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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA

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

• Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Jennifer Prescher

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 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, Agentina

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 Jacker Scholarship (2009)
- Chemistry Department John H. Kleinheksel Award (2009)
- Alcor Chapter Mortar Board (2011 2012)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 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.; <u>Rathbun, C. M.</u>; 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.; <u>Rathbun, C. M.</u>; 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.
- Chen, I. H.; Kou, K. G. M.; Le, D. N.; <u>Rathbun, C. M.</u>; 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 Quinolinyl 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, Andover, NH, June 11–16, 2017. (poster)

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.

LATEX: 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.