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EDUCATION

2003	PhD, Chemistry	Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
1998	B.S., Chemistry, Polymer Science concentration	Peking University, Beijing, P.R. China

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

William W. Tison Distinguished Professor	2023- present
Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	
Professor	2018- 2022
Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	
Associate Professor	2013- 2018
Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	
Assistant Professor	2007- 2013
Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	
Research Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry	2005-2007
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM	
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Chemistry	2003-2005
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	Editorial advisory board member for <i>Biomacromolecules</i>
2016	LSU Mid-Career Scholar Rainmaker Award
2013	Phi Kappa Phi Non-Tenured Faculty Award
2012	LSU College of Basic Sciences Faculty Research Award
2012	Travel Grant for Emerging Faculty (co-sponsored by the Louisiana Board of Regents and National Science Foundation)
2010	National Science Foundation CAREER Award
2009	Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award
2008	Grant Recipient for LSU Council on Research Summer Stipend

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2000 – Present	Member of the American Chemical Society (ACS)
2007– Present	Member, Iota Sigma Pi Chlorine Chapter, National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry
2008– Present	Member of Chinese-American Chemistry & Chemical Biology Professor Association (CAPA)
2010– Present	Board member of Applied Polymer Technology Extension Consortium (APTEC)

EDITORIAL COMMITTEES

2015– 2020 Editorial board member for *Scientific Reports*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 – 2025 LSU Academy of Scholars as Leaders

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS (from independent research at LSU as PI)

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1. Siefker, D.; Zhang, D.* Ring-Opening Polymerization of *N*-Carboxyanhydrides using Organic Initiators or Catalysts. *Organic Catalysis for Polymerization*. Ed. Andrew Dove, Haritz Sardon and Stefan Naumann **2019**, Chapter 9, 367-405. -Invited contribution.
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3. Guo, L.; Zhang, D.* Synthesis and Characterization of Helix-Coil Block Copoly(α -peptoid)s. *ACS Symposium Series on Non-conventional Functional Block Copolymers*. **2011**, Ch. 6, 71-79. -Invited contribution.

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2. Gordon, K.; Ogbonna, N.; Usie, G.; Wei, Z.; Owoso, S. D.; Zhang, D.; Lawrence, J.; Wang, Y.; Fei, L.* Microstructure Control of Polymer Films via Air-Assisted Electrospray for Binderless Electrode. *ACS Appl. Polym. Mater.* **2025**, 7, 10879-10888.
3. Barrett, B. N.; AziziHariri, P.; John, V. T.; Zhang, D.* Modulating the Aqueous Micellar Reorganization of Sequence-Defined Ionic Peptoid Block Copolymers by Ionizable Monomer Position and Solution pH. *Macromolecules* **2025**, 58, 1851-1858.
4. Jiang, N.*; Yu, T.; Zhang, M.; Barrett, B. N.; Sun, H.; Wang, J.; Luo, Y.; Sternhagen, G. L.; Xuan, S.; Yuan, G.; Kelley, E.; Qian, S.; Bonnesen, P.; Hong, K.; Li, D.; Zhang, D.* Effect of Micellar Morphology on the Temperature-Induced Structural Evolution of ABC Polypeptoid Triblock Terpolymers into Two-Compartment Hydrogel Network. *Macromolecules* **2024**, 57, 6449-6464.
5. An, Y.*; Gao, T.; Wang, T.; Zhang, D.; Bharti, B.; Effects of Charge Asymmetry on the Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation of Polyampholytes and their Condensate Properties. *Soft Matter* **2024**, 20, 6150.
6. Zhang, M.; Liu, Y.; Zuo X.; Qian, S.; Pingali, S. V.; Gillilan, R. E.; Huang, Q.; Zhang, D.* pH-Dependent Solution Micellar Structure of Amphoteric Polypeptoid Block Copolymers with Positionally Controlled Ionizable Sites. *Biomacromolecules* **2023**, 24, 3700-3715.
7. Barrett, B. N.; Tung, C.-H.; Huang, G. -R.; Hossain, I.; Do, C. -W.; John, V. T.; Chen, W. -R.*; Zhang, D.* Modulating Water Distribution and the Intra-micellar Assembly of Sequence-Defined Ionic Peptoid Block Copolymers by Ionic Monomer Position. *Macromolecules* **2023**, 56, 5306–5313.

