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## Highlights of Qualifications

- Prolific researcher with over 10 peer-reviewed papers in internationally prestigious journals, including *Journal of the American Chemical Society* and *Angewandte Chemie*; and over 20 oral/poster presentations
- Multidisciplinary background (bioinorganic, polymer, and analytical chemistry; organic synthesis)
- Proficient in mass spectrometry, electrochemistry, chromatography, spectroscopy, and X-ray crystallography
- Ability to manage multiple priorities
- Highly organized, detail-oriented, results-driven, and resilient
- Strong work ethics and ability to work on multicultural settings
- Experienced in planning/managing lab projects
- Reviewer of scientific articles
- Passionate educator with over 5 years of teaching/research mentor experience
- Outstanding graduate student with GPA of 4.0/4.0, and several awards/honors

## Education

- Ph.D. in Chemistry, University of Oklahoma, 2017
  - Field of Study – Inorganic Chemistry, Organometallic Chemistry, and Spectroelectrochemistry
  - Title of Dissertation – Chemical Modeling of Unstable Intermediates in Heme-mediated NOx Biology
  - Supervisor – Dr. George B. Richter-Addo
- M.S. in Chemistry, De La Salle University, 2012
  - Field of Study – Analytical Chemistry, and Polymer Chemistry
  - Title of Thesis – Bisphenol-A Imprinted Polymers for the Binding and Molecular Recognition of Bisphenol Derivatives
- B.S. in Chemistry, Western Mindanao State University (*magna cum laude*), 2008
  DOSTJLAP Scholar (Year Awarded 2006)
  - Field of Study – Analytical Chemistry
  - Title of Thesis – Utilization of Wood Sawdust for the Adsorption of Lead Ion ($Pb^{2+}$) in Aqueous Solution

## Work Experience

**University of Oklahoma**
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

***Postdoctoral Research Fellow*** *(May 2017 – Present)*

- Analytical techniques and instrumentation expertise
  - Mass spectrometry, gas chromatography, HPLC, NMR for characterization of organic and gas products
  - UV-vis, FTIR, EPR and spectro-electrochemistry for characterization of metal complexes/inorganic products
  - Small molecule X-ray crystallography for structural characterization of metal complexes
  - Schlenk line and glove box for synthesizing air and moisture sensitive compounds
- Inorganic and organic synthesis experience
  - Synthesize and characterize H/RNO complexes of iron porphyrins that model fungal nitric oxide reductase
  - Synthesize and characterize adducts of Lewis acid and nitrosyl iron phorphyrin complexes that model bacterial nitric oxide reductase
  - Synthesize different derivatives of free base porphyrins and labeled RNO organic compounds
- Laboratory managing experience
  - Mentor and train undergraduate and new graduate students (6) with both synthetic methodologies and analytical/spectroscopic techniques
  - Focal person in lab safety (2017-2019)
  - Maintenance of lab instrumentation (e.g., electrochemistry, spectroscopy, etc)
  - Write reports and articles in peer-reviewed journals

Other Responsibilities

- Help the PI in data organization and project discussion for grant writing
- Attend national and international conferences

Other Training

- Experimenter/participant at the *American Crystallographic Association Summer Class on Small Molecule X-ray Crystallography* (Northwestern University). This comprehensive workshop covered crystal sample mounting, data collection, and solution/refinement of crystal structures. (2017)

***Graduate Associate*** *(August 2013 – May 2017)*

- Analytical techniques and instrumentation expertise
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  - Schlenk line and glove box for synthesizing air and moisture sensitive compounds
- Inorganic and organic synthesis experience
  - Synthesize and characterize H/RNO complexes of iron porphyrins
  - Synthesize different derivatives of free base porphyrins, labeled and unlabeled RNO organic compounds, and NO donor diazeniumdiolate organic species

Other Responsibilities
- Help the PI in data organization and project discussion for grant writing
- Attend national and international conferences
- Teaching assistant to undergraduate chemistry courses such as general chemistry, organic, advanced organic and advanced inorganic chemistry lab.
- Mentor and train undergraduate and new graduate students with synthetic methodologies and analytical/spectroscopic techniques

Other Trainings
- Experimenter/participant at the *Principles of EPR Workshop* (Milwaukee, WI). This workshop covered the advanced theory and principles of electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy and its utilization in research both for metal and non-metal compounds. Interpretation of sample spectra was also covered. Some advanced EPR techniques such as pulse EPR were also presented and discussed. [Instructors were Drs. Candice Klug and Brian Bennett] (2015)
- Experimenter/participant at the *Penn State University Bioinorganic Training Workshop and Frontiers in Metallobiochemistry*. This workshop covered a broad range of spectroscopic techniques such as electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), magnetic circular dichroism (MCD), stop-flow techniques, Mossbauer, and vibrational spectroscopy. Density functional theory (DFT), X-ray crystallography, and synchrotron-based spectroscopic techniques were also presented and discussed. Hands-on participation with our research samples was a requirement for this workshop. [Instructors were Drs. Carsten Krebs (Mossbauer), Stefan Stoll and Art van der Est (EPR), Nicolai Lehnert (MCD), Frank Neese (DFT and vibrational spectroscopy)] (2014)

