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## Education

- 2008**      **Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering**; The Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD)
- 2002**      **B.Sc., Biomedical Engineering**; Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)

## Professional Experience

- 2017 –**      **Director**, Models and Theory, The Allen Institute for Cell Science, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 – 2016**   **Senior Scientist**, Computational Cardiac Modeling, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway  
**Training Coordinator**, AFib-TrainNet EU MCSA ITN  
**Coordinator**, SysAFib ERA CoSysMed European Project
- 2012 – 2016**   **Board Member**, Simula Research Laboratory, Center for Cardiological Innovation (SFI) Board of Directors
- 2012 – 2015**   **Director**, Simula School of Research and Innovation, Oslo, Norway
- 2011 – 2012**   **Deputy Director for Simulation and Modeling**, Center for Cardiological Innovation (CCI), a Norwegian Center for Research Innovation (SFI)
- 2011 – 2012**   **Research Department Head**, Computational Cardiac Modeling, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway
- 2010**        **Research Group Leader**, Computational Cardiac Modeling and Center for Biomedical Computing, Simula Research Laboratory, Oslo, Norway
- 2009**        **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Center for Biomedical Computing, Scientific Computing, Simula School of Research and Innovation, Oslo, Norway

## Grants and Fellowships

- 2016 – 2019**   SysAFib: Systems medicine for diagnosis and stratification of atrial fibrillation  
ERA CoSysMed, European Commission and BIOTEK2021 Research Council of Norway
- 2015 – 2019**   EU Training Network on Novel Targets and Methods in Atrial Fibrillation (AFib-TrainNet), Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, European Commission
- 2015 – 2018**   “Risk factors for sudden cardiac death during acute myocardial infarction (MI-RISK)”, Novo Nordisk Foundation Interdisciplinary Synergy Grant
- 2014 – 2015**   PREPARE2: Increased science awareness among youth, Simula School of Research and Innovation, PROFORSK, Research Council of Norway
- 2014**        Expert Advisor Policy Fellowship, The Research Council of Norway Brussels Office
- 2012 – 2013**   Can Simulation shed light on a complex disease process?, Simula Research Laboratory/University of California San Diego, IS-BILAT, Research Council of Norway
- 2011 – 2019**   The Center for Cardiological Innovation, Simula Research Laboratory, SFI Program, Research Council of Norway

## Pre-print or Under Peer Review

Building a 3D Integrated Cell. Gregory R. Johnson, Rory M. Donovan-Maiye, **Mary M. Maleckar**. Posted December 21, 2017. bioRxiv 238378; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/238378>

Three dimensional cross-modal image inference: label-free methods for subcellular structure prediction. Chek Ounkomol, Daniel A. Fernandes, Sharmishta Seshamani, **Mary M. Maleckar**, Forrest Collman, Gregory R. Johnson. Posted November 9, 2017. bioRxiv 216606; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/216606>

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- 2016** Skibsbbye L, Jespersen T, Christ T, **Maleckar MM**, van den Brink J, Tavi P, Koivumäki JT. Refractoriness in human atria: Time and voltage dependence of sodium channel availability. *J Mol Cell Cardiol*. 2016 Dec;101:26-34.
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- 2015** S. Kallhovd, S.U. Gerald, J. Saberniak, K. Haugaa, **MM Maleckar**. Localization and not Extent of Fibrofatty Infiltration is the Primary Factor Determining Conduction Disturbance in a Computational Model of Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy. *Proceedings IEEE e-Health and Bioengineering 2015*. EHB 2015, November 19-21, 2015, Iasi, Romania.
- 2014** **Maleckar MM**, Lines GT, Koivumäki J, Cordeiro JM, Calloe K. NS5806 partially restores action potential duration but fails to ameliorate calcium transient dysfunction in a computational model of canine heart failure, 2014 Nov;16 Suppl 4:iv46-iv55.
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- 2013** Li P, Lines GT, **Maleckar MM**, Tveito A. Mathematical Models of Cardiac Pacemaking Function. *Frontiers in Physics*, 1(20): 2013 <http://www.frontiersin.org/Journal/10.3389/fphy.2013.00020/abstract>
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- 2012** Koivumäki J, Christ T, Seemann G, and **Maleckar MM**. Divergent action potential morphology in human atrial cells vs. tissue: underlying ionic mechanisms, In: *Computing in Cardiology*, ed. by Alan Murray, vol. 39, pp. 121-124, Alan Murray (ISBN: 978-1-4673-2076-4), 2012. Refereed proceedings.
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- 2009 –** **Maleckar MM**, Greenstein JL, Giles WR, and Trayanova NA. Electrotonic coupling between human atrial myocytes and fibroblasts alters excitability and repolarization. Biophysical Journal 97(8): 2179-2190, 2009.
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## Selected Conferences and Talks

- Maleckar MM**. Capturing variance: integrating a moving target. Building the Cell 2017 Subgroup Meeting, December 2nd, 2017, ASCB, Philadelphia, PA. Invited talk.
- Maleckar MM**. Putting the pieces together: Towards supplementing sparse clinical data with multi physics simulation Foundation Teofilo Rossi di Montelera Forum 2015, December 6-9, 2015, Lugano, Switzerland. Invited talk.
- Maleckar MM**. How many ionic models do we need for modelling of the atria? Atrial Signals 2015, Karlsruhe, Germany, 22.-24. October. Invited talk.
- Maleckar MM**. Patient-specific modeling: how good do we have to be? TRM Forum 2013, December 1-3, 2013, Lugano, Switzerland. Invited talk.
- Maleckar MM**, Lines GT, Koivumäki JT, Calloe K, Cordeiro JM. Ca<sup>2+</sup>-transient dysfunction and ion channel therapy: what can we gather from a computational model of canine heart failure? EHRA Scientific Sessions 2013, 37th Annual Meeting of the ESC Working Group on Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology, 2013. Poster and presentation.
- Maleckar MM**. Towards Modeling Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy – Can Simulation Shed Light on a Complex Disease Process? Cardiac Physiome Workshop, San Diego, October 30 – November 2, 2012. Invited talk.
- Maleckar MM**. Modeling the effects of rotigaptide in atrial tissue: a cautionary tale. 9th International Conference of Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics, September 19-25, 2011. Invited talk.
- Maleckar MM**, Greenstein JL, Giles WR, Trayanova NA. Electrotonic coupling between human atrial myocytes and fibroblasts alters excitability and repolarization. Gordon Research Conference on Cardiac Arrhythmia Mechanisms, Il Ciocco, Italy, February 2009.
- Maleckar MM**, Greenstein JL, Giles WR, Trayanova NA. Coupling of Human Atrial Myocytes and Myofibroblasts Can Lead to Conduction Disturbances. Heart Rhythm 5(5S): S57, 2008. Session talk.

## Professional Affiliations

- 2016 – present, Member, American Society for Cell Biology
- 2011 – present, Member, Scandinavian Physiological Society
- 2011 – present, Member, Biophysical Society
- 2011 – present, Member, European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Cellular Cardiac Electrophysiology
- 2012 – present, Member, European Society of Cardiology Working Group on eCardiology
- 2009 – present, Member, Heart Rhythm Society

## Other

- English (native); Spanish (C2); Norwegian (B2)
- 10+ years consultation experience in science communication, including presentation, popular, and technical writing.