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**EDUCATION:**

University of California, Berkeley – Ph.D. in Chemistry, 1975

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska – B.S. in Chemistry with distinction, 1970

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

7/19–Present – Lucille P. Markey Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences, Emeritus,  
Departments of Biology and Chemistry, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

7/06–7/19 – Lucille P. Markey Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences, Departments of  
Biology and Chemistry, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

7/08–7/19 – Secondary Faculty Appointment, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular  
Biophysics, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

7/06–Present – Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Emeritus, Arizona State  
University, Tempe, AZ

7/02–6/06 – Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University,  
Tempe, AZ

7/88–6/06 – Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

7/85–6/88 – Associate Professor of Chemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

7/79–6/85 – Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Amherst College, Amherst, MA

6/76–6/79 – Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biochemistry, University of Washington,  
Seattle, WA with Prof. William Parson

8/75–12/75 – Assistant Professor of Chemistry, American University of Beirut, Beirut,  
Lebanon

1/75–7/75 & 1/76–5/76 – Postdoctoral Fellow, Lawrence Berkeley Lab., Berkeley, CA, with  
Prof. Kenneth Sauer

9/70–12/74 – Graduate Student, Department of Chemistry, University of California,  
Berkeley, CA, Prof. Kenneth Sauer, Advisor

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Excitation and electron transfer in photosynthetic systems  
Origin and early evolution of photosynthesis and nitrogen fixation  
Metalloenzymes involved in electron transfer and oxidative stress processes

## **LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Director, Photosynthetic Antenna Research Center (PARC), a DOE Energy Frontier Research Center, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009–2018  
Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University, 2002–2006  
President, International Society for Photosynthesis Research, 2001–2004  
Panel Manager, USDA Competitive Research Grants, Photosynthesis and Respiration Program, 1996  
Director, Center for the Study of Early Events in Photosynthesis, Arizona State University, 1988–1991  
Student Body President, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1969–1970

## **AWARDS:**

Outstanding Achievement Award in Photosynthesis Research, 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Photosynthesis and Hydrogen Energy Research for Sustainability, Istanbul, 2023  
Midwest Award, American Chemical Society, 2015  
Lifetime Achievement Award, Rebeiz Foundation for Basic Research, 2013  
Paper of the Year, Rebeiz Foundation for Basic Research, 2013  
Communications Award, International Society of Photosynthesis Research, 2013  
Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, 2012  
Charles F. Kettering Award for Excellence in Photosynthesis, American Society of Plant Biologists, 2008  
Beatrice NE Educational Foundation Hall of Fame, 2008  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2004  
Founding Fellow, Arizona Arts, Sciences and Technology Academy, 2004  
Graduate Mentoring Award, Arizona State University, 1998  
Graduate College Distinguished Research Award, Arizona State University, 1992  
Alumni Achievement Award, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1991  
Who's Who in the World  
Who's Who in America  
Who's Who in Science and Engineering  
Who's Who in American Education  
Who's Who Among America's Teachers  
National Science Foundation National Needs Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1977

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION:**

### **Conferences Organized**

Co-organizer, Midwest/Southeast Photosynthesis Conference, Turkey Run, IN, 2017, 2018  
Co-organizer, 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, St. Louis, MO, 2013  
Co-organizer, Conference on Photosynthetic Light Harvesting Systems, St. Louis, MO, 2013  
Co-organizer, Workshop on Cyanobacteria, St. Louis, MO, 2013  
Co-organizer, DOE Workshop on Efficiency of Photosynthesis, Albuquerque, NM, 2009

Co-organizer, Conference on Photosynthetic Antennas, Drymen, UK, 2007  
Co-organizer, Midwest/Southeast Photosynthesis Conference, Turkey Run, IN, 2007  
Co-organizer, Agouron Institute Conference on Oxygen, Santa Fe, NM, 2006  
Co-organizer, Conference on Photosynthetic Antennas, Montreal, Canada, 2004  
Co-organizer, Astrobiology Science Conference, Tempe, AZ, 2003  
Co-organizer, US-Australia Joint Workshop on Artificial Photosynthesis, Sydney, Australia, 2003  
Co-organizer, Western Regional Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA, 2003  
Co-organizer, Conference on Photosynthetic Antennas, Queensland, Australia, 2001  
Co-organizer, Sauer/Klein Reunion Symposium, Berkeley, CA, 1998  
Organizer, US-Japan Symposium on Photosynthetic Antennas, Kona, Hawaii, 1997  
Vice Chairman (1990) and Chairman (1991) of Gordon Research Conferences on Photosynthesis  
Organizer, First Eastern U.S. Photosynthesis Conference, Woods Hole, MA, 1984

### **Books and Editorial Service**

Author, *Molecular Mechanisms of Photosynthesis 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, Wiley, Chichester, UK, 2026  
Editor, with Matthew Sattley, *Phototrophic Bacteria*, MDPI, Basel, Switzerland, 2022  
Guest Editor, special issue on Phototrophic Bacteria, *Microorganisms*, 2022  
Author, *Molecular Mechanisms of Photosynthesis 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, Wiley, Chichester, UK, 2021  
Section Editor, *Encyclopedia of Biological Chemistry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, J. Jez, Editor in Chief, Elsevier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2019–2021  
Associate Editor, *Photosynthesis Research*, 2018–present  
Editorial Advisory Board, *Biochemistry*, 2001–2023  
Author, *Molecular Mechanisms of Photosynthesis 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK, 2014  
Consulting Editor, *Advances in Photosynthesis and Respiration*, 2009–present  
Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Microbial Physiology and Metabolism*, 2011–2017  
Author, *Molecular Mechanisms of Photosynthesis*, Blackwell Science, Oxford, UK, 2002  
Editor, with M. Madigan and C. Bauer, *Anoxygenic Photosynthetic Bacteria*, Kluwer Academic Publishing, Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 1995  
Editorial Board, *International Journal of Astrobiology*, 2001–2011  
Editorial Board, *Current Chemical Biology*, 2007–2011  
Editorial Board, *Biophysical Journal*, 2000–2003  
Editor-in-Chief, *Photosynthesis Research*, 1988–1999  
Consulting Editor, *Advances in Photosynthesis*, 1991–1998  
Editorial Board, *Photosynthesis Research*, 1985–1988

