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## EDUCATION

<b>The University of Chicago</b>	<b>Chicago, IL</b>	<b>2013 - present</b>
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Chemistry		
<b>Northwestern University</b>	<b>Evanston, IL</b>	<b>2007 – 2012</b>
Ph.D., Physical Chemistry Dissertation: “Charge-Transfer Oligomers and Polymers for Organic Photovoltaics: Structure, dynamics, and their implications for solar devices”		
<b>University of Washington</b>	<b>Seattle, WA</b>	<b>2002 – 2007</b>
BS, Chemistry and BA, English (with honors)		

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>The University of Chicago</b>	<b>Chicago, IL</b>	<b>2013 - present</b>
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Chemistry Advisor: Greg S. Engel		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Built an experiment to measure the time-resolved material response to Laguerre-Gaussian light, discovering new excited state dynamics in bulk GaAs. Helped conceive of, design, and obtain funding (\$3 million) for the experiment.</li><li>• Developed a time-domain vibrational technique based on 2D electronic spectroscopy, and used it to observe interexciton vibrational correlations directly in the Fenna-Matthews-Olson complex.</li><li>• Developed a method to obtain highly resolved diagonal and cross peaks in 2D electronic spectra, revealing the detailed spectral features in congested spectra.</li></ul>		
<b>Argonne National Laboratory</b>	<b>Lemont, IL</b>	<b>2010 - 2012</b>
Laboratory graduate research fellow, concurrent with Northwestern University		
<b>Northwestern University</b>	<b>Evanston, IL</b>	<b>2007 – 2012</b>
Graduate research assistant Advisor: Lin X. Chen		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Studied intramolecular and intermolecular exciton dissociation in alternating copolymers, identifying trends between intramolecular polymer processes and corresponding bulk</li></ul>		

heterojunction device efficiencies.

- Examined aggregate morphologies in neat and bulk heterojunction alternating copolymer films using grazing incidence wide/small angle X-ray scattering, demonstrating correlations between  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking distances and bulk heterojunction device fill factor.
- Studied spontaneous self-assembly behavior in spin-coated photovoltaic oligomer systems depending on monomer length, using grazing incidence wide/small angle X-ray scattering and atomic force microscopy.
- Characterized anisotropic absorption behavior of organic donor-acceptor cocrystals as a function of modular chromophore species.

## GRANTS

### 1. “Transcribing Quantum Information using Quantum Dynamics of Coherent Materials” (PI: Engel)

10/1/2014 - 9/30/2019

Agency: Department of Defense National Security Science and Engineering Faculty Fellowship

Total costs: \$3,000,000 (all to U. Chicago, PI: Engel)

### 2. “Coherent Energy Transfer in Novel Excitonic Materials for Solar Energy Applications” (PI: Engel)

1/31/2016 - 1/30/2019

Agency: Qatar National Research Foundation

Total costs: \$3,000,000 (20% to U. Chicago, PI: Engel; 80% to QEERI, PI: Sabre Kais)

## TALKS & PUBLICATIONS

### — Talks —

5. **Rolczynski, B. S.** and Engel, G. S. “Correlated exciton environments in the Fenna-Matthews-Olson complex.” Photosynthesis conference, Marshall, IN, 11/5/16.

4. **Rolczynski, B. S.** and Engel, G. S. “Transcribing light’s orbital angular momentum to materials.” Spin VI, Chicago, IL, 10/17/16.

3. **Rolczynski, B. S.** and Engel, G. S. “Long-lived coherences through correlated environments.” ACS Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 8/22/16.

2. **Rolczynski, B. S.** and Engel, G. S. “How Long Does a CdSe Quantum Dot Remember Its Excitation Energy?” Nanotalk Symposium, Chicago, IL, 2/25/14.

1. **Rolczynski, B. S.** and Chen, L. X. “The role of tuning push-pull interactions in small optical gap copolymers.” Gordon Research Seminar, Easton, MA, 7/10/11.

- **Rolczynski, B. S.**; Zheng, H.; Singh, V. P.; Navotnaya, P.; Ginzburg, A. R.; Caram, J. R.; Ashraf, K.; Gardiner, A. T.; Cogdell, R. J.; Engel, G. S. “Direct Observation of Correlated Excitonic Spectral Diffusion in the Fenna-Matthews-Olson Complex.” *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.*, *submitted*.

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22. Cho, S.; **Rolczynski, B. S.**; Xu, T.; Yu, L.; Chen, L. X. “Solution Phase Exciton Diffusion Dynamics of a Charge-Transfer Copolymer PTB7 and Homopolymer P3HT.” *J. Phys. Chem. B*. 2015, 119(24), 7447.

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12. **Rolczynski, B. S.**; Szarko, J. M.; Son, H. J.; Liang, Y.; Yu, L.; Chen, L. X. "Ultrafast Intramolecular Exciton Splitting Dynamics in Isolated Low-Band-Gap Polymers and Their Implications on Photovoltaic Materials Design." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012, 134, 9, 4142.
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10. Carsten, B.; Szarko, J. M.; Son, H. J.; Wang, W.; Lu, L.; He, F.; **Rolczynski, B. S.**; Lou, S. J.; Chen, L. X.; Yu, L. "Examining the Effect of the Dipole Moment on Charge Separation in Donor-Acceptor Polymers for Organic Photovoltaic Applications." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2011, 133, 50, 20468.
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1. **Rolczynski, B. S.**; Navotnaya, P.; Sussman, H. R.; Engel, G. S. "Cysteine-mediated mechanism disrupts energy transfer to prevent photooxidation." Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. 2016. 113(31), 8562.

## TEACHING

### Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

TA, Advanced Undergraduate Laboratory  
 Super TA, General Physical Chemistry  
 TA, General Inorganic Chemistry  
 TA, General Chemistry

Summer 2009  
 Spring 2008, Spring 2009  
 Winter 2008  
 Fall 2007

### Kannagara Jinja

Granite Falls, WA

Martial arts (Aikido) instructor, children's class

2002-2007