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## Education

- 2016 **Ph.D. in Biophysics**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, Thesis title: Interfacial modulation of protein function explored through atomistic molecular dynamics simulation
- 2010 **B.S. in Physics, Biochemistry, and Computational Math**, *Arizona State University*, summa cum laude

## Research Experience

- 2021-Present **Assistant Professor**, *Michigan State University*, East Lansing, MI  
Assistant professor in the plant research laboratory, using molecular simulation tools to study photosynthetic systems,<sup>14,22</sup> to deliver renewable energy and sustainable bioproducts,<sup>4,12,20,28,29,35</sup> and to generally understand plant<sup>10,17,24,26,30,31</sup> or electron transfer<sup>18,25</sup> processes at molecular detail. Our laboratory also develops tools to facilitate this research.<sup>19,32,36</sup> We are also active in collaborative Cryo-EM projects,<sup>38,40</sup> and other diverse molecular systems.<sup>8,16,37</sup>
- 2020–2020 **Computational Scientist**, *Oak Ridge Laboratory*, Oak Ridge, TN  
INCITE liaison for NAMD-related projects,<sup>45</sup> and ensuring application readiness for NAMD on upcoming supercomputing systems. Also contributed to developing an accelerated drug-discovery pipeline for COVID-19 research.<sup>27,41–44,47</sup>
- 2016–2019 **Director's Postdoctoral Fellow**, *National Renewable Energy Laboratory*, Golden, CO  
Postdoctoral work under the mentorship of Michael Crowley and Gregg Beckham, with a number of projects, principally related to lignin utilization,<sup>46,50–52,54,56</sup> membrane permeability,<sup>34,52,57,59</sup> and enzyme structure and mechanism.<sup>53,55</sup>
- 2010–2016 **Graduate Student**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, Urbana, IL  
Graduate research performed with Emad Tajkhorshid as advisor. Research projects include methods development<sup>39,60,64,69,74</sup> and application<sup>61,73,75</sup> of accelerated and conventional<sup>61,62,66,67</sup> membrane models, adding capabilities to the molecular dynamics visualization program VMD,<sup>65</sup> and simulations related to interactions within the photosynthetic reaction center of *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*<sup>72</sup> or cytochrome *bo*<sub>3</sub>.<sup>63</sup>
- Fall 2015 **Sandia Graduate Fellow**, *Sandia National Laboratory*, Albuquerque, NM  
On-site research supervised by Susan Rempe on the connection between substrate loading conditions and conformational change in the antibiotic resistance transporter EmrE.<sup>58</sup>

- Summer 2014 **Computational Science Graduate Fellow**, *Oak Ridge National Laboratory*, Oak Ridge, TN  
Analyzed a microsecond long multimillion atom lignocellulose system under the supervision of Loukas Petridis and Jeremy Smith, including novel visualization techniques.<sup>68</sup>
- Summer 2012 **Computational Science Graduate Fellow**, *National Renewable Energy Laboratory*, Golden, CO  
Developed and applied force fields for oxidized carbohydrates to gauge their impact on cellulose decrystallization and cellulase inhibition.<sup>71</sup> Supervised by Gregg Beckham, Michael Crowley, and Christina Payne. This was the foundation work for more recent studies for how oxidation changes cellulose crystallinity.<sup>33</sup>
- 2007-2010 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Arizona State University*, Tempe, AZ  
Diverse projects across the physics department to gauge my interests across research fields and techniques,<sup>76</sup> with supervision by Bruce Doak and Ralph Chamberlin. Projects in biology included a research thesis developing computational kinetic models based on experimentally determined metabolic fluxes.

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## Current Research Support

- 2024- OLCF compute allocation: bip251
- 2022- NERSC compute allocation: m3968, m4325
- 2021- ACCESS allocation: TG-BIO210061
- 2023-2026 DOE BES: DE-FG02-91ER20021, 1 postdoc FTE
- 2022-2026 DOE EFRC: DE-SC0023395, 1 postdoc FTE
- 2024-2029 NIH R35: R35GM155317, \$1.8M
- 2025 DOE BRC: DE-SC0018409, 1 postdoc FTE
- 2025-2028 NSF: 2520985, \$227k

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## Postgraduate Awards

- 2025 OpenEye Cadence Molecular Sciences Outstanding Junior Faculty Award in Computational Chemistry
- 2016-2019 Director's Postdoctoral Fellow, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- 2018 Wiley Computing in Chemistry Outstanding Postdoc Award
- 2014-2016 Sandia National Laboratories Excellence in Science and Engineering Research Program Fellowship
- 2011-2014 DOE Computational Sciences Graduate Fellowship
- 2010-2011 NIH Biophysics Trainee

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## Service

- 2025 Chair for Midwest/Southeastern Regional Photosynthesis Meeting
- 2024 Co-chair for Midwest/Southeastern Regional Photosynthesis Meeting
- 2023 Lignin co-Chair for the XVI Plant Cell Wall Meeting

