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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Energy, Environmental & Chemical Engineering **2014**
Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

B.S. in Chemical Engineering **2007**
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor **2019–Present**
Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Postdoctoral Associate **2015–2019**
Department of Biological Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

PUBLICATIONS

- [14] Wamhoff, E.-C.; Banal, J. L.; **Bricker, W. P.**; Shepherd, T. R.; Parsons, M. F.; Veneziano, R.; Stone, M. B.; Jun, H.; Wang, X. & Bathe, M. Programming structured DNA assemblies to probe biophysical processes. *Annual Review of Biophysics* **48**, 395–219 (2019). [[Link](#)]
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- [10] Cunningham, P. D.; **Bricker, W. P.**; Díaz, S. A.; Medintz, I. L.; Bathe, M. & Melinger, J. S. Optical determination of the electronic coupling and intercalation geometry of Thiazole Orange homodimer in DNA. *Journal of Chemical Physics* **147**, 055101 (2017). [[Link](#)]
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- [5] **Bricker, W. P.***; Shenai, P. M.*; Ghosh, A.; Liu, Z.; Enrriquez, M. G. M.; Lambrev, P. H.; Tan, H.-S.; Lo, C. S.; Tretiak, S.; Fernandez-Alberti, S. & Zhao, Y. Non-radiative relaxation of photoexcited chlorophylls: Theoretical and experimental study. *Scientific Reports* **5**, 13625 (2015). [[Link](#)]
- [4] Chmeliov, J.; **Bricker, W. P.**; Lo, C.; Jouin, E.; Valkunas, L.; Ruban, A. V. & Duffy, C. D. P. An ‘all pigment’ model of excitation quenching in LHCII. *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* **17**, 15857–15867 (2015). [[Link](#)]
- [3] **Bricker, W. P.** & Lo, C. S. Efficient pathways of excitation energy transfer from delocalized S_2 excitons in the peridinin-chlorophyll *a*-protein complex. *Journal of Physical Chemistry B* **119**, 5755–5764 (2015). [[Link](#)]
- [2] **Bricker, W. P.** & Lo, C. S. Excitation energy transfer in the peridinin-chlorophyll *a*-protein complex modeled using configuration interaction. *Journal of Physical Chemistry B* **118**, 9141–9154 (2014). [[Link](#)]
- [1] Kovács, S. A.; **Bricker, W. P.**; Niedzwiedzki, D. M.; Colleti, P. F. & Lo, C. S. Computational determination of the pigment binding motif in the chlorosome protein A of green sulfur bacteria. *Photosynthesis Research* **118**, 231–247 (2013). [[Link](#)]

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CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

- **AIChE Annual Meeting (2018)**, Pittsburgh, PA. *Modeling the Aggregation Behavior of Cyanine Dyes for Efficient Energy Transport*.
- **Center for Excitonics (CFE) All Hands Meeting (2018)**, Boston, MA. *Exciton Dynamics in Self-Aggregated Cyanine Fibers*.
- **Center for Excitonics (CFE) All Hands Meeting (2016)**, Boston, MA. *Mimicking Optical Properties of Natural Light Harvesting Complexes using DNA-based Designer Excitonic Circuits*.

- **Photosynthetic Antenna Research Center (PARC) All Hands Meeting (2014)**, St. Louis, MO. *Excitation Energy Transfer in Peridinin-Chlorophyll a-Protein Complex Modeled using Configuration Interaction.*
- **APS Annual Meeting (2014)**, Denver, CO. *Excitation Energy Transfer in Peridinin-Chlorophyll a-Protein Complex using Förster Resonance Energy Transfer.*
- **AIChE Annual Meeting (2012)**, Pittsburgh, PA. *Modeling Biomolecular Structure and Excitation Energy Transfer in Photosynthetic Pigment-Protein Complexes.*
- **AIChE Annual Meeting (2011)**, Minneapolis, MN. *Modeling Excitation Energy Transfer in Photosynthetic Systems: Application to Peridinin-Chlorophyll-Protein Complex in Dinoflagellates.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program **2017**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

- Semester-long certificate program detailing how to incorporate active learning techniques as well as other methods of effective teaching into a lecture-based course.

Lecturer **2015**

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

- Instructor of record for the sophomore-level undergraduate course *Modeling and Computing in Chemical Engineering*, in the Energy, Environmental & Chemical Engineering (EECE) program. Fully developed and implemented all lectures, course material, homework, and exams for this course.

Teaching Associate **2014**

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

- Managed the *Chemical Engineering Laboratory* course and six teaching assistants, and developed course materials.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Kaufman Teaching Certificate**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017. *Certificate program for incorporation of active learning techniques into lectures.*
- **Doctoral Student Research Award**, Energy, Environmental & Chemical Engineering Department, Washington University in St. Louis, 2015. *Annual award for the highest impact publication within a scientific cluster.*
- **Scientific Exchange Program Award**, Photosynthetic Antenna Research Center, Washington University in St. Louis. *Hosted by Dr. Sergei Tretiak at Los Alamos National Laboratory in May 2013.*