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EDUCATION

Ph.D. , Yale University	2014
M.S., M.Phil.	2012
Chemical and Environmental Engineering	
· <u>Dissertation Title:</u> Biofilm Characterization and Prevention in Engineered Systems	
· <u>Advisor:</u> Menachem Elimelech	
· <u>Committee Members:</u> Menachem Elimelech, Ruth Blake, Jordan Peccia, and Chinedum Osuji	
Analytical and Quantitative Light Microscopy , Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory	2011
M.S. , Rice University	2009
Environmental Engineering	
· <u>Thesis Title:</u> Polysulfone Ultrafiltration Membranes Impregnated with Silver Nanoparticles Show Improved Biofouling Resistance and Virus Removal	
· <u>Advisors:</u> Pedro J. J. Álvarez and Qilin Li	
· <u>Committee Members:</u> Pedro J. J. Álvarez, Qilin Li, and Mason Tompson	
B.S.C.E. , Rice University	2008
Civil and Environmental Engineering	
National Outdoors Leadership School	2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral Research Associate , Rice University	2014-Present
· Developed membrane distillation membranes with improved energy efficiency	
· Studied relationships between the oil and gas industry and local water use in Texas	
· Analyzed policy related to brackish groundwater use in Texas	
· Mentored undergraduate and graduate students	
Graduate Research Assistant , Yale University	2009-2014
· Studied and characterized biofouling and microbial communities on membrane distillation and reverse osmosis membranes	
· Explored applying a drug-delivery nanocapsule platform to reverse osmosis membrane surfaces to deliver natural antimicrobial compounds and quorum sensing inhibitors for biofilm mitigation	
· Developed methods for visualization of membrane support layer 3-D structure using confocal laser scanning microscopy	

- Studied the differential toxicity of metallic and semiconducting single-walled carbon nanotubes and the relationship between nanotube toxicity and oxidative capability

Graduate Research Assistant, Rice University 2008-2009

- Fabricated ultrafiltration membranes containing a variety of nanoparticles, including nano-silver, nano-magnetite, and fullerenes
- Characterized membranes and assessed their biofouling and virus removal potential

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Rice University 2006-2008

- Characterized membrane properties and biofouling potential of carbon nanotube impregnated polysulfone membranes

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dresden Technical University 2005

- Quantified the release of dissolved organic carbon from flocs disturbed during aeration under different coagulation conditions

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Contributing Writer, Materials Research Society Education and Outreach Webpage 2012-Present
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow 2009-2013
- Yale Scientific Teaching Fellow 2013
- American Chemical Society Graduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry 2012
- Yale Camarata 2010-2012
- Yale Citations 2009-2011
- Texas Association of Environmental Professionals Scholarship 2008
- Rice Engineering Alumni Senior Merit Award 2007
- Chi Epsilon 2007
- Rice Undergraduate Scholars Program 2006-2007
- Rice Outdoors Club, Co-President 2006-2008
- Mayan Resorts Internship Program in Acapulco, Mexico 2006
- Research Internships in Science and Engineering in Dresden, Germany 2005
- Engineers Without Borders 2004-2005
- University Committee on Environmental Health and Safety 2005-2006
- Rice Light Opera Society - Ruddigore 2006
- Rice Chorale 2003- 2007

PUBLICATIONS

- K. R. Zodrow, E. Bar-Zeev, M. Elimelech, 2014. Biofouling and Microbial Communities in Membrane Distillation and Reverse Osmosis. *Environmental Science and Technology, in press.*
- E. Bar-Zeev, K. R. Zodrow, S. E. Kwan, M. Elimelech, 2014. The importance of microscopic characterization of membrane biofilms in an unconfined environment. *Desalination* 348:8-15.
- M. Ben-Sasson, X. Lu, E. Bar-Zeev, K. R. Zodrow, S. Nejati, G. Qi, E. P. Giannelis, M. Elimelech, 2014. *In situ* formation of silver nanoparticles on thin-film composite reverse osmosis membranes for biofouling mitigation. *Water Research* 62:260-270.

