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Professional Preparation

Institution	Major/Area	Degree	Date
Rice University	Chemical Engineering	BS	5/2001
California Institute of Technology	Chemical Engineering	MS	5/2003
California Institute of Technology	Chemical Engineering	PhD	5/2007
Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Nanoscience	Postdoc	3/2007-6/2009

Appointments

07/2020-present	Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Materials Science and NanoEngineering, Rice University
01/2022-06/2022	Visiting Faculty Associate, Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, California Institute of Technology
01/2022-06/2022	Visiting Faculty Associate, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences,
	University of Southern California
07/2016-06/2020	Associate Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Materials
	Science and NanoEngineering, Rice University
07/2009-06/2016	Louis Owen Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
	and Materials Science and NanoEngineering, Rice University
03/07-06/09	Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences,
	Oak Ridge National Laboratory
05/04-08/04	NSF EAPSI Fellow, Pohang Institute of Technology, Pohang, South Korea
09/01-03/07	Graduate Student, Chemical Engineering, California Institute of Technology

Awards and Honors

April 2021	George R. Brown Superior Teaching Award
May 2020	Rice Research + Teaching University Award
August 2017	Best Fundamental Paper – STS AIChE
October 2015	Europhys Lett. Young Investigator Prize, ILCEC
September 2015	HENAAC Great Minds in STEM award
December 2013	NSF CAREER Award
November 2012	Best Fundamental Paper – STS-AIChE
June 2012	John S. Dunn Foundation Collaborative Research Award (w. JG Jacot)
July 2012	ACS Petroleum Research Fund Doctoral New Investigator Award
July 2009	Louis Owen Assistant Professor Chair in Chemical Engineering
June 2004	National Science Foundation EAPSI Fellow
August 2001	James Irvine Foundation Fellowship
August 2001	National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship
May 2001	Graduated summa cum laude
May 2001	Thomas W. Moore award in Chemical Engineering

Selected Service

2022- 2023	Associate Department Chair	Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Rice University
2022	American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)	Vice-Chair for Materials Engineering and Sciences Division (MSDE)
2022- 2023	American Chemical Society (ACS)	Member-At-Large, Division of Polymeric Materials Science and Engineering (PMSE)
2023- 2026	American Physical Society (APS)	DPOLY Programming Committee

Research Support (Current and Past)

- **(40)**, Co-PI, Subsea Systems Institue (SSI, Title: Sensors Based on Organic Electrochemical Transistors (OECTs) for Deep Sea Leakage and Chemical Detection, \$60,000, 03/2023 09/2024)
- (39), PI, National Science Foundation (NSF, Title: EFRI ELiS:Living Microbial Sensors for Real-Time Monitoring of Pathogens in Wastewater, \$1,999,271, 01/2023 12/2026)
- (38), Co-PI, National Science Foundation (NSF, Title: SemiSynBio-III: Hybrid cell-semiconducting polymer systems that decode cytosolic information using RNA-regulated electron transfer, \$1,500,000, 09/2022 08/2025)
- (37), PI, National Alliance for Water Innovation (NAWI, Title: Copper Recovery from Mining Wastewater with Ion-Selective Electrodialysis, \$1,207,895, 08/2022 07/2025)
- (36), PI, Welch Foundation (Title: New Concepts for Selective Ion Transport in Charged Polymers, \$300,000, 06/2022 05/2025)
- (35), Co-PI, Army Research Office MURI (ARO, Title: Faster, More Efficient, and Hybrid Computation in Microbial Bioelectronic Systems, \$6,249,999, 06/2022 05/2026)
- (34), PI, Office of Naval Research (ONR, Title: X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)/Hard Energy photoelectron spectroscopy (HAXPES) for Fast, Multiplexed, and Autonomous Underwater Bioelectronic Sensors, \$1,230,000, 04/2022 10/2023)
- (33), PI, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA, Title: Real-Time Amperometric Platform Using Molecular Imprinting for Selective Detection of SARS-CoV-2 (RAPID), \$1,000,000, 03/2021 12/2021)
- **(32)**, Co-PI, National Science Foundation (Title: EFRI DCheM: Electrifying CO2 From Point Sources into Pure Liquid Fuels, \$2,000,000, 09/2020 08/2024)
- (31), Co-PI, Office of Naval Research (Title: Fast, Multiplexed, and Autonomous Bioelectronic Sensors Based on Engineered Exoelectrogens, \$1,125,000, 05/2020 04/2023)
- (30), PI, Jacobs Engineering (Title: Quantification of Silver Complexes in Potable Water, \$50,000, 04/2020 01/2021)
- **(29)**, Co-PI, Department of the Interior (Title: Advancing pervaporation for the treatment of concentrates in inland desalination, \$25,000, 03/2020 08/2021)
- (28), PI, National Science Foundation (Title: Collaborative Research: Solution Processing with Entropy-Controlled Stratification of Architecturally-Complex Polymer Blends, \$267,996, 01/2019 12/2022)
- (27), PI, Rice University Creative Ventures (Title: Rice Center for Flexible Power, \$50,000, 01/2019 12/2019)
- (26), PI, ARO URAP/HSAP program (Title: Optically Actuated Liquid Crystal Elastomer Micropumps, \$7,500, 05/2019 09/2019)
- **(25)**, Co-PI, SubSea Systems Institute (Title: Flexible Low-Temperature Lithium Ion Batteries for Subsea Applications, \$38,000, 08/2019 07/2022)
- (24), Co-PI, National Science Foundation (Title: NRT: A Bioelectronics Incubator for Training Students (BITS) at the Cell/Material Interface, \$2,999,025, 09/01/2018 08/31/2023).
- (23), Co-PI, National Science Foundation (Title: RoL: EAGER: DESYN-C3: Using synthetic energy-harvesting materials at the cell surface to reduce low potential ferredoxins within the cytosol for metabolic applications, \$300,000, 09/01/2018 08/31/2020).