8. Huberty, W.* Cueto, R. Zhang, D. Russo, P. S. Solution Characterization of PEG-L, a Water-Soluble, Non-Ionic, Helical Polypeptide. *Macromolecules* **2023**, 56, 3517-3526.
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10. Al Harraq, A.; Brahana, P.; Arcemont, O.; Zhang, D.; Valsaraj, K.; Bharti, B.* Effects of Weathering on Microplastic Dispersibility and Pollutant Uptake Capacity. *ACS Environ. Au* **2022**, 2, 549-555.
11. Wang, Q.; Kang, L.; Xu, X.; Zhang, M.; Chao, A.; Chen, J.; Han, Z.; Yu, H.; Li, R.; Zhao, Y.; Zhang, D.*; Jiang, N.* Multiscale Crystalline Structure of Confined Polypeptoid Films: The Effect of Alkyl Side Chain Branching. *ACS Macro Lett.* **2022**, 11, 1060-1066.
12. Tsai, E. H.; Gallage, H. K.; Tong, X.; Du, P.; Novak, B. R.; David, R.; Rick, S. W.; Zhang, D.; Kumar, R.* Unraveling the Role of Charge Patterning in the Micellar Structure of Sequence-Defined Amphiphilic Peptoid Oligomers by Molecular Dynamics Simulations. *Macromolecules* **2022**, 55, 5197-5212.
13. Siefker, D.; Chan, B. A.; Nho, J. -W.; Zhang, M.; Zhang, D.* 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine-Mediated Zwitterionic Ring-Opening Polymerization of Sarcosine-Derived *N*-Thiocarboxyanhydride (NTA) towards Well-defined Polysarcosine. *Macromolecules* **2022**, 55, 2509-2516.
14. Jiang, N.*; Zhang, D.* Solution Self-Assembly of Coil-Crystalline Diblock Copolypeptoids Bearing Alkyl Side Chains. *Polymers* **2021**, 13, 3131.
15. Kang, L.; Chao, A.; Zhang, M.; Yu, T.; Wang, J.; Yu, H.; Jiang, N.*; Zhang, D.* Modulating the Molecular Geometry and Solution Self-Assembly of Amphiphilic Polypeptoid Block Copolymers by Side Chain Branching Pattern. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, 143, 5890-5902.
16. Barrett, B. N.; Sternhagen, G. L.; Zhang, D.* Controlled Ring-Opening Polymerization of *N*-(3-*tert*-Butoxy-3-oxopropyl) Glycine Derived *N*-Carboxyanhydrides towards Well-defined Peptoid-based Polyacids. *Polym. Chem.* **2021**, 12, 1540-1548.
17. Omarova, M.; Zhang, Y.; Mkam Tsengam, I. K.; He, J.; Yu, T.; Zhang, D.*; John, V.* Hydrophobe Containing Polypeptoids Complex with Lipids and Induce Fusogenesis of Lipid Vesicles. *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2021**, 125, 3145-3152.
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20. Farinmade, A.; Ojo, O. F.; Trout, J.; He, J.; John, V.*; Blake, D. A.; Lvov, Y. M.; Zhang, D.; Nguyen, D.; Bose, A. Targeted and Stimulus-Responsive Delivery of Surfactant to the Oil-Water Interface for Applications in Oil Spill Remediation. *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* **2020**, 12, 1840-1849.
