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## EDUCATION

- 2019 **Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering**  
The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)  
Dissertation: "Remodeling of the mitral valve: an integrated approach for predicting long-term outcomes in disease and repair"  
Supervisor: Dr. Michael S. Sacks
- 2016 **M.S.E., Biomedical Engineering**, UT Austin
- 2014 **B.S. (with Highest Honor), Biomedical Engineering**  
Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)  
Minor: Chemistry

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2023–Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, LSU
- 02/2020–08/2023 **Postdoctoral Associate**, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University

## EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2018–2020 **American Heart Association (AHA) Predoctoral Fellowship**, \$53,600  
0.19% percentile rank (*top score out of 534 proposals*)
- 2015–2018 **National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship**, \$138,000

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 **Top Cited Article**, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering
- 2022 **Journal Cover Feature**, Annals of Biomedical Engineering
- 2021 **Journal Cover Feature**, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering
- 2020 **Top 10% Article**, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering
- 2019–2020 **Engineering Foundation Endowed Graduate Presidential Scholarship**, \$2,900
- 2019 **Top 20 Article**, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering
- 2019 **Journal Cover Feature**, Annals of Biomedical Engineering
- 2018 **Journal Cover Feature**, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering
- 2016–2019 **Professional Development Award (UT Austin Graduate School)**, \$830
- 2015–2019 **LeRoy H. Cole Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Engineering**, \$36,000
- 2015–2019 **Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement**, \$8,700
- 2014–2015 **Thomas Marschall Runge, M.D. Endowed Presidential Fellowship**, \$3,500
- 2014 **CRLA International Tutor Training Program Certification**, Level III – Certified Master Tutor
- 2013 **President's Undergraduate Research Award**, \$1,500
- 2010–2014 **Sidney Goldin Scholarship**, \$24,600
- 2010–2011 **George W. Woodruff Scholarship**, \$4,000
- 2010–2011 **ED Academic Competitiveness Grant**, \$750

## RESEARCH

### 08/2023–Present **Principal Investigator, Cardiovascular Engineering Lab, Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, LSU**

- Experimental investigation of cardiovascular function, diseases, and therapies
- Image-based computational modeling for prognosis and treatment planning
- Machine learning and data science for real-time biomechanical simulation

### 02/2020–08/2023 **Postdoctoral Associate, Continuum Biomechanics Lab (PI: Dr. Jay D. Humphrey), Department of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University**

- Developed a multiscale modeling framework for postnatal development and maturation of the thoracic aorta
- Investigated aortic function and remodeling in Marfan syndrome under normal and inhibited collagen cross-linking
- Developed machine learning models to predict progression of aortic dissections and causes of aortic aneurysms
- Implemented uncertainty quantification in network models of mechanotransduction and intracellular signaling
- Derived Bayesian methods to quantify uncertainties in image-based estimates of vessel mechanical properties, with applications to the study of abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAAs) with varying degree of intraluminal thrombus

### 08/2014–01/2020 **NSF Graduate Research Fellow & AHA Predoctoral Fellow, James T. Willerson Center for Cardiovascular Modeling and Simulation (PI: Dr. Michael S. Sacks), Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences, UT Austin**

- Developed predictive models of heart valve growth and remodeling that integrate tissue and cellular responses, with applications to both non-pathological (e.g., pregnancy) and pathological (e.g., infarction) perturbations
- Studied the effects of myocardial infarction on the *in vivo* geometry, structure, and deformation of the mitral valve
- Developed computational methods and clinical tools for real-time assessment of heart valve function
- Quantified structural and mechanical properties of heart valve tissues
- Formulated and validated structural constitutive models for heart valve leaflets

### 08/2013–12/2013 **Senior Design Project Leader, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Tech**

- Partnered with a local cardiothoracic surgeon to identify needs for medical device innovation in cardiac surgery
- Led a team of 4 students to design a novel dual-function Yankauer wand for use in coronary anastomosis surgery
- Presented a functional prototype of the device at the Georgia Tech Capstone Design Expo (runner-up for Best Biomedical Engineering Project)

### 01/2012–08/2013 **Undergraduate Research Assistant, Sulchek BioMEMS & Biomechanics Lab (PI: Dr. Todd A. Sulchek), Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience, Georgia Tech**

