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## **EDUCATION**

### **Ph.D. in Chemistry with a focus on Chemical Biology, September 2015**

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*

### **Certificate in Foundations of Teaching, April 2015**

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*

### **B.S. with Honors in Chemistry, May 2010**

*Rhodes College, Memphis, TN*

Graduated *summa cum laude*, American Chemical Society certification

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

### 2025-present **Associate Professor**

*Department of Chemistry and Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN*

### 2018-2025 **Assistant Professor**

*Department of Chemistry and Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN*

### 2015-2018 **NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in Genetics, Microbiology, and Natural Product Biosynthesis**

With Professor William W. Metcalf

*Department of Microbiology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*

### 2010-2015 **NSF and ACS Graduate Research Fellow in Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry**

With Professor Paul J. Hergenrother

*Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*

### 2007-2010 **St. Jude Summer Plus Undergraduate Research Fellow in Molecular Pharmacology**

With Doctor Philip M. Potter

*Chemical Biology and Therapeutics, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

37. Wilbanks, L.E.; Brajkovich, E.N.; Baumgart, L.; Zhang, Y.; Grosjean, N.; Blaby, I.; **Parkinson, E.I.\*** "DAP-seq Reveals Cluster-Situated Regulator Control of Numerous Streptomyces Natural Product Biosynthetic Genes" Under review. **2026.** <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.01.05.697754>

36. Wilbanks, L.E.; Roberts, C.B.; Frias-Gomez, M.; Hennigan, H.E.; Castator, K.G.; Budimir, Z.L. Zu,C.; **Parkinson, E.I.\*** "Streptomyces Autoregulator Biosensors from Natural Product Cluster-Situated Regulators" Under review. **2026.** *bioRxiv*. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.09.05.673737>

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33. Budimir, Z.L.; **Parkinson, E.I.\*** "Discovery and development of penicillin-binding protein-type thioesterases as biocatalysts" *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* **2026.** 97, 103417. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copbio.2025.103417>

32. Castator, K.G.; Frias-Gomez, M.; Wilbanks, L.E.; **Parkinson, E.I.\*** "Diastereoselective, Diversifiable Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of the Virginiamycin Inducers, the Virginiae Butanolides" *ChemBioChem.* **2025.** 26, e202500386. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cbic.202500386>

31. Hennigan, H.E.; Otgontseren, N. **Parkinson, E.I.\*** "Rapid access to enantiopure protected (R)-paraconyl alcohol" *Org. Synth.* **2025,** 102, 251. DOI: [10.15227/orgsyn.102.0251](https://doi.org/10.15227/orgsyn.102.0251)

30. Coy, G.†; Brajkovich, E.N. †; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Bioinformatics guided synthesis of natural product cyclic peptides" *Methods in Enzymology*. **2025**. 717, 387-412. †co-first authors. <https://doi.org/10.1016/bs.mie.2025.03.003>

29. Lu, C.†, Nelson, S.†, **Parkinson, E.I.**\*; Rice, C.A.\* "Discovery of antiamoebic cyclic peptides" *J. Nat. Prod.* **2025**, 88(2), 274-281 †co-first authors \*co-corresponding authors. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jnatprod.4c00834>

28. Nelson, S.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Synthetic-Bioinformatic Natural Product-Inspired Peptides" invited submission to *Nat. Prod. Rep.* **2025**. 42, 50-66. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D4NP00043A>

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25. Benton, A.; Terwilliger, E.; Moriarty, N.M.; Liu, B.; Murphy, A.; Maluvac, H.; Shu, M.; Gartenhaus, L.E.; Janson, N.D.; Pfeffer, C.M.; Utturkar, S.M.; **Parkinson, E.I.**, Lanman, N.A.; Hanna, J.A.\* "miR-497 target gene regulatory network in angiosarcoma" *Mol. Cancer Res.* **2024**, 22 (9), 879–890. <https://doi.org/10.1158/1541-7786.MCR-23-1075>

24. Eggy, A.; Otgonseren, N.; Roberts, C.; Alwali, A.; Hennigan, H.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "A Diels-Alder Probe for Discovery of Natural Products Containing Furan Moieties" Invited publication for the to the "Young Investigators in Natural Products Chemistry, Biosynthesis, and Enzymology" issue of the *Beilstein J. Org. Chem.* **2024**, 20, 1001-1010. <https://doi.org/10.3762/bjoc.20.88>

