

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**NAME:** Dr. Robert L. Last

**WORK ADDRESS:**

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Department of Plant Biology  
Michigan State University  
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East Lansing, MI 48824-1319

**EDUCATION:**

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH; BA in Chemistry with minors in Biology, 1980  
Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; PhD in Biological Sciences, 1986

**PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:**

2021 – University Distinguished Professor, *Michigan State University*  
2010 – Barnett Rosenberg Chair, *Michigan State University*  
2004 – 2010 Professor, *Michigan State University*  
2012 – 2013 Erna and Jakob Michael Visiting Professor, *Weizmann Institute of Science*  
2003 – 2004 Program Officer, *National Science Foundation USA*  
2002 – 2003 Senior Visiting Research Scientist, *Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology*, Jena, Germany  
1998 – 2002 Director of Discovery Genomics, *Cereon Genomics LLC*, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
1989 – 1998 Plant Molecular Geneticist, *Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research*  
1989 – 1998 Asst., Assoc. and Full Adjunct Professor of Genetics and Development, *Cornell University*  
1986 – 1989 Postdoctoral Fellow, *Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research*, Laboratory of Dr. Gerald Fink  
1980-1986 Ph.D. student, Department of Biological Sciences, *Carnegie-Mellon University*, Laboratory of Dr. John Woolford

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

University Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University, 2021-  
Postdoctoral Mentoring Award, College of Natural Science, Michigan State University, 2017  
Erna and Jakob Michael Visiting Professorship, Department of Plant Sciences, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, Fall 2012- Summer 2013  
Lady Davis Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Fall 2012

University Distinguished Faculty Award, Michigan State University, February 2012  
Distinguished Faculty Award, MSU College of Natural Sciences, November 2011.  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, named 2009  
Fellow, American Society of Plant Biologists, named 2009  
Monsanto Fellow, named 2002  
NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award, 10/90-9/95  
Keynote Speaker, North Carolina Biotechnology Center Plant Molecular Biology Retreat,  
Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, September, 2007  
Keynote Speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Plant Metabolomics, Reading UK,  
April 2006  
NSF Director's Award for Excellence in Program Management, 2004  
Schexnayder Lecture in Botany, Department of Biological Sciences, Louisiana State  
University, 2011  
John and Olga LeTourneau Memorial Lectureship, University of Idaho, 1997  
DuPont Science and Engineering Educational Aid Grant, 1996 and 1997  
NIH FIRST Grant Award, 1/90-12/94  
NSF Plant Molecular Biology Postdoctoral Fellowship, 4/86-5/89  
NIH NRSA Fellow under National Institutes of Health Graduate Training Grant,  
awarded to Carnegie-Mellon University, Biological Sciences Department, 8/83-4/86  
Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1980  
Hall Fellow, Chemistry Department, Ohio Wesleyan University, Chemistry Department,  
9/79-6/80

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **Leadership:**

President Elect, President, Past President, American Society of Plant Biologists, 10/17-  
9/20. Activities included writing six letters to the membership and assembling  
collections of essays for four of these letters: [https://blog.aspb.org/presidents-letter-  
collections/](https://blog.aspb.org/presidents-letter-collections/)  
Board of Directors and BoD Nominations Committee for iPLANT  
Cyberinfrastructure Collaborative ([www.iplantcollaborative.org](http://www.iplantcollaborative.org)) Chair 2007-2009;  
Associate Chair 2009-2010, member 2010  
Chair, Scientific Advisory Board for the Genome Canada-funded PhytoMetaSyn  
project 2009-2014

### **Scientific Conference Organization:**

Program Committee (organizers of the annual meeting), American Society of Plant  
Biologists, 2015-2018  
co-Organizer, Plant Biotechnology for Health and Sustainability Symposia, Michigan  
State University, Fall semester 2013-. Faculty organizer for the associated Career  
Symposia, 2013-.  
Lead Organizer, Banbury Conference on Evolution of Plant Specialized Metabolism, 3/13  
Chair, Plant Molecular Biology Gordon Conference, 7/00 (Vice-Chair in 1998)  
Organizer, NATO Advanced Study Institute on Plant Molecular Biology, 5/97

Symposium Organizer, American Society of Plant Biologists Annual Meeting, 7/09  
Symposium Organizer, International Society of Plant Molecular Biology, St. Louis, 10/09  
Keystone Symposia Scientific Advisory Board Member 1/01-12/04  
Organizing Committee, International Arabidopsis Genetics Conferences, 1997 and 1998

### **Publications and Editorial:**

Associate Editor, *Science Advances*, 2014-2018  
Editorial Board Member and Editor in Chief, *The Arabidopsis Book*, 5/07-2013  
Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Plant Metabolism and Chemodiversity*, 2012-2018  
Editorial Board, *Current Opinion in Plant Biology*, 6/97-present  
Associate Editor, *Plant Physiology*, 10/99-01/08  
Publications Committee, American Society of Plant Physiologists, 10/97-10/99 (resigned to assume role of Plant Physiology Associate Editor)  
Monitoring Editor, *Plant Physiology*, 10/94-7/97  
American Society of Plant Physiologists *ad hoc* Genomics Publication Committee, 1998-2000

