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4. Invited Lectures

(40) CRISPR Medicine Summit, Boston, MA (Oct **2026**)
(39) Keystone Symposium on Integrative Structural Biology, Breckenridge, CO (Sept **2026**)
(38) 31st International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems, Davos, Switzerland (Aug **2026**)
(37) MIF Virtual Seminar Series, "Structure, Biology, & Disease of MIF Proteins," International MIF Consortium (Jul **2026**)
(36) The Protein Society Webinar Series, Translational Allostery: Cryptic Binding Pockets to Latent Networks (May **2026**)
(35) International CRISPR Congress, Yerevan, Armenia (Oct **2025**)
(34) Wichita State University, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Wichita, KS (Oct **2024**)
(33) University of Louisville, Dept. of Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics, Louisville, KY (Oct **2024**)
(32) 30th International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems, Seoul, South Korea (Aug **2024**)
(31) 8th International Conference on Nucleic Acids & CRISPR, London, UK (Jul **2024**)
(30) Iowa State University, Dept. of Chemistry, Ames, IA (Apr **2024**)
(29) 65th Experimental NMR Conference (ENC), Pacific Grove, CA (Apr **2024**)
(28) Yale University, Dept. of Chemistry, New Haven, CT (Mar **2024**)
(27) MIF Seminar Series, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Div. of Vascular Biology, Munich, Germany (Feb **2024**)
(26) University of Michigan, Center for RNA Biomedicine, Ann Arbor, MI (Nov **2023**)
(25) Rhode Island College, Dept. of Biology, Providence, RI (Nov **2023**)
(24) Gordon Research Conference on Computational Aspects of Biomolecular NMR, West Dover, VT (June **2023**)
(23) Brown University, Dept. of Chemistry, Providence, RI (Mar **2023**)
(22) Dartmouth College, Dept. of Chemistry, Hanover, NH (Dec **2022**)
(21) The Pennsylvania State University, Dept. of Chemistry, State College, PA (Nov **2022**)
(20) 29th International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems, Boston, MA (Aug **2022**)
(19) Providence VA Medical Center, Vascular Research Laboratory, Providence, RI (Feb **2022**)
(18) National Institute of Standards and Technology and University of Maryland, Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research, Rockville, MD (Nov **2021**)
(17) American Chemical Society National Meeting, Physical Chemistry Section, Atlanta, GA (Aug **2021**)
(16) International Council on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems Webinar Series (Aug **2021**)
(15) University of the Pacific, Dept. of Chemistry, Stockton, CA (Mar **2021**)
(14) Fairfield University, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Fairfield, CT (Feb **2021**)
(13) Providence VA Medical Center, Vascular Research Laboratory, Providence, RI (Dec **2020**)
(12) Brown University, Dept. of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, & Biochemistry, Providence, RI (Apr **2020**)
(11) 61st Experimental NMR Conference (ENC), Baltimore, MD (Mar **2020**)
(10) University of California, Riverside, Dept. of Bioengineering, Riverside, CA (Feb **2020**)
(9) Brown University, Dept. of Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology, & Biotechnology, Providence, RI (Feb **2019**)
(8) Brown University, Dept. of Chemistry, Providence, RI (Nov **2018**)
(7) 59th Experimental NMR Conference (ENC), Orlando, FL (Mar **2018**)
(6) University of Connecticut Health Center, Dept. of Molecular Biology & Biophysics, Farmington, CT (May **2017**)
(5) Fairfield University, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Fairfield, CT (Nov **2015**)
(4) Yale University, Dept. of Chemistry, New Haven, CT (May **2014**)
(3) Harvard Medical School, Dept. of Biological Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology, Boston, MA (Apr **2014**)
(2) University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Chemistry, Philadelphia, PA (Mar **2014**)
(1) Northeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, New Haven, CT (Nov **2013**)

5. Professional Activities

Grant & Peer Review

- NIH MRAB Study Section (*ad hoc*) 2026
- DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research Program (SCGSR) reviewer (*ad hoc*) 2026
- External grant reviewer, European Research Council 2026
- Book proposal reviewer, Cas9 Molecular Physics and Biochemistry (Vol. I & II), Springer Nature 2026