- (22), PI, Army Research Office (Title: Modular Click Synthesis of Liquid Crystal Elastomers, \$200,000, 09/01/2018 02/28/2020).
- **(21)**, PI, Welch Foundation for Chemical Research (Title: Charge Transport in Conjugated Ladderphanes and Network-Stabilized Conjugated Polymers, \$240,000, 06/01/2018 05/31/2021)
- **(20)**, PI, National Science Foundation (Title: Research Experience for Teachers in Nanoengineering with a Focus on Leadership \$200,000, 08/01/18 07/31/21).
- (19), PI, Army Research Laboratory (Title: 2-D Kevlar through Novel Materials Synthesis \$500,000, 09/01/2017 –08/31/2020).
- (18) Co-PI, National Science Foundation., (Title: Nanotechnology REU with a Focus on Community Colleges, \$327,818, 05/01/18 04/28/21).
- (17), PI, National Science Foundation (Title: Collaborative Research: Universal Processing Approaches for Functional Brush Surfaces through Bottlebrush Polymers, \$288,789, 07/01/16-6/31/19)
- (16), PI, National Science Foundation (Title: MRI: Acquisition of Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer (TOF-SIMS) for high-resolution 3-D materials analysis, \$1,166,249, 07/01/16-6/31/19).
- **(15)**, PI, National Science Foundation (Title: Collaborative Research: Next-Generation, Simultaneously Ion- and Electron- Conducting Block Copolymer Binders for Battery Electrodes, \$199,999, 09/01/16-08/31/19).
- **(14)**, Co-PI, National Science Foundation. (Title: Nanosystems Engineering Research Center for Nanotechnology Enabled Water Treatment Systems \$18,500,000, 08/01/15 07/31/20).
- (13) PI, Welch Foundation for Chemical Research. (Title: Charge Separation in Well-Defined Donor-Acceptor Block Copolymer Interfaces, \$195,000, 06/01/15 05/31/18).
- **(12)** Co-PI, National Science Foundation., (Title: Nanotechnology REU with a Focus on Community Colleges, \$327,818, 05/01/15 04/28/18).
- (11) PI, National Science Foundation CAREER Award. (Title: Multi-Functional Organic Electronics Through All-Conjugated Block Copolymers, \$501,731, 07/01/14 06/30/19).
- (10) Co-Investigator, American Heart Association. (Title: Use of liquid crystal elastomer substrates to condition human cardiomyocyte precursors and generate 3-D layered tissues, \$154,000, 01/01/14 12/31/15).
- **(9)** PI, National Science Foundation. (Title: Collaborative Research: Hybrid Block Copolymer Electrodes for Electrochemical Energy Storage, \$197,225, 09/01/13 08/31/16).
- **(8)** PI, National Science Foundation. (Title: Collaborative Research: Block Copolymer Compatibilizers for Controlled Morphology and Interfacial Properties in Polymer-Fullerene Blends, \$227,549, 07/01/13 06/30/16).
- (7) Co-PI. Advanced Energy Consortia. (Title: Functionalized Nanoparticles for Enhanced Oil Recovery at High Temperature and Salinity, \$960,000, 07/01/13 05/31/15).
- **(6)** PI, Gulf Coast Consortia, Dunn Collaborative Research Award. (Title: Multi-layered cardiac patches from dynamic surfaces, \$100,000, 01/01/13 12/31/14).
- **(5)** PI, ACS Petroleum Research Fund Doctoral New Investigator Award. (Proposal Title: Understanding Side-Chain Flexibility in Bottlebrush Polymers, \$100,000, 09/01/12 08/31/15).
- **(4)** PI, NASA Research Seed Grant (Title: Bottlebrush Polymers for Encapsulation and Delivery, \$20,000, 01/01/12 12/31/12).
- (3) PI, Shell Center for Sustainability. (Title: All-Conjugated Block Copolymer Photovoltaics, \$46,000, 01/01/12 12/31/12).
- (2) PI, Rice IBB Hammill Innovations Grant. (Title: Biomimetic Reconfigurable Hairy Skins, \$25,000, 08/01/10 07/31/11).
- (1) PI, Welch Foundation for Chemical Research. (Title: Synthesis of multi-block and graft conjugated copolymers, \$180,000, 06/01/10 05/31/13).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

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- 128. D Zhu, Y Zhu, Y Chen, Q Yan[‡], H Wu, C-Y Liu, X Wang, LB Alemany, G Gao, TP Senftle, Y Peng, X Qu, and R Verduzco^{*}. "Three-Dimensional Covalent Organic Frameworks with pto and mhq-z Topologies Based on Tri- and Tetratopic Linkers," *Nature Commun.* **2023**, accepted for publication.
- 127. RM DuChanois, L Mazurowski, H Fan, R Verduzco, O Nir, and M Elimelech*. "Precise Cation Separations with Composite Cation-Exchange Membranes: Role of Base Layer Properties," *Environ. Sci. Technol.* **2023**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.3c00445
- 126. Y Li, S Park, K Sarang, H Mei, CP Tseng, Z Hu, D Zhu, X Li, J Lutkenhaus, and R Verduzco*. "Mixed Ionic–Electronic Conduction Increases the Rate Capability of Polynaphthalenediimide for Energy Storage," *ACS Polymers Au*, **2023**, DOI: 10.1021/acspolymersau.2c00066.
- 125. S Khalil, MD Meyer, A Alazmi, MHK Samani, P-C Huang, MG Barnes, AB Marciel, and R Verduzco*. "Enabling Solution Processible COFs through Suppression of Precipitation during Solvothermal Synthesis," *ACS Nano*, **2022**, *16*, 20964 20974. DOI: 10.1021/acsnano.2c08580.
- 124. D Zhu, Q Yan, Y Zhu, A Ajnsztajn, MM Rahman, PM Ajayan, and R Verduzco*. "Solvent-Induced Incremental Pore Collapse in Two-Dimensional Covalent Organic Frameworks," *ACS Materials Letters*, **2022**, *4*, 2368 2374. DOI: 10.1021/acsmaterialslett.2c00672.
- 123. NC Nnorom, T Rogers, A Jain, A Alazmi, WC Elias, RM DuChanois, K Flores, JL Gardea-Torresday, M Cokar, M Elimelech, MS Wong, and R Verduzco*. "Sulfonated polymer coating enhances selective removal of calcium in membrane capacitive deionization," *J. Mem. Sci.* **2022**, *662*, 120974. DOI: 10.1016/j.memsci.2022.120974.
- 122. D Lee, N Charpota, H Mei, T Terlier, D Pietrzak, GE Stein*, and R Verduzco*. "Impact of Processing Effects on Surface Segregation of Bottlebrush Polymer Additives," *Macromolecules*, **2022**, *55*, 8908 8917. DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.2c01418
- 121. NL Senehi, MR Ykema, R Sun, R Verduzco, LB Stadler, YJ Tao, and PJJ Alvarez*. "Protein-imprinted particles for coronavirus capture from solution," *J. Sep. Sci.*, **2022**, *45*, 4318 4326. DOI: 10.1002/jssc.202200543.
- 120. D Zhu, JJ Zhng, X Wu, Q Yan[‡], F Liu, Y Zhu, X Gao, MM Rahman, BI Yakobson, PM Ajayan, and R Verduzco^{*}. "Understanding fragility and engineering activation stability in two-dimensional covalent organic frameworks," *Chem. Sci*, **2022**, *13*, 9655. DOI: 10.1039/D2SC03489A.
- 119. Z Shan, M Wu, D Zhu, X Wu*, K Zhang, R Verduzco, and G Zhang*. "3D Covalent Organic Frameworks with Interpenetrated pcb Topology Based on 8-Connected Cubic Nodes," *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2022**, *144*, 5728. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.2c01037.
- 118. CP Tseng, F Liu, X Zhang, P-C Huang, I Campbell, Y Li, JT Atkinson, T Terlier, CM Ajo-Franklin, JJ Silberg, and R Verduzco*. "Solution-Deposited and Patternable Conductive Polymer Thin-Film Electrodes for Microbial Bioelectronics," *Adv. Mater.* **2022**, *34*, 2109442. DOI: 10.1002/adma.202109442.
- 117. M Barnes, S Cetinkaya, A Ajnsztajn, and R Verduzco*. "Understanding the effect of liquid crystal content on the phase behavior and mechanical properties of liquid crystal elastomers," *Soft Matter*, **2022**, *18*, 5074. DOI: 10.1039/D2SM00480A.