- Designed and manufactured a high-throughput microfluidic device to sort cell-like particles by size
- Led a project to characterize the thermal bonding properties of cast and extruded PMMA acrylic
- Mentored new lab members in laser cutting, engraving, and marking for the fabrication of microfluidic devices

### 01/2012–05/2012 **Member, Computational Structural Biology Team (PI: Dr. Stephen C. Harvey), Vertically Integrated Projects Program, Georgia Tech**

- Tested and compared the performance of various energy minimization algorithms for modeling van der Waals interactions between noble gas atoms and polyatomic molecules
- Developed web-based tutorials for simulating 3D biomolecular dynamics, to be used as instructional material in *BIOL 4105/7110: Macromolecular Modeling*

## TEACHING

### 01/2024–Present **Instructor, Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, LSU**

- Redesigned and taught *BE 2352: Quantitative Biology in Engineering* (Fall 2024) – Characterization of biological phenomena in engineering design; relationships among parameters using linear and nonlinear statistical expressions; case studies of engineering design solutions

- Designed and taught *BE 4910: Data Analysis and Modeling in Biological Engineering* (Spring 2024) – Overview of contemporary statistical analysis and mathematical modeling approaches, with a focus on applications in biological engineering research, analysis, and design

09/2022–11/2022 **Student, *An Introduction to Evidence-Based Undergraduate STEM Teaching, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL)***

- Explored key learning principles, such as the role of students' prior knowledge, mental models, and knowledge organization, as well as effective approaches for providing feedback and designing assessments
- Developed strategies for fostering inclusive classroom environments, with an emphasis on how to draw on diversity in the development of teaching plans and how inequities can negatively impact learning if not addressed
- Created an annotated active learning-based lesson plan for an undergraduate-level engineering course

01/2016–05/2016 **Student, *ME 397: Teaching Engineering, UT Austin***

- Led and participated in thorough discussions of STEM educational theory, trends in university-level engineering education, inductive and deductive learning, problem-based learning, and metacognition
- Developed active learning modules and implemented traditional and novel teaching methods in the classroom
- Practiced evidence-guided syllabus design for core engineering courses and technical electives

08/2013–05/2014 **One-to-One Tutor, Center for Academic Success, Georgia Tech**

- Tutored undergraduate students in 12 math, science, and engineering courses for 230 cumulative hours
- Completed 15 weeks of formal training in technical instruction and tutoring at the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning at Georgia Tech
- Gained sufficient training and hands-on experience to receive a Level III Master Tutor certification (highest available) from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA)

08/2013–12/2013 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Tech**

- Aided in the coordination of group projects in *BMED 3510: Biomedical Systems and Modeling*
- Led recitation sessions in MATLAB/Simulink modeling of physiological and biomedical systems
- Helped grade class assignments as well as compile supplementary lecture materials and problem solutions

## MENTORING & ADVISING

09/2023–Present **Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, LSU**

- Mentoring graduate and undergraduate research assistants in the Cardiovascular Engineering Lab
- Serving as a faculty advisor to help undergraduate students adjust their plan of study, establish their career path, and identify/utilize on-campus resources to ensure academic success
- Designed and developed a web-based [interactive tool](#) for students to plan their course of study and path to graduation within the Biological Engineering major
- (2024–2025) Serving as a faculty advisor for *BE 4390/4392: Senior Engineering Design* to guide students as they design, construct, and evaluate a novel device for mechanical testing of isolated muscle specimens
- (2023–2024) Served as a faculty advisor for *BE 4390/4392: Senior Engineering Design* to guide students as they design, construct, and evaluate a novel device for high-throughput sectioning of soybeans

07/2021–05/2022 **Department of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University**

- Mentored a first-year medical student (Yale School of Medicine) in segmentation of elastin fibers from Verhoeff-stained slides to find correlations between elastin microstructure and thoracic aortic aneurysm characteristics
- Mentored an undergraduate student whose Senior Project focused on quantitative assessment of collagen fibril structure in Marfan syndrome using transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images
- Supervised a visiting student in analysis of histological stains of human aortic tissues to quantify lamellar and interlamellar elastin content using machine learning, probabilistic segmentation, and interactive validation