21. Jiang, N.*; Yu, T.; Darvish, O. A.; Qian, S.; Mkam-Tsengam, I. K.; John, V.; Zhang, D.* Crystallization-Driven Self-Assembly of Coil-Comb Shaped Polypeptoid Block Copolymers: Solution Morphology and Self-Assembly Pathways. *Macromolecules* **2019**, 52, 8867-8877. -Featured on [*ORNL website*](#)
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- towards the Development of Smart Coatings for Surface-Based Sensors. *ACS Appl. Nano Mater.* **2019**, 12, 7617-7625.
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27. Siefker, D.; Williams, A. Z.; Stanley, G. G.; Zhang, D.* Organic Acid Promoted Controlled Ring-Opening Polymerization of α -Amino Acid-Derived *N*-thiocarboxyanhydrides (NTAs) towards Well-defined Polypeptides. *ACS Macro Lett.* **2018**, 7, 1272-1277.
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32. Cao, J.; Siefker, D.; Chan, B. A.; Yu, T.; Lu, L.; Saputra, M.; Fronczek, F.; Xie, W. and Zhang, D.* Interfacial Ring-Opening Polymerization of Amino-Acid-Derived *N*-Thiocarboxyanhydrides towards Well-defined Polypeptides. *ACS Macro Lett.* **2017**, 6, 836-840.
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- Liposomes into Multilamellar Structures with Closely Spaced Bilayers. *Langmuir* **2017**, 33, 2780-2789.
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44. Lu, L.; Lahasky, S. H.; Zhang, D.; Garno, J. C.* Directed Growth of Polymer Nanorods using Surface-Initiated Ring-Opening Polymerization of *N*-Allyl *N*-Carboxyanhydride. *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* **2016**, 8, 4014-4022.
45. Lu, L.; Xu, S.; Zhang, D.; Garno, J. C. * Sample Stage Designed for Force Modulation Microscopy Using a Tip-mounted AFM Scanner. *Analyst* **2016**, 141, 1753-1760.
46. Huberty, W.; Tong, X.; Balamurugan, S.; Deville, K.; Russo, P. S.*; Zhang, D. "Colorful Polyelectrolytes: an Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization Route to Fluorescent Polystyrene Sulfonate." *J. Fluoresc.* **2016**, 26, 609-615.
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53. Tang, H.*; Zhang, D.* Solid State Self-Assembly of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes and Poly(γ -benzyl-L-glutamate)s with Different Conformations. *J. Polym. Sci. A Polym. Chem.* **2013**, *51*, 4489-4497. - *Cover feature*
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6. Zhang, D.; Hillmyer, M. A.; Tolman, W. B. “Polymer Synthesis from Macrocycles.” US-2007-0083019-A1.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (from independent research at LSU as PI)