4. K. R. Zodrow, V. H. Coulter, E. Shaulsky, M. Elimelech, 2014. Low Flow Data Logger in Membrane Distillation: An Interdisciplinary Laboratory in Process Control. *Interdisciplinary Engineering Design Education Conference*.
5. K. R. Zodrow, M. E. Tousley, M. Elimelech, 2014. Mitigating Biofouling on Thin-Film Composite Polyamide Membranes Using a Controlled-Release Platform. *Journal of Membrane Science* 453:84-91.
6. M. Ben-Sasson, K. R. Zodrow, Q. Genggeng, Y. Kang, E. P. Giannelis, M. Elimelech, 2013. Binding of Biocidal Copper Nanoparticles to Thin-Film Composite Membranes. *Environmental Science and Technology* 48:384:393.
7. I. Alsvik, K. R. Zodrow, M. Elimelech, M. Hägg, 2012. Polyamide Formation on a Cellulose Triacetate Support for Osmotic Membranes: Effect of Linking Molecules on Membrane Performance. *Desalination* 312:2-9.
8. K. R. Zodrow, J. D. Schiffman, M. Elimelech, 2012. Biodegradable Polymer (PLGA) Coatings Featuring Cinnamaldehyde and Carvacrol Mitigate Biofilm Formation. *Langmuir* 28(39):13993-13999.
9. I. Raciny, K. R. Zodrow, D. Li, Q. Li, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2011. Addition of a Magnetite Layer onto a Polysulfone Water Treatment Membrane to Enhance Virus Removal. *Water Science and Technology* 63(10):2346-2352.
10. C.D. Vecitis, K. R. Zodrow, S. Kang, M. Elimelech, 2010. Electronic-Structure-Dependent Bacterial Cytotoxicity of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes. *ACS Nano* 4(9):5471-5479.
11. C. W. Lee, S. Mahendra, K. R. Zodrow, D. Li, Y. Tsai, J. Braam, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2010. Developmental Phytotoxicity of Metal Oxide Nanoparticles to *Arabidopsis Thaliana*. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 29(3):669-675.
12. K. R. Zodrow, L. Brunet, S. Mahendra, D. Li, A. Zhang, Q. Li, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2009. Polysulfone Ultrafiltration Membranes Impregnated with Silver Nanoparticles Show Improved Biofouling Resistance and Virus Removal. *Water Research* 43:715-723.
13. L. Brunet, D. Y. Lyon, K. R. Zodrow, J. -C. Rouch, B. Caussat, P. Serp, J. -C. Remigy, M. R. Wiesner, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2008. Properties of Membranes Containing Semi-dispersed Carbon Nanotubes. *Environmental Engineering Science* 25(4):565-576.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. K. R. Zodrow, V. H. Coulter, E. Shaulsky, M. Elimelech, 2014. Low Flow Data Logger in Membrane Distillation: An Interdisciplinary Laboratory in Process Control. Interdisciplinary Engineering Design Education Conference. Santa Clara, CA.
2. K. R. Zodrow, M. E. Tousley, M. Elimelech, 2013. Binding Polymer Particles with Encapsulated Antibacterial Compounds to Thin-Film Composite Membranes for Enhanced Biofouling Resistance. North American Membrane Society. Boise, ID.
3. K. R. Zodrow, M. E. Tousley, M. Elimelech, 2012. Binding Polymer Particles with Encapsulated Antimicrobials to Thin-Film Composite Membranes. Material Research Society, Fall Meeting. Boston, MA.

4. K. R. Zodrow, C. D. Vecitis, S. Kang, M. Elimelech, 2010. Electronic-Structure-Dependent Bacterial Cytotoxicity of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes. Robert M. Langer Graduate Student Symposium. New Haven, CT.
5. K. R. Zodrow, L. Brunet, S. Mahendra, A. Zhang, D. Li, Q. Li, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2009. Metal and Metal Oxide Nanoparticles in Polysulfone Ultrafiltration Membranes to Decrease Biofouling. IWA Leading Edge Technology Conference. Singapore.
6. K. R. Zodrow, D. Li, Q. Li, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2009. Using Metal and Metal Oxide Nanoparticles in Water Filtration Membranes to Reduce Bacteria Adhesion and Enhance Virus Removal. Engineering Conferences International. Trondheim, Norway.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. K. R. Zodrow, J. D. Schiffman, M. Elimelech, 2012. PLGA Coatings Featuring Cinnamaldehyde and Carvacrol Mitigate Biofilm Formation. American Chemical Society: Fall Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
2. K. R. Zodrow, M. E. Tousley, M. Elimelech, 2012. Binding Polymer Nanoparticles with Encapsulated Natural Antimicrobials to Thin-Film Composite Membranes. Gordon Research Symposium and Conference: Membranes: Materials and Processes. New London, NH.
3. K. R. Zodrow, D. F. Rodrigues, D. P. Jaisi, M. Elimelech, 2010. Impact of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes on Soil Microbial Communities. Gordon Research Conference: Water. Holderness, NH.
4. K. R. Zodrow, L. Brunet, D. Y. Lyon, Q. Li, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2008. Incorporation of Silver Nanoparticles into Polysulfone Ultrafiltration Membranes for Biofouling Reduction. IWA Leading Edge Technology Conference. Zurich, Switzerland. (*First Place in Membrane Research Category*)
5. K. R. Zodrow, L. Brunet, D. Y. Lyon, P. J. J. Álvarez, 2007. Reduction of Biofouling of Water Filtration Membranes by the Incorporation of Antimicrobial Nanoparticles. Rice University Undergraduate Research Symposium. Houston, TX.
6. S. Müller, A. Lérch, K. R. Zodrow, W. Ühl, 2006. Floc Breakup due to Air Enhanced Cleaning of Immersed Membranes During Ultrafiltration. American Chemical Society Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New Haven Reads Tutor: Literacy Fundamentals	2012-2014
New Haven Science Fair Mentor	2012-2014
Yale Splash Instructor Materials and Water: Love? Hate? or Both?	Fall 2013, Spring 2014
Yale Sprout Instructor Peacocks, Beetles, and Cathedrals	Spring 2014
Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Environmental Engineering Yale University · Instructor: Menachem Elimelech	Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, Problem-Based Learning in Engineering

Rice University

Fall 2008

- Instructor: Ann Saterback

Research Mentor Yale University

Fall 2012

- First-Year Graduate Student: Sarah Bates

Research Mentor Rice University

2008-2009; 2014

- Undergraduate Student: Peter Szemraj
- Undergraduate Student: Zoltan Krudy
- Undergraduate Student: Rachael Carson
- Visiting Undergraduate Student: Josefina Fernandez

Private Tutor: Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Algebra

2002-2008