01/2015–01/2020 **Willerson Center, Oden Institute, UT Austin**

- Mentored lab members in the experimental characterization of heart valve leaflet structure and properties, especially through biaxial tensile testing and small-angle light scattering (SALS)

- Served as a graduate mentor for the Moncrief Undergraduate Summer Internship Program (2018), and supervised a visiting student in medical image segmentation and patient-specific modeling of mitral valve repair
- Led a team of 5 undergraduate students to design, manufacture, and validate a biaxial mechanical testing device for the characterization of planar soft tissues

**Graduate Research Assistants, Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, LSU**

1. Hannah Bengtson (2024–Present)

**Undergraduate Research Assistants, College of Engineering, LSU**

2. Raymond Martin (2024–Present)
3. Maximilien Caffery (2024–Present)
4. Ashleigh Phillips (2024–Present)
5. Victoria Sartin (2024–Present)
6. Allyson Zylitz (2024–Present)
7. Ty Watson (2024)
8. Hobbs McAllister (2024)
9. Anna Claire Ricks-Boyd (2024)

**Senior Engineering Design Students, Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, LSU**

10. Maximilien Caffery (2024–2025)
11. Raymond Martin (2024–2025)
12. Hobbs McAllister (2024–2025)
13. Victoria Sartin (2024–2025)
14. Catherine Whitehead (2024–2025)
15. Madisson Boutte (1st place, AGCO National Student Design Competition, 2023–2024)
16. Eva Counts (1st place, AGCO National Student Design Competition, 2023–2024)
17. Oliver Deal (1st place, AGCO National Student Design Competition, 2023–2024)
18. Khai LeJeune (1st place, AGCO National Student Design Competition, 2023–2024)
19. Elizabeth Peters (1st place, AGCO National Student Design Competition, 2023–2024)
20. Mikayla Powell (1st place, AGCO National Student Design Competition, 2023–2024)

**Undergraduate Research Assistants, School of Engineering & Applied Science / School of Medicine, Yale University**

21. Matthew Windross (Senior Project, 2022)
22. Sophia Lovoulos (invited from Rutgers University, Vascular Biology and Therapeutics Program, 2021)

**Undergraduate Research Assistants, Willerson Center, Oden Institute, UT Austin**

23. Iris Chang (invited from Duke University, Moncrief Undergraduate Summer Internship Program, 2018)
24. Jessica Kim (2017–2018)
25. Ethan Kwan (2015–2018)
26. Michelle Lu (2015–2018)
27. Nivedha Ravi (2017)
28. Thomas Leahy (2016–2017)
29. Elizabeth Shih (2015–2017)
30. Steven LaBelle (2016)
31. Samuel Petter (2016)
32. Mitchell Katona (2015–2016)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Editor of the following special issues:

1. **Rego BV**, Khang A, Ravishankar P (editors). "Biomaterials and Biomechanics Studies in Tissue Engineering." Journal of Functional Biomaterials. 2025.
2. **Rego BV**, Cavinato C, Niestrawska JA, Bersi MR (editors). "Multiscale Characterization, Modeling, and Engineering of Cardiovascular Tissues." Frontiers in Mechanical Engineering. 2025.

### Reviewer for the following journals:

1. Acta Biomaterialia
2. Annals of Biomedical Engineering
3. Biomechanics and Modeling in Mechanobiology (BMMB)
4. Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering (CMAME)
5. Diagnostics
6. European Journal of Medical Research (EJMR)
7. Journal of Biomechanical Engineering (JBME)
8. Journal of Biomechanics
9. Journal of Clinical Medicine (JCM)
10. Journal of Functional Biomaterials (JFB)
11. Journal of Personalized Medicine (JPM)
12. Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE)
13. PLoS Computational Biology
14. PLoS One
15. Scientific Reports

### Reviewer for the following grant and fellowship programs:

- 2024 Donald W. Clayton Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship Supplement (\$45,000 per award)  
2024 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$159,000 per award)  
2022 Additional Ventures, Single Ventricle Research Fund (up to \$600,000 per award)

