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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA**

Ph.D., Chemistry, September 2012 – May 11, 2018 (anticipated)

- **Thesis Advisor:** Associate Professor Jennifer Prescher
- 3.76 cumulative GPA

**Hope College, Holland, MI, USA**

B.S., Chemistry (A.C.S. Certified), Minor in Mathematics, May, 2012

- **Thesis Advisor:** Professor Jeffrey B. Johnson
- 3.99 cumulative GPA

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA**

Under Professor Jennifer A. Prescher

**May 2014 – Present**

- *Building better bioluminescent reporters via ab initio calculations* (2014)
- *Orthogonal luciferase–luciferin pairs for bioluminescence imaging* (February 2015 – November 2016)
- *Engineering mutually orthogonal enzyme–substrate pairs for bioluminescence imaging* (November 2016 – November 2017)
- *Multicomponent bioluminescence imaging in vivo* (November 2017 – Present)

Under Professor Vy M. Dong

**December 2012 – May 2014**

- *Mechanistic study of a metal-catalyzed, regioselective carbohydrate acylation reaction* (2013)
- *Rhodium-catalyzed retrohydroformylation* (January 2014 – May 2014)

**Hope College, Holland, MI**

Under Professor Jeffrey B. Johnson

**2010 – 2012**

- *Kinetic investigation of C–C bond activation in quinolinyl ketones* (2010)
- *Observing the effects of ligand modification on C–C bond activation* (2011)
- *C–C bond activation promoted by an imine directing group* (Summer 2012)

**University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Under Professor Fabio Doctorovich

**Summer 2011**

- *Synthesis of an electron-poor, water-soluble porphyrin for the isolation of HNO*

SELECTED  
HONORS  
& AWARDS**National Science Foundation**

- **Graduate Research Fellowship** (2012)
- **International Research Experience for Undergraduates** (2011)

**Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Foundation**

- **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship** (2011)

## University of California, Irvine

- Allergan Graduate Fellowship (2017 – 2018)
- Grad Slam Campus-Wide Finalist (2017)
- UCI NSF GRFP Symposium 3rd-Place Presentation (2017)
- AGS Symposium Judges' Winner (2016)

## Hope College

- Presidential Scholarship (2008)
- Chemistry Department Jaeger Scholarship (2009)
- Chemistry Department John H. Kleinheksel Award (2009)
- Alcor Chapter Mortar Board (2011 – 2012)

PEER-REVIEWED  
PUBLICATIONS

9. Rathbun, C. M.; Ionkina, A.; Prescher, J. A. "Multicomponent bioluminescence imaging in vivo." *Manuscript in preparation*.
8. Rathbun, C. M.\*; Porterfield, W. B.\*; Jones, K. A.\*; Sagoe, M. J.; Reyes, M. R.; Hua, C. T.; Prescher, J. A. "Parallel screening for rapid identification of orthogonal bioluminescent tools." *ACS Cent. Sci.*, **2017**, 3, 1254.
7. Rathbun, C. M.; Prescher, J. A. "Bioluminescent Probes for Imaging Biology Beyond the Culture Dish." *Biochemistry*, **2017**, 56, 5178. *Invited review*.
6. Rathbun, C. M.\*; Jones, K. A.\*; Porterfield, W. B.\*; McCutcheon, D. C.; Paley, M. A.; Prescher, J. A. "Orthogonal Luciferase-Luciferin Pairs for Bioluminescence Imaging." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2017**, 139, 2351.
5. Steinhardt, R. C.; Rathbun, C. M.; Krull, B. T.; Yu, J. M.; Yang Y.; Nguyen, B. D.; Kwon, J.; McCutcheon, D. C.; Jones, K. A.; Furche, F.; Prescher, J. A. "Brominated Luciferins are Versatile Bioluminescent Probes." *ChemBioChem*, **2016**, 18, 96.
4. Steinhardt, R. C.; O'Neill, J. M.; Rathbun, C. M.; McCutcheon, D. C.; Paley, M. A.; Prescher, J. A. "Design and Synthesis of an Alkynyl Luciferin Analogue for Bioluminescence Imaging." *Chem. Eur. J.*, **2016**, 22, 3671.
3. Chen, I. H.; Kou, K. G. M.; Le, D. N.; Rathbun, C. M.; Dong, V. M. "Recognition and Site-Selective Transformation of Monosaccharides by Using Copper(II) Catalysis." *Chem. Eur. J.*, **2014**, 20, 5013.
2. Lutz, J. P.; Rathbun, C. M.; Stevenson, S. M.; Powell, B. M.; Boman, T. S.; Baxter, C. E.; Zona, J. M.; Johnson, J. B. "Rate-Limiting Step of the Rh-Catalyzed Carboacylation of Alkenes: C-C Bond Activation or Migratory Insertion?" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2012**, 134, 715.
1. Rathbun, C. M.; Johnson, J. B. "Rhodium-Catalyzed Acylation of Quinoliny Ketones: Carbon-Carbon Single Bond Activation as the Turnover Limiting Step of Catalysis." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2011**, 133, 2031.