23. Aguilar, C.; Alwali, A.; Mair, M.; Rodriguez-Orduña, L.; Contreras-Peruyero, H.; Modi, R.; Roberts, C.; Sélem-Mojica, N.; Licona-Cassani, C.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Actinomycetota bioprospecting from ore-forming environments" *Microb. Genom.* **2024**, 10, 001253. <https://doi.org/10.1099/mgen.0.001253>

22. Alwali, A.; Santos, D.; Aguilar, C.; Birch, A.; Rodriguez-Orduna, L.; Roberts, C.; Modi, R.; Licona-Cassani, C.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Discovery of Streptomyces species CS-62, a novel producer of the Acinetobacter baumannii selective antibiotic factumycin" *J. Ind. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* **2024**, 51, kuae014. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jimk/kuae014>

21. Nelson, S.; Harris, T.J.; Muli, C.S.; Maresch, M.E.; Baker, B.; Smith, C.; Neumann, C.; Trader, D.J.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Discovery and Development of Cyclic Peptide Proteasome Stimulators" *ChemBioChem*. **2024**. 25, e202300671. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cbic.202300671>

20. Budimir, Z.L.; Patel, R.S.; Eggy, A.; Evans, C.N.; Rondon-Cordero, H.M.; Adams, J.J.; Das, C.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Biocatalytic cyclization of small macrolactams by a PBP-type thioesterase" *Nat. Chem. Biol.* **2024**. 20, 120-128. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41589-023-01495-z>

19. Alwali, A.A.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Small Molecule Inducers of Actinobacteria Natural Product Biosynthesis" *J. Ind. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* **2023**, 50, kuad019. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jimk/kuad019>

18. Wilbanks, L.E.; Hennigan, H.E.; Martinez-Brokaw, C.D.; Lakkis, H.; Thormann, S.; Eggy, A.S.; Buechel, G.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Synthesis of Gamma-Butyrolactone Hormones Enables Understanding of Natural Product Induction" *ACS Chem. Biol.* **2023**, 18, 1624-1631. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acschembio.3c00241>

17. Modi, R.; McKee, N.; Zhang, N.; Alwali, A.; Nelson, S.; Lohar, A.; Ostafe, R.; Zhang, D.D.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Stapled Peptides as Direct Inhibitors of Nrf2-sMAF Transcription Factors" *J. Med. Chem.* **2023**, 66, 6184–6192. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jmedchem.2c02037>

16. **Parkinson, E.I.**\*, Alwali, A.A., Metcalf, W.W.\* "An unusual oxidative rearrangement catalyzed by a divergent member of the 2-oxoglutarate dioxygenase superfamily during biosynthesis of the phosphonate natural product Dehydrofomidomycin" *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**. 61, e202206173. <https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.202206173>

15. Hostetler, M.A.; Smith, C.; Nelson, S.; Budimir, Z.; Modi, R.; Woolsey, I.; Frerk, A.; Baker, B.; Gantt, J.; **Parkinson, E.I.**\* "Synthetic Natural Product Inspired Cyclic Peptides" *ACS Chem. Biol.* **2021**, 16, 2604-2611. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acschembio.1c00641>

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Martin H C, McAvoy AC, Metcalf WW, Mohimani H, Molina-Santiago C, Moore BS, Mullowney MW, Muskat M, Nothias LF, O'Neill EC, **Parkinson E.I.**, Petras D, Piel J, Pierce EC, Pires K, Reher R, Romero D, Roper MC, Rust M, Saad H, Saenz C, Sanchez LM, Sørensen SJ, Sosio M, Süßmuth RD, Sweeney D, Tahlan K, Thomson RJ, Tobias NJ, Trindade-Silva AE, van Wezel GP, Wang M, Weldon KC, Zhang F, Ziemert N, Duncan KR, Crüsemann M, Rogers S, Dorrestein PC, Medema MH, van der Hooft JJJ. "A community resource for paired genomic and metabolomic data mining." *Nat Chem Biol.* **2021**, 17, 363-368. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41589-020-00724-z> PubMed PMID: 33589842.