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- 115. RM Duchanois, M Heiranian, J Yang, CJ Porter, Q Li, X Zhang, R Verduzco, and M Elimelech*. "Designing polymeric membranes with coordination chemistry for high-precision ion separations," *Sci. Adv.*, **2022**, *8*, eabm9436. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abm9436.
- 114. C Yang, et al. "Consensus statement: Standardized reporting of power-producing luminescent solar concentrator performance," *Joule*, **2022**, *6*, 8. DOI: 10.1016/j.joule.2021.12.004.
- 113. R Bansal, R Verduzco, MS Wong, P Westerhoff, S Garcia-Secura*. "Development of nano boron-doped diamond electrodes for environmental applications," **2022**, *907*, 116028. DOI: 10.1016/j.jelechem.2022.116028.
- 113. H Mei, TS Laws, T Terlier, R Verduzco*, and GE Stein*. "Characterization of polymeric surfaces and interfaces using time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry," *J. Poly. Sci.*, **2022**, *60*, 1174. DOI: 10.1002/pol.20210282.
- 112. S Susarla, G Chilkoor, JR Kalimuthu, MASR Saadi, Y Cui, T Arif, T Tsafack, AB Puthirath, P Sigdel, B Jasthi, PM Sudeep, L Hu, A Hassan, S Castro-Pardo, M Barnes, S Roy, R Verduzco, MG Kibria, T Filleter, H Lin, SD Solares, N Koratkar, V Gadhamshetty, MM Rahman, PM Ajayan*. "Corrosion Resistance of Sulfur-Selenium Alloy Coatings," Adv. Mater., 2021, 33, 2104467. DOI: 10.1002/adma.202104467.
- 111. Y Zhu, D Zhu, Y Chen, Q Yan[‡], C-Y Liu, K Ling, Y Liu, D Lee, X Wu*, TP Senftle*, and R Verduzco*. "Porphyrin-based donor–acceptor COFs as efficient and reusable photocatalysts for PET-RAFT polymerization under broad spectrum excitation," *Chem. Sci.*, **2021**, *12*, 16092. DOI: 10.1039/D1SC05379E
- 110. TK Rogers, S Guo, L Arrazolo[‡], S Garcia-Segura, MS Wong*, and R Verduzco*. "Catalytic Capacitive Deionization for Adsorption and Reduction of Aqueous Nitrate," *ES&T Water*, **2021**, *1*, 2233 2241. DOI: 10.1021/acsestwater.1c00195
- 109. H Mei, JP Mahalik, D Lee, TS Laws, T Terlier, GE Stein, R Kumar, and R Verduzco. "Understanding Interfacial Segregation in Polymer Blend Films with Random and Mixed Side Chain Bottlebrush Copolymer Additives," *Soft Matter*, **2021**, *17*, 9028 – 9039. DOI: 10.1039/d1sm01146d.
- 108. H Mei, TS Laws, T Terlier, R Verduzco, and GE Stein. "Characterization of polymeric surfaces and interfaces using time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry," *J. Polym. Sci.*, **2021**, *60*, 1174. DOI: 10.1002/pol.20210282.
- 107. D Zhu, Z Hu, TK Rogers, M Barnes, C-P Tseng, H Mei, LM Sassi, Z Zhang, MM Rahman, PM Ajayan, R Verduzco. "Patterning, Transfer, and Tensile Testing of Covalent Organic Framework Films with Nanoscale Thickness," *Chem. Mater.*, 2021, 33, 6724 6730. DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.1c01179.

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- 105. RM DuChanois, CJ Porter, C Violet, R Verduzco, and M Elimelech. "Membrane Materials for Selective Ion Separations at the Water-Energy Nexus," *Adv. Mater.*, **2021**, 33, 210312. DOI: 10.1002/adma.202101312
- 104. D Zhu, G Xu, M Barnes, Y Li, C-P Tseng, Z Zhang, J-J Zhang, Y Zhu, S Khalil, MM Rahman, R Verduzco, and P M Ajayan. "Covalent Organic Frameworks for Batteries," *Adv. Funct. Mater.* **2021**, *31*, 2100505. DOI: 10.1002/adfm.202100505
- 103. D Zhu, Y Zhu, Q Yan, M Barnes, F Liu, P Yu, C-P Tseng, N Tjahjono, P-C Huang, MM Rahman, E Egap, PM Ajayan, R Verduzco "Pure Crystalline Covalent Organic Framework Aerogels," *Chem. Mater.* **2021**, 33, 11, 4216 4224. DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.1c01122
- 102. D Zhu, Z Zhang, LB Alemany, Y Li, N Nnorom, M Barnes, S Khalil, MM Rahman, PM Ajayan, and R Verduzco*. "Rapid, Ambient Temperature Synthesis of Imine Covalent Organic Frameworks Catalyzed by Transition-Metal Nitrates," *Chem. Mater.* **2021**, 33, 9, 3394 3400. DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.1c00737
- 101. X Li, Y Li, K Sarang, J Lutkenhaus*, and R Verduzco*. "Side-Chain Engineering for High-Performance Conjugated Polymer Batteries," *Adv. Funct. Mater.*, **2021**, *31*, 2009263. DOI: 10.1002/adfm.202009263.
- 100. D Zhu, X Li, Y Li, M Barnes, CH Tseng, S Khalil, MM Rahman, PM Ajayan, and R Verduzco*. "Transformation of One-Dimensional Linear Polymers into Two-Dimensional Covalent Organic Frameworks Through Sequential Reversible and Irreversible Chemistries" *Chem. Mater.*, **2020**, 33, 1, 413 419. DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.0c04237.
- 99. IJ Campbell, D Kahanda, JT Atkinson, ON Sparks, J Kim, CP Tseng, R Verduzco, GN Bennett, and JJ Silberg*. "Recombination of 2Fe-2S Ferredoxins Reveals Differences in the Inheritance of Thermostability and Midpoint Potential," *ACS Synth. Biol.*, **2020**, *9*, 12, 3245 3253. DOI: 10.1021/acssynbio.0c00303
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- 97. CP Tseng, GN Bennett, JJ Silberg, and R Verduzco. "100th Anniversary of Macromolecular Science Viewpoint: Soft Materials for Microbial Bioelectronics," *ACS Macro Letters*, **2020**, *9*, 11, 1590 1603. DOI: 10.1021/acsmacrolett.0c00573
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Invited Presentations

- 80. "Materials and Processes for Ion-Selective Separations," 2023 Spring ACS Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, March 2023.
- 79. "Molecular Engineering and Processing of Covalent Organic Frameworks," University of Illinois at Urbana Champagne, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, December 2021.
- 78. "Molecular Engineering and Processing of Covalent Organic Frameworks," Arizona State University, Department of Chemical Engineering, October 2021.
- 77. "Optimizing the double-network structure of liquid crystal elastomers for shape programming and 4D printing," 2021 Fall ACS Spring National Meeting, August 2021.
- 76. "Designing surface-active bottlebrush polymer additives," 2021 ACS Spring National Meeting, April 2021.
- 75. "Controlling Surface Chemistry using Bottlebrush Polymer Additives," Penn State University, March 2021.
- 74. "Next Generation Technologies based on Conjugated Polymers," CIQA, Saltillo, MX, March 20201.
- 73. "Efficient and Mechanically Robust Organic Photovoltaics through Self-Assembly," University of Southern California, November 2020.
- 72. "Making brushy surfaces with bottlebrush additives," ACS Colloids Meeting, June 2020.
- 71. "Modifying films, surfaces, and interfaces using bottlebrush copolymer additives," University of Akron, February 2020.
- 70. "Modifying films, surfaces, and interfaces using bottlebrush copolymer additives," Ohio State University, January 2020.
- 69. "Visualization of Surface-Active Bottlebrush Additives through Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy," University of Massachusetts Amherst, December 2019.
- 68. "Challenges and Opportunities of Organic Photovoltaics," Toshiba Technical Society, Houston, TX, November, 2019.

