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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Biographical and research summary

Rohit Pappu is the Gene K. Beare Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Director of the Center for Biomolecular Condensates in the James F. McKelvey School of Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis (WashU). Pappu received his PhD in Biological Physics from Tufts University. He joined the faculty of Biomedical Engineering at WashU following two postdocs, one in the department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at WashU medical school and the second in the department of Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry in the medical school at Johns Hopkins University.

Pappu's research interests focus on the form, functions, and phase transitions of multivalent biomacromolecules including intrinsically disordered proteins, multidomain proteins, and nucleic acids. These research interests are pursued with an aim to understand the physical and chemical basis for spatial and temporal organization of cellular matter, and their dysregulation in the context of neurodegenerative diseases and cancers. Pappu's interests are enabled by approaches that combine biophysical computations, adaptations and advancements of near-equilibrium polymer physics and soft matter physics theories, *in vitro* and *in cell* experiments, bioinformatics and machine learning. Basic science advances are leveraged to pursue advances in the design, development and deployment of novel biomaterials and applications in synthetic biology. Research in the Pappu lab has been and continues to be funded by grants from the US National Science Foundation, the US National Institutes of Health, the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the Mark Foundation for Cancer Research. At WashU, Pappu teaches courses on Bioengineering Thermodynamics and the Physics of Biopolymers. As Director of the Center for Biomolecular Condensates, Pappu coordinates the efforts of PIs who are involved in basic and applied research focused on the biology, biophysics, biochemistry, and bioengineering of biomolecular condensates.

Education and Training

Postdoctoral Scientist, 1998-2001

Department of Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; Mentor: Professor George D. Rose
Topics of study: Computational and polymeric descriptions of protein unfolded states

Postdoctoral Scientist, 1996-1998

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO; Mentor: Professor Jay W. Ponder
Topics of study: Development of potential smoothing and global optimization methods for protein structure prediction

Ph.D., Biological Physics, 1992-1996

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Tufts University, Medford, MA

Advisor: Professor David L. Weaver (deceased)

Thesis: Algorithms for modeling folding pathways of proteins

Focus of thesis: Developed coarse-grained models with backbone fidelity for Brownian dynamics simulations of proteins and chemical kinetics descriptions of folding pathways.

Awards: Recipient of the John F. Burlingame Fellowship

M.S., Solid State Physics, 1990-1992

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Tufts University, Medford, MA

B.Sc., Honors in Physics, Mathematics, and Electronics, 1986-1989

St. Joseph's College, Bangalore University, Bangalore, India

National Merit Scholarship awarded by Bangalore University, Bangalore, India

Academic Positions

July 2022 – current: Director, Center for Biomolecular Condensates, James McKelvey School of Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis

September 2021 – current: Gene K. Beare Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering, McKelvey School of Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis

July 2018 – June 2022: Director, Center for the Science and Engineering of Living Systems (CSELS), James McKelvey School of Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis

March 2015 – August 2021: Edwin H. Murty Professor of Engineering, McKelvey School of Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis

September 2012 – June 2018: Director, Center for Biological Systems Engineering, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis

January 2013 – January 2018: Co-Director, Center for High Performance Computing, Washington University in St. Louis

January 2011 – current: Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences

March 2007 – current: Member, Hope Center for Neurodegenerative Disorders, Washington University School of Medicine

July 2007 – December 2010: Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences; Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics, Washington University School of Medicine

February 2009 – August 2010: Director, Center for Computational Biology, Washington University School of Medicine

May 2002 – August 2010: Member, Center for Computational Biology, Washington University School of Medicine

September 2001 – June 2007: Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Washington University School of Medicine

Non-academic Affiliations

January 2019 – current: Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Dewpoint Therapeutics, Boston, MA

Professional Societies

Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
Member, American Chemical Society (ACS), Member number 2291716
Member, American Physical Society (APS), Member number 62138296
Member, Biophysical Society (BPS) and subgroups on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins (IDPs) and Biopolymers In Vivo (BIV), Member number 20271
Member, The Protein Society (TPS)
Member, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Honor Society

Awards

External recognition

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Delano Award for Computational BioSciences, April 2025.
Elected Fellow of the American Physical Society, Division of Biological Physics, September 2024.
Mercator Fellow of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), May 2019 – April 2025.
Elected as a full member of the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society, January 2020.
Elected as Fellow of the US Biophysical Society, March 2019.
Inducted to the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), April 2016.
Elected fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS), November 2013.
Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Award, March of Dimes Research Foundation, 2004.

Recognition at WashU

Provost's Research Excellence Award, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2025.
McKelvey Engineering Faculty Award for excellence in teaching, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2019.
Dean's Award for Outstanding Contributions in Service of the Mission of the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2017.

Recognition during training period

Graduate Biophysics Fellowship, selected to attend Princeton-NEC workshop, June 1996.
John F. Burlingame Graduate Research Fellowship, Tufts University, 1995 – 1996.

Honors

Scholar GPS top-ranked scientist in the field of biophysics for research over 2021 – 2026.
Listed, in 2025, for the 9th consecutive year, by the Clarivate Institute for Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.
Listed, in 2024, for the 8th consecutive year, by the Clarivate Institute for Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2023, by the Institute for Clarivate Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2022, by the Institute for Clarivate Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2021, by the Institute for Clarivate Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2020, by the Institute for Clarivate Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2019, by the Institute for Clarivate Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2018, by the Institute for Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Listed, in 2017, by the Institute for Scientific Information as being in the top 1% of researchers worldwide in terms of number of citations.

Co-organizer of the 2025 Banbury Meeting on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins in Cancer, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, January 2025.

Chair, NIH-MDCN-3(B) Special Emphasis Review Panel, July 2021.

Member, Board of Reviewing Editors for eLife – January 2021 – August 2023.

Chair of NIH ZRG1-MDCN study section, April 2019.

Invited participant and speaker in the Banbury Center meeting on Phase Separated Assemblies in Cell Biology, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, December 16-19, 2018.

Co-Chair of NIH ZRG1-MDCN study section, July 2018.

Member, Scientific Advisory Board at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany, term ending December 31, 2021.

Chair the 2017 FASEB Summer Research Conference on Molecular Mechanisms and Physiological Consequences of Protein Aggregation.

Guest Editor, Current Opinion in Structural Biology, 2017.

Guest Editor, Special Issue of Seminars on Cell and Developmental Biology, 2015.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Biophysical Journal, December 2014 – December 2020.

Member, Executive Committee, Protein Folding Consortium, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Research Coordination Network, September 2014 – May 2020.

Member, Editorial Board of Protein Engineering, Design and Selection, July 2014 – current.

Elected Symposium Co-Chair for the 9th Annual Symposium of the Biophysical Society's Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2014.

Faculty of 1000 Member, Structural Biology: Theory & Simulation Section, April 2013 – August 2016.

BMC Biophysics, Editorial Board Member, 2012 – 2019.

Chair, 2nd Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, 2012

One of Fifteen Scientists Invited by the National Science Foundation to Participate in a Workshop to Discuss the Future and Frontiers of Protein and RNA Biophysics, September 2011

Charter Member, National Institutes of Health Center for Scientific Review, Biophysics of Neural Systems Study Section, June 2008 – June 2012.

Member, Protein Folding Consortium, supported by the National Science Foundation, Research Coordination Network, May 2009 – current.

Chair, by election, Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, Biophysical Society, 2009

Keynote and Named Lectures – Reverse Chronological Order

Keynote Speaker, 4th ML4NGP MEETING on Machine Learning and Non-globular proteins, Warsaw, Poland, May 2026.

Mercator Fellow Keynote Lecture, Molecular Mechanisms of Functional Phase Separation, (SPP2191), Frankfurt, Germany, September 2025.

The 2025 Francis D. Carlson Lecture in Biophysics, Johns Hopkins University, May 2025.

ASBMB Delano Award Lecture, Chicago, April 2025.

Invited Lecture in Frontiers in Biochemistry series, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, October 2024.

Keynote speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 2024.

Keynote lecturer, EMBO | EMBL Symposium on Cellular Mechanisms Driven by Phase Separation, Heidelberg, Germany, May 2024.

The 2024 John Kendrew Lecture, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, May 2024 – postponed for now.

Mercator Fellow Keynote Lecture, Retreat of the DFG Priority Program on Phase Separation, (SPP2191), Dresden, Germany, September 2023.

Plenary Speaker and Co-Chair of Session on Phase Separation in Biology, International Conference on Biological Physics, Seoul, South Korea, August 2023.

Keynote Speaker, Phase Separation Regulated Life, In and Outside of Cells, Organized by Nanyang Technological Institute, Singapore, March 2023.

Undergraduate student invited colloquium speaker, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Chemistry, November 30, 2022.

Graduate student invited colloquium speaker, Harvard University, Department of Bioengineering, October 06, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, Condensate 2.0 symposium organized by University of Cambridge consortium for condensates, Cambridge, July 14, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, IUBMB-FEBA-PABMB Young Scientists Forum, Vimeiro, Portugal, July 2022.