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12. Navarro-Muñoz, J.C.; Selem-Mojica, N.; Mullowney, M.W.; Kautsar, S.; Tryon, J.H.; **Parkinson, E.I.**; De Los Santos, E.L.C.; Yeong, M.; Cruz-Morales, P.; Abubucker, S.; Roeters, A.; Lokhorst, W.; Fernandez-Guerra, A.; Cappelini, L.T.D; Thomson, R.J.; Metcalf, W.W.; Kelleher, N.L.; Barona-Gomez, F.; Medema, M.H. "A computational framework to explore large-scale biosynthetic diversity." *Nat. Chem. Biol.* **2020**, 16, 60. doi: 10.1038/s41589-019-0400-9.

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10. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Goering, A.W.; Tryon, J.H.; Ju, K.; McClure, R.A.; Kemball, J.D.; Zhukovsky, S.; Thomson, R.J.; Kelleher, N.L.; Metcalf, W.W. "Discovery of the Tyrobetaine Natural Product Family and Their Biosynthesis Using Metabologenomics." *ACS. Chem. Biol.* **2018**, 13, 1029. DOI: 10.1021/acschembio.7b01089

9. Lee, H.Y.; **Parkinson, E.I.**; Granchi, C.; Panigrahy, D.; Seth, P.; Minutolo, F.; Hergenrother, P.J. "Reactive Oxygen Species Synergize to Potently and Selectively Induce Cancer Cell Death". *ACS Chem. Biol.* **2017**, 12, 1416. DOI: 10.1021/acschembio.7b00015

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5. Granger, B. A.; Jewett, I. T.; Butler, J. D.; Hua, B.; Knezevic, C. E.; **Parkinson, E.I.**; Hergenrother, P. J.; Martin, S. F "Synthesis of (±)-Actinophyllic Acid and Analogs: Applications of Cascade Reactions and Diverted Total Synthesis." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, 135, 12984-12986. DOI: 10.1021/ja4070206

4. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Bair, J.S.; Cismesia, M. Hergenrother, P.J. "Efficient NQO1 Substrates are Potent and Selective Anticancer Agents." *ACS Chem. Biol.* **2013**, 8, 2173-2183, DOI: 10.1021/cb4005832

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9. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Hanna, J.; Moriarty, N.; Powell, A. "Neocarzilin A Derivatives as Antimetastasis Agents." Application No: 63/711,951; filed on Oct. 25, 2024

8. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Das, C.; Budimir, Z.; Patel, R. "Biocatalytic Cyclization Method for Preparation of Cyclic Peptides". Application Number: 63524777. Filing Date: July 3, 2023

7. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Trader, D.; Nelson, S. "Cyclic Peptides as Proteasome Stimulators" Application Number: 63536122. Filing Date: September 1, 2023

6. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Modi, R. "Stapled Peptides for Sensitization of Cancer to Treatment" Application No: PCT/US23/84473. Filing date: December 16, 2023.

5. **Parkinson, E.I.**; Hostetler, M.A. "Bioactive Peptide Molecules Discovered by a Combination of Bioinformatics Technique and Chemical Synthesis." Application No: 17/679,240; Issue Date: 23-Jan-2024; Patent No. 11879142

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Early Career Research Achievement Award, PICR, 2025

Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB) Early Career Awardee, 2024

American Peptide Society Early Career Lectureship Awardee, 2024

ACS Bio & Med Chem Au Rising Star, 2024

Exceptional Early Career Teaching Award, Purdue University, 2024

College of Science Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Teaching by an Assistant Professor, Purdue University, 2024

Organic Division Young Academic Investigator, American Chemical Society, 2024

NSF CAREER Award, 2023

Christian J. Foster Award for outstanding contributions to K-12 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in Indiana, Purdue University, 2023  
*-Awarded due to my development and implementation of labs for high schools and children's museums*

College of Pharmacy Bravo Award, Purdue University, 2022  
*-Awarded for my efforts towards improving graduate student mental health*

College of Science Faculty and Staff Leadership Award, Purdue University, 2021  
*-Awarded for my efforts towards improving graduate student mental health*

Arthur Kelley Undergraduate Teaching Award, Chemistry Department, Purdue University, 2021