### **Grant Review Panels**

Panel Member, NASA Exobiology Program, 2016  
Panel Member, DOE Photosynthetic Systems and Physical Biosciences Programs, 2015  
Panel Member, DOE Energy Biosciences Program, 2008  
Panel Member, NSF Prokaryotic Molecular Biology Program, 2004–2008  
Panel Member, NSF Microbial Genome Sequencing Program, 2005  
Panel Manager, USDA Competitive Research Grants, Photosynthesis and Respiration Program, 1996

Panel Member, NASA Exobiology Program, 1994–1998  
Panel Member, NSF Molecular Biophysics Program, 1991–1994  
Panel Member, DOE Energy Biosciences Program, 1988  
Panel Member, NIH Special Study Section Member, Sequencers, etc., 1987  
Panel Member, USDA Competitive Research Grants on Photosynthesis, 1985, 1986, 1989

### **Advisory Service**

Scientific Advisory Board, NASA Astrobiology Center for Metal Utilization and Selection Across Eons (MUSE), University of Wisconsin, 2021-present  
Scientific Advisory Board, DOE Energy Frontier Research Center for Bioinspired Light-Escalated Chemistry (BioLEC), Princeton University, 2018–2022; Chair 2018–2022  
Scientific Advisory Board, DOE Energy Frontier Research Center for Biological Electron Transfer and Catalysis, Montana State University, 2014–2020; Chair 2018-2020  
Scientific Advisory Board, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research program in Biology, Energy, Technology, 2014–2018; Chair 2014–2018  
Committee of Visitors, Chemical Sciences, Geosciences, and Biosciences (CSGB) Division, DOE Basic Energy Sciences, Subpanel Lead on Photochemistry and Biochemistry, 2017  
Associate Investigator, ARC Centre of Excellence for Translational Photosynthesis, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 2015–2021  
Site Review Team Member, U.S. Department of Energy Solar Photochemistry and Photosynthesis, Argonne National Laboratory, 2013  
Council for Chemical and Biochemical Sciences, DOE Basic Energy Sciences, 2008–2015; Chair 2014–2015  
Scientific Advisory Board, Centre for Low-Dimensional Chemistry, Univ. of Sheffield, UK, 2012–2015  
External Program Review, Louisiana Board of Regents review of nanotechnology at Louisiana Tech University, 2003, 2012  
Scientific Advisory Board, Ecosystems and Networks Integrated with Genes and Molecular Assemblies, (ENIGMA), Lawrence Berkeley Lab, 2010–2011  
Proposal Review Panel, DOE Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT), Albuquerque, NM, 2008–2013  
Scientific Advisory Board (Chair), Molecular Assemblies Genes, and Genomics Integrated Efficiently (MAGGIE), Lawrence Berkeley Lab, 2008–2009  
Committee of Visitors, Chemical Sciences, Geosciences, and Biosciences (CSGB) Division, DOE Basic Energy Sciences, 2008  
Scientific Advisory Board, Center for Photochemical Sciences, Bowling Green State University, 2001–2013  
External Program Review, University of Washington, Astrobiology Program, 2005  
International Scientific Committee for the Symposia on Phototrophic Prokaryotes, Executive Committee, 2000–2009  
Director's Division Review Panel Member, Physical Biosciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, 2000  
Swedish Natural Science Research Council Expert Committee in Biophysical Chemistry, 1992  
Site Review Team Member, Ames Laboratory, Iowa State University, 1989, 1992  
Site Review Team Member, Medical Free Electron Laser Program, Office of Naval Research, 1990

On-camera participant and technical consultant for film *Photosynthesis: Life Energy*,  
produced by the National Geographic Society, 1983

### **Society Service**

President, International Society for Photosynthesis Research, 2001–2004  
Executive Committee, International Society for Photosynthesis Research, 1995–2001  
Local Arrangements Chairman, Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, 1988

### **SOCIETIES:**

International Society for Photosynthesis Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Chemical Society  
Biophysical Society  
International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life  
Union of Concerned Scientists

### **MENTORING**

#### **Cumulative**

PhD Degrees Awarded—32  
MS Degrees Awarded—22  
Postdoctoral Scholars Mentored—34

#### **Amherst College**

MS Degrees Awarded (1 Biochemistry and Biophysics, Univ. of Mass)  
Postdoctoral Scholars Mentored—2

#### **Arizona State University**

PhD Degrees Awarded—19 (15 Chemistry, 2 Molecular and Cellular Biology, 1 Plant Biology, 1  
Microbiology)  
MS Degrees Awarded—9 (6 Chemistry, 1 Natural Science, 1 Molecular and Cellular Biology, 1  
Computational Biosciences)  
Postdoctoral Scholars Mentored—16

#### **Washington University**

PhD Degrees Awarded—13 (10 Chemistry, 2 Plant and Microbial Biology, 1 Energy,  
Environment and Chemical Engineering)  
MS Degrees Awarded—12 (8 Chemistry, 2 Plant and Microbial Biology, 1 Plant Biology, 1  
Energy, Environmental and Chemical Engineering)  
Postdoctoral Scholars Mentored—16

