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## PROFILE

- Research program applying mesoscale neutron and x-ray techniques: surface scattering (NR/XRR/GIXD), small angle scattering (SANS/SAXS), and cold neutron imaging
- Expertise in structural investigations of matter in extremes, biomaterials and soft matter
- Technical skills in scattering instrumentation and data analysis software development

## POSITIONS

**Senior scientist:** 2022-present

SNS, Oak Ridge National Laboratory: Oak Ridge, TN

- Instrument scientist for the Liquids Reflectometer

**Scientist 3:** 2018-2022, **Scientist 2:** 2014-2018

MPA-11, Los Alamos National Laboratory: Los Alamos, NM

- Application of x-ray and neutron scattering to mission relevant science
- Static and dynamic investigations of materials in extreme environments
- Instrument scientist for cold neutron imaging and reflectometry on Asterix

**Instrument Scientist (Neutron Reflectometry):** 2011-2014

Institut Laue-Langevin: Grenoble, France

- Establishment of soft matter research program investigating toxin-membrane interactions, membrane proteins, and lipopolymer membrane cushions
- Co-supervision of two PhD students with theses involving neutron reflectivity
- Developed grazing incidence small angle neutron scattering (GISANS) and liquid-liquid interface neutron reflectivity on FIGARO

**Assistant Instrument Scientist (Neutron Reflectometry):** 2002-2006

Los Alamos National Laboratory: Los Alamos, NM

- Operated the neutron time-of-flight reflectometer SPEAR
- Analyzed and modeled neutron and x-ray reflectivity data of thin films and interfaces
- Designed and implemented instrument upgrades and improved sample environments

## EDUCATION

**University of California Davis:** PhD Biophysics 2011

- Thesis adviser: Tonya L. Kuhl      GPA: 3.93
- Research on model membranes, polymeric bilayer cushions, and lipid-protein interactions using interfacial x-ray and neutron scattering techniques

**Hampshire College:** Amherst, MA      B.A. Physics 2001

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ORNL Neutron Reflectometry Instrument Suite Review Committee Member, 2021  
CHESS User Executive Committee: Member 2018-2020, Chair 2020-2021  
ORNL Neutron Scientific Review Reflectometry Sub-Committee Chair, 2017-2020  
ORNL Neutron Scattering Scientific Review Committee Member, 2014-2016  
Lecturer at 11<sup>th</sup> European Summer School on Scattering Methods, 2012  
NIST User Group Executive Committee Member, 2009-2012  
Spallation Neutron Source, ORNL Visiting Scientist, 2010  
Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting Attendee, 2009  
LANSCE User Group Executive Committee Member, 2008

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Defense Programs Award of Excellence, LANL 2016  
Graduate Student Researcher Award, UC Davis 2010  
Defense Programs Award of Excellence, LANL 2004  
Lemelson Fellow, Hampshire College 1998

## HIGHLIGHTED PUBLICATIONS (>80 articles, *h*-index=26, >2000 citations)

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