Field Member, Biochemistry, Molecular and Cell Biology, 2013-2016
Graduate Field Member, Biomedical Engineering, 2014-2016
Graduate Field Member, Computational Biology, 2014-2016
Graduate Field Member, Microbiology, 2014-2016

Co-director, Northwestern Center for Synthetic Biology, 2023-Present

Director, NSF Synthetic Biology Across Scales NRT Graduate Training Program, 2019-Present

Co-founder, Stemloop Inc., 2019-Present

Instructor and Co-Creator, Cold Spring Harbor Course on Synthetic Biology, 2013-2015

James C. and Rebecca Q. Morgan Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow, Cornell University, 2012-2016

Miller Fellow Postdoctoral Associate, Bioengineering, Univ. of California, Berkeley, 2008-2011

Postdoctoral Associate, Information Science, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2007

Visiting Scholar, Theoretical Physics, Institute Marie Curie, Paris, Fr, 2005

Visiting Bi Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge UK 2023-2024

Visiting Researcher, Applied Math and Theoretical Physics, Cambridge University, 2023-2024

Visiting Researcher, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, MRC, Cambridge UK 2023-2024

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Guggenheim Fellow, Biology

2022 Phi Lambda Upsilon Award Lecture, University of Nebraska

2022- American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) College of Fellows

For “discovering RNA folding principles related to understanding and treating disease, and engineering synthetic biology diagnostics for global health.”

2020 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists, Finalist Life Sciences

2017 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award

2016 ACS Synthetic Biology Young Investigator Award

2016 Northwestern Searle Leadership Award

2015 NSF CAREER Award

2015 Cornell College of Engineering Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Tucker `50 Teaching Award

2013 NIH Director’s New Innovator Award

2013 Office of Naval Research (ONR) Young Investigator

2013 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship

2012 Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award

2012 James C. and Rebecca Q. Morgan Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow

2008-2011 Miller Research Fellow, University of California, Berkeley

2002-2007 John and Fannie Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellow

2002 Robert Karplus Prize Fellowship in Chemical Physics, Harvard University

2001 Winston Churchill Scholarship, Churchill College, Cambridge University

2001 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (Declined, Duplicate Funding)

2001 Department of Defense Graduate Fellowship (Declined, Duplicate Funding)

2000-2001 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2001 Francis P. Venable Medal, Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2001 Academic Excellence in Physical Chemistry, Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2000 Phi Beta Kappa, Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2000 NSF REU Fellowship, Univ. Colorado, Boulder

1999 American Chemical Society Undergraduate Research Award

BOARDS

Member, National Academies Committee Towards Sequencing and Mapping RNA Modifications, 2022-Present

Advisory Board, MSCA European Doctoral Network SYNSENS, 2022-Present

Editorial Board, GEN Biotechnology, 2021-Present

Guest Editor, PNAS, 2022

Editorial Board, Nucleic Acids Research, 2015-2021

Editorial Board, ACS Synthetic Biology, 2011-Present

Editorial Affiliate, bioRxiv, 2014-Present

PUBLICATIONS (As of 12/1/23, Google Scholar H-index: 41; i10-index 63; Total Citations: 5554)

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2. D. M. Stranford, L. M. Simons, K. E. Berman[#], L. Cheng[#], **J. B. Lucks**, J. F. Hultquist, J. N. Leonard (2023). “Bioengineered multifunctional extracellular vesicles for targeted delivery of biologics to T cells”. *Nature Biomedical Engineering* doi: 10.1038/s41551-023-01142-x.
3. K. E. Berman[#], R. Steans[#], L. M. Hertz[#], **J. B. Lucks** (2023). “Cotranscriptional RNA strand displacement underlies the regulatory function of the *E. coli thiB* TPP translational riboswitch.” *RNA*, doi: 10.1261/rna.079427.122.

