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**Education:**

*University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA, USA* Expected Fall 2018  
Ph.D., Chemistry  
Concentrations: atmospheric chemistry, physical chemistry  
*Dissertation:* New remote sensing constraints on nitric oxide lifetime and emissions throughout the United States

*The Pennsylvania State University; University Park, PA, USA* May 2013  
The Schreyer Honors College With Highest Distinction  
B.S. Chemistry with Honors  
*Thesis:* Synthesis and Transport Studies of a Delivery Mechanism for Oxidative In-Situ Remediation of Groundwater

B.M. Music Composition with Honors  
*Thesis:* Virtual Evolving and Self-Producing Rapid Audio (V.E.S.P.R.A.)

**Research Experience:**

Cohen Research Lab, UC Berkeley Oct 2013–present  
*NO<sub>2</sub> remote sensing retrieval development and space-based NO<sub>x</sub> emissions constraints. Developer on the BEHR retrieval (<http://behr.cchem.berkeley.edu/>).*

Mallouk Research Group, Penn State June 2012–May 2013  
*Development of oxidative groundwater remediation using peroxide microcapsules*

Merck Pharmaceuticals (Internship), Danville, PA, USA June 2011–Aug 2011  
*Process optimization of crystal size for product yield and purity at the Danville, PA site*

Curriculum development research w/ Dr. Katherine Masters, Penn State Jan 2011–Dec 2012  
*Design of new curriculum for honors organic chemistry lab course*

Cherokee Pharmaceuticals (Internship), Danville, PA, USA June 2010–Aug 2010  
*Study of the effect of antisolvent addition on product yield and purity*

**Publications:**

- J. L. Laughner, Q. Zhu, and R. C. Cohen (2018). “The Berkeley High Resolution Tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> Product”. In: *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.* submitted
- J. Lapierre, J. Laughner, J. Geddes, W. Koshack, R. Cohen, and S. Pusede (2018). “Observing regional variability in lightning NO<sub>x</sub> production rates”. In: *J. Geophys. Res. Atmos.* submitted
- J. L. Laughner and R. C. Cohen (2017). “Quantification of the effect of modeled lightning NO<sub>2</sub> on UV-visible air mass factors”. In: *Atmos. Meas. Tech.* 10, pp. 4403–4419. DOI: 10.5194/amt-10-4403-2017
- B. A. Nault, J. L. Laughner, P. J. Wooldridge, J. D. Crounse, J. Dibb, G. Diskin, J. Peischl, J. R. Podolske, I. B. Pollack, T. B. Ryerson, E. Scheuer, P. O. Wennberg, and R. C. Cohen (2017). “Lightning NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions: Reconciling Measured and Modeled Estimates With Updated NO<sub>x</sub> Chemistry”. In: *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 2017GL074436. ISSN: 1944-8007. DOI: 10.1002/2017GL074436

- J. L. Laughner, A. Zare, and R. C. Cohen (2016). “Effects of daily meteorology on the interpretation of space-based remote sensing of  $\text{NO}_2$ ”. In: *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 16.23, pp. 15247–15264. DOI: 10.5194/acp-16-15247-2016
- K. R. Travis, D. J. Jacob, J. A. Fisher, P. S. Kim, E. A. Marais, L. Zhu, K. Yu, C. C. Miller, R. M. Yantosca, M. P. Sulprizio, A. M. Thompson, P. O. Wennberg, J. D. Crounse, J. M. St. Clair, R. C. Cohen, J. L. Laughner, J. E. Dibb, S. R. Hall, K. Ullmann, G. M. Wolfe, I. B. Pollack, J. Peischl, J. A. Neuman, and X. Zhou (2016). “Why do models overestimate surface ozone in the Southeast United States?” In: *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 16.21, pp. 13561–13577. DOI: 10.5194/acp-16-13561-2016
- S. E. Pusede, K. C. Duffey, A. A. Shusterman, A. Saleh, J. L. Laughner, P. J. Wooldridge, Q. Zhang, C. L. Parworth, H. Kim, S. L. Capps, L. C. Valin, C. D. Cappa, A. Fried, J. Walega, J. B. Nowak, A. J. Weinheimer, R. M. Hoff, T. A. Berkoff, A. J. Beyersdorf, J. Olson, J. H. Crawford, and R. C. Cohen (2016). “On the effectiveness of nitrogen oxide reductions as a control over ammonium nitrate aerosol”. In: *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 16.4, pp. 2575–2596. DOI: 10.5194/acp-16-2575-2016