### Reviewer for the following conferences:

- 2024 Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference (SB<sup>3</sup>C, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin)  
2023 Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference – including the PhD Student Paper Competition (SB<sup>3</sup>C, Vail, Colorado)  
2022 Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual Meeting (San Antonio, Texas)  
2022 Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference (SB<sup>3</sup>C, Cambridge, Maryland)  
2021 Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference (SB<sup>3</sup>C, Virtual Conference)  
2019 15th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics (USNCCM, Austin, Texas)

### Member of the following committees:

- 2021–Present ASME-BED Solid Mechanics Technical Committee  
2020–Present IMAG Committee on Credible Practice of Modeling & Simulation ([CPMS](#)) in Healthcare

## DEPARTMENTAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

### Member of the following departmental committees:

- 2023–Present LSU Biological Engineering Graduate Committee  
2022–2023 Yale Biomedical Engineering Committee for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

**Member of the following dissertation committees:**

2023–Present Cheng “Jimmy” Lu (*as Dean’s Representative*), Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, LSU

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- 2024 Served as an advisor for a team of high school students competing in Science Olympiad.
- 2023 Served as a judge for the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair (middle school and high school levels, Engineering category).
- 2022 Participated in a BMES Diversity Committee special session to address inclusion in STEM for people with disabilities. Identified attitudinal and physical barriers faced by scientists with disabilities at different career stages, and discussed social, architectural, and technological solutions to ensure inclusivity.
- 2021 Participated in “The Promise of NHLBI Data Science Workshop” (NIH, virtual meeting). Addressed knowledge gaps in understanding and utilizing NHLBI health datasets (e.g., BioData Catalyst), and facilitated collaborations between domain experts and computer scientists, engineers, and statisticians.
- 2018, 2019 Volunteered at “Explore UT,” an annual event that aims to broaden the horizons of K-12 students in Texas and motivate them toward pursuing higher education after high school. Directed a lecture and Q&A session geared toward high school students about cardiovascular disease, treatment/prevention thereof, and emerging research in the field.
- 2017–2018 Served as a Life Sciences Industry Liaison in the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM, Austin Chapter).
- 2017 Volunteered at “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day” (UT Austin). Collaborated with Women in Biomedical Engineering (WBME) to enact an activity in which 4th-8th grade students iteratively designed, created, and tested their own prosthetic hand devices.
- 2016 Participated in and presented work at the 7th Summer School on Biomechanics of Soft Tissues: Multiscale Modeling, Simulation, and Applications (Graz, Austria).
- 2016 Developed and organized an educational activity to teach middle school students about RNA processing and protein synthesis. Activity was enacted at a “Hot Science – Cool Talks” outreach event at UT Austin.
- 2015 Served as a Graduate Student Recruitment Liaison for the Department of Biomedical Engineering at UT Austin. Introduced prospective graduate students to the program, university, and city. Organized and attended recruitment-related lab tours, poster sessions, faculty/student meetings, and a welcome dinner.
- 2012–2014 Tutored elementary and middle school children in low-income areas of Atlanta as part of a STEM education outreach program organized by The Tau Beta Pi Association.
- 2011–2013 Volunteered at MedShare (Atlanta, GA) to receive hospital and manufacturer donations of surplus medical supplies and equipment. Helped repair and repackage equipment as needed so that it could be redistributed to healthcare facilities in developing countries.

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

1. “Researchers develop computational model for heart valve.” February 15, 2019. [The Daily Texan](#).
2. “3D imaging technique enables customized care for mitral valve disease patients.” February 12, 2019. [Health Imaging](#).
3. “Researchers use modeling technique to give heart patients customized care.” February 7, 2019. [Becker’s Hospital Review](#).
4. “Patient-specific treatment for heart valve disease possible with new computational modeling technique.” February 1, 2019. [Weekly Wall](#).
5. “A new way to model the heart valve.” January 31, 2019. [Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry](#).
6. “Computational model of heart’s mitral valve to predict surgery outcomes.” January 31, 2019. [Medgadget](#).

7. "Computational model of the heart's mitral valve enables customized care for patients." January 30, 2019. [News Medical](#).
8. "New heart valve modeling technique enables customized medical care for patients." January 29, 2019. [UT News](#). [EurekaAlert](#). [ScienceDaily](#). [Primeur Magazine](#).
9. "UT ranked 12th in the nation for NSF fellowship recipients." April 21, 2015. [The Daily Texan](#).