- 67. "Direct Shape Programming of Liquid Crystal Elastomers," International Liquid Crystal Elastomers Conference, Eindhoven, Netherlands, September 2019.
- 66. "Next Generation Electronics: Soft, Smart, and Integrated," LASER Houston, September 2019.
- 65. "Additive Manufacturing of Shape Responsive Liquid Crystal Polymer Networks," Rice Additive Manufacturing, Peformance, and Tribology Center Meeting, August 2019.
- 64. "Three-dimensional morphological analysis of polymer blends through combined ToF-SIMS/AFM," 15th International Conference on Polymers for Advanced Technologies, College Station, August 2019.
- 63. "Current and Future Trends in Photovoltaic Technologies," Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, Texas, May 6, 2019.
- 62. "Engineering Mechanical Flexibility in Organic Photovoltaic Blends and Tailoring Surface Properties using Bottlebrush Polymer Additives," Carnegie Mellon University, April 23, 2019
- 61. "Visualization of Surface-Active Bottlebrush Additives through Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy," University of Houston, April 19, 2019
- 60. "Bioelectronics for Energy, Health, and Sensing," National Science Foundation, Washington, DC, February 20, 2019
- 59. "Molecular Engineering for Flexible Organic Photovoltaics and Surface Active Bottlebrush Additives," Tulane University, January 25, 2019
- 58. "Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy Applications from Organic Electronics to Forensic Science," Sekisui Research, November 20, 2018
- 57. "Achieving Flexibility and Programmable Shape Changes in Polymeric Networks and Devices University of Southern Mississippi, September 11, 2018.
- 56. "Achieving Flexibility and Programmable Shape Changes in Polymeric Networks and Devices," University of Houston, April 5, 2018.
- 55. "Ion-Selective and High Capacity Electrodes for Membrane Capacitive Deionization," ACS Spring Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 7, 2018.
- 54. "Block Copolymers for Morphology Control and Mechanical Stability in Bulk Heterojunction Organic Photovoltaics," ACS Macromex Meeting, Los Cabox, MX, December 5, 2017.
- 53. "Intelligent Flexible Materials: From Self-Assembled Photovoltaics to Programmable Elastomers," UT Dallas, March 24, 2017
- 52. "Simultaneously ion- and electron-conductive binders for energy storage," APS March Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 15, 2017.
- 51. "Liquid Crystal Elastomers with a Fast, Dynamic, and Tunable Response," Kent State University, March 1, 2017

- 50. "Bottlebrush Additives for Functional Thin Film Coatings," University of Houston, Society of Plastics Engineers, February 15, 2017.
- 49. "Polymers for Energy and Medicine," Society of Plastic Engineering, University of Houston, January 23, 2017.
- 45. "Conjugated Polymer and Block Copolymer Additives in Bulk Heterojunction OPVs," American Institute of Chemical Engineering Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 16, 2016.
- 44. "Conjugated polymer and block copolymer additives in bulk heterojunction OPVs," American Chemical Society Southwest Regional Meeting, Galveston, TX, November 11, 2016.
- 43. "Entropy-mediated segregation of bottlebrush polymer additives," American Chemical Society Southwest Regional Meeting, Galveston, TX, November 10, 2016.
- 42. "Entropy-mediated segregation of bottlebrush polymer additives," Texas Soft Matter Meeting, Dallas, TX, August 12, 2016.
- 41. "Structure and Conformation of Bottlebrush Polymers and Assemblies Determined by Small-Angle Neutron Scattering," American Conference on Neutron Scattering, Long Beach, CA, July 12 2016.
- 40. "Synthesis, Alignment and Spontaneous Shape-Change in Epoxy-Based Liquid Crystal Elastomers," Phoenix, CA, MRS Spring Meeting, March 29, 2016.
- 39. "All-conjugated block copolymer additives and compatibilizers for organic photovoltaics," San Diego, CA, ACS Spring Meeting, March 15, 2016.
- "Tailoring Interfaces in Soft Materials through Block Copolymer and Bottlebrush Additives," PRISM/PCCM Fall 2015 Seminar Series, December 9, 2015, Princeton, NJ.
- 36. "Energy Storage and Photovoltaics through Block Copolymer Self-Assembly," MRS Fall meeting, December 2015, Boston, MA.
- 36. "Dynamic Cell Culture through Liquid Crystal Elastomer Composites," MRS Fall Meeting, December 2015, Boston, MA
- 35 ."Electromechanically Responsive Liquid Crystal Elastomer Nanocomposites for Active Cell Culture" International Liquid Crystal Elastomers Conference, October 4, Erice, Italy.
- 34. "Conjugated Block Copolymer Photovoltaics," *IX International Congress on Chemical Sciences, Technology and Innovation*, Quimicuba, October 2015, Havana, Cuba
- 33. "Block Copolymer Compatibilizers for Organic Photovoltaic Blends," 250th ACS FALL Meeting, August 18, 2015, Boston, MA.
- 32. "Conjugated Block Copolymers for Energy Storage and Self-Assembled Photovoltaics," Workshop on Frontiers of Block Copolymer Self Assembly, NSLS-II/CFN Joint Users Meeting, May 18 2015.
- 31. "Block Copolymer Self-Assembly for Photovoltaics, Energy Storage, and Responsive Coatings," 4th International Grubb's Symposium, April 10 2015, Ningbo, China

- 30. "Morphology of All-Conjugated Block Copolymer Thin Films:Self-Assembly, Crystallization, and Phase Separation," APS Spring Meeting, March 2, 2015, San Antonio, TX.
- 29. "Functional Polymeric Materials: Block Copolymer Photovoltaics and Shape Responsive Liquid Crystal Elastomers," University of Houston, February 20, 2015, Department of Electrical Engineering, Houston, TX.
- 28. "Charge Separation and Photovoltaic Performance of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers" Gulf Coast Consortia Workshop: Light-Driven Processes in Bio-Inspired Materials. December 15, 2014, Rice University, Houston, TX
- 27. "Morphology and Charge Separation in All-Conjugated Block Copolymer Photovoltaics," ACS Macromex Meeting, December 4, 2014, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
- 26. "All-Conjugated Block Copolymer Photovoltaics," AIChE Annual Meeting, Emerging Areas in Polymer Science and Engineering Plenary Session, November 17, 2014, Atlanta, GA
- 25. "All-Conjugated Block Copolymer Photovoltaics," 2014 NorTex Nano Summit, Rice University, October 14, 2014, Houston, TX.
- 24. "Bottlebrush Polymers as Additives for Tailoring Thin Film Properties," Department of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern Florida, October 3, 2014.
- 23. "Structure and Photovoltaic Performance of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers" National Graduate Research Polymers Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, June 2, 2014.
- 22. "Charge and Energy Transfer in All-Conjugated Block Copolymers," 30th International Conference of the Polymer Processing Society, June 10, 2014
- 21. "Block Copolymer Cathodes for Electrochemical Energy Storage," Los Alamos National Laboratory, May 28, 2014.
- 20. "Morphology and Charge Separation in All-Conjugated Block Copolymers," CNM/APS/EMC user conference, May 12, 2014.
- 19. "Synthesis, morphology, and optoelectronic properties of donor-acceptor all-conjugated block copolymers," 247th ACS Spring Meeting, March 18, 2014.
- 18. "Polymer Nanocomposites using Bottlebrush Polymers," Materials Science and Engineering Department, SUNY Stonybrook, July 2, 2013
- 17. "Structure and Photovoltaic Performance of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers," Center for Integrated Nanoscale Technologies, Los Alamos National Lab, July 10, 2013.
- 16. "Solution Conformation of Multicomponent Bottlebrush Polymers," National Institute for Standards and Technology, April 18, 2013.
- 15. "Synthesis and Film Properties of Multicomponent Bottlebrush Polymers," ExxonMobil Baytown Research Center, February 8, 2013.
- 14. "Sustainable Energy from Light-Harvesting Plastics," Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium, January 26, 2013