### **Service to Government Agencies:**

GLBRC rep to the DOE Bioenergy Research Center CRAM II process, summer 2020  
Member, National Science Foundation Bio Directorate Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Proposal Submission, 2019-2020.  
Member, Committee of Visitors, National Science Foundation Division of Integrative Organismal Systems, 6/2018.  
Co-organizer of NIFA-NSF workshop on Phenomics: Beyond Genomics (with Timothy Close), April 2011, St. Louis. Meeting report document at: [http://www.nsf.gov/bio/pubs/reports/phenomics\\_workshop\\_report.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/bio/pubs/reports/phenomics_workshop_report.pdf)  
*Ad hoc* advisor to Genome Alberta (Canada) 2014-  
Participant in National Science Foundation - Japan Science Foundation Metabolomics Workshop, UC Davis, May 2010  
Member, Site Visit Team, Department of Energy Office of Biological and Environmental Research 10/2010  
Member, Committee of Visitors for the Life and Medical Sciences Division, Department of Energy Office of Biological and Environmental Research. 6/2008.  
Member of the NAS/NRC Committee on the National Plant Genome Initiative: 2003-2008, Summer 2002. Report at: <http://books.nap.edu/openbook/0309085217/html/index.html>.  
Participant in NAS/NRC Workshop: 'Community Standards for Sharing Publication-Related Data and Materials', February, 2002. Summary of report at: <http://www.plantphysiol.org/cgi/content/full/132/1/19>.  
Participant in Systems Plant Biology Recommendations Workshop for DOE; Riverside, CA, January, 2003. Summary of meeting at: <http://www.plantphysiol.org/cgi/content/full/132/2/404>.  
NIH Grant Review Panel Member, Biological Sciences 1 Study Section (Biol-1), Ad hoc member 7/93; 3/95; 11/95, 2/96

Regular member from 10/96-6/99  
NIH Panel Member, Genetics Study Section AREA Grants, 12/91  
Committee of Visitors External Review Panel, NSF Division of Molecular & Cellular  
Biosciences, Biomolecular Structure and Function Cluster, 12/96  
Participant in Workshop on DOE Plant Biochemistry Funding Opportunities, Kona, HI,  
December, 1992

**Other Outreach and Community Service:**

Chair, Plant Biology Panel, Academia Sinica Five Year Institutional Review. 2022.  
American Society of Plant Biologists Plantae Community Resource Adhoc Review  
Committee 2021-  
American Society of Plant Biologists Legacy Society Leadership Committee and  
Centennial Challenge Committee, endowment fundraising, 10/20-  
Developed and chaired an ASPB Ad hoc Committee that created a new process for  
elections. 2020.  
Plant Postdoc Advisory Board Member, invited by community postdocs, 10/20-  
Member of Search Committee for Editor-in-Chief of *The Plant Cell*, American Society of  
Plant Biologists 4/18-9/19.  
International Scientific Advisory Committee, Fujian Agricultural and Forestry  
University Joint Center for Horticultural Biology and Metabolomics, Fuzhou,  
China, 2020-2023.  
External Advisory Board, BioDiscovery Institute, University of North Texas,  
<https://research.unt.edu/institutes/bdi>, 2015-.  
External Science Advisory Board, Missouri EPSCoR Program 'Missouri Transect:  
Climate, Plant and Community' (<http://missouriepsco.org/>). 2014-2018.  
External Science Advisory Board, Ohio State University Center for Applied Plant  
Sciences, <http://caps.osu.edu/>, 2011-2016.  
Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center, Frontiers Strategy Working Group, Fall  
2014-Spring 2015 and Vision Group, Fall 2015-Summer 2016.  
Board of Directors and BoD Nominations Committee for iPLANT  
Cyberinfrastructure Collaborative ([www.iplantcollaborative.org](http://www.iplantcollaborative.org)) Chair 2007-2009;  
Associate Chair 2009-2010, member 2010  
Chair, Scientific Advisory Board for the Genome Canada-funded PhytoMetaSyn  
project 2009-2014  
Organizer of the Plantgenomics@MSU Summer Research Experiences for  
Undergraduate Internship Program ([www.plantgenomics.msu.edu](http://www.plantgenomics.msu.edu)); lead 2006-  
2012, co-lead 2013-  
External Program Review Member, Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics and  
Molecular Biology, Iowa State University. Fall 2014  
American Society of Plant Biologists Eric E. Conn Young Investigator Award  
Selection Committee 2011-2015  
Participant in formulation of a decadal vision: "Unleashing a decade of innovation  
in plant science", meetings 2011 and winter 2013. This led to a report published