## INVITED LECTURES & SEMINARS

1. "Predictive Multiscale Models of Cardiovascular Biomechanics and Mechanobiology." Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Rochester. Rochester, New York, March 20, 2023.
2. "Predictive Multiscale Models of Cardiovascular Biomechanics and Mechanobiology." Department of Biomedical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 16, 2023.
3. "Multiscale Modeling and Simulation of Cardiovascular Tissues for *In Vivo* Diagnostic and Prognostic Applications." Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 6, 2023.
4. "The Promise of Computational Biomechanics to Improve Therapies for Cardiovascular Disease." Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics, Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, Virginia, February 27, 2023.
5. "Predictive Multiscale Models of Cardiovascular Biomechanics and Mechanobiology." School of Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University. West Lafayette, Indiana, February 20, 2023.
6. "Remodeling of the Mitral Valve: An Integrated Approach for Predicting Long-term Outcomes in Disease and Repair." Department of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University. New Haven, CT, August 13, 2019.
7. "Computational Modeling of the Mitral Valve to Improve Surgical Repair Outcomes." Topic lecture on computational medicine for *ME 397: Clinical Cardiology*, taught by Dr. H. Kent Beasley. Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas, November 29, 2017.

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

1. American Heart Association (AHA)
2. AHA Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences
3. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Bioengineering Division (ASME-BED)
4. Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)
5. BMES Medical Devices Special Interest Group
6. Engineering World Health (EWH)
7. IMAG Committee on Credible Practice of Modeling & Simulation (CPMS) in Healthcare
8. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
9. SIAM Activity Group on Computational Science and Engineering
10. SIAM Activity Group on Life Sciences
11. The Tau Beta Pi Association (Engineering Honor Society)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Rego BV**, Murtada SI, Li G, Tellides G, Humphrey JD. "Multiscale insights into postnatal aortic development." [Biomechanics and Modeling in Mechanobiology](#). 2024 Apr 01;23(2):687-701.
2. Machaidze Z, D'Amore A, Freitas RCC, Joyce AJ, Bayoumi A, Rich K, Brown DW, Aikawa E, Wagner WR, **Rego BV**, Mayer JE. "Tissue formation and host remodeling of an elastomeric biodegradable scaffold in an ovine pulmonary leaflet replacement model." [Journal of Biomedical Materials Research Part A](#). 2024 Feb 01;112(2):276-287.
3. **Rego BV**, Weiss D, Humphrey JD. "A fast, robust method for quantitative assessment of collagen fibril architecture from transmission electron micrographs." [Microscopy and Microanalysis](#). 2023 Dec 01;29(6):2099-2107.