- 13. "Sustainable Energy from Light-Harvesting Plastics," Rice Engineering Alumni Annual Banquet, December 4, 2012
- 12. "Design of High Performance Block Copolymer Photovoltaics," Texas A&M University, Materials Engineering Seminar, November 30, 2012
- 11. "Characterization of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers and Bottlebrush Polymers," University of Houston, Advanced Polymer Characterization Workshop, November 9, 2012
- 10. "Synthesis and Crystallinity of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Pittsburgh, PA, October 30, 2012
- 9. "Dynamic Stiffening in Liquid Crystal Elastomers," Chemical Engineering Department, Lamar University, April 11, 2012
- 8. "All-Conjugated Block Copolymers for Self-Assembled Photovoltaics," Center for Nanoscale Materials, Argonne National Laboratory, December 14, 2011
- 7. "All-Conjugated Block Copolymers for Self-Assembled Photovoltaics," Center for Nanoscale Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, September 2011
- 6. "Synthesis and Self-Assembly of Rod-Rod Polythiophene-*block*-Polyfluorene Conjugated Copolymers," ACS National Meeting, Denver, Colorado, August 2011
- 5. "Block Copolymers for Nanostuctured Photovoltaics," Chemical Engineering Department, Tianjin University, January 20, 2011
- 4. "Neutron and X-Ray Scattering Studies of Structured Fluids: Bent-Core Liquid Crystals and PAMAM Dendrimers," Case Western Reserve University, April 2009
- 3. "Investigation of PAMAM in solution by Neutron Scattering" Tennessee Technological University, Department of Chemical Engineering, 2008
- 1. "Self-Assembled Liquid Crystal Gels," Kent State University, Liquid Crystal Institute, 2007
- 1. "Self-Assembled Liquid Crystal Gels," invited talk, University of Leeds, Polymers and Complex Fluids, 2007

Service

Conference Organization:

- 1. Session Organizer for Electronics and Photonics of Conjugated Polymers, 2023 APS March Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2023.
- 2. Vice-Chair for American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Materials Engineering and Sciences Division (MSDE), 2022 2023
- 3. Member-at-large for the American Chemical Society (ACS) Polymeric Materials Sciences and Engineerin (PMSE), 2022 2023

- 4. DPOLY Programming Committee 2023 2026 (to serve as Chair in 2026)
- 5. Chair (2021) and Co-Chair (2020) for the AIChE Polymers 8a session.
- 6. Chair for the Inaugural 2020 Rice University SIMS Workshop, May 2021
- 7. Chair for the inaugural Gordon Research Conference on Bioelectronics June 2019.
- 8. Chair for the 2018 **DeLange Major Conference XI: Bioelectronics, Our Bioelectronic Future: Smarter, Smaller, Connected**. December 2018
- 9. Organizing committee member for the **2018**, **2019**, **and 2020 Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences (CNMS) user meeting** at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).
- 10. Co-Organizer for Spring 2019 American Chemical Society meeting on Synthesis & Properties of Densely Grafted Polymers and Fall 2017 American Chemical Society meeting Session on Shape-Shifting Polymers
- 11. Co-Organizer for **Soft Matter** session of the **2018 American Conference on Neutron Scattering**. June 2018.
- 12. Co-Organizer for the **Shape-Shifting Polymeric Systems** session of the fall 2017 ACS Meeting.
- 13. Co-Organizer for the **Nanostructured Membranes for Water Purification** session of the 2016 APS March Meeting.
- 14. Organizer of the Chemical Engineering session for the **Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium (GCURS)** (2015 2020). http://gcurs.rice.edu/
- 15. Chair for the 2017 International Liquid Crystal Elastomers Conference.
- 16. Organizer for the **Texas Soft Matter Meeting**, August 21, 2015, Rice University. http://txsoftmatter.chee.uh.edu/
- 17. Organizing committee member for the 28th International Symposium on Polymer Analysis and Characterization (ISPAC), http://www.ispac-conferences.org/ispac-2015.aspx).
- 18. Organizing committee member for the **2015 Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences (CNMS) user meeting** at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).
- 19. Session Organizer for "Structure and Properties of Polymers I," "Polymer Processing and Rheology II," "Polymeric Materials for Energy Conversion," Nanoscale Structure in Polymers" at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, respectively). Poster judge for both graduate and undergraduate student poster presentations.
- 20. Judge for graduate student poster competition at the AIChE annual meeting (2013 and 2014), APS March Meeting (San Antonio, 2015), NorTex Nano Meeting (Rice University, 2014).

Journal Editorial Advisory Board Positions:

- 1. ACS Applied Energy Materials Editorial Advisory Board (2019 2022)
- 2. ACS Macro Letters Editorial Advisory Board (2017 2020)

User Facility Management and External Review:

- 1. Chair for the User Executive Committee for the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (2019 2020)
- 2. NIST Center for Neutron Research Users Group (NUG) Executive Committee, 2015 2018.
- 3. User Executive Board Member for the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences (CNMS), 2012 present (elected in 2012, renewed in fall 2014, elected vice-chair 2017, chair 2019).
- 4. External Review Board Member for Puerto Rico-Wisconsin NSF-PREM
- Invited speaker for Center for High Resolution Neutron Scattering (CHRNS) site visit and panelist for CHRNS workshop: "Neutron Measurements for Materials Design & Characterization"

Department Service

- 1. Associate Department Chair (2022 present)
- 2. Graduate Recruiting and Admissions (2010 present): RV has served as a member of the graduate committee since joining the department and is currently serving as the Chair of the CHBE Graduate Recruiting Committee. Responsibilities include reviewing and admitting applicants to the PhD, MS, and MCHE programs, planning the graduate student visitation weekend, and advertising the department through events such as the AlChE national meeting.
- Applied Physics Graduate Recruiting Committee (Spring 2013 2019): Responsibilities
 include reviewing applicants to the program and participating in the annual visitation
 weekend.
- 4. **Undergraduate Studies (2009 2014):** RV served as a member of the undergraduate studies committee for five years. Responsibilities include reviewing and updating the department curriculum, advising students on department courses and requirements, and recognizing the achievements of undergraduate students through endowed awards and fellowship. RV is no longer a formal member of the committee but continues to advise CHBE students in his roles as faculty associate and as an undergraduate student mentor.
- 5. Department Seminar Coordinator (2010 2015)
- 6. Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2016 Spring 2017)

School of Engineering Service

- 1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for School of Engineering (2023)
- 2. Future Faculty Fellows Reviewer (2020 2021)

- 3. Search Committee Member for Dean of the School of Engineering (2020)
- 4. School of Engineering Awards Committee (2020)
- 5. Neuroengineering Initiative Hiring Committee (Fall 2018 Spring 2019). This search successfully filled three positions in the School of Engineering.
- **6. Engineering Design Minor Faculty Advisory Board** (2017 present)
- 7. Doerr Institute for New Leaders Faculty Advisory Committee (2018 2021): As a member of the faculty advisory committee for the Doerr Institute, RV met regularly with the Director of the Institute along with the other Doerr Institute staff to discuss and advise on their strategy for growth and success.
- 8. Rice Center for Engineering Leadership Faculty Advisory Committee (2010 2017)
- 9. Steering Committee of Rice's NeuroEngineering Initiative (summer 2018 2020)

