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EDUCATION

University of Delaware

Aug 2012 - Present

Chemical Engineering, Ph.D. Candidate (expected graduation summer/fall 2017)

University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)

Aug 2008 – May 2012

Chemical Engineering, B.S. (Magna Cum Laude) Biological Sciences, Minor certificate

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research

May 2013 – Present

Thesis Topic: Elucidating metabolism in microbial co-cultures through ¹³C-metabolic flux analysis Thesis Advisor: Maciek R. Antoniewicz, Ph.D

- o Developed and applied a novel methodology for co-culture ¹³C-metabolic flux analysis
- o Constructed and validated a compartmentalized network model for S. cerevisiae
- Quantitatively analyzed dynamic metabolism of E. coli during diauxic growth shift

CBI Rotation program at the University of Delaware

Jan 2013 – May 2013

- o Dr. Fidelma Boyd's lab, Biological Sciences: Learned and applied molecular biology tools to knockout thermoresistant gluconokinase in *V. cholerae*
- o Dr. Eleftherios Papoutsakis's lab, Chemical Engineering: Learned and applied molecular biology techniques to insert *groESL* gene into *E. coli* chromosome
- Dr. Maciek Antoniewicz's lab, Chemical Engineering: Analyzed the growth profile and metabolism of engineered *Thermus thermophilus* in various medium

Undergraduate Research Experience

o Dr. Ross' lab at **UMBC**, Chemical Engineering

Oct 2010 – Jan 2012

- Analyzed the effects of shear stress on bacterial adhesion to surfaces
- o Dr. Lauffenburger's lab at MIT, Biological Engineering

Jun 2011 – Aug 2011

- Synthesized reagent for quantitative multiplexed immunoassay studies
- o Dr. Yang's lab at **University of Pittsburgh**, Chemical Engineering

Jun 2010 – Aug 2010

- Analyzed the effect of oxygen on the synthesis of carbon nanotubes

PUBLICATIONS

Gebreselassie NA, Antoniewicz MR. (2017) Complete growth characterization of *E. coli* $\Delta pgi - \Delta zwf$ co-culture system through co-culture ¹³C-metabolic flux analysis. (*In preparation*)

Gebreselassie NA, Lazor V, Antoniewicz MR. (2017) COMPLETE ¹³C-MFA of *Saccharomyces* cerevisiae. (In preparation)

Long CP, Au J, Sandoval NR, **Gebreselassie NA**, Antoniewicz MR. (2016) Enzyme I facilitates reverse flux from pyruvate to phosphoenolpyruvate in *Escherichia coli*. *Nature Communication*. (Accepted)

Gebreselassie NA, Antoniewicz MR. (2015) ¹³C-Metabolic flux analysis: A novel approach. *Metabolic Engineering*. 31: 132-139

He L*, Xiao Y*, **Gebreselassie N***, Zhang F, Antoniewicz MR, Tang YJ, Peng L. (2014) Central metabolic responses to the overproduction of fatty acids in *Escherichia coli* based on ¹³C-metabolic flux analysis. *Biotechnology Bioengineering*. 111(3): 575-585 [*Co-first authors]