- 2022 NAMD application judge and mentor for the Student Cluster Competition associated with the SuperComputing conference
- 2021 Nationwide Science Bowl volunteer
- 2020- Reviewer for ACCESS/XSEDE supercomputing allocations
- 2020 Moderator for Tennessee Science Bowl
- 2017-2019 Special awards and physics judge for the Denver Metro and Washington/Morgan Bicolounty science fairs
- 2018-2019 Scorekeeper or moderator for the Colorado regional high school science bowl
- 2016- Reviewer for several ACS, RSC, Cell Press, Elsevier, Springer and MDPI journals

## Publications

- (1) Raza, S.; Yadav, N. S.; Jussupow, A.; Kerfeld, C. A.; Feig, M.; **Vermaas, J. V.** Molecular Modeling and Molecular Dynamics Simulation of a Packed and Intact Bacterial Microcompartment. *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2025**, acs.jpcc.5c05178, DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpcc.5c05178.
- (2) Raza, S.; Sievertsen, T. H.; Jafari, M.; **Vermaas, J. V.** Dynamics and Structural Responses to Cis-Trans Isomerization in Bacterial Lipid Bilayers, 2025, DOI: 10.26434/chemrxiv-2025-jm423.
- (3) Fiebig, O. C.; Schmidt, G. P.; Yadav, N. S.; Wang, D.; Nairat, M.; Tang, H.; Ji, Y.; Prima, V.; Sturgis, J. N.; **Vermaas, J. V.**; Harris, D.; Schlau-Cohen, G. S. Anionic Lipids Regulate the Light-Harvesting Complex 1-Reaction Center Photocycle in Purple Bacteria. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2025**, 147, 36706–36716, DOI: 10.1021/jacs.5c12301.
- (4) Barkarar, M.; Sarkar, D.; Hunt, C. G.; **Vermaas, J. V.** Quantifying Chemically Modified Acetylation Induced Changes in the Plant Secondary Cell Wall Structure and Dynamics. *Biomacromolecules* **2025**, 26, 5645–5656, DOI: 10.1021/acs.biomac.5c00391.
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- (7) Yadav, N.; Raza, S.; Wang, Y.; Landa, J.; Hegg, E.; Hausinger, R.; **Vermaas, J.** Quantifying Selective Metabolite Transport for the Bacterial Microcompartment from Haliangium Ochraceum with Molecular Dynamics Simulations, 2025, DOI: 10.26434/chemrxiv-2025-4x39v.
- (8) Boren, D. M.; Kredi, S.; Positselskaya, E.; Giladi, M.; Haitin, Y.; **Vermaas, J. V.** Identifying and Quantifying Membrane Interactions of the Protein Human *Cis* -prenyltransferase. *Protein Science* **2025**, 34, e70167, DOI: 10.1002/pro.70167.
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## Invited Presentations

- 2024 Cell-Scale Computational Modeling Methodologies for Living Membranes, *Advanced Computational Workshop Simulations and Visualization of a Minimal Bacterial Cell* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2023 Atomically Resolved Fluxes Across Protein Shells in Photosynthesis and Beyond, *Biophysics Seminar Series* University of Maryland
- 2023 Tracking Carbon Diffusion in Photosynthesis from a Molecular Perspective, Eastern Michigan University
- 2022 Tracking Carbon Diffusion in Photosynthesis from a Molecular Perspective, *Biophysics Seminar Series* Arizona State University
- 2022 Exploring biological mechanisms and materials through molecular simulation for a sustainable bioeconomy, *IOB Seminar Series* University of Georgia
- 2022 Tracking Carbon Diffusion in Photosynthesis from a Molecular Perspective, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- 2021 Exploring biological mechanisms and materials through molecular simulation for a sustainable bioeconomy *School of Molecular Sciences Seminar* Arizona State University
- 2021 Exploring biological mechanisms and materials to enable the bioeconomy through computational physics *Theoretical and Computational Biophysics Group Seminar* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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## Conference Presentations (Past 3 years only)

- 2025 Standard Binding Free Energy Estimates Between Photosystem I and Ferredoxin Isoforms in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* Using Enhanced Sampling Molecular Simulations **Oral Presentation** *Biophysical Society 2025 Annual Meeting* Los Angeles, CA
- 2025 Molecular Simulation of Photosystem II and Phycobilisome Interactions in Cyanobacteria *Biophysical Society 2025 Annual Meeting* Los Angeles, CA
- 2024 Atomically Resolved Fluxes Across Protein Shells in Photosynthesis and Beyond **Oral Presentation** *Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies 2024 Annual User Conference* Santa Fe, NM
- 2024 Isoprenoid membrane insertion is contingent on binding pose for the human protein cis-Prenyltransferase **Oral Presentation** *ACS Fall 2024* Denver, CO
- 2024 Atomic view of photosynthetic metabolite permeability pathways and confined catalysis in cyanobacterial carboxysomes *ACS Fall 2024* Denver, CO
- 2024 Lignin Modeling and Modification *in silico* for Enhanced Biomaterials **Oral Presentation** *Lignin Gordon Research Conference* Easton, MA