### **TEACHING**

#### **Amherst College (1979-1985)**

Physical Chemistry 1 & 2 (with lab)  
General Chemistry 1 & 2 (with lab)

Chemistry and Society (with lab)

**Arizona State University (1985-2006)**

General Biochemistry 1 & 2  
General Chemistry for Nurses (with Lab)  
Honors General Chemistry (with Lab)  
Elementary Physical Chemistry  
Biophysical Chemistry Lab  
Protein Chemistry  
Chemistry and Society (with Lab)  
Graduate Biophysical Chemistry  
Graduate Photosynthesis

**Washington University (2007-2019)**

General Biochemistry 1  
Biochemistry Lab  
Bioinorganic Chemistry  
Photosynthesis  
Matter and Energy (Summer)

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

**Washington University**

Biology Department Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2018-2019  
Chemistry Department Faculty Search Committee, 2016-2017  
Review Committee, International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy & Sustainability (I-Cares), 2016  
Research Working Group, 2015–2019  
Advisory Committee, Washington University Prison Education Project, 2014–2015  
Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences Quality Assessment Committee, 2014  
Faculty Senate Council, 2013–2016  
Faculty Senate Council Advisory Committee on Tenure & Academic Freedom, 2013–2016  
Director, Photosynthetic Antenna Research Center (PARC), a DOE Energy Frontier Research Center, 2009–2018  
Biology Department Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2011–2012  
Faculty Advisor, Washington University iGEM Team, 2009  
College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008–2011  
I-CARES Faculty Search Committee, 2008–2011  
Chemistry Department Faculty Search Committee, 2010–2011  
Chemistry Graduate Studies Committee, 2006–2016  
Chemistry Department Chair Search Liaison Committee, 2009  
Committee on Education of Undergraduates in the Life Sciences, 2008–2010  
Biology Department Chair Search Committee, 2008–2009  
Biochemistry Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair, 2007–2008  
Biochemistry Program Revision Committee, Chair, 2006–2007  
Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences (DBBS) Graduate Admissions Committee, 2007–2008

Florence Moog Scholarship Selection Committee, 2006–2008  
Bio-Energy Faculty Search Committee, 2006–2007

### **Arizona State University**

Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 2002–2006  
School of Life Sciences Director Search Committee, 2004–2005  
Dean's Strategic Planning and Academic Resources Advisory Council, 2003–2006  
Molecular and Cellular Biology Executive Committee, 1994–1996; 1999–2003  
Life Science Reorganization Committee, 2002–2003  
Goldwater Scholarship Selection Committee, 1999–2006  
Interim Director, Cancer Research Institute, 2004  
Director, Bio and Molecular Photonics Initiative, 1999–2002  
Biomedical Strategic Planning Committee, 1998–2001  
ASU Main Campus Strategic Planning Committee, 1998–1999  
Research Investigation Committee, Chair, 1998–1999  
Founding Director, ASU Center for the Study of Early Events in Photosynthesis, 1988–1991

### **INVITED LECTURES/CHAIRMANSHIPS (1985-2025)**

Keynote Lecture, Gordon Research Seminar on Photosynthesis, Newry, ME, July 26-27, 2025.  
Keynote Lecture, Research Literature Competition, Alabama State University, July 18, 2025.  
Invited Lecture, Center for Bioenergy and Photosynthesis, Arizona State University, March 21, 2024.  
Session Chair, US/Japan Binational Photosynthesis Workshop, Tempe, Arizona, November 6, 2023.  
Plenary Lecture, 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Photosynthesis and Hydrogen Energy Research for Sustainability, July 3-9, 2023, Istanbul, Turkey (virtual).  
Session Chair, 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, Rotarua, New Zealand, August 3, 2022 (virtual).  
Invited Speaker, Class on Molecular Mechanisms of Photosynthesis, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 8, 2022 (virtual).  
Invited Speaker, Astrobiology Class, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, March 24, 2021 (virtual).  
Session Chair, Western US Photosynthesis Conference, Tempe, AZ, January 2, 2021 (virtual).  
Keynote Lecture, Conference on Solar Energy to Biomass 2020: Optimization of Light Energy Conversion in Plants and Microalgae, Porto, Portugal, February 11-14, 2020.  
Session Chair, Conference on Functional Dynamics—Visualizing Molecules in Action, Tempe, AZ, November 6-8, 2019.  
Invited Speaker, John Lawrence Seminar Series in Biosciences, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Berkeley, CA, October 1, 2019.  
Session Chair and Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis. Newry, ME, July 21-26, 2019.  
Invited Speaker, Carl Sagan Workshop, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, July 15-19, 2019.  
Keynote Lecture, 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes, Vancouver, BC, August 5-8, 2018.

Invited Symposium Speaker, American Chemical Society National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 18-22, 2018.

Plenary Lecture, Western US Photosynthesis Conference, Biosphere 2, Oracle, AZ, January 4-7, 2018.

Session Chair and Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Newry, ME, July 16-21, 2017.

Plenary Lecture, 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Tetrapyrrole Photoreceptors of Photosynthetic Organisms, Chicago, IL, July 9-13, 2017.

Plenary Lecture, NASA Astrobiology Science Conference, Mesa, AZ, April 24-28, 2017.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemical and Physical Sciences, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Toronto, Canada, March 22, 2017.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, February 3, 2017.

Invited Seminar, Department of Microbiology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 3, 2016.

Session Chair/Discussion Leader, 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, Maastricht, The Netherlands, August 7-12, 2016.

Keynote Lecture, International Photosynthetic Light-Harvesting Conference, Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands, August 4-7, 2016.