Keynote talk, Preamble to the IDPSIG and IDP Seminars joint Early Career Scientists virtual poster session, September 2021.

Mercator Fellow Keynote Lecture, DFG Priority Program on Phase Separation, Virtual meet, real eat conference, March 2021.

Student invited seminar speaker, University of Halle, March 08, 2021

Student and postdoc invited speaker, student / postdoc retreat of the *DFG Priority Program on Phase Separation* (SPP2191), Heidelberg, Germany, May 2020 – *postponed due to Covid-19*.

Student Invited Colloquium Speaker, University of Washington, *Physical Chemistry Series*, Seattle, WA, February 2020.

Closing Keynote Speaker, EMBO workshop on *Intrinsically Disordered Proteins: From Molecules to Systems*, Bangalore, India, December 2019.

Featured speaker, American Chemical Society Webinar Series, [Phase Separation of Multivalent Proteins](#), co-produced with the ACS journal Biochemistry and the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Alanna Schepartz, November 2019.

Opening Keynote Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Computational Aspects of Biomolecular NMR, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 2019.

Keynote Speaker, Dutch Biophysical Society, Veldhoven, Netherlands, October 2018.

Distinguished Speaker, Syracuse Biomaterials Institute, Syracuse University, April 2017.

Keynote Speaker, International Symposium on Chromatin Dynamics: Theoretical and Polymer Physics Approaches, Hiroshima, Japan, December 2015.

Opening Keynote Speaker, 12th Annual New England Structure Symposium (NESS), Theme: Structure and Dynamics of Intrinsically Unfolded Proteins, sponsored by the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, October 2015.

Keynote Speaker, 29th Annual Gibbs Conference on Biothermodynamics, Touch of Nature Conference Center, Carbondale, IL October 2015.

Keynote Speaker at the Annual Symposium of the Cellular Dynamics and Macromolecular Complexes CREATE Graduate Training Program, University of Montreal, Canada, August 2015.

Keynote Speaker, Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference, July 2014.

Keynote Speaker, 8th Annual Symposium of the Biophysical Society's Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2014.

Keynote Speaker, Annual Midwest Conference on Protein Folding, Assembly, and Molecular Motions, May 2011.

Talks at National and International Conferences / Symposia / Workshops – Reverse Chronological Order

Invited Speaker, *SMART Symposium on Biomolecular Condensates: An interdisciplinary paradigm of biology*. Shenzhen, China, March 2027.

Invited Speaker, 2026 *Nature Conference on Biomolecular Condensates*, Wuhan, China – Lecture to be delivered online, September 2026.

Invited Speaker, *Translating Biomolecular Condensates in Cancer, From Discovery to Clinical Application*. Joint Workshop of the National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnostics and Division of Cancer Biology, Bethesda, MD, September 2026.

Invited Speaker, *HD2026: Huntington's Disease Foundation's Milton Wexler Biennial Symposium*, Cambridge, MA, August 2026.

Invited Speaker, *Telluride Science Research Conference on Protein Electrostatics*, Telluride, CO, June / July 2026.

Invited Speaker, *FASEB Science Research Conference on Phase Transitions in Cellular Signaling and Disease*, Melbourne, FL, January 2026.

Invited Speaker and Chair, Symposium on *Intrinsically Disordered Proteins: A peek away from the lamppost*. 69th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Los Angeles, CA, February 2025.

Invited Speaker, 129th International Titisee Conference, *Biomolecular condensates and metabolism*, October 2024.

Invited Speaker, *BioDesign Symposium on Biomolecular Condensates*, Fitzpatrick Center for Interdisciplinary Engineering, Medicine, and Applied Science, Duke University, Durham, NC, October 2023.

Invited Speaker, 37th Annual Symposium of The Protein Society, Boston, MA, July 2023.

- Invited Speaker, Gutenberg Workshop on *Multivalent Interactions in Aging*, Gutenberg, Germany, May 2023.
- Invited Speaker, US National Institutes of Health RADAR workshop on Biomolecular Condensates, Bethesda, MD, March 2023.
- Invited Speaker, International Symposium on *Membraneless Organelles in Cell Life and Disease*, Organized by the Areces Foundation, Seville, Spain, March 2023.
- Invited Speaker and Co-organizer, *Keystone Symposium on Biomolecular Condensates*, Vancouver, Canada, January 2023.
- Invited Speaker, *New concepts in the organization of the nucleus*, National Cancer Institute, Virtual Symposium, October 2022.
- Invited Speaker, Zoominar Series on Proteinopathy, [Linkage of protein folding and binding on phase separation](#), October 2022.
- Invited Speaker and Session Chair, Cold Spring Harbor Symposium on *Genome organization and nuclear function*, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, May 2022.
- Invited Speaker, Institute for Quantitative Biosciences crash course on *Intrinsically Disordered Biological Macromolecules in Cell Signaling / Regulation*, Virtual Event, April 2022.
- Invited Speaker, Telluride Science Research Conference on *Phase separation in biology and disease*, Telluride, CO, March 2022.
- Invited Speaker, Royal Society workshop on *Anhydrobiosis – cheating death and telling the tale*, Virtual Event, March 2022.
- Invited Speaker, CECAM meeting, *From disordered biomolecular complexes to biological coacervates*, Zurich, Switzerland, March 2022.
- Invited Speaker, *Biophysics-101: Phase separation*, 66th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, CA, February 2022.
- Invited Speaker, *DFG Priority Program on Phase Separation*, Virtual meeting, December 2021.
- Invited Speaker, Cell Symposia on *Biological Assemblies: Phase separation and more*, Virtual meeting, October 31 – November 03, 2021.
- Invited Speaker, 2021 Online Meeting of the German Society of Cell Biology, *Life in between – The Cell Biology of Interfaces*, Plenary speaker in session on Phase Separation and Membraneless Organelles, Münster, Germany, September 2021.
- Invited Speaker, *Genome Biology and Disease Meeting*, Organized by AAAS and Science Magazine, Virtual globally and in person in China, September 2021.
- Invited Speaker, Telluride Science Research Conference on *Intrinsically Disordered Proteins*, July 2021.
- Invited Speaker, [Protein Folding & Dynamics, Webinar series](#). *Emergent structures, functions and phase behavior of charge-rich intrinsically disordered proteins*. July 2021.
- Invited Speaker, *FASEB meeting on Protein Aggregation*, Virtual meeting, June 2021.
- Invited Speaker, Online meeting *Phase Separated Systems in the Nucleus (PSINU)*, hosted by IISER Pune, India, April 6 – 9, 2021
- Invited Speaker, *Proteostasis consortium*, Weekly seminar series, March 10, 2021
- Invited Speaker, 3rd RIKEN Biosystems Dynamics Research Symposium – *Structuring biosystems: functions emerging from molecules*. Virtual event, March 1-3, 2021.
- Invited Speaker, NSF Sponsored Workshop and International Summer School on *Genome Architecture and Dynamics*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, June 2020 – postponed due to Covid19.

- Invited Speaker, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) symposium on *Scaling in Complexity to Living Systems – Molecular Architecture of Life*, Vancouver, Canada, April 2020 – canceled due to Covid-19.
- Invited Speaker, 2020 Symposium on *Intrinsically Disordered Proteins: From fundamental biology to disease*, organized by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Specific Interest Group (IDPSIG), Stanford University, February 2020.
- Invited Speaker, Telluride Science Research Conference on *Intrinsically Disordered Proteins*, Telluride, CO, July 2019.
- Invited Speaker, *Cell Press Symposium on Regulatory RNAs*, Berlin, Germany, May 2019.
- Invited Speaker, Keystone Symposium on *Biomolecular Condensates: Phase separated organizers of cellular biochemistry*, Snowbird, Utah, April 2019.
- Invited Symposium Speaker, 63rd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, *Session on Phase Separation*, Baltimore, March 2019.
- Invited Speaker, *Symposium on Phase Separation in Biology and Disease*, New York Academy of Sciences, February 2019.
- Invited Speaker, *workshop on Phase Transitions in Polymeric and Protein Systems*, Organized by the Max Planck Institute for Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany, February 2019.
- Invited Lecturer, *EMBO course on Phase Transitions in Polymeric and Protein Systems*, Organized by the Max Planck Institute for Cell Biology & Genetics, Dresden, Germany, February 2019.
- Invited Speaker, 2019 *BMES Cellular and Molecular Bioengineering Conference*, San Diego, CA, January 2019.
- Invited Speaker and Session Chair, *Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference*, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, July 2018.
- Invited Speaker, *EMBO | EMBL Symposium: Cellular Mechanisms Driven by Liquid Phase Separation*, Heidelberg, Germany, May 2018.
- Invited Speaker, *ASBMB Symposium at Experimental Biology*, San Diego, CA, April 2018.
- Invited Speaker, 13th *CHDI Annual Huntington's Disease Therapeutics Conference: A forum for Drug Discovery and Development*, Palm Springs, CA, February 2018.
- Invited Speaker, *International Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins*, IISER Mohali, India, December 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Build the Cell Subgroup Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology, Philadelphia, PA, December 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Telluride Science Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins and Membraneless Organelles, Telluride, CO, July 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Proteins Gordon Research Conference, Holderness, New Hampshire, June 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Inaugural symposium of the St. Jude Research Collaborative on membraneless organelles, The Biology of Liquid Organelles, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, May 2017.
- Invited Speaker, New Frontier in Cellular Structure and Function, Genetics, Genomics and Systems Biology Symposium Sponsored by the University of Chicago, May 2017.