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, F32, 2017-2019

School of Chemical Sciences Graduate Student Teaching Award, UIUC, 2014-2015

UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, 2014

R.C. Fuson Fellowship, Chemistry Department, UIUC, 2013-2014

ACS Medicinal Chemistry Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2013-2014

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2010-2013

Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

William Spandow Scholarship in Chemistry, Rhodes College, 2009

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, 2008

Rhodes College Organic Chemistry Award, 2008

Rhodes College First-year Biology Award, 2008

CRC First-year Chemistry Award, Rhodes College, 2007

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Fall 2025, **Co-Instructor, Organic Chemistry II (PHSC 205)**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (9 lectures, ~200 students)*

Spring 2025, **Instructor, Chemical Biology Capstone (CHM 499)**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (1 lecture & 2 labs a week; 10 students)*

- Developed a new capstone course for chemical biology seniors that incorporates lectures of basics of chemical biology and a course based undergraduate research experience in chemical biology

Spring 2021, 2023 **Instructor, Bioorganic Chemistry (CHM 656)**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (3 lectures a week; 20 students)*

- Developed a new course on natural product biosynthetic pathways and biocatalysis; focused on understanding biosynthetic logic and enzyme mechanisms

Spring 2020, 2022, 2024 **Co-Instructor, Organic Chemistry I (MCMP 204)**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN* (7 lectures, 235 students in 2020; 14 lectures, 182 students in 2022)

Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024 **Instructor, Organic Chemistry I (CHM 255)**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN*

**TRAINING IN TEACHING**Summer 2020 **IMPACT-X**

Guides instructors through the major principles of course design

Spring 2017 **Educational Organization & Leadership 585: College Teaching (audited)**

Profs. Michel Bellini, Cheelan Bo-Linn, Faye Lesht, *University of Illinois, Urbana, IL*

Spring 2016 **Chemistry 590F: Preparing Future Faculty (audited)**

Prof. Steven Zimmerman, *University of Illinois, Urbana, IL*

**LEADERSHIP ROLES AND SERVICE (\*Public Outreach)**2025 – 2031 **Councilor for the American Peptide Society**August 2024- Present **Natural Products and Bioactive Compounds Gordon Research Conference (GRC)**  
*Power Hour co-organizer for 2024 meeting; Co-vice chair for 2025 meeting; Co-chair elect for 2027 meeting*August 2022 & August 2024 **Modern Natural Products Discovery Session at the SIMB Annual Meeting**  
*Co-convener for both the 2022 and 2024 meeting*May 2021- Present **Chair of the Purdue Chemistry Department Committee on Graduate Student Mental Health**  
*Committee founder; goal is to raise awareness of mental health resources*Jan 2021- Present **\*Development and implementation of a high school lab focused on natural product isolation**  
*The goal of this laboratory is to inspire high school students to have an interest in science.*May 2022- Present **\*Development and implementation of a lab for children focused on natural product isolation**  
*The goal of this laboratory is to inspire children to have an interest in science.*October 2022- Present **Faculty Advisor to the Purdue University Notre Dame Student Symposium in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry**December 2020- March 2022 **Faculty Advisor to the Purdue Graduate Student Symposium Planning Committee**February 2020 **\*Superheroes of Science Guest**June 2015- June 2017 **High Throughput Chemistry and Chemical Biology Gordon Research Seminar (GRS)**  
**Chair for 2017 meeting; Co-chair for 2015 meeting**  
*Colby Sawyer College, New London, NH and Proctor Academy, Andover, NH*June 2016- June 2017 **Institute for Genomic Biology Postdoctoral Association, Co-chair**  
*Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*May 2017 **\*The World of Genomics, Volunteer**

*The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL*  
Explained drug discovery and the problem of antimicrobial resistance to museum visitors

March 2016 **Mining Microbial Genomes Symposium, Co-chair**

*Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*

2010- 2018 **\*Encouraging Tomorrow's Chemists, Co-coordinator, 2012-2013; volunteer, 2010-2018**

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*  
Planned and volunteered at chemistry demonstrations for local middle and elementary schools

2011- 2015 **\*Women Chemists Committee Girls Day Camp, Coordinator, 2012; Station Leader, 2013; volunteer, 2011-2015**