4. J. K. Jung[#], B. J. Rasor, G. A. Rybnicky, A. D. Silverman[#], J. Standeven, R. Kuhn, T. Granito, H. M. Ekas, B. M. Wang, A. S. Karim, **J. B. Lucks**, M. C. Jewett (2023). "At-home, cell-free synthetic biology education modules for transcriptional regulation and environmental water quality monitoring." *ACS Synthetic Biology* doi: 10.1021/acssynbio.3c00223.
5. K. Dray, K. Dreyer, **J. B. Lucks**, J. N. Leonard (2023). "Teaching systematic, reproducible model development using synthetic biology." *Chemical Engineering Education*, doi:10.18260/2-1-370.660-132665.
6. D. Z. Bushhouse, **J. B. Lucks*** (2023). "Tuning strand displacement kinetics enables programmable ZTP riboswitch dynamic range *in vivo*." *Nucleic Acids Research*, doi:10.1093/nar/gkad110.
7. W. Thavarajah[#], P. Our, D. Awuor, K. Kiprotich, R. Aggarwal, **J. B. Lucks***, S. L. Young (2023). The accuracy and usability of point-of-use fluoride biosensors: a field study in Nakuru County, Kenya. *npj Clean Water*, doi:10.1038/s41545-023-00221-5.
8. M. A. Boyd, W. Thavarajah[#], **J. B. Lucks***, N. P. Kamat* (2023). Robust and tunable performance of a cell-free biosensor encapsulated in lipid vesicles. *Science Advances*, doi:10.1126/sciadv.add6605.
9. R. A. Rasmussen[#], S. Wang, J. M. Caramillo, V. Sosnowski, B-K Cho, Y. A. Goo, **J. B. Lucks***, T. V. O'Halloran (2022). Zur and zinc increase expression of E. Coli ribosomal protein L31 through RNA-mediated repression of the repressor L31p. *Nucleic Acids Research*, doi: 10.1093/nar/gkac1086.
10. S. V. Harbough, A. D. Silverman[#], Y. G. Chushak, K. Zimlich, M. Wolfe, W. Thavarajah[#], M. C. Jewett, **J. B. Lucks**, J. L. Chávez (2022). "Engineering a synthetic dopamine-responsive riboswitch for in vitro biosensing" *ACS Synthetic Biology*, doi: 10.1021/acssynbio.1c00560.
11. D. Z. Bushhouse[#], E. K. Choi[#], L. M. Hertz[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2022). "How does RNA fold dynamically?" *Journal of Molecular Biology*, doi: 10.1016/j.jmb.2022.167665.
12. L. Cheng[#], Elise N. White, Naomi L. Berg, Angela M Yu, Alan A. Chen*, **J. B. Lucks*** (2022). "Cotranscriptional RNA strand exchange underlies the gene regulation mechanism in a purine-sensing transcriptional riboswitch". *Nucleic Acids Research*, doi:10.1093/nar/gkac102. [Breakthrough Article](#).
13. K. J. Jung[#], K. K. Alam[#], Chloé M. Archuleta[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2022). "Programming cell-free biosensors with DNA strand displacement circuits". *Nature Chemical Biology*, doi:10.1038/s41589-021-00962-9. [Cover article](#). [News and Views: "Logic invades cell-free biosensing."](#) E. Amalfatino and K. Pardee, *Nature Chemical Biology*, doi:10.1038/s41589-021-00963-8.
14. K. J. Jung[#], K. K. Alam[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2022). "ROSALIND: Rapid detection of chemical contaminants with in vitro transcription factor-based biosensors". *Methods in Molecular Biology*, doi:10.1007/978-1-0716-1998-8_20.
15. W. Thavarajah[#], L. M. Hertz[#], D. Z. Bushhouse[#], C. M. Archuleta[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2021). "RNA Engineering for Public Health: Innovations in RNA-Based Diagnostics and Therapeutics." *Ann Rev Chemical and Biological Engineering* doi:10.1146/annurev-chembioeng-101420-014055. (Invited submission).
16. C. J. Glasscock[#], J. T. Lazar, B. W. Biggs, J. H. Arnold[%], M. K. Kang, D. Tullman-Ercek*, K. Tyo*, **J. B. Lucks*** (2021). "Dynamic control of pathway expression with riboregulated switchable feedback promoters." *ACS Synthetic Biology* doi:10.1021/acssynbio.1c00015.
17. M. Verosloff[#], W. Corcoran, T. Dolberg, J. Leonard*, **J. B. Lucks*** (2021). "RNA sequence and structural determinants of Pol III transcriptional termination in human cells". *Journal of Molecular Biology* doi: 10.1016/j.jmb.2021.166978.
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20. E. J. Strobel[#], J. T. Lis, **J. B. Lucks** (2020). "Chemical transcription roadblocking for nascent RNA display." *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 295, 6401-6412, doi: 10.1074/jbc.RA120.012641. [Selected for special issue on methods.](#)
21. W. Thavarajah[#], M. Verosloff[#], K. J. Jung[#], K. K. Alam[#], J. Miller, M. C. Jewett, S. L. Young*, **J. B. Lucks*** (2020). "A primer on emerging field-deployable tools for democratizing global water quality monitoring." *npj Clean Water*, 3, 18, doi: 10.1038/s41545-020-0064-8.
22. A. D. Silverman[#], U. Akova[#], K. K. Alam[#], M. C. Jewett*, **J. B. Lucks*** (2020). "Design and optimization of a cell-free atrazine biosensor." *ACS Synthetic Biology*, 9, 671, doi: 10.1021/acssynbio.9b00388.
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30. A. Yu[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2019). "Tracking RNA structures as RNAs transit through the cell." *Nature Structural and Molecular Biology*, 26, 256-257. doi:10.1038/s41594-019-0213-2.
31. M. Verosloff[#], J. Chappell[#], K. L. Perry, J. R. Thompson, **J. B. Lucks*** (2019). "PLANT-Dx: A molecular diagnostic for point of use detection of plant pathogens." *ACS Synthetic Biology*, 8, 902-905. doi: 10.1021/acssynbio.8b00526.
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35. P. D. Carlson[#], M. E. Evans[#], A. M. Yu[#], E. J. Strobel[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2018). "SnapShot: RNA Structure Probing Technologies." *Cell*, 175, P600. doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2018.09.024.
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42. J. Chappell[#], A. Westbrook[#], M. Verosloff[#], **J. B. Lucks*** (2017). "Computational design of STARs for versatile and dynamic gene regulation." *Nature Communications*, 8:1051, 1-12, doi:10.1038/s41467-017-01082-6.
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71. **J. B. Lucks**, L. Qi, V. K. Mutalik, D. Wang, A. P. Arkin* (2011). "Versatile RNA-sensing transcriptional regulators for engineering genetic networks." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 108, 8617-8622, doi:10.1073/pnas.1015741108.
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74. **J. B. Lucks**, D. R. Nelson, G. R. Kudla, J. B. Plotkin* (2008). "Genome landscapes and bacteriophage codon usage." *PLoS Computational Biology*, 4, e1000001, doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000001.
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77. **J. B. Lucks**, A. J. Cohen, N. C. Handy* (2002). "Constructing a map from the electron density to the exchange-correlation potential." *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, 4, 4612-4618, doi:10.1039/B205854E.
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79. D. S. Clark, C. Fischbach-Teschl, D. A. Hammer, K. H. Lee, **J. B. Lucks**, C. Reinhart-King, M. Saltzman, A. Stroock, M. C. H. van der Muelen, J. D. Varner. (2018) "Michael L. Shuler Tribute." *Biotechnology and Bioengineering*, 115, 1642-1645, doi:10.1002/bit.26716.
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PATENT APPLICATIONS

1. "Cell-free biosensors with DNA strand displacement circuits." J. K. Jung, K. K. Alam, J. B. Lucks (2021). United States Patent Application 63/254,824.