- Invited Speaker, VIB Conference Series, Phase Transitions in Biology and Disease, Leuven, Belgium, May 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Symposium on Coacervation: Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. Part of the 253rd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, San Francisco, April 2017.
- Invited Speaker, 3rd International Workshop on Protein Folding & Dynamics, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India, November 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 2nd COST Symposium on Non-Globular Proteins in Molecular Pathophysiology, Belgrade, Serbia, September 2016.
- Invited Speaker, Physical Chemistry Division Symposium on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins at the 252nd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, August 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 30th Anniversary Symposium of the Protein Society, July 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 3rd Workshop on the Physical Basis of Cellular Adaptation & Memory, Bellairs Research Institute, Barbados, April 2016.
- Invited Speaker, CHDI Htt Protein Lifecycle Workshop, New York City, March 2016.
- Invited Symposium Speaker, 60th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Los Angeles, CA March 2016.
- Invited Speaker, Southeast and Southwest regional meeting of the American Chemical Society, Symposium on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, Memphis, TN, November 2015.
- Invited Speaker, CECAM Workshop on Computational Modeling of Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, Zurich, Switzerland August 2015.
- Invited Speaker, FASEB meeting on Molecular Mechanisms and Physiological Consequences of Protein Aggregation, June 2015.
- Invited Speaker, Proteins Gordon Research Conference, Holderness, New Hampshire, June 2015.
- Invited Speaker, Conference on Intracellular Phase Transitions: RNA, Protein, Lipids, and Beyond. Princeton University, April 2015.
- Invited Speaker, International Scientific Seminar, Chromosome Dynamics: Computational Models and Experimental Data, Sponsored by the Royal Society, Chicheley Hall, Buckinghamshire, UK, November 2014.
- Invited Speaker and Session Chair, Thematic Meeting, Disordered Motifs and Domains in Cell Control, Dublin Ireland – Sponsored by the Biophysical Society, October 2014.
- Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Protein Folding Dynamics, January 2014.
- Invited Speaker, 3rd USA-Mexico Workshop in Biological Chemistry: Protein Folding, Dynamics, and Function, November 2013.
- Invited Speaker, CECAM International Workshop on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, ETH Zurich, September 2013.
- Invited Speaker, FASEB Summer Research Conference on Molecular Mechanisms and Physiological Consequences of Protein Aggregation, June 2013.
- Invited Speaker, 57th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, February 2013.
- Invited Speaker, International Symposium on Protein Folding, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India, October 2012

Invited Speaker, Biopolymers Gordon Research Conference, June 2012

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Protein Folding Dynamics, January 2010

Invited Speaker, FASEB Summer Research Conference on Biophysics and Biology of Amyloids, June 2009

Invited Speaker and Session Chair, 53rd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, March 2009

Invited Speaker, 22nd Annual Symposium of The Protein Society, July 2008

Invited Speaker, Biopolymers Gordon Research Conference, June 2008

Invited Speaker and Symposium Co-Chair, 2nd Annual Symposium of the Biophysical Society's Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2008

Invited Speaker, FASEB Amyloid Meeting, June 2006

Invited speaker, I2CAM Workshop on Protein Aggregation and Amyloid Formation in Systemic and Neurodegenerative Diseases, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 2005

Lectures and Presentations to Non-Scientific Audiences – Reverse Chronological Order

Intrinsically Disordered Proteins – [A Peek Beyond the Lamppost](#): Interview for BPS TV at the 2025 Biophysical Society Meeting.

It takes a village. Lecture given at Washington University in St. Louis, McKelvey School of Engineering, on the occasion of being installed as the Gene K. Beare Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering, St. Louis, MO, October 2023.

Stress, Aging, and Inflammation: An emerging molecular perspective. Lecture given at the St. Louis Women's Club, St. Louis, MO, June 2023.

Neurodegeneration from the ground up. Connection Series Talk given to an audience comprising alumni and local St. Louis citizenry, St. Louis, MO, September 2016.

Neurodegeneration from the ground up. Telluride Town Talk, sponsored by the Telluride Science Research Conference, Telluride, CO, July 2015.

Impact of molecular plasticity on cellular function and neurodegeneration. Lecture given at Washington University in St. Louis, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, on the occasion of being installed as the Edwin H. Murty Professor of Biomedical Engineering, St. Louis, MO, March 2015.

Neurodegeneration from the ground up. Salon talk given to WashU alumni and friends. Dallas, TX, December 2014.

Pedagogical lectures to broad audiences or students – Reverse Chronological Order

Tutorial, *Computations in Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Research*. Pedagogical lecture given as part of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 2024.

Pedagogical lectures delivered as part of the pre-conference workshop on *Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation*, part of Compflu-2023, the 17th conference on computational fluid dynamics, sponsored by the Indian Society of Rheology, IIT Madras, Chennai, India, December 2023. Lecture 1: *Phase transitions of associative biomacromolecules*. Lecture 2: *Hidden complexities of biomolecular condensates formed by simple systems*.

Genentech Tutorial Lectures on Biomolecular Condensates. Lecture 2: *Physical chemistry & molecular grammar of biomolecular condensates: Phase transitions in multicomponent systems*. Genentech, San Francisco, CA. December 2021.

- Genentech Tutorial Lectures on Biomolecular Condensates. Lecture 2: *Physical chemistry & molecular grammar of biomolecular condensates: Phase transitions of intrinsically disordered proteins*. Genentech, San Francisco, CA. November 2021.
- Genentech Tutorial Lectures on Biomolecular Condensates. Lecture 1: *Stickers and spacers framework for intracellular phase transitions*. Genentech, San Francisco, CA. November 2021.
- Kitchen Table Talk Series sponsored by Condensates.com. *Molecular grammar of biomolecular condensate formation and regulation*. [Part 3: Phase transitions of in multicomponent systems](#). August 2020.
- Kitchen Table Talk Series sponsored by Condensates.com. *Molecular grammar of biomolecular condensate formation and regulation*. [Part 2: Phase transitions of multivalent intrinsically disordered proteins](#). August 2020.
- Kitchen Table Talk Series sponsored by Condensates.com. *Molecular grammar of biomolecular condensate formation and regulation*. [Part 1: Phase transitions of linear multivalent proteins](#). July 2020.
- Student Invited Keynote Speaker for Gordon Research Seminar on Computational Aspects of Biomolecular NMR, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 2019: *Uncovering the marvels of protein conformational heterogeneity along roads less traveled*.

Peer Reviewed Publications Listed in Reverse Chronological Order

(Google scholar h-index: 96)

- Pub.01.** M. Sharma, Z.B. Katz, D. Dewitt, K.M. Ruff, A. Singh, H. Lan, W. Phung, J. Tom, A. Song, J. Sudhamsu, J. Davies, J.G. Quinn, **R.V. Pappu**, A.S. Shaw. (2026). Unphosphorylated tyrosines mediate PD-1 inhibition of T cell signaling condensate formation. *Science*, **393**:1145-1151.
- Pub.02.** M.W. Chen[§], X. Guo[§], M. Farag[§], N. Qian[§], X. Song, A. Ni, V. Liu, X. Yu, Y. Ma, L. Yang, W. Yu, M.R. King, J. Lee, R.N. Zare, W. Min, **R.V. Pappu***, Y. Dai*. ([§]Equal contributions; *Corresponding authors). (2026). Biomolecular condensates can function as inherent catalysts. *Molecular Cell*, **86**: P3310-3331.E10.
- Pub.03.** R. Lyu, K.M. Ruff, C.S. Palmer, A.E. Ramirez, A.R. Ormsby, D.J. Scott, **R.V. Pappu**, D. Stojanovski, D.A. Stroud, D.M. Hatters. (2026). ASAP-ID: Proximity labelling with small tags. *Cellular & Molecular Proteomics*, **25**: 101616.
- Pub.04.** G. Mitra, S. Ghosh, K.M. Ruff, R. Zhang, G. Chauhan, **R.V. Pappu**. Distinguishing near-versus off-critical phase behaviors of intrinsically disordered proteins. (2026). *Reports on Progress in Physics*, **89**: 068101.
- Pub.05.** E. Kryptou, K.M. Ruff, L.K. McKinney, G.E. Townsend II, J.D. Wang, **R.V. Pappu***, E.A. Groisman*. (*Corresponding authors). (2026). Short autoinhibitory sequences control phase separation of an essential bacterial transcription factor. *EMBO Journal*, **45**: 4124-4152.
- Pub.06.** R. Zhang, G. Mitra, S. Ghosh, **R.V. Pappu**. (2026). Computational rheometry for modeling viscoelasticity and mechanical responses of biomolecular condensates. *Biophysical Journal*, **125**: 1979-1995.
- Pub.07.** Y-J. Song, M-K. Shinn[§], S. Bangru[§], Y. Wang, Q. Sun, Q. Hao, P. Chaturvedi, S. M. Freier, P. Perez-Pinera, E. R. Nelson, A. S. Belmont, M. Guttman, S. G. Prasanth, A. Kalsotra, **R.V. Pappu**, K V. Prasanth. ([§]Equal contributions). (2026). LncRNA-splicing factor condensates regulate hypoxia-responsive pre-mRNA processing of genes pre-positioned

near nuclear speckles. *Molecular Cell*, **86**: 1061-1080.E10.