- External grant reviewer, Pennsylvania Dept. of Health 2026
- NSF BIO Review Panel 2026
- NIH MSFB Study Section (*ad hoc)* 2026
- External grant reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) 2025
- NSF BIO Review Panel 2025
- External grant reviewer, Grantova Agentura Ceske Republiky (Czech Science Foundation) 2024
- NIH MSFB Study Section (*ad hoc*) 2024
- External grant reviewer, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) 2023
- NIH MSFB Study Section (*ad hoc)* 2023
- NIH BBM Study Section *(ad hoc)* 2022
- NSF SBIR/STTR Review Panel 2021
- Reviewer for the following journals: 2018 - Present
  ACS Applied Biomaterials, ACS Catalysis, ACS Medicinal Chemistry Letters, ACS Physical Chemistry Au, Biochemistry, Biochemical Pharmacology, Biochemical Society Transactions, BioEssays, Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry, Biophysical Journal, Biotechnology Advances, Cell Genomics, Cellular Physiology & Biochemistry, Clinical & Translational Medicine, Current Opinion in Structural Biology, FEBS Letters, Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine, Frontiers in Drug Discovery, Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences, Immunobiology, Intl. Journal of Biomacromolecules, iScience, Journal of the American Chemical Society, Journal of Biomolecular NMR, Journal of Biological Chemistry, Journal of Chemical Information & Modeling, Journal of Chemical Physics, Journal of Immunotherapy of Cancer, Journal of Molecular Biology, Journal of Physical Chemistry, Journal of Structural Biology, Methods in Enzymology, Nature Chemical Biology, Nature Communications, Nucleic Acids Research, PNAS, Protein Science, Redox Biology, RNA Biology, Science Advances, STAR Protocols, Structure, The CRISPR Journal

Editorial

- Associate Editor, Structural Biology, *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences* 2025 - Present
- Guest Editor - *Journal of Structural Biology* 2024 - 2025
  Special collection on "Disorder, Dynamics, and Regulation of Proteins and Nucleic Acids"
- Associate Editor, Molecular Biophysics, *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences* 2023 - 2025
- Editorial Board, *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences* 2022 - Present
- Deputy Editorial Board, *Journal of Structural Biology* 2022 - Present
- Guest Editor - *Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences* 2020 - 2021
  Invited collection on "Structural and Dynamic Aspects of Protein Function and Allostery"

Scientific Community

- Visiting Fellow in Assessment, exam content reviewer for AP Environmental Science, College Board 2026
- Visiting Fellow in Assessment, exam content reviewer for AP Chemistry, College Board 2026
- Mentor, NSF Chemistry Early Career (CAREER) Investigator Workshop 2024
- New England Science Symposium Judge, Harvard Medical School 2021

Brown University

- Faculty Search Committee in Structural Biology 2026
- Director of Graduate Studies (MCBGP) 2025 - Present
- MCB Graduate Program Executive Committee 2023 - 2025
  - *ex officio*, 2025 - Present
- Proteomics Core Facility Advisory Board 2023 - Present
- Structural Biology Core Facilities Executive Committee 2022 - Present
- MCB Graduate Program Admission Committee 2019 - 2025
  - *ex officio*, 2026 - Present
  - Chair, 2024, 2025
  - Vice Chair, 2023
- Faculty Trainer, Graduate Program in Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry (MCB) 2018 - Present
- Faculty Trainer, Graduate Program in Therapeutic Sciences (TSGP) 2018 - Present
- Faculty Trainer, Graduate Program in Pathobiology 2018 - Present

Professional Societies

- Protein Society
- Biophysical Society
- American Chemical Society

6. Teaching

Primary Courses

- BIOL 0280 (Introductory Biochemistry)
  - Instructor Score: 4.43/5.00 Course Score: 4.40/5.00 (2026, 447 students)
  - Instructor Score: 4.64/5.00 Course Score: 4.40/5.00 (2025, 337 students)
  - Instructor Score: 4.43/5.00 Course Score: 3.75/5.00 (2023, 290 students)
  - Instructor Score: 4.47/5.00 Course Score: 3.91/5.00 (2022, 378 students, Course Leader)
  - Instructor Score: 4.34/5.00 Course Score: 4.11/5.00 (2021, 442 students)

- BIOL 1270/2270 (Advanced Biochemistry)
  - Instructor Score: 4.44/5.00 Course Score: 4.00/5.00 (2023, 12 students)
  - Instructor Score: 4.62/5.00 Course Score: 4.62/5.00 (2022, 18 students, Course Leader)
  - Instructor Score: 4.50/5.00 Course Score: 4.50/5.00 (2021, 25 students)
  - Instructor Score: 4.95/5.00 Course Score: 4.80/5.00 (2020, 23 students, Course Leader)
  - Instructor Score: 4.69/5.00 Course Score: 4.56/5.00 (2019, 31 students)