University Service

- 1. Center for Teaching Excellence Award Committee (2023)
- 2. Provost Dittmar Strategic Planning Committee (2023)
- 3. Engineering Divisional Advisor for Sid Richardson College (2018 present)
- 4. Faculty Review Committee for Research Awards (2020 2022)
- **5. Faculty Committee on Conflicts** (Fall 2020 present)
- 6. Faculty Senate Working Group on General Education (Summer 2020 Spring 2021)
- 7. Engineering Divisional Advisor for Sid Richardson College (2019 present)
- 8. University Committee for Faculty & Staff Benefits (July 2020 June 2021)
- 9. Inequalities and Inequities Working Group (Summer 2018 Spring 2019)
- 10. Faculty Advisory Board for Doerr Institute for New Leaders (Spring 2019 present)
- 11. Committee on Research (July 2016 June 2020): The COR represents the faculty in research-related matters across the university.
- 12. Shared Equipment Authority Faculty Board Member (2010 present): The board meets monthly and serves the university by acquiring and maintaining shared equipment facilities on campus. This includes setting instrument rates, coordinating instrument upgrades and repairs, acquiring new instrumentation, and managing finances related to shared instrument use.
- 13. Security Marshal for Rice University Commencement (2016 2019)

14. Sid Richardson Faculty Associate (Fall 2009 – present)

Community Service

- RET Site: Research Experience for Teachers in Nanoengineering with a Focus on Teacher Leadership: RV is a PI on an NSF RET program focused on teacher leadership (2016 – present)
- 2. **REU Site: Nanotechnology REU with a Focus on Community Colleges**: RV serves as a Co-PI on an NSF REU site that brings Houston-area community college to Rice for summer research experiences (2014 present).
- 3. **HCC REEMS REU Program:** RV served as a faculty mentor for the NSF HCC REEMS program. This program provided summer research experiences for Houston Community College students, coursework on nanotechnology, and academic mentoring (2016 2020).
- 4. NRT: A Bioelectronics Incubator for Training Students (BITS) at the Cell/Material Interface: RV is a Co-PI on the NSF NRT program focused on Bioelectronics. The program provides interdisciplinary training to PhD students from Engineering and Natural Sciences, including the formulation of collaborative thesis projects, courses on interdisciplinary interactions, communication, and leadership.
- 5. Houston Lighthouse Science Explorations Event (Monday, August 6, 2018).
- 6. **Energy Explorations Academy** lab tour (Friday June 15, 2018)
- 7. Young Owls Leadership program tour of the NEWDL (Wednesday June 5, 2018)
- 8. **Lecture to NEWT teachers on CDI** (evening of Feb 13, 2018)
- 9. Lecture to NEWT teachers on solar MD (evening of Feb 15, 2017)
- 10. Lecture to REEMS students (Feb 28, 2018)
- 11. **Descubra Event at the Houston Children's Museum (December 10, 2016):** In an event co-sponsored by the Children's Museum of Houston and the Smithsonian Latino Center Descrubra visitors participated in hands-on STEM based activities and informal conversations between with Latino STEM professionals. This event also co-incided with a Star Wars Day at the Children's museum, and activities involved a Star Wars theme. The Verduzco laboratory organized a table demonstrating various properties of polymers: viscoelasticity (Oobleck swamp made from corn starch and water) and a glass-transition (shrinking of polystyrene sheet cut into shapes, 'shrinky-dinks').
- 12. Rice Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering (IBB) STEM Engagement Program: The IBB STEM Engagement program brings high school students from the Science Academy of South Texas to Rice to participate in field trips, demonstrations, and conduct laboratory research. Two graduate students in the Verduzco laboratory taught the high school visitors about energy storage and shape-responsive polymeric materials.
- 13. **National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates:** RV is the co-PI on an NSF-sponsored REU program focused on community college applicants. Activities include recruiting 8 10 community college students for summer research each year, advertising the program on community college campuses, and mentoring two community college students per year. The program begins in the summer of 2015.
- 14. **NSF Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) Mentor:** RV served as a faculty mentor during the summer of 2014 for an NSF RET researcher. RV designed the project and coordinated training and laboratory activities. The summer researcher Ralph Cox was mentored by Verduzco group member Stacy Pesek.

- 15. West Houston Center for Science and Engineering Alliance for Minority Participation at Houston Community College: Since 2010, RV has served as a mentor and research advisor to students from Houston Community College. RV has mentored seven houston community college undergraduate students in summer research projects. Two have been listed as authors or co-authors on publications, and all seven have transferred to four-year universities to complete degrees in science and engineering.
- 16. **NEWT Nano-Environmental Workshop:** The Verduzco laboratory participated in the NEWT Nano-Environmental workshop in March 2016, one of the first outreach activities as part of the new NSF Engineering Research Center established at Rice University. This activity focused on K-12 teachers and discussing challenges and technologies related to water purification.
- 17. Rice's Community and Mentoring Program for Undergraduate Success: RV has served as a mentor for underrepresented students at Rice through the Community and Mentoring Program led by Dr. Richard Tapia. RV has participated in outreach activities on campus, including as a one-on-one mentor for students, a plenary speaker during a student-organized science and engineering conference, and a speaker during regular meetings.
- 18. Kashmere High School Research/Mentorship Program: RV served as a faculty mentor for the pilot research experience and mentorship partnership between Rice Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering and Kashmere High School (KHS). The program provided four rising seniors at KHS the opportunity to experience science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) research, learn valuable life skills, and develop a mentormentee relationship with scientists and engineers in the academic/professional workplace. Jorge Mok, a student in the Verduzco group, is participating in the program as a mentor
- 19. **Children's Museum NanoDays:** The Verduzco group has volunteered at the Houston Children's Museum NanoDays event the past two years, in March 2014 and 2015. NanoDays brings scientists together with museums to create unique learning experiences and engages people of all ages by combining simple hands-on activities for young people with events exploring current research for adults.
- 20. John Foster Dulles Science and Math Academy: As a native of the Houston area and former John Foster Dulles High School student, RV has returned to his alma mater for presentations and science demonstrations. In August 2014, RV participated in orientation activities for new students entering the Science and Math Academy.
- 21. **Sally Ride Festival:** RV has participated in the Sally Ride Festival the past two years, in leading science demonstrations for small groups and in conjunction with the South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (STS-AIChE). The Sally Ride Festival provides interactive science demos and experiments for kids.
- 22. Rice University Continuing Studies Teacher Training: RV has twice served as a guest lecturer for Continuing Studies' teacher training programs. RV participated in a teacher training program focused in science teachers from Humble ISD, and the goal of the lectures was to provide teachers with insights into university-level expectations for students in science, mathematics, and engineering.