## PRESENTATIONS

Rathbun, C. M. *Engineered luciferase-luciferin pairs for multicomponent bioluminescence imaging*. Janelia Protein Engineering Workshop, Janelia, Ashburn, VA, March 4–8, 2018. (poster and oral)

Rathbun, C. M. *Engineered luciferase-luciferin pairs for multicomponent bioluminescence imaging*. Gordon Research Conference: Bioorganic Chemistry, Andover, NH, June 11–16, 2017. (poster)

Rathbun, C. M. *Using the firefly to illuminate cancer*. Grad Slam Finals Competition (T.E.D.-style talk), U.C. Irvine, April 11, 2017. (oral)

Rathbun, C. M. *Constructing new bioluminescent tools with minimally perturbed luciferins*. Vertex Day, U.C. Irvine, March 11, 2016. (oral)

Rathbun, C. M. *Constructing new bioluminescent tools with minimally perturbed luciferins*. ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 14–17, 2016. (oral)

Rathbun, C. M. *Mechanistic study of a metal-catalyzed, regioselective carbohydrate acylation reaction*. ACS National Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, September 9–12, 2013. (poster)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA

#### *Mentor to Undergraduate Researchers*

**January 2015 – Present**

- Oversaw undergraduate Yuhang Yang in synthesis and cross-coupling of brominated luciferins.
- Currently mentoring Yusef Ibreighith in screening a luciferase library for deep mutational scanning analysis.

#### *Graduate Chemical Biology Teaching Assistant*

**January – March 2017**

- Lead weekly workshops and helped draft problem sets and exams for a graduate-level chemical biology course lead by Jennifer Prescher.
- Participated in **GetFIT** program for prospective faculty, which included giving a lecture and soliciting feedback from a faculty mentor.

#### *Organic Chemistry Teaching Assistant*

**September 2012 – May 2013**

- Oversaw undergraduates in general and organic chemistry labs. Lead workshops for organic chemistry lecture classes.

### Hope College, Holland, MI

#### *Teaching Assistant*

**2009 – 2012**

- Oversaw undergraduates in general and organic chemistry labs. Lead workshops for organic and physical chemistry lecture classes.

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

**Python:** Data mining and analysis with Numpy. Algorithms for parallel processing with supercomputing clusters.

**HTML/CSS:** Developed static lab group website from the ground-up. Implemented liquid templating engine for easy future updates.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Used for all major long-form graduate school documents.

**Java:** Working knowledge.

**Basic knowledge:** JavaScript, Unix Shell, Ruby.

## LANGUAGES

**English** (native speaker)

**Spanish:** Conversational. Intermediate classes in college as well as 2011 summer research experience in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## RECREATIONAL INTERESTS

- Enjoy cycling, rock climbing, and hiking.
- Homebrewing and cooking.
- Keyboardist and vocalist.