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- Prep.02.** S. Ghosh, G. Mitra, **R.V. Pappu**. Ion atmospheres around disordered proteins are governed by the interplay of solvent polarization and bridging interactions.
- Prep.03.** A. Borgia*, G. Mitra, A. Singh, M. Borgia, W.M. Borchers, P.R. Banerjee, T. Mittag*, **R.V. Pappu***. Viscoelasticity of prion-like domain condensates is governed by single-chain and collective dynamics that span multiple timescales.
- Prep.04.** N.Y. Shin, A. Grodsky, G. Mitra, K.M. Ruff, G. Chauhan, **R.V. Pappu***, W.A. Lim*. Engineering synthetic synapses at cell-to-cell interfaces via biomolecular condensation.
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- Prep.06.** S. Ghosh, K.M. Ruff, **R.V. Pappu**. Direct predictions of sequence-specific chain dimensions of intrinsically disordered proteins.
- Prep.07.** K.M. Ruff, E. Flores, J. Figueroa, **R.V. Pappu**, L.C. Strader. Molecular grammars of predicted intrinsically disordered regions that span the proteome of *Arabidopsis thaliana*.
- Prep.08.** A. Pant[†], J. Stevens[†], S. Mukherji*, R.V. Pappu*. ([†]Equal contributions; *Corresponding authors). Biomolecular condensates show macromolecular charge-dependent directional motility in pH gradients.
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- Prep.11.** S. Ghosh, **R.V. Pappu**. Modeling the interplay of protonation and counterion valence on the charge regulation of polyelectrolytes and polyampholytes.
- Prep.12.** V. Liu, K.M. Ruff, **R.V. Pappu**. Machine-learning aided predictions of interactions between intrinsically disordered regions and folded domains.
- Prep.13.** S. Ghosh, D.M. Palomo, **R.V. Pappu**. A dipole-based theory for modeling sequence-specific charge regulation in polyampholytic disordered proteins.
- Prep.14.** G. Mitra, S. Ghosh, G. Chauhan, M. Rubinstein, **R.V. Pappu**. The theta state of linear flexible homopolymers.
- Prep.15.** V. Liu, K.M. Ruff, **R.V. Pappu**. Comparative analysis of hierarchical phase behaviors of all human RNA binding proteins.
- Prep.16.** A. Supakar, R.B. Davis, K.M. Ruff, M. Marzahn, T. Mittag, **R.V. Pappu**, P.R. Banerjee. Decoding the sequence grammars underlying the interactions of prion-like domains in FET fusion oncoproteins.
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- Prep.18.** M.R. King, L. Ludan, A.W. Ying, K.M. Ruff, W. Surks, G.D. Xu, **R.V. Pappu**, C. Kadoch. A paralog-specific intrinsically disordered region confers oncogenicity to the BAF chromatin remodeler.
- Prep.19.** G. Mitra[†], N.Y. Shin[†], A. Grodsky, S. Ghosh, K.M. Ruff, W.A. Lim*, **R.V. Pappu***. ([†]Equal contributions). Physical principles underlying condensate-driven synapsis at cell-to-cell interfaces.
- Prep.20.** D.M. Palomo, S. Ghosh, **R.V. Pappu**. A sequence-resolved thermodynamic field theory for polyampholytes.
- Prep.21.** S. Ghosh, A. Pant, D.T. Tomares, **R.V. Pappu**. A physical theory for the emergence of electrochemical gradients in condensates based on nucleolar proteins and nucleic acids.
- Prep.22.** D.T. Tomares, S. Ghosh, A. Pant, D.M. Palomo, M.R. King, A.E. Posey, **R.V. Pappu**. Charge regulation of polyampholytic disordered proteins.
- Prep.23.** S. Ghosh, K.M. Ruff, D.T. Tomares, **R.V. Pappu**. Theory-driven predictions of charge regulation across intrinsically disordered proteomes.

Prep.24. M.A. Cotten, K.M. Ruff, G. Chauhan, J-H. Hwang, J.D. Schmit, **R.V. Pappu***, M. K. Rosen*. (*Corresponding authors). Interplay of solubility and binding in phase separation of multi-domain proteins.

Prep.25. D.M. Palomo, **R.V. Pappu**. A geometric field theory for charge regulation of charge-rich disordered proteins.

Grants

CURRENT

National Institutes of Health, R01NS121114

Title: *Understanding the sequence and structural determinants of phase behavior of ALS causing proteins*

Principal Investigators: Tanja Mittag (St. Jude Children's Research Hospital), Rohit Pappu

Funding period: February 01, 2021 – April 30, 2031

Role in the project: Co-PI in multi-PI grant

St. Jude Research Collaborative, Sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,

Title: *Molecular and mesoscale functions driven by intrinsically disordered regions (IDRs) of proteins*

Funding period: March 01, 2027 – February 29, 2032

Role in the project: *Principal Investigator*

National Science Foundation, MCB-2227268

Title: *Impact of charge regulation on conformational and phase equilibria of intrinsically disordered proteins*

Funding period: March 01, 2023 – February 28, 2027

Role in the project: PI

St. Jude Research Collaborative 2.0, Sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,

Title: *The biology and Biophysics of RNP granules*

Funding period: February 01, 2022 – January 31, 2027

Role in the project: *Principal Investigator*

Mark Foundation for Cancer Research, ASPIRE grant

Title: *Uncovering the functions of sequence grammars within disordered regions of oncogenic chromatin remodeler complexes and condensates*

Funding Period: **October 01, 2025 – September 30, 2026**

Role in the project: Co-PI in multi-PI grant with Cigall Kadoch and Denes Hnisz

PENDING

National Institutes of Health (1R21AI186051-01)

Redesigning transmembrane receptors by harnessing biomolecular condensation.

Requested funding period: September 2026 – August 2028

Role in the project: *Co-PI with Xiaolei Su from Yale University School of Medicine*

COMPLETED

Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI), FA9550-20-1-0241 Topic 20: Fundamental Design Principles for Engineering Orthogonal Liquid-Liquid Phase Separations in Living Cells

Title: *Uncovering and applying the interfacial design principles of multiphasic natural and synthetic organelles*

Principal Investigators: Clifford Brangwynne and Jose Avalos (Princeton University), Ashutosh Chilkoti, Amy S. Gladfelter, and Lingchong You (Duke University), Rohit Pappu (Washington University in St. Louis)

Funding Period: October 01, 2020 – September 30, 2025

Role in the project: Co-PI in multi-PI grant

National Institutes of Health (NINDS), 5R01NS056114-10-14

Title: *Role of chain length and sequence contexts on polyglutamine oligomerization*

Funding period: July 01, 2016 – June 30, 2022

Role in the project: *Principal Investigator*

St. Jude Research Collaborative, Sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,

Title: *Biology and Biophysics of Membraneless Organelles*

Funding period: February 01, 2017 – May 31, 2022

Role in the project: *Project Principal Investigator, Computational & Theoretical Modeling*

National Institutes of Health, 1R01NS089932

Title: *Mechanism of modulation of huntingtin exon 1 aggregation by profilin*

Funding period: April 01, 2016 – December 31, 2021

Principal Investigators: Rohit Pappu (contact PI), Marc I. Diamond, and Ralf Langen

Role in the project: *Main Principal Investigator in Multi-PI grant*

National Science Foundation, DMR 1729783 – DMREF Collaborative Research

Title: *High throughput exploration of sequence space of peptide polymers that exhibit aqueous demixing phase behavior*

Funding Period: October 01, 2017 – September 30, 2021

Principal Investigator: Ashutosh Chilkoti, Duke University

Role in the project: *Co-Principal Investigator with Stefan Zauscher (Duke University)*

Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP), RGP0034/2017

Title: *Elucidating the molecular logic of membrane-free compartment function and assembly*

Funding period: September 01, 2017 – August 31, 2021

Role in the project: *Co-Principal Investigator with Simon Alberti (Max Planck Institute, Dresden) and Stephen W. Michnick (University of Montreal)*

National Science Foundation, MCB-1614766

Title: *Multiscale Modeling of Phase Transitions Driven by Multivalency and Disordered Proteins*