Invited Lecture, Gordon Research Conference on Tetrapyrroles, Newport, RI, July 17-22, 2016.

Invited Speaker/Session Organizer, 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Society for Photobiology, Tampa, FL, May 21-26, 2016.

Session Chair/Discussion Leader, 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Cyanobacteria, Tempe, AZ May 19-22, 2016.

Invited Speaker, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvard Plant Biology Symposium, Cambridge, MA, May 2-3, 2016.

Invited Speaker, Pacifichem: The International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies, Honolulu, HI, December 15-20, 2015.

Award Lecture, American Chemical Society Regional Meeting, St. Joseph, MO, October 22, 2015.

Session Chair/Discussion Leader/Session Organizer, Astrobiology Science Conference, Chicago, IL, June 15-19, 2015.

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Coherent Energy Transport and Optimization in Photosynthesis, Singapore, May 1-3, 2015.

Invited Speaker, Agouron Institute Conference on The Sulfur Cycle, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA October 26-30, 2014.

Keynote Lecture, Michigan State University Plant Research Laboratory Retreat, Kalamazoo, MI, October 19, 2014.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, October 3, 2014.

Session Chair/Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Mount Snow VT, August 10-15, 2014.

Invited Seminar, Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, June 2, 2014.

Schulich Lecture in Chemistry, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, May 27, 2014.

Invited Seminar, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, University of Nagoya, Nagoya, Japan, March 28, 2014.

Invited Speaker, 94<sup>th</sup> Spring Annual Meeting, Chemical Society of Japan, Nagoya, Japan, March 27-30, 2014.

Invited Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium of Earth-Life Science Institute, Tokyo, Japan, March 24-26, 2014.

Arnon Lecture, University of California, Berkeley, CA, March 5, 2014.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Davis, CA, February 18, 2014.

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Light-Harvesting Antennas, Toronto, Canada, January 25-26, 2014.

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Neutron Science, San Diego, CA, January 18-20, 2014.

Invited Speaker, Krasnovsky Memorial Symposium, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, October 10-11, 2013

Invited Lecture, Bakh Institute of Biochemistry, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, October 9, 2013.

Milkman Lecture, Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, July 6, 2013.

Invited Lecturer, NASA Astrobiology Summer School, Santander, Spain, June 24-28, 2013.

Invited Speaker, Symposium on Redesigning Photosynthesis – Identifying Opportunities and Novel Ideas, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, May 13-16, 2013.

Plenary Lecture, Eastern US Photosynthesis Conference, Woods Hole, MA, April 12-14, 2013.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, April 10, 2013.

Invited Seminar, Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, MO, March 27, 2013.

Invited Seminar, ASU SkySong Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 21, 2013.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 21, 2013.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Texas, Austin, Austin, TX, February 1, 2013.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, University of South Bohemia, Budweis, Czech Republic, December 18, 2012.

Invited Speaker, Birthday Symposium for Rienk van Grondelle, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, December 6-7, 2012.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK, December 5, 2012.

Invited Speaker, Royal Society Meeting on Bioenergetics and the Major Evolutionary Transitions, Kavli Royal Society Centre, Chicheley Hall, Buckinghamshire, UK, November 14-15, 2012.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, November 22, 2012.

Invited Speaker, European Solar Fuels Meeting, Glasgow, UK, October 29-31, 2012.

Invited Speaker, European Bioenergetics Conference, Freiberg, Germany, September 14-20, 2012.

Invited Speaker, International Society of Microbial Ecology Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 19-24, 2012.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Protein Society Meeting, San Diego, CA, August 5-6, 2012.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Tetrapyrroles, Newport, RI, July 22-27, 2012.

Invited Speaker, 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Society for Photobiology, Toronto, Canada, June 23-27, 2012.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE, April 26, 2012.

Invited Speaker/Session Organizer, Astrobiology Science Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 16-20, 2012.

Invited Seminar, Department of Microbiology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, April 13, 2012.

Invited Speaker, 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Biophysical Society Meeting, San Diego, CA, February 25-29, 2012.

Invited Speaker, Conference on Solar Fuels, Science, Engineering and Policy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, January 11-12, 2012.

Invited Speaker, NSF Workshop on Algae, Washington, DC, November 21, 2011.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, November 14, 2011.

Invited Seminar, Departments of Chemistry and Microbiology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, October 13, 2011.

Invited Speaker, American Society for Plant Biology Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, August 10, 2011.

Invited Speaker, International Conference on Photosynthetic Sustainability, Baku, Azerbaijan, July 27, 2011.

Invited Speaker, DOE Conference on Neutron Science, Washington, DC, May 10, 2011.

Invited Speaker, Light Harvesting Conference, Banz, Germany, April 12, 2011.

Invited Seminar, Department of Physics, City University of New York, New York, April 7, 2011.

Invited Seminar, University of Colorado Biophysics Program, March 16, 2011.

Invited Speaker, Biophysical Evening, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, February 8, 2011.

Invited Speaker, Argonne-Northwestern Solar Energy Research Center, Evanston, IL, January 6, 2011.

Invited Speaker, National Astrobiology Institute Workshop on Evolution, Online, November 9, 2010.

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Anaerobic Phototrophic Ecosystems, Ancient and Modern, sponsored by NASA Astrobiology Institute, the Agouron Institute, and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Green Lake, NY, October 12, 2010.

Invited Speaker, Oak Ridge National Laboratory Workshop on Neutron Scattering, September 16, 2010.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis, Beijing, China, August 25, 2010.

Invited Symposium Speaker, International Society for Plant Biotechnology Meeting, St. Louis, MO, June 7, 2010.

Invited Lecturer, University of Southern California course on Advanced Microbial Physiology, April 12, 2010.