- 2024 Adventures in Permeability and Binding in the Vermaas Lab **Oral Presentation** *NAMD Developer's Workshop 2024* Chicago, IL
- 2024 Atomic View of Photosynthetic Metabolite Permeability Pathways and Confinement in Cyanobacterial Carboxysomes **Oral Presentation** *2nd North American Photosynthesis Congress* Atlanta, GA
- 2023 Photosynthetic energy capture, conversion, and storage: from fundamental mechanisms to modular engineering **Oral Presentation** *DOE Photosynthesis PI Meeting* Rockville, MD
- 2023 Quantifying Passive Permeation of Terpenoids Across Lipid Bilayers with Molecular Simulation **Oral Presentation** *TERPNET-2023* Davis, CA
- 2023 Quantifying Mesophyll Conductance and Carbon Assimilation with Molecular Dynamics Simulations *Photosynthesis Gordon Research Conference* Newry, ME
- 2023 Nanoscale Interactions of Isoprene with Membrane Bilayers and Proteins **Oral Presentation** *Phytochemical Society of North America Annual Meeting* East Lansing, MI
- 2023 Comparing cell wall and membrane contributions to mesophyll conductance in plants **Oral Presentation** *XVI Plant Cell Wall Meeting* Malaga, Spain
- 2023 Exploring Protein Thermostability in Plant Photorespiratory Pathways **Keynote** *Midwest Conference on Protein Folding, Assembly and Molecular Motions* Notre Dame
- 2023 Tracking Photosynthetic Metabolites Across Bacterial Microcompartments at Atomic Resolution **Keynote** *Eastern Regional Photosynthesis Meeting* Woods Hole, MA
- 2022 Quantifying temperature dependent mesophyll conductance within leaf plasma membranes **Oral Presentation** *ACS Fall 2022 National Meeting* Chicago, IL
- 2022 Predicting Lignin Depolymerization Pathways and Products at High Temperature through Molecular Dynamics Simulation *Lignin Gordon Conference* Easton, MA
- 2022 Exploring Lignin Interactions Within the Cell Wall Through Computational Microscopy **Oral Presentation** *IX Cell Wall Research Conference* East Lansing, MI
- 2022 Tracking Photosynthetic Reactant and Product Diffusion Across Cyanobacterial Carboxysomes on Exascale Computing Platforms **Oral Presentation** *Biophysics at the Dawn to Exascale Computing* Hamburg, Germany
- 2022 Measuring heme-hopping electron transfer through a biological nanowire *Biophysical Society 66th Annual Meeting* San Francisco, CA
- 2022 Measuring heme-hopping electron transfer through a biological nanowire *Computational Methods in Photosynthesis* Virtual Meeting

## Mentoring Relationships

### Postdoctoral Scholars

- Jan. 2021-Apr. 2023 Martin Kulke, who is now a postdoc in Munich
- Jan. 2021- Saad Raza

May 2021-Dec. 2024 Daipayan Sarkar, who is now a staff scientist at NIH  
July 2023- Neetu Yadav  
Nov. 2024- Nitin Singh

#### Graduate Students

Mar. 2022- Duncan Boren  
Aug. 2024- Jinxin Lin  
Mar. 2025- Siva Damaraju

#### Undergraduate Students

Jan. 2021-May 2024 Dayna Olson  
Jan. 2021-Dec. 2022 Jessica Egleston  
May 2021-Aug. 2021 Mykayla Miller (SROP)  
May 2021-Aug. 2021 Ian Santiago (SROP)  
Jan. 2022-May 2024 Troy Sievertsen  
Feb. 2022-May 2024 Rohith Nadella  
Aug. 2022- Jay Scott  
Mar. 2023- Murtaza Barkarar  
May 2023-Aug. 2023 Israel Davidson (ACRES)  
Aug. 2023- Andrew Strong  
June 2024- Shubh Gorantla

#### Research Assistants

July 2024-Aug. 2024 Keerthi Gogineni  
July 2024- Sumayya

#### High School Students

June 2023-Aug. 2023 Helen Tang (HSHSP)  
June 2024-Aug. 2024 Zachary Alvord (HSHSP)

#### Graduate Student Committees

*Brandizzi* Ethan Thibault  
*Dickson* Ceren Kilinc  
*Hsu* Isaiah Kaufman  
*Wang* Wangchen Zhao (Defense Fall 2023), Priya Sahu  
*Ducat/Walker* Luke Sharpe