2. "Ultrasensitive and multiplexed cell-free biosensors using cascaded amplification and positive feedback." A. D. Silverman, M. C. Jewett, J. B. Lucks (2019). United States Patent Application 62/943,094.
3. "Stabilization and preservation of in vitro transcription reactions through lyophilization." J. B. Lucks, K. K. Alam, M. S. Verosloff, J. K. Jung, P. R. Clauer, J. W. Lee, J. J. Collins (2019). United States Patent Application 62/838,852.
4. "Riboswitch-based fluoride sensing in cell-free extract." J. B. Lucks, M. C. Jewett, A. D. Silverman, W. M. Thavarajah (2019). United States Patent Application 62/813,368.
5. "Detection of analytes and target molecules using regulated in vitro transcription." J. K. Jung, K. K. Alam, J. B. Lucks (2018). United States Patent Application 62/758,242.
6. "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.
7. "On demand, portable, cell-free molecular sensing platform." M. Jewett, J. B. Lucks, A. D. Silverman, K. K. Alam (2018). United States Patent Application 62/714,427.
8. "Small RNAs (sRNAs) that activate transcription." J. B. Lucks, J. Chappell, M. K. Takahashi (2014). United States Patent Application 61/981,241.
9. "Transcription elongation control elements and methods of use thereof." A. P. Arkin, J. B. Lucks, L. Qi, W. P. Whitaker (2010). United States Patent Application 61/250,342.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS by JBL (76)

Universities/Institutes:

Cambridge University Engineering Biology IRC, St. Catherine's College, November 2023
 Department of Applied Maths and Theoretical Physics, BioLunch Seminar, October 2023
 IISER Thiruvananthapuram iGEM Conclave, September 2023
 Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science, Annual Retreat, UC Berkeley, May 2023
 Department Seminar, Chemical Engineering, UCSB, April 2023
 Center for RNA Biomedicine, University of Michigan, April 2023
 COFOLD Project Seminar, Aarhus University, April 2023
 Institute of Quantitative Biology, Biochemistry, and Biotechnology, The University of Edinburgh, February 2023
 Center Seminar, The Center for RNA Biology, The Ohio State University, May 2022
 Phi Lambda Upsilon Award Lecture, Department of Chemistry, University of Lincoln, Nebraska, April 2022
 Department Seminar, Bioengineering, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, October 2021
 Department Seminar, Biomedical Engineering, Duke University, October 2021
 RNA Club, City University of Hong Kong, October 2021
 Department Seminar, Chemistry, Rutgers University, April 2021
 Department Seminar, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Seoul National University, South Korea, April 2021
 National Science Foundation Biotechnology/Bioeconomy Distinguished Lecture Series, March 2021
 Department Seminar, Biological Sciences Division, Department of Chemistry, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2020
 Distinguished Alumni Talk, Junior/Senior Banquet, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2020
 Engineering Biology Research Consortium Virtual Seminar Series, August 2020
 Center for Synthetic Biology, Warwick University, UK, March 2020 (Postponed)
 RNA Synthetic Biology Symposium, Imperial College, UK, March 2020 (Postponed)
 Exploring Ethics: Across Art, Humanities and Science, Block Museum, Northwestern University, May 2019
 Department Seminar, Biochemistry Biophysics and Mol. Bio., Iowa State, February 2019
 Department Seminar, University at Washington St. Louis Medical School, February 2019

Department Seminar, Chemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, September 2018
 Center for Cancer Research RNA Initiative Seminar Series, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda MD, March 2018
 Department Seminar, Chemistry, Marquette University, Marquette, WI, December 2017
 Department Seminar, Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, November 2017
 Department Seminar, Physics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, April 2017
 Department Seminar, Biology, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2017
 Department Seminar, Biophysics, Rockefeller University, New York, NY, March 2017
 Department Seminar, Molecular and Cell Biology, University of California Berkeley, April 2016
 Center Seminar, The Center for RNA Biology, Ohio State University, March 2016
 Department Seminar, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, December 2015
 Department Seminar, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Princeton University, November 2015
 Department Seminar, Biomedical Engineering, Boston University, October 2015
 Department Seminar, Bioengineering, Caltech, April 2015
 Department Seminar, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, March 2015
 Department Seminar, Bioengineering, Rice University, February 2015
 Department Seminar, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Feb. 2015
 Department Seminar, Biology, Middlebury College, October 2014
 Field Seminar, Microbiology, Cornell University, October 2014
 Department Seminar, RNA Institute and Department of Chemistry, The University at Albany, October 2014
 Field Seminar, Biomedical Engineering, Cornell University, May 2014
 Department Seminar, Applied Mathematics, Harvard University, April 2014
 Department Seminar, Biology, Ithaca College, March 2014
 Department Seminar, Laboratory for Atomic and Solid State Physics, Cornell University, March 2014
 Keynote Lecture, CBE 4th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, Cornell University, October 2013
 Field Seminar, Biochemistry, Molecular and Cell Biology, Cornell University, May 2013
 Department Seminar, Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of Rochester Medical Center, May 2013
 Department Seminar, Computational Biology, MIT, April 2013
 Center Seminar, Center for Computational Molecular Biology, Brown University, March 2013
 Department Seminar, Molecular Medicine, Cornell University, March 2012