Invited Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Biology, April 22, 2010.

Invited Speaker, University of California, Los Angeles, Workshop on Dating Early Events in Earth History, March 18, 2010.

Invited Speaker, Symposium in Honor of Daniel Arnon, Asilomar, CA, January 8, 2010.

Keynote Speaker, Midwest Photosynthesis Conference, Turkey Run, IN, November 13, 2009.

Invited Speaker, Agouron Institute Nitrogen Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, October 15, 2009.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, University of Missouri, St. Louis, October 6, 2009.

Invited Seminar, Department of Physics, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, September 14, 2009.

Invited Symposium Speaker, International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes, Montreal, CA, August 10, 2009.

Plenary Lecture, International Conference on Tetrapyrrole Photoreceptors of Photosynthetic Organisms, Asilomar, CA, July 27, 2009.

Invited Speaker, DOE Conference on Energy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Santa Fe, NM, May 20, 2009.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, May 13, 2009.

Invited Speaker, Aspen Institute, April 4, 2009.

Invited Speaker, Symposium at Brown University in Honor of Sam Beale, March 27, 2009.

Invited Lecture, Light Harvesting Symposium, Banz, Germany, March 11, 2009.

Invited Lecture, National Association of Biology Teachers Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN, October 16, 2008.

Invited Seminar, School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, August 8, 2008.

Invited Seminar, Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, August 6, 2008.

Session Chair and Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, South Hadley, MA, June 23, 2008.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Iron-Sulfur Proteins, New London, NH, June 10, 2008.

Invited Speaker, DOE Meeting on Solar Photochemistry, Wintergreen Resort, VA, June 2, 2008.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, April 16, 2008.

Ernest C. Pollard Lecture, Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Penn State University, University Park, PA, April 14, 2008.

Invited Speaker, Conference on Cyanobacteria in the Lunar Environment, NASA Ames, January 28, 2008.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, November 9, 2007.

Plenary Lecture, 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis, Glasgow, UK, July 27, 2007.

Invited Speaker, American Chemical Society Symposium on Solar Energy, St. Louis Science Center, May 29, 2007.

Invited Seminar, Thermal Biology Institute, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, May 7, 2007

Invited Seminar, Department of Biochemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, April 13, 2007.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, April 6, 2007.

Invited Seminar, Department of Physics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, April 5, 2007.

Invited Speaker, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, April 3, 2007.

Invited Seminars, Departments of Biology and Chemistry, Lafayette College, Easton, PA, March 26, 2007.

Invited Speaker, Conference on Energy Transfer: from the Nanoscale to the Macroscale, sponsored by International Institute for Complex Adaptive Matter, Santa Fe, NM, March 12, 2007.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 15<sup>th</sup> International Nitrogen Fixation Congress, Cape Town, South Africa, January 25, 2007.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, November 1, 2006.

Keynote Speaker, Midwest US Photosynthesis Conference, Turkey Run, IN, October 29, 2006.

Invited Symposium Speaker, International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes, Pau, France, August 30, 2006.

Session Chair, Discussion Leader and After Dinner Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Smithfield, RI, July 3-7, 2006.

Invited Seminar, Department of Geosciences, CalTech, April 24, 2006.

Invited Speaker, Agouon Institute Oxygen Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, April 6, 2006.

Invited Speaker, Conference on Evolution of Aquatic Photoautotrophs, Rutgers University, January 11, 2006.

Invited Speaker, Western US Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA, January 8, 2006.

Invited Seminar, Departments of Biology and Chemistry, Washington University in St. Louis, November 29, 2005.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Endosymbiosis Meeting, Hamburg, Germany, October 6, 2005.

Invited Symposium Speaker, American Society of Plant Biology Meeting, Seattle, WA, July 17, 2005.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Molecular Biology and Evolution Conference, Auckland, NZ, June 20, 2005.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, December 14, 2004.

Invited Symposium Speaker, American Geophysical Union Conference, San Francisco, CA December 15, 2004.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Indiana University, October 18, 2004.

Invited Speaker, Agouon Geobiology Symposium, Catalina, CA, July 17, 2004.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Chemical Biophysics Symposium, University of Toronto, March 20, 2004.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, McMaster University, Canada, March 16, 2004.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biochemistry, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA  
October 17, 2003.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Texas A&M University, October 14, 2003.

Invited Plenary Speaker, International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes, Tokyo,  
Japan, August 28, 2003.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Roger Williams  
University, Bristol, RI, June 23, 2003.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, University of Girona, Spain, June 13, 2003.

Invited Symposium Speaker, American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting,  
Washington, DC, May 19, 2003.

Invited Keynote Speaker, Eastern Photosynthesis Conference, Marine Biology Laboratory,  
Woods Hole, MA, April 11, 2003.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Connecticut, April 10, 2003.

Session Chair, Gordon Research Conference on Metals in Biology, Ventura, CA, February 3,  
2003.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Western Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA, January 5,  
2003.

Invited Seminar, Department of Physics, City University of New York, October 21, 2002.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 151<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Society for General  
Microbiology, Loughborough, UK, September 19, 2002.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Bellingham,  
WA, July 29, 2002.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Novartis Foundation/Royal Society Discussion Meeting on the  
Molecular Evolution of Photosynthesis and Respiration, London, UK, June 29, 2002.

Invited Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Bryant  
University, June 17, 2002.

Invited Speaker, Ames Laboratory, Iowa State University, June 7, 2002.

Invited Speaker, Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences,  
Shanghai, China, May 16, 2002.

Invited Speaker, Joint China/UK Symposium on Membrane Proteins, Beijing, China, May 13,  
2002.