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2. A Journey into the World of Peptoid Polymers: Synthesis, Self-Assembly and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Nicholl State University, Thibodaux, LA (10/2024).

3. Investigating Chain Collapse and Compaction in Polypeptoid Copolymers: Implications for the FoldCat Hypothesis. *Biophysical Origin of Life from the Peptide/RNA Perspective Workshop*, Stony Brook, NY (10/2024).
4. Directing Aqueous Peptoid Micellar Assembly by Charge Patterns. *12th Peptoid Summit*, Berkeley, CA (08/2024).
5. Covalent Adaptable Networks Comprised of Dynamic Carbon-Nitrogen Bonds. Adaptive Materials from Dynamic Polymer Networks and Composites Symposium. *American Chemical Society National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (03/2024).
6. Solution and Interfacial Assembly of Comb-Shaped Polypeptoid Block or Random Copolymers. Polymers That Are Non-Linear Symposium. *American Chemical Society National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (03/2024).
7. Customizing Ionic Sequence-Defined Peptoid Micelles by Charge Patterns. Advances in Polymer Materials for Biotechnology symposium. *American Chemical Society National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (03/2024).
8. Understanding the Roles of Charge Patterns in Aqueous Peptoid Polymer Assemblies. 9th International Conference on Bio-inspiration and Biobased Approach (N.I.C.E Conference), Nice, France (12/2023).
9. Using the Charge Patterning to Modulate the Solution Self-assembly and Structure of Sequence-Defined Peptoid Polymers. Biorelated Polymers in honor of Dr. Ray Ottenbrite. *American Chemical Society National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA (08/2023).
10. Understanding the Role of Charge Pattern in Solution Assemblies of Amphiphilic Peptoid Block Copolymers with Controlled Ionization Site. 1st International Symposium of Precision Polymer Chemistry for Functional Materials (11/2022). – *virtual meeting* – *Keynote Speaker*
11. Polypeptoid Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. *14th International Symposium on Ionic Polymerization (IP'22)*, Ghent, Belgium (09/2022). – *Keynote Speaker*
12. Understanding and Controlling the Solution Aggregation of Polypeptoid Block Copolymers. *2022 American Conference of Neutron Scattering*, Boulder, CO (06/2022).
13. Understanding the Roles of Charge Patterning on the Solution Structure of Sequence-defined Amphiphilic Peptoid Oligomers. Oak Ridge National Laboratory Neutron Advisory Board Meeting (09/2021). – *virtual meeting*
14. A Journey into the World of Peptoid Polymers: Synthesis, Self-Assembly and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois (04/2021). – *virtual seminar*
15. Solution Self-Assembly of Polypeptoid Block Copolymers into 1D, 2D and 3D Nanostructures. *Online Peptoid Symposia 2020/21* (12/2020). – *virtual symposium*
16. A Journey into the World of Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry and Physics, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas (11/2020). – *virtual seminar*
17. Synthesis and Solution Self-Assembly of Sequence-Defined Ionic Peptoid Block Copolymers. *The 16th Pacific Polymer Conference*, Singapore (12/2019).
18. Fundamental Studies and Biomaterials Application of Peptoid Polymers. Polymeric Materials for Next Generation Sensing, Diagnostics and Therapy Symposium, *The 71st Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Savannah, GA (10/2019). – *Plenary Speaker*