**Department of Science and Technology, PHILIPPINES**
*Industrial Technology Development Institute*

***Science Research Specialist*** *(October 2008 – July 2012)*
- Method development and method validation experience
  - Develop methods for the detection of packaging related contaminants in foods and beverages such as carcinogenic bisphenol A and bisphenol diglycidyl derivatives by GC-FID and GC-MS
  - Develop methods for the detection of aldehydes and other contaminants from plastic in bottled water by Headspace GC-MS
- Analytical techniques and instrumentation expertise
  - Mass spectrometry, gas chromatography mass spectrometry, HPLC, UV-vis, FTIR for detecting plastic related contaminants in foods and beverages
  - DSC for characterizing thermal profiles of plastics

Other Responsibilities
- Plan/manage directions of the project with the supervisor
- Conduct awareness seminars in different regions in the Philippines about toxic contaminants
- Provide consultation services to small enterprises with regards to the compatibility and safety of certain plastics for food packaging
- Conduct QC for different packaging materials used to package foods
- Write reports to clients, and terminal summary of experimental results and findings for funding agencies.
- Attend national conferences

Other Trainings
- Experimenter/participant at the training workshop on *Specific Migration of Substance from Printing Inks and Recycled Materials into Food* (PIRA, Surrey, United Kingdom). This training course covered migration of contaminants related to printing inks and recycled materials into foods. Specifically, this included utilization of spectroscopic and chromatographic techniques to determine and quantify the above-mentioned contaminants in foods. (2010)
- Experimenter/participant at the training workshop on *Food Contact Analysis and Migration Testing* (PIRA, Surrey, United Kingdom). This training course covered food contact analysis and migration testing. Specifically, this included training on spectroscopic and chromatographic techniques that can be utilized to determine and quantify the amount of packaging related contaminants in food products. (2019)

***New Mexico State University***

- Utilization of electrochemical techniques in determining nanoparticle size

***De La Salle University, Philippines***

- Synthesis and characterization (morphology and size determination) of imprinted polymers by SEM

## Scholarships and Recognitions

- Provost's Ph.D. Dissertation Prize, University of Oklahoma
- Sherril D. Christian Award, University of Oklahoma
- Graduate Student International Travel Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
- Belle W. Goodman Award, University of Oklahoma
- Peer Recognition Award, University of Oklahoma
- Nancy L Mergler Dissertation Award, University of Oklahoma
- Roger E. Frech Award, University of Oklahoma
- Department of Science and Technology Scholar, WMSU

## Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Instructor of Record, CHEM 1154 (General, Organic and Biological Chemistry); Division of Science, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City Campus (2019)

- Teaching Assistant for CHEM 4444: Advanced Organic Synthesis (for Senior Chemistry and Biochemistry majors) (Fa 2015)
- Teaching Assistant for CHEM 3152: Organic Chemistry (Sp 2015)
- Teaching Assistant for CHEM 4444: Advanced Organic Synthesis (for Senior Chemistry and Biochemistry majors) (Fa 2014)
- Teaching Assistant for CHEM 1315: General Chemisty (Sp 2014)
- Research Mentor: Mentored one (1) first year graduate student during his lab rotation. I taught her advanced synthetic methodologies and spectroscopic techniques that we routinely use for compound characterization. (Fa 2019)
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- Research Mentor: Mentored two (2) First Year Research Experience (FYRE) students from the OU Department of Chemical Engineering, and Petroleum Engineering. One of them won the best poster award for his presentation. (Sp 2017)
- Research Mentor: Mentored two (2) first year graduate students during their lab rotations. I taught them advanced synthetic methodologies and spectroscopic techniques that we routinely use for compound characterization. (Fa 2016)
- Research Mentor: Taught and guided two (2) first year graduate students on the use of advanced synthetic methodologies and spectroscopic techniques for compound characterization. (Sp 2016)
- Research Mentor: Mentored one (1) REU student from California State University. Taught and guided the undergraduate student with several synthetic methodologies and spectroscopic techniques (e.g. IR, UV-Vis, NMR) as part of his summer (8 weeks) NSF-sponsored Research Experience for Undergraduate. (Summer 2015)
- Research Mentor: Mentored two (2) FYRE students from the OU Department of Chemical Engineering, and Department of Psychology. I taught several synthetic methodologies and characterization techniques. One of them won the best poster award for his presentation. (Sp 2015)
- Research Mentor: Mentored two (2) first year graduate students during their lab rotations. I taught them advanced synthetic methodologies and spectroscopic techniques that we routinely use for compound characterization. (Fa 2015)

## Service

- Reviewer of articles for *Inorganica Chimica Acta*, and *Journal of Coordination Chemistry*
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- Judge for the undergraduate and graduate research poster competition during the 64$^{th}$ ACS Oklahoma Pentasectional Meeting, 2019
- Judge for the first year research experience (FYRE) program poster competition at the University of Oklahoma, Spring 2018
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## Affiliations/Memberships

- American Chemical Society
- Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering
- Society of Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines
- Integrated Chemists in the Philippines