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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **The Johns Hopkins University**
Major: *Biochemistry*. Biochemistry Division, Department of Biology,
McCollum Pratt Institute, Baltimore, MD
- M.A.** **The Johns Hopkins University**
Major: *Biophysics*. Department of Biophysics, Baltimore, MD
- B.A.** **Cornell University**
Major: *Physics and Neurobiology*. School of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca,
NY

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Characterization of the microbial ecology (biodiversity) of biofilms in various environments.
- Molecular identification (16S rRNA) and culturing of bacteria involved in the oxidation and reduction of minerals and metals. Emphasis on biocorrosion and biofouling mechanisms.
- Development of biological methods for controlling corrosion in industrial water systems.
- Development of new biomedical materials that are resistant to infection.
- Optimization of microbial populations/enzymes for bioremediation of contaminated sites.
- Detoxification of cyanide and cyanide complexes in mining environments using bacteria that degrade cyanide and cyanide complexes.
- Development of heavy metals-resistant bacteria for oxidation of refractory (gold) ores.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine, CA
Chemical Engineering and Materials Science
Henry Samueli School of Engineering

2000-present

ASSOCIATE ADJUNCT PROFESSOR. Environmental microbiology and related biotechnology, molecular microbial ecology, microbially influenced corrosion (MIC) and corrosion control using biological methods. Also, biomaterials and testing of coatings for resistance to infection.

University of Nevada, Reno, NV **1997-2000**
Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Dept.
Mackay School of Mines

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. Environmental microbiology, molecular microbial ecology, bioprocess and bioremediation engineering, biohydrometallurgy.

Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology, Inc. **1993-present.**
Glenwood Springs, CO

PRESIDENT. Environmental biotechnology consulting company.

University of Alaska Fairbanks **1993-1995**
School of Mineral Engineering

ADJUNCT RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. Environmental engineering. Research focused on methane-consuming bacteria and cyanide-degrading microbes.

University of Alaska Fairbanks **1989-1993**
Chemistry Dept. & Institute of Arctic Biology

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY. Joint appointment: Program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Institute of Arctic Biology. Genetics and biochemistry of micro-organisms that utilize one-carbon compounds for growth.

California Institute of Technology **1987-1989**
Dept. of Environmental Engineering Science

JUNIOR FACULTY / SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW. Genetics and biochemistry of methylotrophic bacteria. Methanol oxidation (MXA) genes in a freshwater methanotroph. Carbon utilization genes of a facultative methylotroph.

Northwestern University Medical School **1983-1987**
Dept. of Molecular Biology

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE II. Prokaryotic molecular biology and biochemistry of enteric bacteria. Regulation of pyridoxal phosphate biosynthesis in *Escherichia coli*.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW. Prokaryotic molecular biology. Organization and regulation of a complex operon containing the gene for a tRNA modification enzyme.

Johns Hopkins University
Department of Biology

PH.D. STUDENT. Biochemistry major. Thesis emphasis: Structure and function of skeletal muscle protein. M-line structure (CPK is a component of the M-line in rabbit striated muscle).

University of Washington
Department of Biochemistry

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOW. Dr. Edmond Fisher (Nobel laureate). Enzymes

involved in the concerted regulation of glycogen metabolism and muscle contraction. Glycogen phosphorylase b and glycogen debranching enzyme.

Weizmann Institute of Science

Department of Cell Biology

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOW. Dr. David Yaffe. Control of protein synthesis during the terminal differentiation of muscle cells. Myoglobin synthesis in the embryonic red muscle of chickens.

Johns Hopkins University

Department of Biophysics

M.S. STUDENT. Neurophysiology specialty. Development of neural connections in the optic tectum of amphibians.

Radiation Biology Laboratory

Smithsonian Institution

NSF RESEARCH ASSISTANT. 2 years. Regulation of the growth and development of higher plants by solar radiation. Chromosome aberrations in plants induced by UV radiation or gamma rays. Photomorphogenesis of *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Studies of the effects of red and far-red light on pollen tube elongation in *Tradescantia paludosa*.

CONSULTING PROJECTS

MINERAL VENTURES, LLC, Sparks, NV. 1993-present.

Evaluation of microbial processes for remediation of petroleum-contaminated soils.

Evaluation/optimization of a heavy metals recovery process at an acid mine drainage site.

Development of a dry placer technique for gold recovery.

MSE TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS, INC., Butte, MT. 1998-1999.

Cyanide Heap Biological Detoxification Demonstration (Mine Waste Technology Program).