19. Sequence-Defined Biomimetic Polymers with Programmable Secondary Interactions and Conformation. *Intrinsically Disordered Protein Regions in the Context of Polymer Physics Workshop*, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (09/2019).
20. Investigating the Role of Sequence-Defined Charges on the Solution Self-Assemblies of Discrete Amphiphilic Peptoid Oligomers. 2019 Biomacromolecules/Macromolecules Young Investigator Award Symposium. *American Chemical Society 258th National Meeting*, San Diego, CA (08/2019).
21. Enhanced Thermal Stability of Cyclic Polypeptoid Thin Films: The Role of Interfacially Adsorbed Chains. Unique and Complex Polymer Architectures Symposium. *American Chemical Society 258th National Meeting*, San Diego, CA (08/2019).
22. Moisture-Tolerant and Operationally Simple Synthesis of Polypeptides by Ring-Opening Polymerization of α -Amino Acid Derived *N*-Thiocarboxyanhydrides. Design, Synthesis and Engineering of Polypeptides for Biological and Biomedical Applications Symposium. *American Chemical Society 258th National Meeting*, San Diego, CA (08/2019).
23. Investigating the Effect of Sequence-Encoded Charges on the Solution Self-Assembly of Ionic Peptoid Diblock Oligomers, *GPC 2019: The Polymer and Biomacromolecular Applications and Characterization Conference*, New Orleans, LA (07/2019)
24. Investigating the Effect of Charge-Charge Interaction on the Solution Self-assembly of Sequence-defined Ionic Peptoid Block Copolymers. *2019 Neutron Scattering Users Meeting at Oak Ridge National Laboratory*, Oak Ridge, TN (06/2019).
25. A Journey into the World of Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Applications. *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, Netherlands (05/2019).
26. Investigating the Effect of Charge-Charge Interaction on the Solution Self-assembly of Sequence-defined Ionic Peptoid Block Copolymers. Poly(2-oxazoline)s and Polypeptoids Symposium. *American Chemical Society 257th National Meeting*, Orlando, FL (03/2019).
27. A Journey into the World of Peptoid Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Applications. Institutes for Complex Molecular Systems (ICMS), *Eindhoven University of Technology*, Eindhoven, Netherlands (02/2019).
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29. A Journey into the World of Peptidomimetic Polymers: Twists, Turns and Discovery. Department of Chemistry, *Mississippi State University* (03/2018).
30. Peptidomimetic Polymers: New Chemistry and Functional Materials. Department of Chemistry, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (11/2017)
31. Investigating the Dynamic Imine and Aminal Bond Exchange towards Covalent Adaptable Networks. Dynamic Bonding in Polymers Symposium. *American Chemical Society 254th National Meeting*, Washington DC (8/2017)
32. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Development of New Chemistry and Functional Materials. Synthesis, Self-assembly, and Applications of Peptides and Polypeptides Symposium. *American Chemical Society 254th National Meeting*, Washington DC (8/2017).
33. Efficient Synthesis of Linear and Cyclic Polypeptoids by Controlled Ring-Opening Polymerization Methods. *10th Peptoid Summit*, Molecular Foundry, Berkeley, CA (8/2017).
34. A Journey into the World of Peptidomimetic Polymers: Twist and Turns and Discovery. Chem-Connect Colloquium, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX (04/2017)
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37. Polypeptoid Polymers: Development of New Chemistry and Functional Materials. Functional Polymers: From Synthesis to Applications Symposium. 72nd *Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Galveston, TX (11/2016).
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40. Polypeptoid Polymers: Recent Discoveries in the Development of Functional Peptidomimetic Polymers. Synthetic Biopolymer Symposium. *Pacificchem International Chemical Congress*, Honolulu, HI (12/2015).
41. Cyclic Polypeptoids: Recent Discoveries in the Synthesis, Characterization and Solution Self-Assembly. Cyclic and Topological Polymer Symposium. *Pacificchem International Chemical Congress*, Honolulu, HI (12/2015).
42. Poly(α -amino acid)-Derived Biopolymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Properties. Environment: Sustainable Systems and Renewable Resources Symposium. *Pacific Polymer Conference 14*, Kauai, HI (12/2015).
43. Polypeptoid Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Properties. Polymer Synthetic Chemistry Symposium. *Pacific Polymer Conference 14*, Kauai, HI (12/2015).
44. Design, Synthesis and Characterization of Peptidomimetic Polymers towards Biomedical Applications. ORNL CNMS User Meeting, Oak Ridge, TN (9/2015).
45. Synthesis and Characterization of Polypeptoid Thermogels towards Tissue Engineering Applications. *Gordon Research Conference*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (6/2015). - Discussion Leader
46. Functional Polymeric Gels: Fundamentals and Opportunities for Applications. Future and Current Use of Neutron Spin-Echo Spectroscopy in Condensed Matter Research Workshop, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (5/2015)
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48. A Journey into the World of Peptidomimetic Polymers: Twist and Turns and Discovery. Department of Chemistry, *University of Southern Mississippi* (03/2015).
49. Design, Synthesis and Thermo-reversible Gelation of Crystalline Polypeptoid Block Copolymers. Functional Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization, and Applications Symposium, 70th *Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Dallas, TX (11/2014).
50. Polypeptoids: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. The 2nd International Symposium on Polymer Ecomaterials, Kunming, PR China (8/2014)
51. Synthesis and Characterization of Thermo-reversible Polypeptoid Gels. Poly(2-oxazoline)s and Polypeptoids Symposium. *American Chemical Society 248th National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA (8/2014).
52. Polypeptoid Materials: Synthesis, Characterization and Self-Assembly, College of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, *SooChow University*, Suzhou, PR China (6/2014).