Conferences:

Synthetic Biology UK 2023, Bristol UK, November 2023
 Gordon Research Conference on Nucleic Acid Nanotechnology, Venturi Beach, CA, Jan 2023
 10th International mRNA Health Conference, Boston, MA, November 2022
 UNC Water Meeting, UNC Chapel Hill, October 2022
 Synthetic Biology Young Speaker Series, Pioneer Introduction of Boya Wang, Sept 2022
 Cold Spring Harbor Asia Synthetic Biology Conference, Virtual, October, 2021
 NSF Workshop: Cross Disciplinary Study of Post-Transcriptional and Post-Translational Modifications, Virtual, October, 2021
 German Conference on Synthetic Biology, Virtual, September, 2021
 Workshop on Nucleic Acids, Synthetic Biology and Artificial Life, Imperial College, UK, March 2021
 Gordon Research Conference on Nucleic Acid Nanotechnology, Venturi Beach, CA, Jan 2021 (Postponed)
 Seventh International Mammalian Synthetic Biology Workshop, Virtual, December 2020
 Plenary Lecture, New York Academy of Sciences, "New Horizons in Synthetic Biology", NYC November 2020
 Cell Free Synthetic Biology Conference, Cambridge, MA, December 2019
 Sixth International Mammalian Synthetic Biology Workshop, Northwestern University, May 2019

FASEB Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2018
 Innovation Session, Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Annual Meeting, Berlin, October 2018
 American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017
 Compugen Symposium, TU Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany, June 2017
 Gordon Research Conference on Nucleic Acid Nanotechnology, Venturi Beach, CA, Jan 2017
 Award Lecture, ACS Synthetic Biology Young Investigator Award, Synthetic Biology Engineering Evolution and Design (SEED) Meeting, Chicago, IL, June 2016
 Inaugural Annual Retreat, Engineering Biology Research Consortium, Pasadena, CA, November 2016
 Workshop, EU/US Biological Systems Standardization Workshop, Valencia, Spain, March 2015
 Inaugural Meeting, Synthetic Biology: Engineering, Evolution and Design, Los Angeles, CA, July 2014
 Symposium Presentation, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St Louis, MO, September 2012
 Invited Lecture, Upstate New York Illumina Users Group Meeting, Ithaca NY, May 2012
 Annual Retreat, Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center Retreat, UC Berkeley, CA, March 2012
 Inaugural Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor Asia Conference on the Design and Synthesis of Biological Systems, Suzhou, China, October 2011

Industry:

Seminar, Moderna, Cambridge MA, May 2022
 Seminar, Biogen, Cambridge MA (Virtual), August 2021
 Seminar, Translate Bio, Boston MA (Virtual), May 2021
 Speaker, 2nd RNA-Targeted Drug Discovery Summit, Cambridge, MA, December 2019
 Seminar, Synthetic Biology: A New Biotechnology Revolution, Kellogg Executive Education, Sept. 2019
 Seminar, Arrakis TX, Cambridge, MA, May 2018
 Seminar, Manus Biosynthesis, Cambridge, MA, October 2015
 Seminar, DSM, Cambridge, MA, October 2016

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS and POSTERS by JBL or LUCKS GROUP MEMBERS (114)

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022 Synthetic Biology Evolution, Engineering and Design (SEED)
 Presentations: ADS, KKA
 Posters: KJJ, MKT, CYH (2), PDC (2) CJG (3), EJS, JEC, AMY, DAL, JEW, SIM, AMW, MV, JL
 2023 Gordon Research Conference RNA Nanotechnology
 Presentations: DZB, EKC, LMH
 Posters: DZB, EKC, LMH, JL, CMA
 2019 Cell Free Synthetic Biology Meeting
 Posters: MV, ADS, KJJ
 2019 UNC Water Meeting
 Posters: JBL
 2019 Colorado WASH Symposium
 Posters: MV, WT
 2018 Computational Approaches to RNA Structure and Function
 Presentations: JBL, AMY
 2017 FASEB Machines on Genes Meeting
 Presentations: EJS
 2017 FASEB Transcription Meeting
 Presentations: EJS
 2017, 2019 Gordon Research Conference Nucleic Acids
 Presentations: EJS
 Posters: EJS, AMY
 2016, 2017 Engineering Biology Research Consortium Retreats

Presentations: PDC
 Posters: KA (2), AMW, CH, CJG, AMY, KEB, MV, ADS
 2016, 2019 Chicago RNA Club
 Presentations: EJS, MEE, AMY
 2016 Mountain Lake Transcription Meeting
 Presentations: EJS
 2016, 2017, 2019 Rustbelt RNA
 Presentations: EJS, AMY
 Posters: MEE, RAR, LMH, DZB, EDC
 2011, 2013, 2015 International Conference on Biomolecular Engineering
 Presentations: JBL (2); Posters: JBL
 2012, 2014, 2015, 2020 AIChE National Meetings
 Presentations: SIM (2), MKT (2), KEW (2), KJJ
 Posters: TRA (undergraduate)
 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center Retreats
 Presentations: MKT (2), KEW, JEC, AMW
 Posters: DAL (4), MKT (1), SIM (2), KEW (1), PDC (1), CJG (1), CYH (1), AW (2), AY (1)
 2015 Cold Spring Harbor Genome Engineering Meeting
 Poster: KEW
 2014, 2015, 2016 Annual RNA Science Symposium, Albany NY
 Presentations: KEW
 Posters: KEW (2), EJS (1)
 2014, 2020, 2022 RNA Society Meeting
 Poster: KEW, LMH (2), DZB, EKC
 2013 Gordon Conference on Synthetic Biology, Mount Snow, VT
 Posters: DAL, SIM, MKT
 2013 Mammalian Synthetic Biology Conference, MIT, MA
 Poster: KEW
 2013 Hudson RNA Club Meeting
 Poster: KEW
 2012, 2018 Benasque RNA Bioinformatics Meeting, Benasque, Spain
 Presentation: JBL (2), AMY
 2011 Synthetic Biology 5.0, Stanford University, Palo Alto CA
 Poster: DAL
 2008 Synthetic Biology 4.0, Hong Kong, China
 Presentation: JBL
 2008 Pycon, Chicago, IL
 Presentation: JBL
 2007 Microsoft Research eScience Workshop, Chapel Hill, NC
 Presentation: JBL