Invited Symposium Speaker, EMBO Workshop on Green and Heliobacteria, Passau,  
Germany, April 20, 2002.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> Winter Conference of the Inter-American Photochemical  
Society, Tempe, AZ, January 3, 2002.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Princeton University, October 23, 2001.

Invited Plenary Lecturer, 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis, Brisbane, Australia,  
August 20, 2001.

Invited Speaker, Light Harvesting 2001, Surfer's Paradise, Australia, August 16, 2001.

Invited Speaker and Session Chair, Gerald Babcock Memorial Symposium, Michigan State  
University, June 1, 2001.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photobiology, San Francisco, CA  
July 2, 2000.

Invited Session Chair and Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference on  
Photosynthesis, Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, NH, June 19, 2000.

Invited Speaker, W W. Parson Tribute Symposium, Rehovot, Israel, April 18, 2000.

Invited Speaker And Session Chair, 9<sup>th</sup> Western Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA, January 7, 2000.

Invited Speaker, Information Exchange Seminar on Photoconversion and Photosynthesis, Okazaki, Japan, November 16, 1999.

Invited Speaker, Retirement Symposium for Govindjee, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 14, 1999.

Invited Speaker, Yamaguchi University Symposium on Evolutionary Aspects of Photosynthesis, Fairbanks, AK, August 11, 1999.

Invited Seminar, Biochemistry Department, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, June 3, 1999.

Invited Seminar, Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, April 27 and April 28, 1999.

Invited Seminar, School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, April 23, 1999.

Invited Seminar, Institute of Molecular Biosciences, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand, April 14, 1999.

Invited Seminar, Biological Sciences Department, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, March 17, 1999.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Origin of Life, Ventura, CA, February 22, 1999.

Invited Seminars, Department of Chemistry, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, November 15 & 16, 1998.

Invited Speaker, Asian-Pacific Forum on Science and Technology, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Ishikawa, Japan, November 11, 1998.

Discussion Leader, XI<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis, Budapest, Hungary, August 19, 1998.

Invited Speaker, International Workshop on Light-Harvesting Systems, Tata, Hungary, August 15, 1998.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 10<sup>th</sup> European Bioenergetics Conference, Göteborg, Sweden, June 28, 1998.

Invited Speaker, NASA Workshop on Life: From Local Origins to Global Persistence, New England Conference Center, June 9, 1998.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of American Society of Microbiology, Atlanta, GA, May 18, 1998.

Invited Seminars, Department of Biology Bowling Green State University, March 4 & 5, 1998.

Invited Seminar, Chemistry Department, University of Arizona, February 19, 1998.

Invited Seminar, Chemistry Department, San Diego State University, February 9, 1998.

Invited Speaker and Co-Organizer, Symposium in Honor of Ken Sauer and Mel Klein, University of California, Berkeley, California, January 7, 1998.

Invited Seminar, Biology Department, Odense, University, Odense, Denmark, December 11, 1997.

Invited Speaker, Sixth Symposium on Chemical Evolution and the Origin and Evolution of Life, NASA Ames Research Center, Ames, CA, November 18, 1997.

Invited Speaker and Co-organizer, US/Japan Seminar on Molecular Organization of Photosynthetic Antennas, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, November 13, 1997.

Session Chair, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Plymouth, NH, August 4, 1997.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 213<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 14, 1997.

Invited Speaker NASA/NSF/DOE Interagency Microbial Extremophiles Meeting, Washington DC, January 21, 1997.

Plenary Lecture, DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory Conference, Estes Park, CO, February 6, 1996.

Keynote Address, Biophysical Society of the Republic of China Second Annual Symposium on Recent Advances in Biophysics, Kenting, Taiwan, May 6, 1996.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society for Photobiology, Atlanta, GA, June 16, 1996.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 212<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society National Meeting, Orlando, FL, August 26, 1996

Invited Symposium Speaker, Diversity, Genetics and Physiology of Photosynthetic Prokaryotes, Indiana University, October 19, 1996.

Invited Seminar, PBRTC, Washington State University, October 25, 1996.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of California, Los Angeles, October 1, 1996.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Northern Arizona University, October 27, 1995.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Fort Lewis State College, Fort Lewis, CO, October 13, 1995.

Invited Talk, European Science Foundation Workshop on Excitation and Electron Transfer in Homodimeric Reaction Centers of Green Sulfur and Heliobacteria, Montpellier, France, August 26, 1995.

Discussion Leader, 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis, Montpellier, France, August 21, 1995.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Kansas State University, April 17, 1995.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, California State University, Long Beach, March 22, 1995.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, California State University, Fullerton, February 16, 1995.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, California State University, Hayward, February 8, 1995.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Kyoto University, Japan, December 5, 1994.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Symposium on Fe-S Type of Photosynthetic Reaction Centers, Kanazawa, Japan, December 2, 1994.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan, December 1, 1994.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Distinguished Scholar in Residence, Nebraska Wesleyan University, November 10-11, 1994.

Invited Symposium Speaker and Session Chair, VIII International Symposium on Phototrophic Prokaryotes, Urbino, Italy, September 13, 1994.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 129<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Society for General Microbiology and Nederlandse Vereniging voor Microbiologie, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands, September 10, 1994.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Newport, RI, August 25, 1994.

Invited Speaker, Conference of Structure, Function and Biogenesis of Chlorophyll-Protein Complexes: A Symposium in honor of J. Philip Thornber, University of California, Los Angeles, August 4, 1994.

Invited Symposium Speaker and Session Chair, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, American Society for Photobiology, Scottsdale, AZ, June 26, 1994.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Fifth Exobiology Symposium and Mars Workshop, NASA Ames Research Center, Ames, CA, April 26, 1994.