53. High Molecular Weight Peptoid Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Peptide and Peptidomimetic Probes Symposium. *97th Canadian Chemistry Conference*, Vancouver, Canada (6/2014).
54. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Design, Synthesis and Characterization. *Gordon Research Conference*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (6/2013).
55. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Polypeptide, Polypeptoid and Beyond. Department of Chemistry, *Mississippi State University* (4/2013).
56. Synthesis and Solution Properties of Thermo-responsive Polypeptoids. ACS PMSE Division and the Chinese Chemical Sciences Polymer Division (CCS PD) Joint Symposium, Hattiesburg, MS (4/2013).
57. Synthesis and Solution Properties of Cyclic and Linear Thermo-responsive Polypeptoids. Cyclic and Multicyclic Polymers Symposium. *American Chemical Society 245th National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (4/2013).
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65. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Polypeptide, Polypeptoid and Beyond. Contemporary Organic Materials Symposium. *Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Baltimore, MD (6/2012).
66. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Polypeptide, Polypeptoid and Beyond. School of Polymers and High Performance Materials, *University of Southern Mississippi* (4/2012).
67. Glycosylated Polypeptides and Polypeptoids: Synthesis and Solution Properties. Glycopeptide Polymers Symposium. *American Chemical Society 243rd National Meeting*, San Diego, CA (3/2012).
68. Synthesis and Properties of Polypeptoid Materials. Poly(2-oxazoline)s and Related Pseudo-Polypeptide Structures Symposium. *American Chemical Society 243rd National Meeting*, San Diego, CA (3/2012).
69. Polypeptoids: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, *University of Cincinnati* (2/2012).
70. Polypeptoids: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, *University of Notre Dame* (2/2012).
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75. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Polypeptide, Polypeptoid and Beyond. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, *Drexel University* (11/2011).
76. Polypeptoid-based Materials: Synthesis, Structures and Functions. Supramolecular and Dynamic-Covalent Materials Symposium, *67th Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Austin, TX (11/2011).
77. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* (9/2011).
78. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Materials Design and Catalysis Development. Department of Chemistry and Polymer Sciences, *Stellenbosch University*, South Africa (8/2011).
79. Zwitterionic Polymerizations towards Cyclic Poly(α -peptoid)s and their Block Copolymers. *International Symposium on Ionic Polymerization*, *Rising Star* special session, IP'11, Akron, OH (7/2011).
80. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, IPRIME Seminar Series, *University of Minnesota* (4/2011).
81. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Polypeptide, Polypeptoid and Beyond. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, *University of Delaware* (2/2011).
82. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, *Washington & Jefferson College*, Washington, PA (2/2011).
83. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Institute of Chemistry, *Chinese Academy of Science*, Beijing, PR China (1/2011).
84. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Polymer Science and Engineering, *Peking University*, Beijing, PR China (1/2011).
85. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, *Tsinghua University*, Beijing, PR China (1/2011).
86. Peptidomimetic Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, *Beijing Normal University*, Beijing, PR China (12/2010).
87. Zwitterionic Polymerizations towards Poly(α -peptoid)s with Diverse Structures. Studies of Diverse Polymer Architecture: Dendrimers, Cyclic Polymers and Other Complex Macromolecular Structures Symposium, *Joint 66th Southwest Regional Meeting*, *62nd Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, New Orleans, LA (12/2010).
88. Polymerization Catalysis towards Cyclic Poly(α -peptoid)s. New Catalysis for Polymer Synthesis Symposium. *American Chemical Society 240th National Meeting*, Boston, MA (8/2010).
89. Organocatalysis towards Cyclic poly(α -peptoid)s. *7th Peptoid Summit*, Molecular Foundry, Berkeley, CA (8/2010).
90. Cyclic Polypeptoids: Synthesis, Characterization and their Materials Properties. Department of Mechanical Engineering, *Louisiana State University*, Baton Rouge, LA (4/2010).

91. Catalytic Routes towards Cyclic Poly(α -peptoid)s and their Block Copolymers. Department of Chemistry & Physics, *Southeastern Louisiana University*, Hammond, LA (9/2009).
92. Catalytic Routes towards Well-defined Poly(α -peptoid)s. *American Southwest Catalysis Conference*, Houston, TX (4/2009).
93. Biorenewable Polyesters: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. Department of Chemistry, *Western Kentucky University*, Bowling Green, KY (2/2008).