4. Weiss D, **Rego BV**, Cavinato C, Li DS, Kawamura Y, Emuna N, Humphrey JD. "Effects of age, sex, and extracellular matrix integrity on aortic dilatation and rupture in a mouse model of Marfan syndrome." Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology. 2023 Sep 01;43(9):e358-e372.
5. **Rego BV**, Khalighi AH, Gorman JH, Gorman RC, Sacks MS. "Simulation of mitral valve plasticity in response to myocardial infarction." Annals of Biomedical Engineering. 2023 Jan 01;51(1):71-87.
6. **Rego BV**, Khalighi AH, Lai EK, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Sacks MS. "In vivo assessment of mitral valve leaflet remodelling following myocardial infarction." Scientific Reports. 2022 Oct 26;12:18012.
7. Goswami S,\* Li DS,\* **Rego BV**, Latorre M, Humphrey JD, Karniadakis GE. "Neural operator learning of heterogeneous mechanobiological insults contributing to aortic aneurysms." Journal of the Royal Society Interface. 2022 Aug 31;19(193):20220410. \*These authors contributed equally.
8. McGregor GL, **Rego BV**, Diller KR. "Mathematical model for combined effects of temperature and pressure in causing soft tissue injury." Journal of Heat Transfer. 2022 Feb 14;144(3):031001.
9. Yin M, Ban E, **Rego BV**, Zhang E, Cavinato C, Humphrey JD, Karniadakis GE. "Simulating progressive intramural damage leading to aortic dissection using DeepONet: an operator–regression neural network." Journal of the Royal Society Interface. 2022 Feb 09;19(187):20210670.
10. **Rego BV**, Pouch AM, Gorman JH, Gorman RC, Sacks MS. "Patient-specific quantification of normal and bicuspid aortic valve leaflet deformations from clinically derived images." Annals of Biomedical Engineering. 2022 Jan 07;50(1):1-15.
11. Estrada AC, Irons L, **Rego BV**, Li G, Tellides G, Humphrey JD. "Roles of mTOR in thoracic aortopathy understood by complex intracellular signaling interactions." PLoS Computational Biology. 2021 Dec 13;17(12):e1009683.
12. Narang H, **Rego BV**, Khalighi AH, Aly A, Pouch AM, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Sacks MS. "Pre-surgical prediction of ischemic mitral regurgitation recurrence using in vivo mitral valve leaflet strains." Annals of Biomedical Engineering. 2021 Dec 01;49(12):3711-3723.
13. **Rego BV**, Weiss D, Bersi MR, Humphrey JD. "Uncertainty quantification in subject-specific estimation of local vessel mechanical properties." International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering. 2021 Oct 04;37(12):e3535.
14. Weiss D,\* Latorre M,\* **Rego BV**, Cavinato C, Tanski BJ, Berman AG, Goergen CJ, Humphrey JD. "Biomechanical consequences of compromised elastic fiber integrity and matrix cross-linking on abdominal aortic aneurysmal enlargement." Acta Biomaterialia. 2021 Jul 29;134:422-434. \*These authors contributed equally.
15. Castillero E, Howsmon DP, **Rego BV**, Keeney S, Driesbaugh KH, Kawashima T, Xue Y, Camillo C, George I, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Sacks MS, Levy RJ, Ferrari G. "Altered responsiveness to TGF $\beta$  and BMP and increased CD45+ cell presence in mitral valves are unique features of ischemic mitral regurgitation." Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology. 2021 Apr 08;41(6):2049-2062.
16. Howsmon DP,\* **Rego BV**,\* Castillero E, Ayoub S, Khalighi AH, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Ferrari G, Sacks MS. "Mitral valve leaflet response to ischaemic mitral regurgitation: from gene expression to tissue remodelling." Journal of the Royal Society Interface. 2020 May 06;17(166):20200098. \*These authors contributed equally.
17. Sacks MS, Drach A, Lee CH, Khalighi AH, **Rego BV**, Zhang W, Ayoub S, Yoganathan AP, Gorman RC, Gorman JH. "On the simulation of mitral valve function in health, disease, and treatment." Journal of Biomechanical Engineering. 2019 Jul 01;141(7):070804.
18. Khalighi AH, **Rego BV**, Drach A, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Sacks MS. "Development of a functionally equivalent model of the mitral valve chordae tendineae through topology optimization." Annals of Biomedical Engineering. 2019 Jan 15;47(1):60-74.
19. **Rego BV**, Khalighi AH, Drach A, Lai EK, Pouch AM, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Sacks MS. "A noninvasive method for the determination of in vivo mitral valve leaflet strains." International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering. 2018 Dec 04;34(12):e3142.
20. Sacks MS, Khalighi A, **Rego B**, Ayoub S, Drach A. "On the need for multi-scale geometric modelling of the mitral heart valve." Healthcare Technology Letters. 2017 Oct 25;4(5):150.