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL*  
Planned and volunteered at a day camp for 90 middle school girls with scientific experiment stations

**PRESENTATIONS (Independent Career Only)**

71. Ardavarks to Zebus, Challenging Chemistry Targets and Innovative Solutions in Synthetic, Medicinal and Biological Peptide and Protein Science, Pacifichem 2025, Honolulu, HI, December 15, 2025

70. Biosynthesis of Natural Products and Biomaterials Session, Pacificchem 2025, Honolulu, HI, December 15, 2025

69. Department of Chemistry, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, October 19, 2025

68. 16<sup>th</sup> Australian Peptide Conference, Launceston, Tasmania, Australia, October 13, 2025

67. Department of Chemistry, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, October 9, 2025

66. Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, October 6, 2025

65. Department of Chemistry, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, September 23, 2025

64. Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI, September 19, 2025 (virtual)

63. Department of Chemistry, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, July 15, 2025

62. 2025 Physical Organic Chemistry Gordon Research Conference, Holderness, NH, June 26, 2025

61. 29th American Peptide Symposium & 15th International Peptide Symposium, San Diego, CA, June 16, 2025

60. ACSMEDI - EFMC Medicinal Chemistry Frontiers 2025, Chicago, IL, May 15, 2025

59. ACS Spring 2025 Meeting & Expo, San Diego, CA, March 24, 2025

58. Department of Chemistry, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, March 14, 2025

57. Department of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, March 5, 2025

56. Department of Chemistry, University of Utah, February 27, 2025

55. CAN Seminar, Corteva Agriscience, February 13, 2025

54. Department of Chemistry, UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation and Technology, January 30, 2025

53. Department of Chemistry, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, January 22, 2025

52. 2025 Natural Product Discovery and Development in the Genomic Era Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology Conference, San Diego, CA, January 8, 2025

51. Department of Chemistry, Alfred University, November 2024 (Virtual)

50. Department of Chemistry, Ball State, September 2024

49. Department of Chemistry, University of Michigan, September 2024

48. ACS Fall 2024, Denver, CO, August 2024

47. 2024 US-Japan Seminar on Biosynthesis of Natural Products, Karuizawa, Japan, May 2024

46. 4th Synthetic Biology of Natural Products Fusion Conference, Cancun, Mexico, May 2024

45. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX, April 26, 2024

44. Department of Chemistry, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 17, 2024

43. Department of Chemistry, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, April 16, 2024

42. 2024 Marine Natural Products Gordon Research Conference, Ventura, CA, March 2024

41. 2024 Chemistry and Biology of Peptides Gordon Research Conference, Ventura, CA, February 2024

40. Department of Chemistry, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, January 19, 2024

39. Department of Chemistry, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, January 17, 2024

38. Department of Chemistry, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, November 27, 2023

37. Department of Chemistry, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, October 26, 2023

36. 2023 Joint Midwest and Great Lakes Regional ACS Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 20, 2023

35. Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL October 5, 2023

34. Department of Chemistry, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, Sept. 26, 2023

33. Chemical Biology Initiative, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, Sept. 21, 2023

32. Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI, Sept. 12, 2023

31. Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, Sept. 1, 2023

30. Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, August 29, 2023

29. 2023 Natural Products & Bioactive Compounds Gordon Research Conference, Andover, NH, August 3, 2023

28. 2023 Enzymes, Coenzymes, & Metabolic Pathways GRC, Waterville Valley, NH, July 2023

27. 28th American Peptide Symposium, Scottsdale, AZ, June 27, 2023

26. 2023 Mid-Atlantic Graduate Student Symposium (MAGSS), The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, June 2023

25. Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition 2023, Vancouver, Canada, June 8, 2023

24. Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, May 15, 2023

23. Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 14, 2023

22. 2023 Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Conference: Determinants, Dynamics, and Deterrence of Drug Resistance, Purdue University, April 6, 2023

21. Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB) 4th International Conference on Natural Product Discovery and Development in the Genomic Era, San Diego, CA, January 2023

20. Department of Chemistry, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, October 13, 2022

19. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN October 7, 2022

18. Department of Chemistry, University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, NV, September 30, 2022

17. Purdue Institute of Inflammation, Immunology, and Infectious Disease (PI4D) Symposium Research Recap, West Lafayette, IN, September 23, 2022