- BIOL 1950/1960 (Directed Research & Independent Studies for Undergraduates)

- BIOL 2010A (Introduction to Molecular Research in the Life Sciences)
  - Instructor Score: /5.00 Course Score: /5.00 (2026, ongoing)

- BIOL 2030 (Foundations for Advanced Study in the Life Sciences)
  - Instructor Score: /5.00 Course Score: /5.00 (2026, ongoing)
  - Instructor Score: 4.67/5.00 Course Score: 4.67/5.00 (2024, 9 students)

Guest Lectures

- BIOL 0100 (Living Biology) 2019
- BIOL 1100 (Cell Physiology & Biophysics) 2019 - 20, 2022 - 23, 2025
- BIOL 2010B (Introduction to Data Science in Molecular Biology) 2023, 2024
- RCR (Responsible Conduct of Research for Graduate Students) 2020, 2024, 2025

External Guest Lectures

- CHEM 041 (Biochemistry), Dartmouth College 2020, 2021
- CHEM 161 (Structure & Dynamics of Biomolecules), Dartmouth College 2025
- HLST 3900 (The Corona Pandemic, A Class & Conversation) 2020

Workshops

- "Building a Resilient Community," Self-advocacy & Assertiveness for Scientists, Providence, RI 2022, 2025
- "Entering Research at Yale" Workshop Series, New Haven, CT 2015 - 2018
- NMRBox, National Center for Biomolecular NMR Data Processing & Analysis, Farmington, CT 2017

7. Honors

- Early Career Research Achievement Award, Office of the President & Provost, Brown University 2026
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate & Postdoctoral Training in the Biological Sciences, Brown University 2026
- Innovator Award, CRISPR-QC 2022
- NSF CAREER Award 2021
- *Journal of the American Chemical Society* issue highlighting outstanding early career investigators 2021
- Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award 2021
- Arthur Dunham Holmes 1906 Memorial Graduate Fellowship, Dartmouth College 2013
- GAANN Graduate Fellowship, U.S. Dept. of Education 2010 - 2011
- Outstanding Senior Chemistry Major, Fairfield University 2009
- Distinguished Work in the Natural Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences, Fairfield University 2009
- Presidential Academic Scholarship, Fairfield University 2006 - 2009

8. Research Grants

Current

R21 AR087067
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, NIH

Mechanism of Allosteric Site Mutations of MIF in Systemic Juvenile Arthritis
09/01/26 – 08/31/28
Role: Co-PI
Amount: $399,491 (total) $199,745 (Lisi)

Thomas H. Maren Memorial Research Fund
Division of Biology & Medicine, Brown University
Integrated Experimental and Computational Structural Biology in Synthesis-constrained Discovery of Small Molecule Regulators of CRISPR-Cas9
07/01/26 – 06/30/27
Role: PI
Amount: $75,000

Seed Award
Giuliani RNA Center, Brown University
Cryo-electron Microscopy Studies of CRISPR-Cas9 in Complex with an Anti-CRISPR Protein
05/01/26 – 04/30/27
Role: Co-PI
Amount: $50,000

R01 GM144451
National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH
Unraveling the Allosteric Mechanism of Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor with Molecular Resolution
09/01/22 – 08/31/27
Role: PI
Amount: $1,578,915

MCB 2143760
National Science Foundation
CAREER: Molecular Resolution of Long-range Allostery in CRISPR-Cas9
01/01/22 – 12/31/26
Role: PI
Amount: $1,400,000

Completed

R01 HL163005
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH
Combining Targeted Demethylation with Noncoding RNA-mediated mRNA Stabilization as a Strategy for Therapeutic Arteriogenesis in the Aged
05/01/22 – 04/30/26
Role: Co-investigator
Amount: $2,000,000 (total) $499,935 (Lisi)

DBI 2233775
National Science Foundation
Helium Recovery Equipment: Securing Rhode Island and Southern New England NMR Structural Biology Infrastructure
09/15/22 – 08/31/25
Role: Co-PI
Amount: $322,300

R01 GM136815
National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH
Studies of Allostery between Multi-domain Proteins and Nucleic Acid Complexes
02/01/21 – 11/30/24
Role: Co-investigator
Amount: $1,292,688 (total) $430,896 (Lisi)

Project Lead, COBRE Center for the Computational Biology of Human Disease, Phase II
National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH – P20 GM109035
Mapping Long-range Allosteric Pathways in CRISPR-Cas9
09/01/21 – 08/31/26
Role: Project PI