Funding period: July 15, 2016 – July 14, 2021

Role in the project: *Principal Investigator*

Dewpoint Therapeutics, Sponsored Research Agreement

Title: *Cataloging and characterizing biomolecular condensates*

Funding Period: November 01, 2019 – October 31, 2020

Role in the project: *Principal Investigator*

National Institutes of Health, 1R01GM108785

Title: *Signal transduction by ERBB2 / ERBB3 oligomers*

Funding period: October 01, 2013 – March 31, 2017

Principal Investigator: Linda J. Pike

Role in the project: *Co-Investigator*

National Institutes of Health (NINDS), 5R01NS056114

Title: *Role of chain length and sequence contexts on polyglutamine oligomerization*

Funding period: July 01, 2011 – June 30, 2016

Role in the project: PI

National Science Foundation, MCB-0718924

Title: *Phase behavior of intrinsically disordered proteins*

Funding period: September 01, 2011 – August 31, 2015

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

National Institutes of Health, 1S10OD018091 Shared Instrumentation Grant

Title: *GPU computing resource to enable innovation in imaging and network biology*

Funding period: April 01, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Role in the project: Co-PI with Fred Prior

National Institutes of Health (NINDS), 5R01NS056114

Title: *Atomistic studies of nucleation and oligomerization in polyglutamine aggregation*

Funding period: April 15, 2007 – June 30, 2012

Role in the project: PI

National Science Foundation, MCB-0718924

Title: *Conformational equilibria of intrinsically disordered proteins*

Funding period: September 01, 2007 – August 31, 2011

Role in the project: PI

Hope Center for Neurological Disorders, Washington University School of Medicine

Translational Neuroscience Pilot Project

Title: *Mechanism of Huntingtin Aggregation Regulated by Profilin*

Funding period: June 01, 2011 – May 31, 2013

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

Co-Investigator: Marc Diamond

National Institutes of Health (NCI) U54 CA-119342

Title: *An informatics resource for targeted nanoparticle therapeutics*

NCI Center grant to the Siteman Center for Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence (Center grant

PI: Samuel Wickline)

Funding period: February 01, 2006 – January 31, 2011

Role in the project: Project Principal Investigator

Project Co-Investigators: David Sept, Nathan Baker

Pfizer Inc., St. Louis, MO

Title: *Modeling the aggregation of therapeutic monoclonal antibodies*

Funding period: October 31, 2009 – September 30, 2010

Role in the project: Project Principal Investigator

National Institutes of Health (NCI) Integrated Cancer Research Workspace 94358NBS23

Subcontract for with Booz Allen Hamilton for Nanotechnology working group

Funding period: April 01, 2008 – February 14, 2009

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

National Science Foundation, MCB-0416766

Title: *Studying the origin of conformational preferences in unfolded proteins*

Funding period: September 01, 2004 – August 31, 2007

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

Hope Center for Neurological Disorders, Washington University School of Medicine

Translational Neuroscience Pilot Project

Title: *Investigation of structural changes induced in amyloid A β fibrils by polyphenols*

Funding period: January 01, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Role in the project: Co-Investigator (PI: Jin-Moo Lee)

Fidelity Foundation

Title: *Studies on the process of aggregation in Huntington's disease*

Funding period: January 01, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Award

Title: *Factors that determine amyloid formation in polyglutamine disorders*

Funding period: February 01, 2004 – June 30, 2006

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

National Institutes of Health, NIA P50 AG05681-20

Pilot grant from Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Washington University

Title: *Toward a molecular understanding of polyglutamine disorders*

Funding period: May 01, 2003 – April 30, 2004

Role in the project: Principal Investigator

RESEARCH MENTORING

Current Postdoctoral and Research Scientists

1. **Samuel R. Cohen**, Postdoctoral Scientist
2. **Souradeep Ghosh**, Postdoctoral Scientist
3. **Matthew R. King**, Postdoctoral Scientist
4. **Kiersten M. Ruff**, Senior Research Scientist
5. **Min Kyung Shinn**, Postdoctoral Scientist
6. **Dylan T. Tomares**, Postdoctoral Scientist
7. **Ruoyao Zhang**, Postdoctoral Scientist

Current Doctoral Students

1. **Vicky Liu**, PhD student, Department of Biomedical Engineering, joined the lab in the summer of 2023.
2. **Avnika Pant**, PhD student, Department of Biomedical Engineering, joined the lab in the summer of 2023.

Current Research Staff

1. **Jared M. Lalmansingh**, Scientific programmer and systems administrator, December 2021 onward.

Lab alumni – reverse chronological order

1. **Nikita Gupta**, PhD student, September 2023 – April 2024.
2. **Gaurav Chauhan**, March 2022 – May 2024, Postdoctoral Scientist.
3. **Martin J. Fossat**, May 2018 – December 2023, Postdoctoral Scientist.
4. **Furqan Dar**, Postdoc, September 2022 – October 2023, PhD student, Department of Physics, September 2017 – August 2022.
5. **Andrew Z. Lin**, PhD student, Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences, Program Plant and Microbiology, June 2018 – September 2023.
6. **Ammon E. Posey**, Senior Research Scientist, March 2014 – September 2023.
7. **Mina Farag**, MD / PhD Student, Department of Biomedical Engineering, June 2019 – July 2023.
8. **Xiangze Zeng**, Postdoctoral Scientist, May 2018 – December 2022.
9. **Kaitlyn Hardesty**, Undergraduate student in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. February 2019 – April 2022
10. **Jared M. Lalmansingh**, Doctoral Student, Department of Physics. June 2016 - September 2021.
11. **Megan C. Cohan**, Doctoral Student, Department of Biomedical Engineering, May 2016 – December 2020.
12. **Max V. Staller**, Co-mentored Postdoctoral Scientist (primary mentor: Barak A. Cohen), March 2015 – December 2020.
13. **Anna M.P. Eddelbuettel**, Undergraduate researcher, May 2018 – May 2020.
14. **Alex S. Holehouse**, Doctoral Student, Computational and Molecular Biophysics, May 2013 – May 2017; postdoctoral scientist, June 2017 – December 2019.
15. **Garrett Ginell**, Junior Computational Research Scientist, August 2018 – August 2019
16. **Jeong-Mo Choi**, Postdoctoral Scientist, August 2016 – April 2019.
17. **Mary O. G. Richardson**, Junior Research Scientist and Scientific Programmer, August 2017 – June 2018.
18. **Sang Eun Jee**, Postdoctoral Scientist, November 2016 – October 2017.
19. **Kourtney L. Kroll**, Undergraduate researcher, Summer 2017.
20. **Divya Natarajan**, MD Student researcher, Washington University School of Medicine, summer 2017.

21. **Tyler S. Harmon**, Doctoral Student, Department of Physics. Received PhD in April 2017. Currently, postdoctoral scientist at the Max Planck Institute in Dresden, Germany.
22. **Rajni Verma**, Postdoctoral Scientist, October 2015 – June 2016.
23. **Rahul K. Das**, Postdoctoral Scientist, September 2009 – August 2015.
24. **Anuradha Mittal**, Postdoctoral Scientist. Currently, a senior Bioinformatics Scientist at Affymetrix, San Francisco, CA.
25. **Laruen M. Bedell**, Undergraduate Student, Department of Biomedical Engineering.
26. **Kanchan Garai**, Research Assistant Professor and Research Scholar, August 2013 – May 2014.
27. **James Ahad**, Undergraduate student, Biomedical Engineering. Currently, an MSTP student at Case Western University School of Medicine.
28. **Scott L. Crick**, Doctoral Student, Biomedical Engineering. Received Ph.D. in August 2011. Completed a two-year Postdoc in the lab in July 2013.
29. **Siddique J. Khan**, Postdoc, April 2012 – May 2013.
30. **Nicholas Lyle**, Doctoral Student, Computational & Systems Biology Program, Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences. Received Ph.D. in May 2013.
31. **Tony Wang**, Summer undergraduate researcher, Summer 2012.
32. **Marta Wells**, Summer undergraduate research, Summer 2011 and 2012.
33. **Albert H. Mao**, M.D.-Ph.D. student, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Program. Received Ph.D. in August 2012.
34. **Jordan Nick**, Summer HHMI undergraduate fellow, Summer 2011.
35. **Kelly Culhane**, SURF student, Summer 2011. Currently, a Ph.D. student in Biochemistry & Biophysics at Yale University.
36. **Aditya Radhakrishnan**, BS/MS student, Summer 2010 – Summer 2011.
37. **Nil Gural**, Undergraduate researcher, Spring 2011. Currently Ph.D. student in the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences Program.
38. **Adam T. Steffen**, Scientific programmer, Summer 2007 – December 2010.
39. **Alexander French**, Undergraduate researcher, Summer 2010.
40. **Anil Kumar**, Postdoctoral scientist, December 2009 – August 2010.
41. **Caitlin L. Chicoine**, Undergraduate researcher, Summer of 2009,
42. **Matthew A. Wyczalkowski**, Biomedical Engineering. Received his Ph.D. in December 2009.
43. **Tim E. Williamson**, Molecular Biophysics Program, Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences and Staff Scientist. Received MS in May 2009.
44. **Andreas Vitalis**, Doctoral Student, Molecular Biophysics Program, Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences. Received his Ph.D. in June 2009.
45. **Alan A. Chen**, Doctoral Student, Molecular Biophysics Program, Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences. Received his Ph.D. in May 2009.