Proposal Review:

- National Science Foundation: CBET (Interfacial Processes and Thermodynamics, Energy for Sustainability), CMMI (Materials Processing and Manufacturing), and DMR (Polymers, Polymers CAREER panel, and DMREF).
- 2. **Department of Energy:** Basic Energy Sciences, Center for Nanoscale Materials Sciences at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne

- National Laboratory, Center for Functional Nanomaterials at Brookhaven National Laboratory.
- 3. American Chemical Society: Petroleum Research Fund
- 4. European Research Council: ERC Consolidator Grant 2014, Advanced Grant 2017
- 5. **National Laboratory Facilities**: Facility Proposal Review for the Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne National Laboratory, the Center for Functional Materials at Brookhaven National Laboratory, the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, the National Center for Neutron Research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Light Source (SSRL).
- 6. **Research Council KULeuven**, InterDisciplinaire Onderzoeksprogramma's Interdisciplinary research project
- 7. Royal Society e-GAP. Leverhulme-Royal Society Africa Award.
- 8. Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy (ARPA-E). SHIELD FOA.
- 9. AAAS RDO International Collaboration Grant Program.
- 10. Army Research Office Polymer Chemistry program

Journal Review: ACS Macro Letters, ACS Nano, ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces, Advanced Materials, Advanced Energy Materials, Advanced Functional Materials, Angewandte Chemie International Edition, Applied Physics Letters, Chemical Communications, Chemistry of Materials, Colloid and Polymer Science, Colloid and Surfaces A, Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces, Energy and Environmental Science, Energy and Fuels, Fuel, IEEE Transactions on Nanotechnology, Industrial and Engineering Chemisty Research, International Journal of Molecular Sciences, Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Journal of the American Chemical Society, Journal of Chemical Physics, Journal of Physical Chemistry C, Journal of Materials Chemistry A, Journal of Materials Chemistry C, Journal of Physical Chemistry, Journal of Polymer Science Part A:Polymer Chemistry, Journal of Polymer Physics Part B: Polymer Physics, Polymers, Langmuir, Macromolecular Symposia, Macromolecules (top 150 reviewer), Materials Today, Nano Letters, Nanoscale, Nature, Nature Chemistry, Nature Communications, Nature Materials, Nature Nanotechnology, New Journal of Chemistry, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, Physical Review Applied, Physical Review E, Physical Review Letters, Polymer, Polymer Chemistry, RSC Advances, Science, Science Advances, Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical, Small, Soft Matter.

Students Mentored

PhD students:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree Program</u>	Start Date and Status
Xianyu Li	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2009 – May 2014
Aditya Agrawal	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2009 – Jul 2014
Kendall Smith	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2009 – Nov 2014
Hadi ShamsiJazeyi†	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2010 – Dec 2014
Yen-Hao Lin	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2009 – Apr 2015
Stacy Pesek	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2010 – Aug 2015
Aarthi Muthuswami†	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2010 – Oct 2015
Luqing Qi	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2012 - Nov 2017
Jorge Mok	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2012 – July 2018
Andrea Miranda	Chemistry	Summer 2016 – Nov 2018
Zhiqi Hu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2014 – Nov 2019
Xiaoyi (Tracy) Li	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2014 – May 2020
Amit Jain	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2015 – May 2020
Hao Mei	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2015 – Dec 2020
Morgan Barnes	Materials Science and NanoEngineering	Summer 2016 – August 2021
Dongyang Zhu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2018 – August 2021
Tanya Rogers [‡]	Chemical & Biomoldecular Engineering	Spring 2018 – present
Chia-Ping Tseng	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2018 – present
Syndi Nnorom	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2019 – present
Kazuma Miyagi	University of Tokyo (visiting student)	Summer 2019
Safiya Khalil	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2020 – present
Dongjoo Lee	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2020 – present
Alec Ajnsztajn§	Materials Science and NanoEngineering	Summer 2020 – present
Erin Porter#	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2021 – present
Abdullah Alazmi	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2021 – present
Fionna Chen	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	May 2022 – present
Mansoor Shehzad	Applied Physics	Januar 2023 – present

[†]Co-advised with Professor George Hirasaki [‡]Co-advised with Professor Mike Wong

M.S. and MCHE students:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree Program</u>	Start Date and Status
Luis Hasbun	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Bohan Zhu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2013 – Spring 2016
Saurabh Sharma	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2017 – Spring 2018
Jiabei Li	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2018 – present
Yu Wang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2019 – present
Casper Huang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2020 – present
Fangxin Liu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2020 – present
Xinbo Tong	Materials Sciences and NanoEngineering	Fall 2021 – present

M.S and Ph.D.Thesis Committees:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree Program</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
2023	Xinbo Tong	MS, Materials Science	Rafael Verduzco
2023	Syndi Nnorom	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Rafael Verduzco
2023	Xiaochuan Huang	PhD, Civil and Environmental Engineering	Qilin Li
2022	Luis Hector Victor	MS. Bioengineering	Jane Grande-Allen

[§]Co-advised with Professor Ajayan

^{*}Co-advised with Professor Lisa Biswal

2022 2022 2022 2021 2021 2020 2020 2020	Peter Zheng Andy Tseng Tanya Rogers Morgan Barnes Hao Mei Nimrat Ohbi Xiaoyi Li Danning Zhang Amit Jain Ian Campbell Botao Farren Song Amir Arabzade	PhD, Civil and Environmental Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Materials Science PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Civil and Environmental Eng. PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Biosciences PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Chemical Engineering	Pedro Alvarez Rafael Verduzco Rafael Verduzco Rafael Verduzco Rafael Verduzco Dwight Seferos Rafael Verduzco Pedro Alvarez Rafael Verduzco Joff Silberg Lisa Biswal Stephen Mack
2019	Yuchong Zhang	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Walter Chapman
2019	Josh Atkinson	PhD, Biosciences	Joff Silberg
2018	Bernard Kellogg	MS, Civil and Environmental Engineering	Qilin Li
2018	Jorge Mok	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Rafael Verduzco
2018	Saurabh Sharma	MS, Chemical Engineering	Rafael Verduzco
2018	Lauren Popp	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Laura Segatori
2017	Bengio Elie	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Matteo Pasquali
2017 2017	Ethan Li Fei Wang	PhD, Chemistry	James Tour
2017	Xu Wang	PhD, Chemical Engineering PhD, Biochemistry	Francisco Vargas Yousif Shamoo
2017	Mohammed Adnan	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Matteo Pasquali
2016	Abdulrahman Alharbi		Lisa Biswal
2016	Yuchong Zhang	PhD, Chemical Engineering	Walter Chapman
2016	Chad Byers	PhD, Chemistry	Christy Landes
2016	Víctor García López	PhD, Chemistry	James Tour
2016	Pingfei Lu	PhD, Chemistry	James Tour
2015	Brittany Olivy	PhD, Chemistry	Andrew Barron
2015	Chad Byers	PhD, Applied Physics	Christy Landes
2015	Ariana Melendez	M.S., Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Francisco Vargas
2015	Stacy Pesek	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Rafael Verduzco
2015	Aarthi Muthuswamy	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng	George Hirasaki
2015	Jinjian Wu	PhD, Civil and Environmental Eng.	Qilin Li
2015	Dmitri Tsenttalovich	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Matteo Pasquali
2015	Yen-Tien Lu	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Andrew Barron
2015	Yen-Hao Lin	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Rafael Verduzco
2014	Hadi ShamsiJazeyi	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	George Hirasaki
2014	Ramya Sambasivan	PhD, Chemistry	Zachary Ball
2014 2014	Kendall Smith Kung-Po Chao	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng. PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Rafael Verduzco Lisa Biswal
2014	Aditya Agrawal	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Rafael Verduzco
2014	Bennet Marshall	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Walter Chapman
2014	Xianyu Li	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Rafael Verduzco
2013	Pinn-Tsong Chiang	PhD, Chemistry	James Tour
2011	Nikolaos Soultanidis	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Michael Wong
2011	Yu-Lun Fang	PhD, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Michael Wong
2011	Jinjian Wu	MS, Civil and Environmental Eng.	Qilin Li
2011	Jonathan Lo	MS, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng.	Marc Robert
2010	Allison Contreras	PhD, Civil and Environmental Eng.	Qilin Li