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS (from independent research at LSU as PI)

1. Synthesis and Solution Self-Assembly of Polypeptoid Block Copolymers into 1D, 2D and 3D Nanostructures. The Beauty of Polymers with Increasingly Complex Architectures Symposium, *ACS Southwest Regional Meeting*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (11/2022)
2. Understanding the Roles of *N*-substituents in the Solution Aggregation of Polypeptoid Block Copolymers. Bioinspired Synthetic Polymers-Synthesis, Self-assembly and Application Symposium. *The International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies*, Honolulu, HI (12/2021). – virtual meeting
3. Polypeptoid Thermal Gels: Synthesis, Structure and Architecture Effect. Gels and Other Soft Amorphous Solids Symposium. *American Chemical Society 254th National Meeting*, Washington DC (8/2017).
4. Air-friendly Synthesis of Peptidomimetic Polymers and Solution Self-Assembly of Sequence-Defined Polypeptoid Amphiphiles. *Gordon Research Conference*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (6/2017).
5. Functional Polypeptoids: Synthesis, Characterization and Solution Properties. Functional Materials Based on Complex Macromolecular Architectures Symposium, *68th Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Baton Rouge, LA (11/2012).
6. Synthesis and Characterization of Sidechain Functionalized Helical Polypeptides by Ring-Opening Polymerization and Click Chemistry. Advances in Polymer Chemistry Symposium, *68th Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, Baton Rouge, LA (11/2012).
7. Synthesis of Peptidomimetic Polymers: Polypeptoid, Polypeptide and Beyond. *Gordon Research Conference*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (6/2011).
8. Synthesis and Morphology of Cyclic Poly(α -peptoid)s and Block Copolymers. *Gordon Research Conference*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (6/2010).
9. Cyclic Block Copolypeptoids: Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Development. *American Chemical Society 239th National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA (3/2010).
10. Catalytic Routes towards Cyclic Poly(α -peptoid)s and their Block Copolymers. *ORNL Joint CNMS and SHaRE User Meeting*, Oak Ridge, TN (9/2009).
11. PBLG-Functionalized Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs). Synthesis, Characterization and Materials Properties. *ORNL Joint CNMS and SHaRE User Meeting*, Oak Ridge, TN (9/2009).
12. Cyclic Poly(α -peptoid)s and their Block Copolymers I. Synthesis and Characterization. *Gordon Research Conference*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (6/2009).

SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- 245th American Chemical Society Conference, Cyclic and Multicyclic Polymers Symposium, New Orleans, LA. (04/2013).

- Southwest Region American Chemical Society Conference, Advances in Polymer Chemistry Symposium, Baton Rouge, LA. (11/2012).
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Ph.D. Dissertation: Peptidomimetic Polymers: Advances in Monomer Design and Polymerization Methods.

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Ph.D. Dissertation: Scanning Probe Investigations of Nanopatterned and Thermo-responsive Polypeptoids and the Invention of a New Sample Stage for Force Modulation Microscopy

Wayne Huberty (Fall 2009 – Fall 2014, co-advised with Prof. Paul Russo): Director of Research, Advanced Composite Institute, Mississippi State University.

Ph.D. Dissertation: Characterization of a water soluble, non-ionic, helical poly(α -amino acid).

Samuel Lahasky (Fall 2008 – Spring 2013): CTO at SciGenesis LLC.

Ph.D. Dissertation: Advancing the Field of Polypeptoids through the Synthesis of Novel Architectures and Thermoresponsive Polymers.

Chang-Uk Lee (Fall 2008 – Spring 2013): Assistant Scientist in the Department of Chemistry at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D. Dissertation: Cyclic Block Copolypeptoids: Synthesis, Self-Assembly and Macroscopic Properties.

Former M.Sc. Graduate Students:

Md. Asmat Ullah, (Fall 2018 – Fall 2021) Graduate Program in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Louisiana State university.