Amount: $239,100

Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award
Office of the Vice President for Research, Brown University
Mapping the Molecular Determinants of Long-range Allostery and Specificity in CRISPR-Cas9
03/01/21 – 06/30/22
Role: PI
Amount: $15,000

Project Lead, COBRE Center for the Computational Biology of Human Disease, Phase I
National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH – P20 GM109035
Mapping Long-range Allosteric Pathways in CRISPR-Cas9
09/01/19 – 02/28/21
Role: Project PI
Amount: $437,396

Seed Award
Office of the Vice President for Research, Brown University
Redox-mediated Control of Protein Structure as a Potential Therapy for Inflammation
01/01/19 – 06/30/20
Role: PI
Amount: $30,000

Medical Research Grant
Rhode Island Foundation
Redox Control of Immunoregulatory Factors as Targeted Therapies for Inflammation
04/01/19 – 03/31/20
Role: PI
Amount: $25,000

Pilot Award, COBRE Center for the Computational Biology of Human Disease
National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH – P20 GM109035
Developing Experimental and Computational Synergy in Studies of Enzyme Allostery
01/01/19 – 12/31/19
Role: Project PI
Amount: $30,000

Pilot Award, Cardiopulmonary Vascular Biology COBRE
National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH – P20 GM103652
Redox Control of Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor Structure and Function
Role: Project PI
Amount: $50,000 (Award Declined)

9. Mentoring

Junior Faculty Mentoring

Jane Thibeault (Roger Williams University) – RI INBRE PUI Early Career Development Grant	2025 - Present

Ph.D. Theses Supervised

Max Root - MCB (BS San Diego State University, co-advised w/ Brenda Rubenstein)	2026 - Present
Praise Lasekan - MCB (BS University of Maryland, Baltimore County)	2026 - Present
Briana Mercado - MCB (BS University of Maryland)	2025 - Present
Isabel (Iz) Varghese - TSGP (BS Colby College, co-advised w/ Brenda Rubenstein)	2024 - Present
Camila Molina Roca - MCB (BS Bay Path University)	2023 - Present
Madeline Clark - MCB (BS Christopher Newport University)	2022 - Present
Alexa Knight - MCB (BS University of Washington, co-advised w/ Gerwald Jogl)	2023 - 2026
Vinnie Widjaja - MCB (BS San Diego State University)	2022 - 2026
Erin Skeens - MCB (BS Tufts University)	2021 - 2025
Jennifer Cui - MCB (BS Queen's University, MS McMaster University, Canada)	2020 - 2024
Helen Belato - TSGP (BS University of Connecticut)	2019 - 2023
Emily Chen - MCB (BS Brandeis University)	2019 - 2022

Ph.D. Thesis Committees

Stephany Pang - MCB (Karthi Chellapa, supervisor) - *committee chair*	2025 - 2026
Dominique Walker - TSGP (Christina Cuomo, supervisor) - *committee chair*	2024 - Present
Hanna Kodama - MCB (Gerwald Jogl & Martin Taylor, supervisors) - *committee chair*	2024 - Present
Renjith Viswanathan - TSGP (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor) - *committee chair*	2024 - 2025
Ryan Puterbaugh - TSGP (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor) - *committee chair*	2024 - 2026
Morgan Woodman - MCB (Kate Grive, supervisor)	2023 - Present
Gustavo Ramirez - Chemistry (Brenda Rubenstein, supervisor)	2023 - Present
Miguel Martinez Guzman - Chemistry (Megan Kizer, supervisor)	2023 - Present
Raphael Britt - MCB (Gerwald Jogl & John Sedivy, supervisors) - *committee chair*	2022 - 2026
Noah Wake - TSGP (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor)	2022 - 2025
Anna Bock - Biotechnology (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor)	2021 - 2025
Jose Mercado-Ortiz - TSGP (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor) - *committee chair*	2021 - 2024
Rachel Carley - TSGP (Alan Morrison, supervisor)	2021 - 2024
Alexandra D'Ordine - MCB (Gerwald Jogl & John Sedivy, supervisors)	2021 - 2022
Gerardo Reyes-Chavez - MCB (Gary Wessel, supervisor)	2020 - 2025
Selahaddin Gumus - Chemistry (Sarah Delaney, supervisor)	2020 - 2022
Anastasia Murthy - MCB (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor)	2019 - 2020
Veronica Ryan - Neuroscience (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor)	2019 - 2020