Invited Overview Talk, Western US Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA, January 4, 1994.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Second Nordic Conference on Photosynthesis, Oslo, Norway, November 5, 1993.

Invited Symposium Speaker, EMBO Workshop on Green and Heliobacteria, Nyborg, Denmark, August 17, 1993.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, New Hampton NH, August 3, 1993.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biochemistry, Ohio State University, May 25, 1993.

Invited Speaker, Eastern US Photosynthesis Conference, Woods Hole, MA, April 17, 1993.

Invited Speaker, Western US Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA, January 13, 1993.

Invited Speaker, Meeting on Evolution of Photosynthetic Systems, Okazaki, Japan, September 6, 1992.

Invited Speaker, Inorganic Biochemistry Summer Workshop, University of Georgia, August 10, 1992.

Invited Symposium Speaker, International Conference on Photosynthetic Antennas, Freising, Germany, March 31, 1992.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biophysics, State University of Leiden, The Netherlands, September 10, 1991.

Invited Seminar, Laboratorium voor Microbiologie, Rijkuniversiteit Gent, Belgium, September 6, 1991.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Fourth Congress of the European Society for Photobiology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, September 2, 1991.

Invited Symposium Speaker, VII International Symposium on Photosynthetic Prokaryotes, Amherst, MA, July 22, 1991.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Kansas, February 1, 1991.

Plenary Lecturer, Workshop on Bioinorganic Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India, December 10, 1990.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Texas Tech University, December 4, 1990.

Invited Speaker, Greater Phoenix Mensa Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 24, 1990.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biochemistry, University of Nebraska, October 25, 1990.

Keynote Speaker, Southeast Nebraska Science Educator's Conference, Crete, NE, October 25, 1990.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Nebraska Wesleyan University, October 24, 1990.

Invited Speaker, National Academy of Sciences—Academy of Sciences USSR Workshop on Photosynthesis, Woods Hole, MA, September 17, 1990.

Invited Speaker, Conference on Molecular Biology and the Origin of Life, Berkeley, CA, July 23, 1990.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Fourth NASA Symposium on Chemical Evolution and the Origin and Evolution of Life. Ames, CA July 23, 1990.

Invited Symposium Speaker, Joint Soviet-Indian Symposium on Regulation of Photosynthesis, Puschino, USSR, May 21, 1990.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Biology Colloquium, Oregon State University, April 25, 1990.

Invited Lecture, McKnight Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 29, 1990.

Invited Speaker, US/Japan Binational Seminar on structure and Function of Photosynthetic Reaction Centers, Honolulu, HI, March 6, 1990.

Invited Symposium Speaker, VII<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis, Stockholm, Sweden, August 7, 1989.

Invited Speaker, Conference on Molecular Models, Origins and Evolution of Photosynthesis, Stockholm, Sweden, August 12, 1989.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, April 24, 1989.

Invited Speaker, Third Annual Penn State Symposium in Plant Physiology, Penn State University, May 20, 1988.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Phoenix, AZ March 1, 1988.

Invited Lecture NATO Conference on Structure of Bacterial Reaction Centers, Cadarache, France, September 21, 1987.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biochemistry, University of Arizona, September 11, 1987.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of New Mexico, September 4, 1987.

Invited Lecture, EMBO Workshop on Green and Heliobacteria, Nyborg, Denmark, August 20, 1987.

Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Colby-Sawyer College, NH, July 28, 1987.

Invited Symposium Speaker, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, American Society for Photobiology, Los Angeles, CA, June 23, 1986.

Invited Seminar, RIKEN Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Wako, Saitama, Japan, June 2, 1986.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, May 30, 1986.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan, May 29, 1986.

Invited Seminar, National Institute for Basic Biology, Okazaki, Japan, May 27, 1986.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, May 23, 1986.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, May 21, 1986.

Invited Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Pittsburgh, March 5, 1986.

Invited Seminar, McKnight Foundation Lecture, University of California, Berkeley, February 6, 1986.

Invited Lecture, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, New London, NH, July 29, 1985.

Invited Seminar, Department of Biology, Yale University, April 15, 1985.

Invited Seminar, University of Massachusetts, Boston, April 10, 1985.

Invited Lecture, Eastern US Photosynthesis Conference, Woods Hole, MA, March 30, 1985.

## CITATION STATISTICS

### Google Scholar (January 2026)

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| Citations: | 46,473 | 11,017     |
| h-index:   | 91     | 43         |
| i10-index: | 360    | 151        |

### Web of Science (January 2026)

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| Sum of the Times Cited:                    | 26,595 |
| Sum of Times Cited without self-citations: | 24,824 |
| Citing Articles:                           | 16,782 |
| Citing Articles without self-citations:    | 16,450 |
| Average Citations per Item:                | 54.84  |
| h-index:                                   | 73     |
| Total Entries:                             | 485    |

### Semantic Scholar (January 2026)

<https://www.semanticscholar.org/author/Robert-Eugene-Blankenship/144031039>

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| Publications                 | 489    |
| h-index                      | 75     |
| Citations                    | 31,841 |
| Highly influential Citations | 1,338  |

### Research Gate (January 2026)

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Robert-Blankenship>

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| Research Interest Score | 16,951 |
| Citations               | 36,211 |
| h-index                 | 79     |
| Publications            | 470    |

### Scholar GPS (January 2026)

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| Publications                         | 411     |
| Citations                            | 37,210  |
| h-index                              | 85      |
| Highly Ranked Scholar – Lifetime All |         |
| <u>Overall (All Fields)</u>          | #14,266 |
| Antenna (biology)                    | #2      |
| Photosynthesis                       | #10     |
| <u>Bacteria</u>                      | #143    |