Post-Doctoral Research Associates:

Na	me l	Degree Institution	n Start I	Date E	ind E	Date

Shuyan Jiang Shanghai IOC Januay 2023 Present Sujitkumar Bontpalle IIT – Madras October 2022 Present Sarah Adaryan University of Houston May 2022 Present Dongyang Zhu Rice University Sept 2021 April 2022 Yilin Li Washington State University Sept 2018 December 2021 Taniya Kekunawela **UT** Dallas Sept 2018 December 2019 Pine Yang Syracuse University March 2015 June 2015 Qinjia Cai National University of Singapore November 2010 November 2011

Undergraduate Researchers from Rice:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree Program</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Timauri Lee-Carby	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2023
Caroline Hyun	Materials Science and NanoEngineering	Spring 2023 – present
Kilian James	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2023 – present
Isabella Chiodi	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2022 – present
Hanqing Wang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2021 – present
Allen Lin	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
Danica Pietrzak	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2020 – Spring 2023
Leslie Arrazolo	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2019 – Spring 2022
Ruth Young	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2020
Elizabeth Groenwold	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2019 – Spring 2021
Sueda Cetinkaya	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2019 – Spring 2020
Allen Lin	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2019
Changxu Sun	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2017 – Spring 2019
Michael Xiao	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2017
Ruby Lu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2016
Isaiah Barth	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2016 – Spring 2018
Tensae Assefa	Bioengineering	Summer 2016
Grant Chan	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2016 – Fall 2016
Abdi Sarbessa	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2016 – Fall 2016
Justin Tenor	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2016 – Fall 2016
Yichen Zhang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2016
Ray Wang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2015
Qianhong Zhu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2014 – Spring 2016
Ryan Roberts	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2015
Hojin Jeon	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2014
Chen Song	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2014
Javier Perez	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2014
Yichuan Ma	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2014
Snehav Gupta	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Summer 2014
Will Kasper	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2014
Hojin Kim	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2013
Leslie Nguyen	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2013
Connie Shen	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2013
Cathy Zhang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2013
E-Fei Lu	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2013
Lisa Swank	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2013
Qiqi Xiang	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2012 – Fall 2014
Teju Keishore	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2012 – Fall 2013
Jim Howe	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2011- Spring 2013
Chloe Kempf	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2011– Fall 2012
Dana Dement	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Spring 2012
Sarah Southmayd	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Fall 2012 – Fall 2013

David Tae-Hyun Yun Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Fall 2012
Li Xiong Materials Science Summer 2011
Yichen Li Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Summer 2009

Undergraduate Researchers from Other Schools:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree Program</u>	Start Date and Status
Luis Aguilar	HCC Engineering	Summer 2021
Damilola Owolabi	HCC Engineering	Summer 2019
Sohee Park	HCC Engineering	Summer 2019
Mary Pinedo	HCC Engineering	Summer 2018
Chiamaka Agu	HCC Engineering	Summer 2018
Daniel Caña	Lone Star College	Summer 2017
Rodrigo Munoz	HCC Engineering	Summer 2017
Joshua Jackson	HCC Engineering	Summer 2017
Jinzhao Zhang	Peking University, Physics	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
Niloufar Jafari	HCC Engineering	Summer 2016
Shams Albayati	HCC Engineering	Summer 2016
Abigail Gonzales	HCC Engineering	Summer 2016
Daniel Gonzales	HCC Engineering Honors Student	Summer 2013
Bridget Stewart	HCC Engineering Honors student	Summer 2012 and 2013
Charlie Chirino	HCC Engineering Honors student	Summer 2011
Ümmügülsüm Özel	Fatih University, Turkey	Summer 2011

High School Teacher Researchers:

Amanda Schlafer

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	Start Date and Status
Ralph Cox	Furr High School	Summer 2014
Shawn Richard	Cinco Ranch High School	Summer 2015
Chi Enemchukwu	YES Prep High School	Summer 2017
Selene Reyes	Pasadena High School	Summer 2018
Kaitlin Bartuska	Mayde Creek Junior High	Summer 2019

HCC Engineering Honors student

Summer 2010

High School Student Researchers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree Program</u>	Start Date and Status
Shaan Parekh	Dulles High School	Summer 2019
Cierra Weathers	Lamar High School	Summer 2017, 2018
Howard Yong	Clements University	Fall 2016
Melinda Ding	Clements University	Summer 2016
Edward Cen	Bellaire Senior High School	Summer 2016
Annum Sadana	Carnegue Vanguard HS	Summer 2015
Brenda Gonzales	Furr High School	Summer 2015
Michelle Chao	Debakey High School	Summer 2013
Dominic Litong	TAMS	Summer 2013
Brenda Gonzales	Furr High School	Summer 2015
Annum Sadana	Carnegie Vanguard	Summer 2015
Brenda Gonzales Michelle Chao Dominic Litong Brenda Gonzales	Furr High School Debakey High School TAMS Furr High School	Summer 2015 Summer 2013 Summer 2013 Summer 2015

Student Awards

- 1. Hanqing Wang, Outstanding Poster Award, 2023 Rice University Research Symposium
- 2. Yilin Li, Best Oral Presentation Award, 2019 Smalley-Curl Institute Summer Symposium

- Sueda Cetinkaya, Best Poster Presentation, 2019 Smalley-Curl Institute Summer Symposium
- 4. Sohee Park, Best Poster Presentation, 2019 Smalley-Curl Institute Summer Symposium
- 5. Xiaoyi Li, 2nd Place, Poster Competition, Electrochemical Society Meeting, March 2019
- 6. Hao Mei, IBB Travel Grant, Spring 2019
- 7. Amit Jain, Ed Archuleta Desal Award, September 2018
- 8. Morgan Barnes, Best Presentation Award, Smalley-Curl Institute Transdisciplinary Symposium, February 2018
- 9. Amit Jain, IBB travel grant, February 2018
- Amit Jain, Excellence in Graduate Student Research, POLY Division, ACS 2018 Spring Meeting
- 11. Andrea Miranda, Awarded DOE SCGS Fellowship, Feb 2018 August 2018
- 12. Jorge Mok, Neal Autrey fellowship, Fall 2017 Spring 2018
- 13. Andrea Miranda, 2nd Place Poster Prize, ACS Macromex Conference, Los Cabos, México, May 2017
- 14. Andrea Miranda, Poster Prize, 2017 Rice Chevron Lecture
- 15. Morgan Barnes, Best Presentation Award, Smalley-Curl Institute Transdisciplinary Symposium, February 2017
- 16. Niloufar Jafari, Emerging National Researchers 2017
- 17. Luging Qi, IBB Travel Award, Feb 2017
- 18. Morgan Barnes, SCI symposium speaking award, Feb 2017
- 19. Excellence in Graduate Student Research, Polymers Division, AIChE 2016 Annual Meeting, Jorge Mok
- 20. Excellent in Graduate Student Research, Electronics and Optics Division, AIChE 2015 Annual Meeting, Jorge Mok
- 21. 7th International Liquid Crystal Elastomers Conference (ILCEC) Best Poster Award, Shanghai, China, 2013, Aditya Agrawal.
- 22. 1st place, Outstanding Graduate Research Presentation Award, ACS POLY Symposium on the Bottom-up design of the next generation of biomaterials, May 2013, Stacy Pesek.
- 23. Kobayashi Fellowship 2012 2013, Xianyu Li.

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