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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Plant molecular physiologist experienced in biochemistry, specifically the application of mass spectrometry to research problems in genomics, bioenergy crop production, environmental stress physiology, and plant-microbe signaling. Current research includes metabolomics for phenotypic characterization of genetically modified *Populus*, *Arabidopsis*, *Eucalyptus*, *Castanea*, switchgrass, and numerous bioenergy-relevant microbial species. Research targets include the application of genomic tools for the accelerated domestication of *Populus* to increase drought tolerance and biomass productivity on marginal sites, and to manipulate bioproduct formation. Most recent activities include characterizing the molecular basis of plant-microbe (bacterial and fungal) symbiotic relationships in contrast with pathogenic relationships.

POSITIONS

- 2019-present **Section Head Biodesign & Systems Biology, Distinguished R&D Staff**
Biosciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
- 2007-2019 **Group Leader Metabolomics, Distinguished R&D Staff**
Biosciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
- 2004-present **Joint Faculty ORNL Graduate Advisor** for the Bredesen Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education, and the UT-ORNL Genome Science & Technology Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2002-2006 **Senior Scientist**, Environmental Sciences Division,
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
- 1995-1997 **Adjunct Professor**, Institute of Agriculture, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 1990-2002 **Research Staff**, Environmental Sciences Division, ORNL, Oak Ridge, TN
- 1989-1990 **ASG Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Environmental Sciences Division
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
- 1987-1989 **ORAU Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Environmental Sciences Division
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
- 1986 **Lecturer**, Tree Physiology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

EDUCATION

- 1982-87 **Ph.D. Forestry** - University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1980-82 **M.Sc. Forestry** - University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1976-80 **B.Sc. Biology** - Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/ACTIVITIES

Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Omics (specialty section of *Frontiers in Analytical Science*) (2021-present)
Current *Metabolomics and Systems Biology* - Editorial Board (2012 - present) – Requested but declined invitation to be the Editor-in-Chief (Dec. 2019)
Environmental and Experimental Botany – Editorial Board (2002 – present)
Tree Physiology – Editorial Review Board (intermittent from 1994 – present)
Plants: Plant Genetics and Genomics Section – Editorial Board (2020)
Scientific Reports (a Nature journal) Editorial Board (2019)
DOE-ARPA-E Phytosequestration Workshop (2015)
DOE-ARPA-E- Transportation Energy Resources from Renewable Agriculture (TERRA) - Workshop participant and Review Panel Member (2014)
ORNL Invention Disclosure Review Committee – (2008 - 2011)
DOE Genomic Science and Technology for Energy and the Environment Review – Microbial and Plant Processes for Bioenergy Reviewer (2010)
DOE-EREE High-Yield Scenario Workshop – Woody Energy Crops Participant (2009)
DOE 30x30 Workshop on Biomass Energy – Woody Crop Development panel member (2006)
Southeast Regional Biomass Consortium – Lead of Woody Crop Development (2006)
International Poplar Genome Consortium – Coordinator of the Metabolic Characterization and Metabolomics section of the Science Plan for post-genome sequencing research (2002)
Bioactive Natural Products Consortium – University of Tennessee – member (2002 – 2004)
National Science Foundation – Major Research Instruments Panel (1998)
US DOE rep. to the International Energy Agency Ecophysiology Working Group (1989-1993)
International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions – member/participant
American Society of Plant Biologists – member/participant
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SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1985 Canadian Forestry Service Scholar Scholarship
1984 Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council
 Postgraduate Scholarship – Forestry Special
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