## PUBLICATIONS:

**B = Book; BR = Book Review; CP = Conference Proceedings; IR = Invited Review; R = Refereed; MM = Multimedia; ‡ = Graduate Student Author (RB advisor); † = Undergraduate Student Author (RB advisor)**

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450. Govindjee G, Björn LO, Blankenship RE (2024) On “P750s” in cyanobacteria: A historical perspective. *Photosynthetica* **62**: 406-408. (R)
449. Yano J, Kern J, Blankenship RE, Messinger J, Yachandra VK (2024) Editorial for the Special Issue ‘Energy Conversion Reactions in Natural and Artificial Photosynthesis’: A Tribute to Ken Sauer. *Photosynthesis Research* **162**: 101-102. (IR)
448. Yano J, Kern J, Blankenship RE, Messinger J, Yachandra VK (2024) Tribute to Kenneth Sauer (1931-2022) – A mentor, a role-model, and an inspiration to all in the field of photosynthesis. *Photosynthesis Research* **162**: 103-138. (IR)
447. Xin J, Min Z, Yu L, Yuan X, Liu A, Wu W, Zhang X, Ho H, Wu J, Xin Y, Blankenship RE, Tian C, Xu X (2024) Cryo-EM structure of HQNO-bound alternative complex III from the anoxygenic phototrophic bacterium *Chloroflexus aurantiacus*. *The Plant Cell* **36**: 4212–4233. (R)
446. Xin Y, Xin J, Blankenship R, Xu X, Min Z, Zhang X, Yuan X (2023) Structural basis of carotenoid regulation of quinone diffusion and the *Roseiflexus castenholzii* reaction center-light harvesting complex architecture. *eLife* **12**: e88951. (R)
445. Yu L, Min Z, Liu M, Xin Y, Liu A, Kuang J, Wu W, Wu J, He H, Xin J, Blankenship RE, Tian C, Xu X (2024) A cytochrome *c*-551 mediates the cyclic electron transport chain of anoxygenic phototrophic bacterium *Roseiflexus castenholzii*. *Plant Communications* **5**: 100715. (R)
444. Chen M, Blankenship RE (2023) Modifying the photosystem antenna system to improve light harvesting for photosynthesis in crops. In: *Understanding and Improving Crop Photosynthesis*. R Sharwood, Ed., Burleigh Dodds Publishers, Cambridge, UK, 93-112. (R)
443. Blankenship R and Sattley M, Eds. (2022) *Phototrophic Bacteria*, MDPI Basel. ISBN 978-3-0365-5556-0 (B)
442. Kiang NY, Swingley WD, Gautam G, Broddrick JT, Repeta DJ, Stolz JF, Blankenship RE, Wolf BM<sup>‡</sup>, Detweiler AM, Miller KA, Schladweiler JJ, Lindemann R, Parenteau, MN (2022) Isolation and characterization of a chlorophyll *d*-containing cyanobacterium from the site of the 1943 discovery of chlorophyll *d*. *Microorganisms* **10**: 819. (R)

441. Sattley WM, Swingley WD, Burchell BM, Dewey ED, Hayward MK, Renbarger TL, Shaffer KN, Stokes LM, Gurbani SA, Kujawa CM, Nuccio DA, Schladweiler J, Touchman JW, Wang-Otomo Z-Y, Blankenship RE and Madigan MT (2022) Complete genome of the thermophilic purple sulfur bacterium *Thermochromatium tepidum* compared to *Allochromatium vinosum* and other *Chromatiaceae*. *Photosynthesis Research* **151**: 125–142. (R)
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438. Blankenship, RE (2021) *Molecular Mechanisms of Photosynthesis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, Wiley, Chichester. ISBN-13: 978-1119800019. (B)
437. Chen M and Blankenship RE (2021) Photosynthesis. In *Encyclopedia of Biological Chemistry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, J Jez, Ed., Elsevier, pp 150-156. (IR)
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435. Sparks WB, Parenteau MN, Blankenship RE, Germer TA, Patty CHL, Bott KM, Telesco CM and Meadows VS (2021) Spectropolarimetry of primitive phototrophs as global surface biosignatures. *Astrobiology* **21**: 219-234. (R)
434. Liu H, Zhang MM, Weisz DA, Cheng M, Pakrasi HB and Blankenship RE (2021) Structure of cyanobacterial phycobilisome core revealed by structural modeling and chemical cross-linking. *Science Advances* **7**: eaba5743. (R)
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432. Shi Y, Xin Y, Wang C, Tang W, Blankenship RE, Sun F and Xu X (2020) 3.3 Å cryo-EM structure of the photosynthetic Alternative Complex III from *Roseiflexus castenholzii* reveals a redox-coupled proton translocation mechanism. *Science Advances* **6**: eaba2739. (R)
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Analysis of the complete genome of the alkaliphilic and phototrophic Firmicute *Heliorestis convoluta* strain HHT. *Microorganisms* **8**: 313. (R)

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425. Weisz DA, Johnson VM, Niedzwiedzki DM, Shinn MK, Liu H, Klitzke CF, Gross ML, Blankenship RE, Lohman TM and Pakrasi HB (2019) A novel chlorophyll protein complex in the repair cycle of Photosystem II. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA* **116**: 21907-21913. (R)
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416. Saer RG, Schultz R<sup>†</sup> and Blankenship RE (2019) The influence of quaternary structure on the stability of Fenna-Matthews-Olson (FMO) antenna complexes. *Photosynthesis Research* **140**: 39-49. (R)
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407. Tang JK-H and Blankenship RE (2018) Photosynthetic Electron Transport. *Encyclopedia of Biophysics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, G. C. K Roberts, Ed., Springer, The Netherlands. (IR)
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