U.S. FOREST SERVICE, WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, Glenwood Springs, CO.

Grant writing: Preservation, interpretation and maintenance of Camp Hale, former headquarters and training site of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army.

VALLEY VIEW HOSPITAL, Glenwood Springs, CO.

Grant writing: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) telecommunications, telemedicine, health education issues, indigent patient medical care, low-cost mammograms (w/ Komen Fdn.).

GARFIELD COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Glenwood Springs, CO.

Grant writing: EMS telecommunications.

SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION, Aspen, CO.
Grant writing: Low-cost mammograms for underserved women in the Roaring Fork Valley.

RYAN LODE MINES, Fairbanks, Alaska.
Gold mining company in Alaska using cyanidation technology for enhanced gold recovery.

PRITZKER INVESTMENTS, Chicago, Illinois.
Biotechnology company start-up, DNA sequencing via hybridization.

GOLDSTREAM MANUFACTURING, INC., Fairbanks, Alaska.
Design and manufacture of mining equipment that interfaces with biotechnology.

BIOTECH SERVICES, Anchorage, Alaska.
Bioremediation, especially of petroleum products.

QUILLER ENTERPRISES, Washington, D.C.
Publication of science-based novels.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES, Abbott, Illinois.
Utilization of methylotrophs to make radiolabeled chemicals.

TEACHING

ASSOCIATE ADJUNCT PROFESSOR *Univ. of California, Irvine*

CBEMS 102 Biology for Engineers (undergraduate)
CBEMS 202: Biology for Engineers (graduate)
CBEMS 199: Individual Tutorial (undergraduate)
CBEMS 299: Individual Tutorial (graduate)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR *Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks*

Chem 100: Chemistry in the Modern World (1991-92)
Chem 451: General Biochemistry (1989-91)
Chem 452: Biochemistry Laboratory (1990-91)
Chem 498: Research for Chemistry Undergraduates (1989-93)
Chem 668/692: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar (Spring/Fall 1989-91)
Chem 698: Research for Chemistry Graduate Students (1989-93)
Min 693: Cyanide in the Mining Industry (1993)

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW *California Institute of Technology*

Env/Bio 166: Microbial Physiology (grad level)
Env 208: Genetics of Unusual Bacteria (grad level)
Seminar: Bacterial Promoters (grad level)

GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR *Johns Hopkins University*

Department of Biology: Biochemistry Laboratory; Cell Biology Laboratory
Department of Biophysics: Graduate level intersession course covering cell culture techniques, human genetics, and cellular immunology.

STUDENTS

Univ. of California: Hai Lee, John Abdelnour, Anh Nguyen (undergrads), I.-Ti (Jessica) Li

Univ. of Alaska:

Graduate Advisor: Xiapeng Zheng, Ph.D. (Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering)
Richard Smith, Ph.D. (Biochem & Molec Biol)
Qi Li, Ph.D. (Biochem & Molec Biol)
Qiaofei Zheng, M.S. (Biochem & Molec Biol)
Ravonna Martin, M.S. (Biological Oceanography)
Undergrad Advisor: Tom Kurth (Pre-med)
Nora Norum (Pre-med)
James Wieggers (Pre-med)

Grad. Committee: Rebecca Reynolds, M.S. (Biochem & Molec Biol)
David Blevins, M.S. (Chemistry)
Frank Andel, M.S. (Chemistry)
Scott Herndon, M.S. (Chemistry)
Lisa Sporleder, M.S. (Mining Engineering)

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (1997-present)
- Reviewer for the Journal of Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (1997-present)
- Board of Directors, Aspen Science Outreach Center (1993-present).
- Nancy Davis Multiple Sclerosis Symposium, Aspen Valley Hospital, February, 1994.
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- Arctic Pollution Task Force (1993-95)
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- **Chancellor's Graduate University Fellowship Program Grant (\$88,000), 1991-95.**
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- **Chancellor's Scholarships for Third World Students Program Grant (\$7,800), 1991.**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 1985-present
- American Society for Microbiology, 1985-present
- NACE International, The Corrosion Society, 2001-present
- Phi Kappa Phi, 1992-present
- Sigma Xi, 1993-present

LION TRAILS MINERALS, INC., Redding, California. 1993-present.
Evaluation of microbial processes for remediation of petroleum-contaminated soils.
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American Society for Microbiology, 1985-present
NACE International, The Corrosion Society, 2001-present
Phi Kappa Phi, 1992-present
Sigma Xi, 1993-present

REFERENCES

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