46. **Jose Pulido**, Undergraduate Trainee, May 2008 – October 2008.
47. **Xiaoling Wang**, Postdoctoral scientist, September 2004 – February 2008.
48. **Hoang T. Tran**, Doctoral student, Biomedical Engineering. Received Ph.D. in December 2007.
49. **Alexander N. Drozdov**, Postdoctoral Scientist, September 2002 – April 2004.
50. **Magdalena Fus**, Undergraduate Trainee, September 2004 – May 2005.
51. **Tirath Patel**, Undergraduate Trainee, September 2004 – May 2005.

Awards & Honors to Members of the Lab – Listed in Reverse Chronological Order

- Dr. Mina Farag, PhD student of the Pappu lab and MD/PhD student at Washington University School of Medicine was selected as a Spencer T. Olin Fellow, an award given for “past achievement and the promise of a distinguished career in the biomedical sciences”. This award recognizes Dr. Farag’s original research contributions made as part of his doctoral training in the Pappu lab.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a platform session talk at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society held in February 2025 in Los Angeles, CA.
- Dr. Matthew King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a platform session talk at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society held in February 2025 in Los Angeles, CA.
- Dr. Dylan Tomares, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a flash talk at the symposium of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins subgroup as part of the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society held in February 2025 in Los Angeles, CA.
- Dr. Kiersten Ruff, research scientist in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a flash talk at the symposium of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins subgroup as part of the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society held in February 2025 in Los Angeles, CA.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was one of eight poster awardees at the Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in June 2024 in Les Diablerets, Switzerland
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was voted by attendees of the Gordon Research Seminar to give a trainee talk at the Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in June 2024 in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a talk at the Gordon Research Seminar preceding the Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in June 2024 in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was invited to give a trainee talk at the FASEB Summer Research Conference on Nuclear Bodies held in June 2024 in Niagara Falls, NY
- Dr. Matthew R. King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was invited to give a talk as part of the main program of the FASEB Summer Research Conference on Nuclear Bodies held in June 2024 in Niagara Falls, NY.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, Postdoc in the Pappu lab received an award for best postdoctoral poster at the EMBO | EMBL symposium on Cellular Mechanisms of Phase Separation held in May 2024.
- Dr. Matthew R. King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a talk at the EMBO | EMBL symposium on Cellular Mechanisms of Phase Separation held in May 2024.
- Avnika Pant, PhD student in the Pappu lab, was selected to be a student in the 8-week physiology course held at the Marine Biology Labs in Woods Hole, MA between June and July 2024.

- Dr. Matthew R. King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a talk at the EMBO workshop on epigenetics and condensates in lineage decisions held in Dresden, Germany in September 2023.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, Postdoc in the Pappu lab was chosen to give a talk at the 11th International Conference on Biological Physics held in August 2023 in Seoul, South Korea.
- Mr. Mina Farag, MD / PhD student in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a Platform talk at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society held in San Diego, CA in February 2023.
- Dr. Kiersten Ruff, Research Scientist in the Pappu lab was chosen to give a talk at the Keystone Symposium on Biomolecular Condensates held in Vancouver, Canada in January 2023.
- Mr. Mina Farag, MD / PhD student in the Pappu lab, received a prize and was chosen to give a talk at the main event following his talk at the 2022 Gordon Research Seminar on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Dr. Min Kyung Shinn, Postdoc in the Pappu lab was chosen to give a talk at the 2022 Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Dr. Martin J. Fossat, postdoc in the Pappu lab, received a prize for best poster at the 2022 Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Dr. Matthew R. King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a talk at the FASEB summer research conference on Nuclear Bodies held in Nova Scotia in June 2022.
- Dr. Matthew R. King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a talk at the EMBO | EMBL symposium on phase separation that was held in Heidelberg in May 2022.
- Dr. Martin J. Fossat, postdoc in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a talk and chair a platform session at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society in San Francisco, CA – February 2022.
- Dr. Matthew R. King, postdoc in the Pappu lab, received the postdoctoral award from the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins subgroup of the US Biophysical society. The award, sponsored by Molecular Kinetics, comes with a cash prize and a speaking engagement at the 2021 Subgroup Symposium as part of the annual meeting of the Biophysical Society.
- Dr. Ammon E. Posey, senior research scientist in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a platform talk at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society (held virtually in February 2021).
- Dr. Ammon E. Posey, senior research scientist in the Pappu lab, received the 2020 Agilent award for Scientific Innovation.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, received the Ceil M. DeGutis prize in Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry for 2020. This award is given by Washington University in St. Louis in recognition of a graduate student's outstanding contributions to Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry, broadly defined. Ms. Cohan was recognized for her research dedicated to understanding how intrinsically disordered regions (IDRs) might contribute to the molecular functions of bacterial proteins.
- Ms. Anna M.P. Eddelbuettel, undergraduate student researcher in the Pappu lab, received the Outstanding Senior Award for Academic Excellence, and the Outstanding Senior Achievement Award from the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Washington University in St. Louis.
- Ms. Anna M.P. Eddelbuettel, undergraduate student researcher in the Pappu lab, was awarded a three-year graduate research fellowship from the US National Science Foundation.
- Mr. Furqan Dar, graduate student in the Pappu lab, received a Student Research Achievement Award (SRAA) from the Biopolymers In vivo subgroup for his poster presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society in San Diego, CA.

- Dr. Martin J. Fossat, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, received an award for best postdoctoral poster at the EMBO Workshop on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in Bengaluru, India, December 2019.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, received a \$500 travel award to attend the 3rd Fusion Bacterial Cell Biology Conference in the Bahamas, for February 2020.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, was elected to be the graduate student representative to the council of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins subgroup of the Biophysical Society for the period between April 01, 2019, and March 31, 2020.
- Dr. Jeong-Mo Choi, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, received a travel award to attend and present his work at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Baltimore, March 2019.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, was elected to the board of BALSA for the 2019-2020 period. This is the Biotechnology and Life Sciences Advising Group, which is a non-profit organization “that provides consulting services for a variety of clients, ranging from individual faculty members up through multinational corporations”.
- Mr. Jared Lalmansingh, physics PhD student in the Pappu lab, received Washington University's 2019 Gerry and Bob Virgil Ethic of Service Award for his contributions to the Young Scientist's Program, an outreach effort to draw students from the inner cities into science.
- Dr. Alex S. Holehouse, postdoc in the Pappu lab, received the 2019 MolSSI “seed” software fellowship from the Molecular Sciences and Software Institute to develop a computational pipeline for modeling the evolution and sequence-ensemble relationships of intrinsically disordered proteins.
- Dr. Max Staller, joint postdoc in the Cohen and Pappu labs, was chosen to give two lectures as part of the Gene Regulatory Networks in Development course at the Molecular Biology Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA in October 2018.
- Dr. Alex S. Holehouse, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, received an award for one of the three best posters presented by postdocs at the 2018 Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, was elected by her peers to co-chair the 2020 Gordon Research Seminar that will precede the 2020 Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins.
- Dr. Kiersten M. Ruff, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a special talk at the 2018 Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, was chosen to speak at the 2018 Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) that preceded the 2018 Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins in Les Diablerets, Switzerland, July 2018.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, graduate student in the Pappu lab, was chosen to receive a travel award, based on her submitted abstract, to present a poster at the EMBO | EMBL Symposium on Cellular Mechanisms Driven by Liquid Phase Separation, May 2018.
- Dr. Kiersten M. Ruff, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was chosen, based on her submitted abstract, to speak at the EMBO | EMBL Symposium on Cellular Mechanisms Driven by Liquid Phase Separation, May 2018.
- Ms. Mary O.G. Richardson, scientific programmer and junior research scientist in the Pappu lab received the prestigious NSF graduate student fellowship for her PhD studies in Computational Biology.

