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Professional preparation

- The Scripps Research Institute, Sabbatical Leave, 2006
Area of research: Macromolecular crystallization and technology development in X-ray crystallography for structural genomics
- Investigación del CSIC en la Universidad de Granada, Research Fellow, 1998
Area of Research: Bimolecular crystallization
- IBMC, CNRS, Strasbourg, France, Postdoctoral fellow, 1993-1998
Area of Research: Macromolecular crystal growth of RNA and nucleic acid binding proteins, X-ray crystallography
- University of California, Riverside, Biochemistry, Ph.D. 1992
Area of Research: Molecular biology applications toward X-ray structure investigations
- University of California, Los Angeles, Biochemistry, B.S. 1985
Area of Research: Biophysical studies of membrane vesicles

Appointments

- 2014-present Professor, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2008-present President of iXpressGenes Inc at the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology
- 1998-present Adjunct Professor, Material Science, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2004-2020 Biotechnology Science and Engineering Doctoral Program Director
- 2006-2008 President of ExtremoZyme at the University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2004-2014 Associate Professor, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 1998-2004 Assistant Professor, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Publications

- González-Ramírez, L.A., Moreno A., **Ng, J.D.** and García-Ruiz, J.M. (2022). Investigations on the Role of Iron (III) and Silica-Iron (III) for DNA Protection Against Highly Intense UV Radiation: Tracking the Connection of Prebiotic Chemistry to Biology. *Astrobiology*. *In press*. (Ahead of print access: <https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2022.0004>)
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Patents

- **Ng, J.D.**, Gavira, J.A., García-Ruiz, J.M., Wells, M., Jenkins, G. Crystallization cassette for the growth and analysis of macromolecular crystals and an associated method. Patent no. **US 7,118,626 B2** Oct 10, 2006.
- Pusey, M.L., Dowell, J., **Ng, J.D.** and Chittur, K. (2007) Nucleic Acid Detector and Method of Detecting Targets within a Sample. Patent no. **US 7,291,459** Nov 11, 2007.

Teaching (while at University of Alabama in Huntsville)

Didactic classes (sole instructor)

BYS 219 Genetics and Evolution

BYS 361 General Biochemistry I

BYS 362 General Biochemistry I Lab

BYS 363 General Biochemistry II

BYS 365 General Biochemistry II Lab

BYS 519 Gene Structure and Function (Advanced Structural and Molecular Biology)

BYS 543 Molecular Biology of the Cell (Senior & Graduate Level)

BYS 547 Graduate Biochemistry I

BYS 548 Graduate Biochemistry II

BYS 690 Graduate Seminar

BYS 691 Introduction to Synthetic Biology (Special Topics)

BYS 691 Macromolecular Crystallization and X-ray Crystallography (Special Topics)

BYS 691 Recombinant cloning and protein purification (Special Topics)

BYS 691/601/602 Introduction to Bioinformatics/Biological computation

Non-Didactic classes (specialized instructions-sole instructor)

RNA isolation and analysis

Neutron Diffraction

Thermophilic proteins

Macromolecular crystallization

X-ray crystallography

Graduate students and postgraduate fellows mentored (Only those that have finished are listed)

Individuals are named followed by the years in the lab and where they were employed immediately after leaving.

Undergraduate students are not listed.

- Noriko Inoguchi (Postdoc 2016-2022). iXpressGenes Inc. Huntsville, AL, US.
- Jake Brouwer (M.S. 2017-2019). Paragon Research, Huntsville, AL, US.
- Manavalan Gajapathy (Ph.D. 2012 -2017). Hudson Alpha Institute of Biotechnology, AL, US.
- James Wolfsberger (M.S. 2013-2015). UAH Doctoral Biotech Program.
- Jayson Pagan (M.S. 2013-2015). Nectar, Huntsville, AL, US.
- Talitha Holmes (Ph.D. 2007-2013). Research Analyst, Huntsville.
- Anuj Singhal (M.S. 2011-2012). iXpressGenes Inc., Huntsville, AL, US.
- Domenico De Bernardo (M.S. 2010-2012). UAH Doctoral Biotech Program.
- Ronny C. Hughes (Ph.D. 2006-2011). Hudson Alpha Institute of Biotechnology, AL, US.
- Miranda Byrne (Ph.D. 2004-2009), Hudson Alpha Institute of Biotechnology, AL, US.
- Qunying Yuan (Postdoc 2007-2008), iXpressGenes Inc., Huntsville, AL, US.
- José A. Gavira (Postdoc 2000-2003) Laboratorio Estadios Cristálograficos, Granda, Spain.
- Elena Pikuta (Postdoc 1999-2001), NSSTC, NASA, Huntsville, AL, US.
- Damien Marsic (Ph.D. 1999-2006), Florida State University, FL, US.
- Divya Pradhan (Ph.D. 2003-2007), Calhoun Community College, Huntsville, AL, US.
- Eva Bernhardsdotter (Ph.D. 2003-2005), Swedish Space Coporation, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Tishawn McWilliams (M.S. 2001-2003), Vintage Pharmaceuticals, Huntsville, AL, US.
- Ashely Creekmore (M.S. 2002-2004), deciBel Research, Inc. Huntsville, AL, US.

Synergistic Activities (*selected*)

- Chair of the *U.S. National Committee for Crystallography, The National Academies* (2014-2017).
- Principal organizer and host of *Frontiers in Structural Biology of Membrane Protein and Pittsburg Diffraction Conference*. Huntsville, AL (2015).
- Primary organizer and host of the 14th *International Conference on the Crystallization of Biological Macromolecules* (2012).
- Past President and current board member of the *Pittsburgh Diffraction Society* (2011-present).
- Instructor for the *Protein Crystallography and its Applications to Biomedical Sciences*, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City (2012).
- Instructor for the *Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) workshop on the Advanced Methods in Macromolecular Crystallization*, Nove Hrad, Czech Republic (2012).
- Organizing member of the 11th and 12th *International Conference on the Crystallization of Biological Macromolecules* (August 2006), Montreal, Canada and Cancun, Mexico (May 2008) respectively.
- Assigned Co-editor for the *Proceedings to 10th and 12th International Conference on the Crystallization of Biological Macromolecules* to be published in *Acta Crystallographica Section D*. (May 2004, Aug 2008).
- Instructor for *Crystallization of Biological Macromolecules Workshop*, Uppsala University, Sweden (Summer 2003).

Selected Honors, awards, and other Forms of Special Recognition

- 2016 Innovation Award-Biology & Medicine. Protein Crystal Growth Development. International Space Station R&D Conference 2016.
- 2015 Featured as top 101 Rocket City Inventions, U.S. Space & Rocket Center/Smithsonian Institution. (Patent no. US 7,118,626 B2).
- 2014 UAH Outstanding Faculty Award.
- 2013 College of Business Administration Entrepreneurs Round Table.
- 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award.
- 2008 Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.
- 2002 Foundation Award for Research and Creative Achievement.
- 2002 Dean's Service Award, College of Science, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
- 2001 Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, UAH Researcher of the Year.
- 1995 French National Centre for Space Studies fellowship.
- 1993 French National Organization of Bioindustries (ORGANIBIO) fellowship.
- 1998 Walton B. Sinclair Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Professional organizations and scholarly societies

Phi Kappa Phi
Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society
American Crystallographic Association
Alpha Chi Sigma National Chemistry Fraternity
International Union of Crystallography

Foreign languages: French, Cantonese, Spanish (in the order of competency)

Extracurricular activities: Music, Running