SUPERVISION OF POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS - Former: 5, Current: 1 (in parenthesis: present position)

1. **Yueting Zhuang**, 2012-2013 (Associate Director, Project Management, Bristol Myers Squibb)
2. **James Chappell**, 2013-2017 (Assistant Professor, Rice University Department of Biosciences)
3. **Khalid Alam**, 2016-2019 (Co-Founder and CEO, Stemloop, Inc.)
4. **Eric Strobel**, 2015-2020 (Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo Department of Biosciences)
5. **Molly Evans**, 2017-2020 (Scientist, Abbott Laboratories, Diagnostics Division)

6. **Anibal Arce**, 2022-

SUPERVISION OF PHD STUDENTS - Former: 12, Current: 9 (in parenthesis: present position)

1. **Melissa K. Takahashi**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2010-6/15/2015 (Assistant Professor Cal State Northridge), Thesis title: "Developing design principles for engineering RNA transcription regulators and RNA synthetic networks."
2. **David A. Loughrey**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2010-12/15/2016 (Postdoc Dahlman Lab, Emory University), Thesis title: "Using SHAPE-Seq as a tool to understand RNA structure/function relationships."
3. **Kyle E. Watters**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2011-6/15/2016 (Senior Scientist, Arbor Biosciences), Thesis title: "SHAPE-Seq technologies for analyzing, understanding, and designing RNA structures and functions."
4. **Sarai I. Meyer**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2011-6/15/2016 (Senior Scientist, Quantum-Si), Thesis Title: "Engineering and characterizing RNA genetic regulators."
5. **Alexandra Westbrook**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2013-6/15/2018 (Postdoc, El Samad Lab, UCSF), Thesis title: "Characterization of RNA genetic regulators and synthetic networks."
6. **Paul Carlson**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2013-6/15/2018 (Senior Scientist, Affinia Therapeutics), Thesis title: "Uncovering the elements of RNA design."
7. **Cameron Glasscock**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2013-6/15/2019, Co-Advised with Prof. Matt DeLisa (Washington Research Fellow, Baker Lab, University of Washington), Thesis title: "Genetic tools and approaches for engineering metabolism and metabolic pathways."
8. **Chelsea Hu**, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2013-6/15/2018, Co-Advised with Prof. Jeff Varner (Postdoc, Murray Lab, Caltech), Thesis title: "Advancing RNA circuitry engineering with guidance of mathematical and computational models."
9. **Angela Yu**, Ph.D. Computational Biology and Medicine, Tri-Institutes Training Program, Cornell University, 8/15/2014-6/15/2020, Co-Advised with Christina Leslie, Memorial Sloan Kettering (Washington Research Fellow, Seelig Lab, University of Washington), Thesis title: "Computationally reconstructing RNA folding pathways from experimental data."
10. **Mathew Verosloff**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 7/1/2016-12/15/2020 (Scientist, Mammoth Biosciences), Thesis title: "Uncovering the Mechanism of Intrinsic Transcription Termination in Order to Develop Point-of-Care Diagnostics."
11. **Adam Silverman**, Ph. D. Chemical Engineering, Northwestern University, 9/15/2016-6/1/2021, Co-Advised with Prof. Mike Jewett (Scientist, Sherlock Biosciences), Thesis title: "Design and optimization of a field-deployable biosensing platform for measuring water quality."
12. **Luyi Cheng**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 9/15/2016-2/28/2022 (Mirzayan Fellow, National Academies), Thesis title: "Investigating co-transcriptional folding in RNA-based gene regulation."
13. **Kirsten Jung**, Ph. D. Chemical Engineering, Northwestern University, 9/15/2017-4/15/2022 (Scientist, Mammoth Biosciences), Thesis title: "Engineering *in vitro* transcriptional biosensors for rapid and programmable molecular detection."
14. **Walter Thavarajah**, Ph. D. Chemical Engineering, Northwestern University, 9/15/2017-6/30/2022 (Scientist, Ginkgo Bioworks), Thesis title: "Strategies for the design and field deployment of cell-free biosensors."
15. **Katherine Berman**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 7/1/2016-10/15/2022 (Scientist, Crayon Bio), Thesis title: "Investigating RNA structural dynamics for gene regulation."