- Dr. Jeong-Mo Choi, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was chosen to speak in a platform session on intrinsically disordered proteins at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, February 2018.
- Dr. Kiersten M. Ruff, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was chosen to speak in a platform session on intrinsically disordered proteins at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, February 2018.
- Dr. Jeong-Mo Choi, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give the Molecular Kinetics sponsored postdoctoral talk at the 2018 symposium of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins subgroup to be held in conjunction with the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, February 2018.
- Dr. Alex S. Holehouse, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was one of the invited speakers in the symposium organized by the Biopolymers In Vivo Subgroup at 62nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, February 2018.
- Dr. Alex S. Holehouse, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu lab, was chosen to give a short talk at the 2018 Protein Folding Dynamics Gordon Research Conference, Galveston, TX, January 2018.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, received a travel award to attend the 2017 annual meeting of the Biomedical Engineering Society to be held in Phoenix, AZ, October 2017.
- Dr. Kiersten M. Ruff, postdoctoral fellow in the Pappu Lab, was chosen to give a short talk at the 2017 FASEB Science Research Conference on Protein Aggregation in Health and Disease in Steam Boat Springs, CO, June 2017.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was chosen to give a student talk at the annual meeting of the NSF sponsored Protein Folding Consortium in Berkeley, CA, June 2017.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab gave a talk at the weeklong workshop on the Physics of Cellular Adaptation held at the Bellairs Institute in Barbados, April 2017.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin for superior accomplishments in biomedical research doctoral students at Washington University, February 2017.
- Mr. Tyler S. Harmon, Physics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab Recipient of the SRAA Award for Best Poster, 61st Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Award Sponsored by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2017.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab gave an invited platform session talk and chaired this session at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, February 2017.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, received a student speaker award at the 23rd Annual retreat of the DBBS Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Program for his talk entitled *Phase separation of intrinsically disordered proteins yields low-density "empty" liquids*.
- Ms. Megan C. Cohan, Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, received a travel award to attend the fourth biennial Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland in June 2016.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, received a travel award to attend the fourth biennial Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland in June 2016.

- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was one of the awardees for best posters presented at the fourth biennial Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference held in Les Diablerets, Switzerland in June 2016.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab was elected as co-chair of the 2018 Graduate Research Seminar that is to accompany the fifth biennial Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference.
- Mr. Tyler S. Harmon, Physics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab was named as one of the CBSE Graduate Student Scholar by the Center for Biological Systems Engineering at Washington University for the period between July 01, 2016, and June 30, 2017.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab was named as the Kent and Bonnie Lattig CBSE Graduate Student Scholar by the Center for Biological Systems Engineering at Washington University for the period between July 01, 2016, and June 30, 2017.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab selected to give an invited talk at the Gordon Research Seminar preceding the Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 2016.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab gave an invited platform session talk at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, February 2016.
- Mr. Tyler S. Harmon, Physics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab gave an invited platform session talk at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, February 2016.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was named the first Kent and Bonnie Lattig CBSE Graduate Student Scholar by the Center for Biological Systems Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis for the period between July 2015 and June 2016.
- Mr. Tyler S. Harmon, Physics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was chosen to give the opening talk at the 2015 edition of the annual meeting of the NSF sponsored Protein Folding Consortium, Berkeley, May 2015.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was reappointed as a CBSE Graduate Student Scholar by the Center for Biological Systems Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis for the period between July 2015 and June 2016.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Students in the Pappu Lab was chosen to speak at the Princeton Workshop on Intracellular Phase Transitions, April 2015.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the SRAA Award for Best Poster, 59th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Award Sponsored by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2015.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, selected to deliver a platform session talk at the 59th annual meeting of the Biophysical Society, Baltimore, MD, February 2015.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was appointed as a CBSE Graduate Student Scholar by the Center for Biological Systems Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis for the period between July 2014 and June 2015.

- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, selected to speak at the first Graduate Research Seminar preceding the 3rd Gordon Research Conference on Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, Stonehill College, MA, June 2014.
- Mr. Albert H. Mao, MSTP and Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, received Washington University's Spencer T. Olin prize for outstanding graduate research, April 2014.
- Mr. Alex S. Holehouse, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the SRAA Award for Best Poster, 58th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Award Sponsored by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2014.
- Dr. Anuradha Mittal, Postdoc in the Pappu Lab, selected to give a platform session talk at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, February 2014.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the SRAA Award for Best Poster, 58th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Award Sponsored by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, February 2014.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Received Honorable Mention from National Science Foundation in response to Graduate Student Fellowship, with Enhanced Access to Cyberinfrastructure Resources, Including XSEDE Supercomputing Time to Support Research Toward Completion of Graduate Program, 2013.
- Ms. Kiersten M. Ruff, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the SRAA Award for Best Poster, 57th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Award Sponsored by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, 2013.
- Dr. Scott L. Crick, Recipient of the National Institutes of Health, National Research Service Award for Postdoctoral Research following the completion of thesis work and a two-year postdoctoral stint in the Pappu Lab, 2013.
- Mr. Nicholas Lyle, Computational & Systems Biology Graduate Student, Best Poster Award, Intrinsically Disordered Proteins, Gordon Research Conference, 2012.
- Dr. Scott L. Crick, Postdoc in the Pappu Lab, was selected to deliver a Platform Session Talk at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Diego, CA, 2012.
- Dr. Rahul K. Das, Postdoc in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the Molecular Kinetics Postdoctoral Speaking Award and Honorarium, 5th Annual Symposium of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Baltimore, MD, 2011.
- Mr. Albert H. Mao, MSTP and Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, Recipient of the SRAA Award for Best Poster, 55th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Baltimore, MD, Award Sponsored by the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup, 2011.
- Mr. Scott L. Crick, Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student in the Pappu Lab, was selected to deliver a Platform Symposium Talk at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, San Francisco, CA, 2010.
- Dr. Matthew A. Wyczalkowski, Former Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student, Recipient of the National Institutes of Health, National Research Service Award for Postdoctoral Research following the completion of thesis work in the Pappu Lab, 2010.
- Dr. Alan A. Chen, Former Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student, Recipient of the National Institutes of Health, National Research Service Award for Postdoctoral Research following the completion of thesis work in the Pappu Lab, 2010.

Dr. Andreas Vitalis, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Graduate Student Empiris Award for Research in Brain Diseases, Award received for Ph.D. thesis work performed in the Pappu Lab, 2010.

Other Invited talks: Fall 2001 – present (reverse chronological order)

1. Princeton University, Department of Chemical & Biochemical Engineering, May 2018
2. University of California, Berkeley, Molecular and Cell Biology, April 2017
3. Hospital for Sick Kids, Toronto, Molecular Medicine Seminar Series, March 2017
4. Washington University, Department of Genetics Seminar Series, February 2017
5. McGill University, Department of Biology, January 2017
6. Princeton University, Department of Chemical & Biochemical Engineering, December 2016
7. Tata Institute for Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India, November 2016
8. Department of Biomedical Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2016
9. MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK, June 2016
10. Johns Hopkins University, Department of Materials Science, April 2016
11. Hiroshima University, December 2015
12. Duke University, NSF-MRSEC, April 2015
13. University of British Columbia, Center for High-Throughput Biology, April 2015
14. Washington University in St. Louis, Biophysical Evening, January 2015
15. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Department of Biophysics, December 2014
16. University of Cambridge, Department of Chemistry, November 2014
17. MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK, November 2014
18. Stony Brook University, Laufer Center for Quantitative Biology, November 2014
19. Kansas State University, Department of Biochemistry, April 2014
20. Ohio State University, Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics Program, April 2014
21. University of Montana, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, February 2014
22. Johns Hopkins University, Department of Biophysics, December 2013
23. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Chemical & Biochemical Engineering, December 2013
24. University of Zurich, Department of Biochemistry, September 2013
25. The Scripps Research Institute, Department of Molecular & Experimental Medicine, July 2013
26. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, University Colloquium, July 2013
27. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Green Center for Systems Biology, Special Seminar, July 2013
28. Symposium on Physics and Biology of Strongly Fluctuating Proteins, University of Maryland, May 2013
29. American Chemical Society Meeting, New Orleans, April 2013
30. University of Chicago, Institute for Biophysical Dynamics, April 2013
31. March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Baltimore, March 2013
32. CUNY City College of New York, Structural Biology Colloquium, March 2013

33. 57th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Philadelphia, Protein Electrostatics Symposium
34. University of Minnesota, Department of Biomedical Engineering, December 2012
35. Protein Folding Consortium, Pls meeting, Chicago, November 2012
36. International Symposium on Protein Folding, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India, October 2012
37. Protein Folding Consortium, SUNY Stony Brook, NY, June 2012
38. Biopolymers Gordon Research Conference, Newport, RI, June 2012
39. Hope Center for Neurological Disorders, Washington University, May 2012
40. Arizona State University, Center for Biological Physics, Tempe, AZ, April 2012
41. University of South Florida, Department of Physics, Tampa, FL, March 2012
42. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, January 2012
43. CCP 2011 – Conference on Computational Physics, Knoxville, TN, November 2011
44. National Science Foundation Workshop on Future of RNA and Protein Folding, Arlington, VA, September 2011
45. University of Leeds, UK, July 2011
46. MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK, July 2011
47. Annual Meeting of the Protein Folding Consortium, UC Berkeley, June 2011
48. University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, May 2011
49. The Scripps Research Institute, Molecular & Experimental Medicine, May 2011
50. Washington University School of Medicine, Computational & Molecular Biophysics Program, Biophysical Evening Series, May 2011
51. Midwest Conference on Protein Folding, Assembly, and Molecular Motions, May 2011
52. 55th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Baltimore, MD, March 2011
53. Department of Biochemistry, Cornell Weill Medical College, December 2010
54. ACS Midwest Regional Meeting Symposium on Protein Folding, October, 2010
55. Intrinsically disordered proteins, Keynote Session Chair, Gordon Research Conference, North Carolina, July 2010.
56. Protein folding pathways workshop, Arizona State University, May 2010.
57. University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, March 2010.
58. Yale University, Biophysics program, January 2010.
59. Protein folding and dynamics, Gordon Research Conference, January 2010.
60. The Scripps Research Institute, Molecular & Experimental Medicine, November 2009.
61. 23rd Annual Gibbs conference on Biothermodynamics, Carbondale, IL, October 2009.
62. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India, August 2009.
63. Argonne National Laboratory, Biology Division, August 2009.
64. Northwestern University, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Cell Biology, July 2009.
65. Telluride Scientific Research Conference, Workshop on RNA dynamics, July 2009.
66. FASEB Amyloid meeting, Snowmass, CO, June-July 2009.
67. University of California Berkeley, Department of Bioengineering, April 2009.
68. MIT-Whitehead Institute, Department of Biology, March 2009.
69. Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Invited Workshop, Boston, MA, March 2009.
70. Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, February 2009
71. Rice University, Department of Chemistry, November 2009.

72. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Biocomputation seminar series, October 2008.
73. 22nd Annual Symposium of the Protein Society, July 2008, San Diego, CA
74. Protein Electrostatics Workshop, Telluride, CO, July 2008
75. Biopolymers Gordon Research Conference, Newport, RI, June 2008.
76. University of Texas Austin, Department of Biomedical Engineering, April 2008.
77. University of Oregon, Department of Chemistry, April 2008.
78. Intrinsically Disordered Proteins subgroup meeting, Annual meeting of the Biophysical Society, Long Beach, CA, February 2008
79. The Scripps Research Institute, Department of Chemistry, La Jolla, CA, September 2007.
80. Gordon Research Conference: Proteins, June 2007, Holderness, New Hampshire.
81. Washington University in St. Louis, Biophysical Evening Series, December 2007.
82. University of California in Santa Barbara, Department of Chemistry, April 2007.
83. University of Delaware, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, April 2007.
84. Indiana University, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, September 2006.
85. National Cancer Institute, Frederick, August 2006.
86. FASEB Amyloid Meeting, Snowmass, Colorado, June 2006.
87. DIMACS Workshop on Computational / Experimental Approaches to Protein Defects in Human Disease, Rutgers University, April 2006.
88. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Chemistry, April 2006.
89. Duke University, Department of Biochemistry, April 2006.
90. UTMB, Galveston, TX, Sealy Center for Structural Biology, April 2006.
91. Johns Hopkins University, Department of Chemistry, March 2006.
92. Stanford University, Department of Chemistry, March 2006.
93. I2CAM Exploratory Workshop on Protein Aggregation and Amyloid Formation in Systemic and Neurodegenerative Diseases: Physical, Molecular, and Biological Approaches, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 2005.
94. 18th Annual Gibbs Conference on Biothermodynamics, Carbondale IL, October 2004.
95. University of Iowa, Department of Chemistry, Iowa City, May 2004.
96. Washington University, Alzheimer's disease Research Center, April 2004.
97. Washington University, Department of Genetics, October 2002.
98. Washington University, Alzheimer's disease Research Center, December 2002.
99. Washington University, Biophysical Evening Seminar Series, December 2001.

TEACHING

1. *Physics of Biopolymers*, BME 432 / 532, Fall 2019 onward. Audience: Seniors majoring in Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering and PhD students from different disciplines including BME, Biophysics, and Materials Science.
2. *Bioengineering Thermodynamics in Practice*, Laboratory Course, BME 329, Fall 2014 & 2015. Audience: Biomedical Engineering juniors.
3. *Bioengineering Thermodynamics*, BME 320B, Fall 2010 onward. Audience: Biomedical Engineering juniors.
4. *Bioengineering Thermodynamics Recitation*, BME 320A, Fall 2015 onward. Problem solving session. Audience: Biomedical Engineering juniors.

5. *Applied Mathematics for Biomedical Sciences*, Fall 2013. Audience: Graduate students in Biomedical Engineering & quantitative programs in the Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences.
6. *Chemical Thermodynamics*, ChemE 320 / BME 320, Fall 2008 and 2009. Audience: Chemical Engineering sophomores and Biomedical Engineering juniors.
7. *Biomedical Engineering Design*, BME 401, Fall 2007. Co-course master for the capstone senior design course. Audience: Biomedical Engineering seniors, and graduate students in BME and Molecular Biophysics.
8. *Principles of Protein Structure*, BME 461, Every Fall starting Fall 2003. Audience: Seniors and graduate students in Biomedical Engineering.
9. *Introduction to Biomolecular Statistical Thermodynamics*, BME 531, Graduate Level, Every Spring, starting Spring 2002. Audience: Graduate students in Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Molecular Biophysics. Last time course was taught: Spring 2007.
10. *Modeling Biomolecular Systems, Part II*, BME 540, Fall 2004. Audience: Graduate students in Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Molecular Biophysics, and Computational Biology.
11. *Quantitative physiology, part II*, BME 301B, **Four Lectures** on *Applications of control theory in modeling physiological systems*, Spring 2003 – Spring 2005. Audience: Juniors majoring in Biomedical Engineering.
12. *Quantitative physiology, part II*, BME 301B, **Two Lectures** on the *Quantitative aspects of Antigen-Antibody Interactions and their role in control and regulation of immune response*, Spring 2006. Audience: Juniors majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Leadership Within Washington University

I am the founding and current Director of the Center for Biomolecular Condensates at Washington University in St. Louis.

I was the founding Director of the Center for Science & Engineering of Living Systems (CSELS).

I co-chaired the strategic planning committee commissioned by the Dean of the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences. The goal was to craft a strategic plan for the next 5-10 year period for the school.

I was the founding Director of the Center for Biological Systems Engineering (CBSE). This center incorporated researchers from the School of Engineering & Applied Science (SEAS) and the School of Medicine.

I led a cluster search to recruit suitable investigators to populate the CBSE. The search was successful in recruiting three new investigators, two by way of primary appointments in Biomedical Engineering (BME), and one with primary appointment in Pathology & Immunology (P&I). Additionally, I recruited four kindred scientists from BME and P&I with expertise in multiscale approaches to challenging problems in biomedical science.

Center for High Performance Computing

I served as co-director of the Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC) at Washington University. My close involvement with the CHPC contributed to a fundamental improvement of the computational environment at Washington University.

Department of Biomedical Engineering

I have contributed mainly as a citizen to the curricular and research programs within the BME department. In addition to participating on key departmental committees, I took the lead on two specific curricular matters. I took over the teaching of Thermodynamics for our BME undergraduates and redesigned this course to emphasize the importance of thermodynamics concepts across the molecular, cellular, and physiological scales. This initiative helped improve the synergy between thermodynamics and the two quantitative physiology courses that are taught in the department. I added a focused problem-solving module to this course. I proposed and designed a new laboratory module to go along with this course, and this has come to fruition.

I developed a new applied mathematics course for biomedical sciences. This course was designed to provide a direct conduit from concept to application of mathematics in biology and biomedical sciences.

From a research standpoint, I have been actively involved in faculty recruitment within BME, have chaired and been a member of search committees, and I was the primary author of the white paper that was crafted roughly a few years ago for the future research mission of the BME department.

SERVICE

Member of the university-wide strategic planning committee that reports directly to the Provost; committee set up in January 2021; commission ends May, 2022.

Co-chaired the strategic planning initiative for the McKelvey School of Engineering, Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

Member, committee on academic integrity, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Fall 2007 – spring 2012.

SERVICE OUTSIDE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Co-organizer, Condensate Colloquium Series, bi-weekly, virtual series focused on biomolecular condensates, July 2021 – present.

Member, Scientific Advisory Board, UK Biomolecular Condensates: Collaboration for Education, Research and Translation (BioConCERT)

Member, Scientific Advisory Board at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany, term ending December 31, 2020

Reviewer of grants for Swiss National Science Foundation, ERC grants, BBSRC, Dutch Science Foundation, Polish Science Foundation, NIH, NSF, and DoE.

Regular reviewer of manuscripts for: Biochemical Journal, Biochemistry, Biomacromolecules, Biophysical Journal, Biophysical Chemistry, Cell, Cell Reports, eLife, The Journal of Chemical Physics, Journal of Molecular Biology, Journal of Physical Chemistry B, Journal of the American Chemical Society, Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation, Macromolecules, Molecular Cell, Nature, Nature Chemistry, Nature Communications,

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA, PLoS: Computational Biology, Science, Science Advances.

Panelist for review of National Science Foundation SBIR grants, Bioinformatics.

Co-author and contributor to Statement of Significance Petition to form a new Intrinsically Disordered Protein subgroup within the Biophysical Society.

Primary organizer of 1st International ICAM workshop on Multiscale Interactions and Dynamics in Complex Biological Systems, Washington University in Saint Louis, May 27-29, 2006.