16. American Chemical Society Fall 2022 Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2022

15. 2022 Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2022

14. 2022 American Society of Pharmacognosy: Natural Product Solutions to Global Challenges, Charleston, SC, July 2022

13. Novo Nordisk Foundation Science Cluster: Natural Products (Meta) Genome Mining, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2022

12. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Biomolecular Galaxy, West Lafayette, IN, May 2022

11. Illinois State University Department of Chemistry, Normal, IL, April 22, 2022

10. 2021 Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, August 2021

9. University of California Santa Barbara Chemistry and Biochemistry Colloquium, June 2, 2021 (Virtual)

8. Cinvestav UGA-LANGE BIO, Irapuato, Mexico, March 23, 2021 (Virtual)

7. Purdue Center for Cancer Research Discover to Translation Seminar Series, December 9, 2020

6. Department of Chemistry, Rhodes College, November 10, 2020 (Virtual)

5. Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Illinois Chicago, September 23, 2020 (Virtual)

4. 2019 Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., July 2019

3. Department of Biochemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, January 2019

2. MCMP Departmental Retreat, Purdue University, Turkey Run, IN, October 2018

1. Drug Discovery Symposium, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 2018

## CURRENT GRANTS

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### **Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (R35GM138002)**

*Title: Mining Cryptic Biosynthetic Gene Clusters for Novel Bioactive Compounds*

07/01/2020 – 05/31/2030

Role: PI; Initial Sponsor Award: \$1,852,360 (\$1,250,000 direct cost)

Instrument Supplement: \$101,000 for purchase of an UPLC-HRMS

Renewal Sponsor Award: \$2,211,006 (\$1,375,000 direct cost and \$126,977 for peptide synthesizer)

### **Herman Frasch Foundation Grant, American Chemical Society**

*Title: Streptomyces Hormones as Quorum Sensing Inhibitors for Phytopathogens*

07/01/2022 – 06/30/2027

Role: PI; Total Sponsor Award: \$250,000

### **Joint Genome Institute, Department of Energy**

*Title: Evaluation of the Gamma-Butyrolactone Repressors of Streptomyces Natural Product Biosynthetic Gene Clusters*

07/01/2022—06/30/2026

Role: PI; This grant does not have a monetary amount. Instead, they provide synthesized DNA (2200 constructs, 467 KB total) and DAP-seq services

### **National Science Foundation (CHE 2236897)**

*Title: CAREER: A Multidisciplinary Approach for the Discovery and Characterization of Hormone Inducers of Natural Product Biosynthetic Gene Clusters*

02/01/2023-01/31/2028

Role: PI; Total Sponsor Award: \$759,423.00

## COMPLETED GRANTS

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### **Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust**

*Title: Discovery of Bioactive Natural Products by Inducing Biosynthetic Gene Clusters*

07/01/19-06/30/20

Role: PI; Total Sponsor Award: \$75,000 (\$60,000 direct cost)

### **Robbers New Investigator Award**

*Title: Development of Stapled Peptides as Nrf2 MafG Inhibitors for the Treatment of Cancer*

07/01/2020-07/01/2021

Role: PI; Total Sponsor Award: \$30,000 direct cost

### **PIDD Institutional Programmatic Areas**

*Title: The seeds of destruction: Identification of dominant interfering SARS-CoV-2 peptides for the development of new antiviral drugs*

2021-2021

Role: Co-PI with Prof. Doug LaCount and Prof. Richard Kuhn;

Total Sponsor Award: \$50,000 direct cost (Parkinson Lab: \$15,000)

**PICR Shared Resource Project**

*Title: Development of Neocarzilin A Derivatives as Antimetastasis Agents Targeting VAT1*

02/01/2024-07/31/2024

Role: PI; Total Sponsor Award: \$6000 to be used at the Biological Evaluation Core

**PIDD EAB Award**

*Title: First-in-class bacterial peptide hits as potential novel anti-*Balamuthia mandrillaris* therapeutics*

Funding Period: 06/16/2024-06/15/2025

Role: PI with co-PIs Prof. Christopher Rice and Prof. Bryon Drown;

Total Award: \$35,000 (Parkinson Lab: \$10,000)