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SUPERVISION OF MASTERS STUDENTS

1. **Karl Brennan**, M.S. Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, 8/15/2014-6/15/2015 (Process Engineer, MSD Biotech).
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SUPERVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS - Former: 23, Current: 2 %indicates published (in parenthesis: present position)

1. Jay Park, 2011-2013 (Medical School)
2. Helen Tan, 2011-2013 (Process Engineer, Mondavi Wineries)
3. Matt Carter, 2011-2014 (Scientist, Caribou Biosciences; Stanford BioE Grad School)
4. Misha Baheti, 2011-2013 (Consultant)
5. Ruize Zhuang, 2012-2015 (Stanford PhD)
6. Sitara Sankar%, 2012-2015 (GA Tech PhD)
7. Tim Abbott%, 2012-2015 (NSF Graduate Fellow, Stanford PhD)
8. Rebecca Chew%, 2012-2015 (UC Berkeley Masters)
9. Alex Settle%, 2013-2016 (Scientist, Caribou Biosciences; Memorial Sloan Kettering Graduate School)
10. Yan Zhang%, 2015-2016 (GA Tech Graduate School)
11. Elizabeth Weiss, 2015-2016 (Northwestern Medical Scientist Training Program)
12. Aron Coraor, 2015-2016 (NSF Graduate Fellow, Institute for Molecular Engineering University of Chicago Graduate School)
13. Jane Liao, 2015-2016 (Associate Scientist, GSK)
14. Raashed Raziuddin, 2015-2016 (Fermentation Process Development, Evelo Biosciences)
15. Phillip Clauer%, (Summer 2017, 2018, MIT Bioengineering Graduate School)
16. Kristen Shytel, 2017-2019 (Sherlock Biosciences)
17. Lulu Sun, 2017-2018 (Researcher, Seattle Children's Hospital)
18. Jack Arnold%, 2017-2019 (University of Chicago PhD)
19. Katarina Cheronis, 2017-2018 (Research Specialist, University of Chicago)
20. Umut Akova%, 2018-2020 (Northwestern Masters Student)
21. Kevin Fitzgerald, (Summer 2019, NSF Graduate Fellow Northwestern University).
22. Paulina Tarsul, 2019 (Northwestern Undergraduate Student)
23. Russell Steans%, 2019-2022 (Post-Bac, NIH)
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25. Crestelynn Ligo, 2021-2022
26. Stephanie Maynez, 2022-2023

27. Paul Bernhard, 2022-Present

ACHIEVEMENTS BY GROUP MEMBERS

Gordon Research Conference RNA Nanotechnology Best Poster Award: 2023 (Li)
Synthetic Biology Across Scales (SynBAS) Training Grant, Northwestern University: 2021 (Brown), 2022 (Lucci)
RNA Society Poster Award: 2022 (Bushhouse)
NSF Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention: 2022 (Li)
Northwestern International Institute of Nanotechnology Outstanding Researcher in Nanotechnology, 2021 (Thavarajah, Jung)
NU ChBE Distinguished Graduate Researcher Award, 2020 (Jung)
Terminal Year Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2020 (Jung)
Presidential Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2019 (Silverman)
Ryan Fellowship, Northwestern University: 2018 (Silverman), 2019 (Jung), 2022 (Li); 2023 (Hertz)
Biotechnology Training Grant, Northwestern University: 2017 (Silverman), 2018 (Thavarajah, Jung), 2020 (Hertz), 2022 (Li)
Molecular Biophysics Training Grant, Northwestern University: 2017 (Cheng), 2020, 2022 (Bushhouse)
Chemistry of Life Processes Training Grant, Northwestern University: 2019 (Rasmussen)
Best E-Poster, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, AAAS National Meeting, Seattle WA, 2020 (Cheng)
Poster Awards, Cell Free Synthetic Biology Conference, Boston MA, 2019 (Jung, Silverman)
Washington Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship 2019 (Glasscock), 2020 (Yu)
Short Talk Award, FASEB Machines on Genes Conference 2018 (Strobel)
Beckman Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017 (Strobel)
Best Talk, Rustbelt RNA Conference 2016 (Strobel), 2017 (Yu)
Inaugural Cornell CBE Fleming Graduate Scholar 2015 (Watters)
NSF Graduate Fellowships: 2011 (Takahashi), 2012 (Watters, Meyer), 2013 (Carlson) 2015 (Glasscock, Abbott), 2016 (Zhuang), 2019 (Rasmussen), 2020 (Archuleta)
NDSEG Graduate Fellowships: 2020 (Archuleta)
Austin Hooey Graduate Award (2015 Takahashi, 2016 Watters, 2019 Carlson)
AIChE Women's Initiative Committee Travel Award 2014 (Meyer, Takahashi)
Engineering Learning Initiatives Research Awards: 2012 (Tan), 2013 (Sankar, Abbott), 2014 (Chew, Abbott), 2015 (Chew)
Cornell Undergraduate Research Board Best Poster 2014 (Sankar)
Cornell Engineering Alumni Association Undergraduate Research Award 2014 (Abbott)
Genentech Scheele Outstanding Junior Awards: 2011 (Park), 2013 (Zhuang)
Amgen Research Scholarship 2013 (Zhuang)
Great Lakes National Scholarship 2012 (Watters)

PHD COMMITTEES

1. **Michael-Paul Robinson**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Cornell University, 2010-2017
2. **Bill Bedell**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Cornell University, 2012-2016
3. **Erin Stephens**, Ph.D. Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Cornell University, 2013-2018
4. **May Taw**, Ph. D. Microbiology, Cornell University, 2013-2019
5. **Tara Srinivasan**, Ph. D. Biomedical Engineering, Cornell University, 2012-2016
6. **Daniel Tapias-Rojas**, Ph. D. Microbiology, Cornell University, 2013-2018
7. **Thapakorn Jareontomeechai**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Cornell University, 2014-2016