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Zhaoyuan Liu (Fall 2008 – Summer 2016) Master of Divinity Program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

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Former LSU Undergraduates:

Kevin Willis (Fall 2008- Spring 2009), Vickie Immethun (Spring 2008- Summer 2008), Samantha Baker (Summer 2008), Cy Gaudet (Summer 2008), Joel Guy (Summer 2008), Michael McCracken (Summer 2008), Rufaat Mando (Summer 2008), Garrett Dupre (Fall 2009 – Summer 2010), Jazmin Carter (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011), Chidinma Obuekwe (Fall 2012 – Spring 2013), Monika Lavan (Spring 2010 – Fall 2012), Kushal Ghale (Summer 2010 – Fall 2012), Johnathon Angers (Summer 2013 – Spring 2014), John Hedgepeth (Fall 2012 – Spring 2013), Matthew Horton (Fall 2011 – Spring 2015), Ashunti Chase (Fall 2015 – Spring 2016), Brian Forjet (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017), Joseph Mai (Fall 2018), Blake Bramley (Fall 2017 – Fall 2018), Macie Serio (Fall 2017 – Spring 2019), Ajah Williams (Fall 2017 – Summer 2019), Omead Darvish (Fall 2016 – Summer 2019), Caitlin Dieu (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021), Trina Dang (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022), Jenny Nguyen (Fall 2021 – Summer 2022), Madelyn Hopkins (Spring 2020 – Summer 2022), Khang Pham (Fall 2021 – Fall 2022), Avery Williams (Fall 2022), Raleigh Martin (Spring 2023), Andrea Matute (Spring 2023 – Fall 2023), Jenny Mai (Fall 2024), Deztiny Clemons (Summer 2023 – Spring 2024), Katelyn Hall (Fall 2023 – Spring 2025), Ayesha Weerakoon (Spring 2023 – Spring 2025).

Former Visiting Students:

Undergraduate students: Hank Dang (Summer 2008, NCSU), Khanh Luong (Summer 2008, UL Lafayette), Anthony Brooks (Summer 2009, Tulane), Zachary Brown (Summer 2010, Washington & Jefferson College), Yohann Hernandez (Summer 2011, Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France), Roger Dias (Summer 2017, USM), Allison Roberts (Summer 2017, USM), Brian Karl (Summer 2019, UWSP), Veronica Closser (Summer 2021, Nicholls State), Shauna Kearney (Summer 2022, UMBC), Regina Raemsch (Summer 2023, UIUC), Ryan Coudurier (Summer 2025, FSU).

Graduate students: Adrianne Rosales (11/2010, UC Berkeley)

Former High School Students:

Ju-Woo Nho (Summer 2019 – Fall 2020)

Ikechi Akujobi (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011)

COURSE TAUGHT

Year	Semester	Course (credit hours)	Enrollment
2007	Fall	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	140
2008	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	64
2008	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (4)	12
2009	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	166
2009	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (4)	10
2010	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	242
2010	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (4)	14
2010	Fall	CHEM 7901 Speaking of Macromolecules (1)	16
2011	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (4)	23
2012	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	190
2012	Fall	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	167
2013	Spring	CHEM 7780 Functional Polymers (2)	5
2013	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (3)	13
2014	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (3)	11
2015	Fall	CHEM 7780 Functional Polymers (2)	9
2016	Fall	CHEM 7010 Macromolecular System III (3)	6
2017	Fall	CHEM 7780 Functional Polymers (3)	7
2018	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	116
2018	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (3)	21
2019	Fall	CHEM 7780 Functional Polymers (3)	12
2020	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	142
2021	Spring	CHEM 7010 Macromolecular System III (3)	12
2022	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	231
2022	Spring	CHEM 7901 Speaking of Macromolecules (1)	19
2022	Fall	CHEM 7780 Functional Polymers (3)	7
2023	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	263
2023	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular Systems I (3)	17
2024	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	197
2024	Fall	CHEM 7780 Functional Polymers (3)	6
2025	Spring	CHEM 2261 Organic Chemistry I (3)	285
2025	Fall	CHEM 4010 Macromolecular System I (3)	19