21. **Rego BV**, Sacks MS. "A functionally graded material model for the transmural stress distribution of the aortic valve leaflet." Journal of Biomechanics. 2017 Mar 21;54:88-95.
22. **Rego BV**, Wells SM, Lee CH, Sacks MS. "Mitral valve leaflet remodelling during pregnancy: insights into cell-mediated recovery of tissue homeostasis." Journal of the Royal Society Interface. 2016 Dec 07;13(125):20160709.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Khang A, Buchanan RM, Ayoub S, **Rego BV**, Lee CH, Sacks MS. "Biological mechanics of the heart valve interstitial cell." Advances in Heart Valve Biomechanics: Valvular Physiology, Mechanobiology, and Bioengineering. 2019 Mar 14:3-36.
2. **Rego BV**, Wells SM, Lee CH, Sacks MS. "Remodelling potential of the mitral heart valve leaflet." Advances in Heart Valve Biomechanics: Valvular Physiology, Mechanobiology, and Bioengineering. 2019 Mar 14:181-206.
3. Khalighi AH, **Rego BV**, Drach A, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Sacks MS. "Towards patient-specific mitral valve surgical simulations." Advances in Heart Valve Biomechanics: Valvular Physiology, Mechanobiology, and Bioengineering. 2019 Mar 14:471-487.
4. Khang A, Buchanan RM, Ayoub S, **Rego BV**, Lee CH, Ferrari G, Anseth KS, Sacks MS. "Mechanobiology of the heart valve interstitial cell: simulation, experiment, and discovery." Mechanobiology in Health and Disease. 2018 Aug 01:249-283.

## PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

1. Castillero E, Howsmon DP, **Rego BV**, Xue Y, Gorman RC, Sacks M, Levy R, Ferrari G. "Ischemic mitral regurgitation is associated with impaired transforming growth factor/bone morphogenic protein signaling and increased CD45+ cell presence in the mitral valve interstitial cell population." Circulation. 2020 Nov 12;142(sup3):A15013.
2. Narang H, **Rego B**, Khalighi A, Aly A, Pouch A, Gorman R, Gorman JH, Sacks M. "Patient-specific analysis of pre-surgical leaflet deformations to predict outcomes of surgical repair for ischemic mitral regurgitation." Circulation. 2020 Nov 12;142(sup3):A17158.
3. Sacks M, **Rego B**, Howsmon D, Wells S. "What is the remodeling potential of the native heart valve?" Structural Heart. 2020 Feb 13;4(sup1):45.
4. Castillero E, Howsmon DP, **Rego BV**, Xue Y, Gorman RC, Sacks MS, Levy RJ, Ferrari G. "Transforming growth factor- $\beta$  pathway gene expression changes in an ovine model of ischemic mitral regurgitation." Circulation. 2019 Nov 11;140(sup1):A13800.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Sartin V, Caffery M, Phillips A, McAllister H, Ricks-Boyd AC, **Rego B**. "A Cost-Effective Biaxial Mechanical Testing System for Vascular Specimens" [Podium Presentation]. 40th Annual Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference (SBEC). Shreveport, Louisiana, September 13-15, 2024.
2. Manchel A, Lytton WW, Myers JG, Erdemir A, Horner M, **Rego BV**, Mulugeta L, Ku JP, Vadigepalli R. "A Rubric for Assessing Conformance to the Ten Rules for Credible Practice of Modeling and Simulation in Healthcare" [Podium Presentation]. Virtual Physiological Human (VPH) Conference. Stuttgart, Germany, September 4-6, 2024.
3. Manchel A, Jung J, Myers J, Lytton W, Drach A, Erdemir A, Mulugeta L, Horner M, Ku J, **Rego B**, Khalighi A, Garlid A, Bui A, Vadigepalli R. "An Evaluation Tool to Provide Guidance for Establishing Consistent, Credible Modeling and Simulation Practices in Neurobiology" [Poster]. 32nd Annual Computational Neuroscience (CNS) Meeting. Leipzig, Germany, July 15-19, 2023.
4. **Rego BV**, Murtada SI, Li G, Tellides G, Humphrey JD. "Toward a Biomechanical Model of Aortic Development" [Podium Presentation]. Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference (SB<sup>3</sup>C). Vail, Colorado, June 4-8, 2023.

5. Weiss D, **Rego B**, Cavinato C, Li D, Humphrey J. "Compensatory Aortic Remodeling in Marfan Syndrome Protects Against Sexually Dimorphic Rupture During a BAPN Challenge" [Podium Presentation]. Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas, October 12-15, 2022.
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7. McGregor G, **Rego B**, Diller K. "Mathematical Injury for Combined Effects of Heat Transfer and Pressure in Causing Soft Tissue Injury" [Poster]. Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference (SB<sup>3</sup>C). Cambridge, Maryland, June 20-23, 2022.
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