8. **Christine Rose Laramy**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2015-2018
9. **Do Soon Kim**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2016-2020
10. **Alexis Amaris Reyes**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2016-2022
11. **Nolan Kennedy**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2016-Present
12. **Margarethe Boyd**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2018-2022
13. **Andrew Hunt**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2016-2022
14. **Alex Prybutok**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2016-2022
15. **Blaise Kimmel**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2017-2021
16. **Katie Warfel**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2018-Present
17. **Jack McGee**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2017-2022
18. **Kate Dray**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2017-2022
19. **Peter Tran**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2017-Present
20. **Hailey Edelstein**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
21. **Will Corcoran**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
22. **Sam Gowland**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-2022
23. **Camilla Koffman**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
24. **Reese Richardson**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
25. **Heather Calcaterra**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
26. **Holly Ekas**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
27. **Brooke Angell**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2020-Present
28. **Eduardo Campos Chávez**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2020-Present
29. **Maddie DeWinter**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
30. **James Coxon**, Ph. D. Department of Pathology, Cambridge University, 2021 (External Examiner)
31. **Mengxi Li**, Ph. D. Department of Biological Sciences, Edinburgh University, 2023 (External Examiner)
32. **Katie Dreyer**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
33. **Dalton Jun-da Huey**, Ph. D. Driskoll Graduate Program, Northwestern University, 2019-Present
34. **Daniel de Castro Assumpcao**, Ph. D. Driskoll Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2022-Present
35. **Caleb Lay**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2021-Present
36. **Jacob Miller**, Ph. D. Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, 2022-Present
37. **Kevin Vazquez**, Ph. D. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Northwestern University, 2022-Present

MS COMMITTEES - past and current

1. **Daniel Tien**, M.S. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Cornell University, 2015-2016

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE and RECOGNITION

Mentor, Searle Center for Advanced Learning Teaching Certificate, Tae-Eun Kim, 2020-2021

Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, 2017

Cornell College of Engineering Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Tucker '50 Teaching Award, 2015

Professor, *Northwestern University*

Deconstructing Synthetic Biology, W21, W22, W23

Molecular Folding and Function, S21

Computational Biology, S22

Advanced Thermodynamics, S21

Associate Professor, *Northwestern University*

Advanced Thermodynamics (graduate), W17, W18, W19, W20

Advanced Principles of Biomolecular Engineering (graduate), S18, S19, S20
Graduate Student Professional Development Course (co-instructor), F16, F17, F18, F19, F20
Responsible Conduct of Research (co-instructor), F18, F19

Assistant Professor, *Cornell University*

Heat and Mass Transfer (undergraduate), F11, F12, F14, F15
Advanced Principles of Biomolecular Engineering (graduate), S13, S14, S15
Principles and Practices of Graduate Research (graduate), F11, F12, F14

Co-Creator and Instructor, Cold Spring Harbor Summer Course on Synthetic Biology, Su13, Su14, Su15.

The CSHL synthetic biology course is an international, intensive laboratory course consisting of real research projects in synthetic biology combined with talks and interactions with world class researchers. The course is emerging as a focal point for setting the research and teaching agenda for biomolecular engineering and synthetic biology.

Panel Participant, "Mastering Your Future - Learning to Read (Scientific Papers)." Cornell College of Engineering. February 2013

"How to write a grant proposal." w/ Paulette Clancy. Cornell Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Students. S15, F15

SERVICE - CONFERENCE / SYMPOSIUM / COLLOQUIUM ORGANIZATION

1. Synthetic Biology 5.0: The Fifth International Meeting on Synthetic Biology
 - Co-organizer, June 15-17 2011, Stanford, Palo Alto, CA
2. 4th International Conference on Biomolecular Engineering
 - Poster session co-chair, January 13-16 2013, Fort Lauderdale, FL
3. American Institute for Chemical Engineering (AIChE) National Meeting
 - Co-chair, "Gene Regulation Engineering" & "Paradigms in Systems and Synthetic Biology", Section 15c, October 2013, San Francisco, CA
 - Co-chair, Topical A "Paradigms in Systems and Synthetic Biology", October 2014, Atlanta, GA
 - Chair, Topical A "Emerging Frontiers in Systems and Synthetic Biology", 2015, Salt Lake City, Utah
4. Metabolic Engineering X Meeting
 - Poster session co-chair, June 2014, Vancouver BC
5. 5th International Conference on Biomolecular Engineering
 - Co-chair "High-Throughput Biological Design", January 13-16 2014, Austin, TX
6. The Nuts and Bolts of Bioengineered Systems: A Workshop on Standards in Synthetic Biology
 - Meeting Co-organizer, March 8-12, 2015, Valencia Spain
7. 6th International Conference on Biomolecular Engineering
 - Organizing Committee, January 13-16 2016, Singapore
8. Synthetic Biology: Engineering, Evolution and Design (SEED) Conference
 - Organizing Committee, July 2016, Chicago
 - Organizing Committee, July 2017, Vancouver
 - Organizing Committee, July 2018, Arizona
 - Co-organizer, July 2019, New York
 - Organizing Committee, July 2020, San Francisco
9. Computational Approaches to RNA Structure and Function, Benasque, Spain
 - 2018: Session Chair - Experimental Approaches
10. Cell Free Synthetic Biology Conference
 - Co-Chair, 2021

SERVICE - PROFESSIONAL

1. **Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center (SynBERC)**, Parts Thrust Co-Leader, 2010-2011