External Ph.D. Reader

Christopher Handelmann - State University of New York at Buffalo (Michael Buck, supervisor)	2025

Sc.M. Thesis Committees

Savannah Trychanh - Biotechnology (Arthur Salomon, supervisor)	2025
Victoria Johnson - Biotechnology (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor)	2025
Amber Chevannes - Biotechnology (Nicolas Fawzi, supervisor)	2019

Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised

Sirena D'Orazio (Biochemistry)	2026
Charlotte Dresser (Chemistry, Leallyn Clapp Prize for best thesis)	2026
Mariana Floody (Biochemistry)	2024
Yannie Lam (Biochemistry)	2023
Aditya Rao (Biochemistry)	2022
Jonathan Scalabrini (Biochemistry)	2022
Nadia Goldberg (Biochemistry)	2021

10. Full List of Trainees

Postdoctoral	**Years**	**Current Position**
Anna Bock	2025 - Present	
Manish Chaubey	2024 - 2026	
Helen Belato	2024	Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University
Emily Chen	2022 - 2023	Production Scientist, New England Biolabs
Kyle East	2019 - 2021	Senior Advisor, biomolecular NMR, Eli Lilly & Co.
Research Associates	**Years**	**Current Position**
Camila Molina	2022 (Summer)	Ph.D. Student, Brown University MCB
Vinnie Widjaja	2021 (Summer)	Ph.D. Student, Brown University MCB
Jennifer Cui	2019	Ph.D. Student, Brown University MCB
Erin Skeens	2018 - 2020	Ph.D. Student, Brown University MCB
Graduate Students	**Years**	**Current Position**
Max Root	2026 - Present	
Praise Lasekan	2026 - Present	
Briana Mercado	2025 - Present	
Isabel (Iz) Varghese	2024 - Present	
Camila Molina	2023 - Present	
Madeline Clark	2022 - Present	
Alexa Knight	Ph.D. 2026	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oxford, UK

Vinnie Widjaja	Ph.D. 2026	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina
Erin Skeens	Ph.D. 2025	
Jennifer Cui	Ph.D. 2024	
Helen Belato	Ph.D. 2023	Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University
Emily Chen	Ph.D. 2022	Production Scientist, New England Biolabs

Undergraduates	**Years**	**Current Position**
Tracy Chen	2026 - Present	
Reagan Crosthwaite	2026 - Present	
Christian Butera	2026 - Present	
Olivia Duarte	2025	
Anika Weling	2025 - Present	
Charlotte Dresser	2025 - 2026	Research Associate, MIT
Anna Steffen	2024 - 2025	Analyst, Clearview Healthcare Partners
Salman Aji	2024	
Sirena D'Orazio	2023 - 2026	Kuchnir Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery gap year program
Mariana Floody	2022 - 2024	Research Associate, Yale University
Yannie Lam	2022 - 2023	Ph.D. Program, biochemistry, Stanford University
Jeet Patel	2022 - 2023	M.D./Ph.D. Program, University of Florida
Adela Herce	2021 - 2022	Research Associate, Brigham & Women's Hospital
Aditya Rao	2021 - 2022	Georgetown University School of Medicine
Jon Scalabrini	2021 - 2022	M.D./Ph.D. Program, Columbia University
J.P. Moïse	2020 - 2021	West Virginia University Medical School
Nadia Goldberg	2019 - 2021	Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
Ji Yun (Estelle) Han	2019	Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Samuel Croes	2019 - 2021	Life sciences consultant, Acsel Health

Lab Rotation Students	**Years**	**Ph.D. Graduate Program**
Shira Strongin	2025	Therapeutic Sciences
Hanna Kodama	2024	Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry
Renjith Viswanathan	2023	Therapeutic Sciences
Carmelissa Norbrun	2021	Therapeutic Sciences
Mai Huynh	2021	Pathobiology
Yanitza Rodriguez	2020	Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry
Jennifer Dumouchel	2020	Therapeutic Sciences
Gerardo Reyes-Chavez	2020	Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry
Maureen Dowell	2019	Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry
Layra Cintron-Rivera	2018	Pathobiology
Carlos Toro	2018	Therapeutic Sciences

Visiting Students	**Years**	**Home Institution**	**Subsequent Position**
Isabelle O'Connor	2026 - Present	East Hampton HS, NY	
Natalie Osorio	2026	Stony Brook Univ., NY	
Anvit Divekar	2025 - 2026	Georgia Tech, GA	
Allison Gallagher	2019	Washington College, MD	Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy