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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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US-11028404-B2	Methods of improving mycorrhization in plants and genetically modified plants with improved mycorrhization
US-2019136251-A1	Gene impacting cellulose content and biomass formation and methods of use

#### **THESES**

Ph.D.	Physiological correlatives of vigorous growth in hybrid poplar.
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The age composition of a collection of rabid and non-rabid Big Brown Bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*) as determined by dental annuli.

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