2. **Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center (SynBERC)**, Affiliate Investigator, 2010-2016
3. **Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center (SynBERC)**, Leadership Task Force, 2014-2016
4. **US Chair, EU/US Biotechnology Task Force Synthetic Biology Working Group**, 2014-2016
5. **Board of Directors, Engineering Biology Research Consortium**, 2015-2017
6. **Chicago RNA Club, Co-organizer**, 2016-
7. **Founding Council Member, Engineering Biology Research Consortium**, 2017-2020
8. **Founding Chair, Individual Membership Committee, Engineering Biology Research Consortium**, 2017-2019
9. **Member, Education Working Group, Engineering Biology Research Consortium**, 2019-Present
10. **Research Roadmapping Participant, Engineering Biology Research Consortium**, 2019-Present
11. **AIChE Chemical Engineering Diversity Equity and Inclusion Working Group**, 2021-
12. **National Academies Panel: Toward Sequencing and Mapping RNA Modifications**, 2022-2024

SERVICE - PROPOSAL AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

1. **National Science Foundation**
 - CBET *ad hoc* reviewer, 2011, 2015, 2018
 - MCB *ad hoc* reviewer, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2021
 - SBIR *ad hoc* reviewer, 2020
2. **National Institutes of Health**
 - MSFB *ad hoc* reviewer, 2018
3. **Journal Advisory and Editorial Boards**
 - GEN Biotechnology, 2021-
 - Nucleic Acids Research, 2015-2021
 - ACS Synthetic Biology, 2011-Present
 - bioRxiv, 2014-Present
4. **Journal Reviews**
 ACS Chemical Biology, ACS Synthetic Biology, Biophysical Journal, Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Cell, Journal of Biological Engineering, Molecular Cell, Molecular Systems Biology, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Chemical Biology, Nature Communications, Nature Methods, Nature Protocols, Nature Reviews Microbiology, Nature Structural and Molecular Biology, Nucleic Acids Research, PLoS ONE, PLoS Pathogens, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA, Science, WIREs RNA

SERVICE - OUTREACH

1. **J. B. Lucks***, M. K. Takahashi[#], J. Saathoff. "An Introduction to Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering". CATALYST Academy for Under Represented Minorities, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, June 2011)
2. **J. B. Lucks***, S. I. Meyer[#], K. E. Watters[#]. "An Introduction to Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering". CATALYST Academy for Under Represented Minorities, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, June 2012
3. **J. B. Lucks***. "Optimization of Biosynthetic Pathways". NSF GK-12 Grass Roots: Advancing Education in Renewable Energy and Cleaner Fuels through Collaborative Graduate Fellow/Teacher/Grade-School Student Interactions, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, July 2012
4. **J. B. Lucks**. "Mastering Your Future - Learning to Read (Scientific Papers)." Cornell College of Engineering. Panelist, February 2013
5. **Cold Spring Harbor Course on Synthetic Biology**
 - Co-organizer, July-August 2013, 2014, 2015
6. **NSF Building with Biology Project Developer/Participant**
 - Developed 'Microbe Match' card game with the Sciencenter, Ithaca NY, 2015

- 'Showtime!' on Synthetic Biology, Sciencenter, Ithaca NY, 2015
- Participated in 'SynBio Day' at the Sciencenter, Ithaca NY, September 2015
- Community forum on 'Building with Biology', Ithaca Generator, Ithaca NY, September 2015.

7. Northwestern Center for Synthetic Biology

- Western Springs Elementary School Synthetic Biology Demonstration, Evanston, IL 2018
- Host-Laboratory, Expanding Your Horizons Synthetic Biology Demonstration, Evanston, IL 2019

SERVICE - UNIVERSITY

1. Northwestern University, Chair, Faculty Search Committee Chemical and Biological Engineering, 2022-2023
2. Northwestern University, Limited Submission Advisory Committee (LSAC) Member, 2022-Present
3. Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering Faculty Appeals Committee, 2021-Present
4. Northwestern University, Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences (IBiS) Advisory Committee, 2021-Present
5. Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering DEI Leaders Committee, 2020-Present
6. Northwestern University, Limited Submission Advisory Committee (LSAC) Reviewer, 2021
7. Northwestern University, Chair ChBE Anti-racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, 2020-Present
8. Northwestern University, International Institute for Nanotechnology, Faculty Search Committee, 2020
9. Northwestern University, Interdisciplinary Biological Sciences (IBiS) Curriculum Committee, 2019-2020
10. Northwestern University, Exploring Ethics: Across Art, Humanities, and Science - May 8 2019
11. Northwestern University, Internal Program Review - Materials Science and Engineering, 2019
12. Northwestern University, Associate Chair of Chemical and Biological Engineering, 2019-Present
13. Northwestern University, Co-Chair, Graduate Student Experience Committee, 2019-Present
14. Northwestern University, Member, Alumni Relations Committee, 2019-2020
15. Northwestern University, Member, Biophysics Training Grant Steering Committee, 2018-Present
16. Northwestern ChBE Awards Committee, 2016-Present (Chair, 2017-Present)
17. Northwestern ChBE Faculty Search Committee, 2016, 2020
18. Cornell CBE Graduate Field Committee, 2011-2014, 2016
19. Cornell CBE Faculty Search Committee, 2012
20. Cornell CBE Awards Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
21. Cornell CBE Policy Committee, 2012-2013
22. Cornell CBE Seminar Series Coordinator, 2014, 2015
23. Cornell CBE Director's Search Committee 2016
24. Cornell MBG Faculty Search Committee, 2013-2014
25. Cornell CBE Undergraduate Academic Advisor, 2012-2016
26. Cornell Churchill Scholarship Internal Selection Committee, 2013-2016

MEDIA COVERAGE AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Media Coverage

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2. S. Cohen (2012). The Scientist: Prof. Lucks Researches RNA to Build Biological Circuitry. Cornell Daily Sun, September 12 2012.
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