### **Presentations:**

- Laughner, J. and Cohen, R.C. (15 Dec 2017) *The Next-generation Berkeley High Resolution  $\text{NO}_2$  (BEHR  $\text{NO}_2$ ) Retrieval: Design and Preliminary Emissions Constraints*, Poster at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 11–15 Dec 2017.
- Laughner, J. and Canfield-Dafilou, E. (22 June 2017) *Illustrating trends in nitrogen oxides across the United States using sonification*, Talk at International Conference for Auditory Display, University Park, PA, 20–23 June 2017.
- Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (3 Feb 2017) *Effects of daily, high resolution a priori profiles on satellite-derived  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions and lifetime*, Poster at Berkeley Atmospheric Science Symposium, Berkeley, CA, 2–3 Feb 2017.
- Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (16 Dec 2016) *Effects of daily, high resolution a priori profiles on satellite-derived  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions and lifetime*, Poster at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 12–16 Dec 2016.
- Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (30 Aug 2016) *Effects of daily meteorology on satellite a priori and implications for constraint of  $\text{NO}_x$  chemistry from space*, Talk at Aura Science Team Meeting, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 30 Aug–1 Sept 2016.
- Laughner, J., Zare, A., and Cohen, R.C. (14 Dec 2015) *The impact of day-to-day variability in input assumptions on regional satellite retrievals of  $\text{NO}_2$* , Poster at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 14–18 Dec 2015.
- Laughner, J. and Cohen, R.C. (7 May 2015) *Aerosol effects on  $\text{NO}_2$  retrievals: an assessment using DISCOVER observations*, Talk at DISCOVER-AQ Science Team Meeting, Boulder, CO, 3–8 May 2015.
- Laughner, J. (Apr. 2013) *Synthesis and Transport Studies of a Delivery Mechanism for Oxidative In-Situ Remediation of Groundwater*, Thesis presentation, Dept. of Chemistry, Penn State.
- Laughner, J. and Mallouk, T. (Aug. 2012) *Synthesis of PLGA Microcapsules for Groundwater Remediation*, Presentation of research at conclusion of 3M Summer Fellowship.
- Laughner, J. and Mallouk, T. (Apr. 2012) *Oxidation of Groundwater Contaminants with Hydrogen Peroxide Containing Microcapsules*, Penn State Undergraduate Research Exposition.

### **Awards:**

- NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship, 2014–2017.
- Teas Scholarship, Penn State Department of Chemistry, 2012.
- 3M Fellowship, Penn State, 2012.
- Golumbic Scholarship, Penn State College of Arts & Architecture, 2012.

## Teaching Experience:

NASA Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) <i>Visit high school classes to discuss my research and help students with their own research projects.</i>	Dec 2014–present
Bay Area Scientists in Schools (BASIS) <i>Science lessons with elementary students in Oakland and Berkeley, CA, USA</i>	Jan 2014–present
Graduate Student Instructor, Chem 15, UC Berkeley <i>Analytical chemistry: instructor for 25-student lab section; office hours on lab and lecture material</i>	Aug 2015–Dec 2015
Graduate Student Instructor, Chem 4A, UC Berkeley <i>General chemistry: instructor for 20-student lab section; office hours on lab and lecture material</i>	Aug 2013–Dec 2013 Aug 2014–Dec 2014
Tutor for undergraduate resource room, Penn State <i>Individual to small group tutoring on general and organic chemistry</i>	Sept 2010–May 2013
Mentor for high school student lab experience during summer leadership camp <i>Led high-school students in water filtration lab, discussion of relevance</i>	Aug 2012
Undergraduate Instrument Room TA, Penn State <i>Instructed student use of NMR, IR, GC, and data interpretation</i>	Aug 2011–Dec 2011

## Skills:

- *Programming*: fluent in Matlab, Python, Bash, Git; conversant with Fortran, C, C++, C#, Supercolider.
- *Atmospheric remote sensing*: development of UV-visible retrieval algorithms; application of NO<sub>2</sub> remote sensing for emissions and lifetime constraints.
- *Atmospheric chemical transport modeling*: experienced with GEOS-Chem and WRF-Chem.
- *Radiative transfer modeling*: conversant with SCIATRAN.
- *Typesetting and visualization*: fluent with Latex, GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program), Inkscape (open source vector image editor), and Blender (open source 3D modeling program).

## Selected programming examples:

- BEHR Retrieval: <https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/BEHR-core> and dependencies
- Modification of WRF-Chem to automatically scale anthropogenic emissions to the run year: [https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/WRF-Chem-R2SMH/commits/conv\\_emiss\\_racm2-r2smh](https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/WRF-Chem-R2SMH/commits/conv_emiss_racm2-r2smh), esp. commits b7a4f62 & 64225f2
- Code to automate configuration, compilation, input preparation, and execution of WRF-Chem: <https://github.com/CohenBerkeleyLab/AutoWRFChem-Base>
- Matlab-Python data type interface: <https://github.com/firsttempora/MatlabPythonInterface>