by the American Society of Plant Biologists in 2014 (see <https://plantsummit.wordpress.com/>)  
Co-organizer for the three-week summer course "Frontiers and Techniques in Plant Sciences" at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory 2010-2013  
Scientific Advisory Committee for the Plant Signaling Cluster at the University of North Texas, Denton 2008-2013  
Scientific Advisory Board for Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Plant Energy Biology 2008-2013  
American Society of Plant Biologists Web Redesign Committee 2009-10  
Co-instructor (with Heather Eisthen in MSU Zoology Department) of a 'Grandparents University' (<http://grandparents.msu.edu/about/>) class on the science behind taste and smells 2008, 2009, 2015, 2016.  
Co-organizer of session on plant secondary metabolism, International Plant Molecular Biology Conference, St. Louis 2009.  
External Review Team Member, University of Missouri Interdisciplinary Plant Group, 4/2008.  
Scientific Advisory Group to EU-SOL functional genomics program 2007-  
Advisory Group to NCGR-Iowa State Plant Cyberinfrastructure Project Proposal 2006  
International Tomato Sequencing Project Advisory Committee 2006-2007  
Public Affairs Committee of the American Society of Plant Biologists 2006-2008.  
Organizer for the Interagency Working Group on the National Plant Genome Initiative 'Workshop on Plant Genomics Outreach Activities' at the 2004 Plant and Animal Genome Research Conference in San Diego, CA (with Dr. Ed Kaleikau of USDA).  
Lead Organizer and Instructor for the three week course 'Arabidopsis Molecular Genetics' at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, summers of 1995, 1996 and 1997  
Elected Member, North American Arabidopsis Steering Committee, 1/95-12/98  
Member, International Arabidopsis Steering Committee, 5/95-6/97

#### **Past Consulting to Biotechnology Industry:**

Calgene  
DuPont  
Monsanto  
Sandoz

#### **GRANT REVIEW PANEL ACTIVITIES:**

Grant Review Panel Member for Academia Sinica Life Sciences Division. Taipei, Taiwan, 2021 and 2022.  
Panel Member, NSF, May 2006, May 2007  
Site visit team member for NSF Plant Genome Research Program, UC Berkeley, February 2006.  
NIH Panel Member, Biological Sciences 1 Study Section,  
Ad hoc member 7/93; 3/95; 11/95, 3/96  
Regular member from 10/96-6/99

NIH Panel Member, Genetics Study Section AREA Grants, 12/91  
Ad Hoc Reviewer for: BARD, DOE, NSF, NSERC, USDA

### **COURSES TAUGHT:**

BMB/CSS/PLB 856, Plant Molecular and Omic Biology (lead or co-lead instructor 2006-2021; responsible for 19 80-minute class periods; with Hideki Takahashi). 2022, provided teaching support with lectures and student writing.

BMB 864 Plant Biochemistry, gave five hours of lectures and course support.

BMB 960-301, Seminar in Plants for Health and Sustainability faculty lead or co-lead, Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021.

Co-Instructor in Frontiers and Techniques in Plant Sciences course, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, three weeks each summer 2010-2012, one week summer of 2013, three days 2014.

Undergrad Genetics Course Zoology 341 - 3 hours of lecture to 250-300 students in Fall Semester 2011.

BMB 978, Seminar in Biochemistry (co-taught with Bill Henry, Fall and Spring semester 2009-2011).

Grandparent University class on the science behind taste and smell. (summer 2008, 2009, 2015)

QB826 – Class period on Interdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences (1.5 h, summer 2008, 2009)

BMB 961 Genomics and Proteomics of Complex Genetic Systems (2 Lectures each Fall 2006, 2008, 2010, 2014)

BMB 101 Meet the Professors (1 Lecture Fall 2005, Fall 2007, Fall 2010, Fall 2013)

Organizer and Instructor in Arabidopsis Molecular Genetics Course, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, three weeks each summer 1995-1997

Cornell Bio. Sci. 652: Concepts and Techniques in Plant Molecular Biology (with Ray Wu), 1990-1993

Cornell Bio. Sci. 648: Plant Biochemistry (with André Jagendorf), 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1997

Cornell Bio. Sci. 780: Graduate Seminar in Genetics, Fall Semester, 1992

Cornell Bio. Sci. 782: Current Topics in Plant Biochemical Genetics, Spring Semester, 1994

Cornell Bio. Sci. 742: Current Topics in Plant Molecular Biology, Fall Semester, 1994

Cornell Bio. Pl. 741, Problems in Plant Cell and Biology Research, Coordinator, 1995-1997

### **ACADEMIC COMMITTEES:**

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Mass Spectrometry Facility ad hoc Advisory Committee, Spring-Summer Semester 2022

Plant Biology Departmental Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2021-2022

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Comprehensive Examination Committee, 2021-

College of Natural Sciences, Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee (1/21-12/22)

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Responsible Conduct of Research Training Session, Chair, ad hoc committee, Spring Semester 2021.

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Postdoc Mentoring Committee, 2020-  
College of Natural Sciences, Strategic Planning Committee on Mission, Vision and Values (2019-2020)

BMB Mass Spectrometry Faculty Search Committee (2017-2018)

Plant Biology Plant Genomics Search Committee, Chair (2016-2017)

Plant Genomics Global Impact Initiative Faculty Search Committee (2016-2017)

MSU Bio-informatics Course Curriculum Committee (2016-2017)

Plant Biology Departmental Awards Committee (2016-2020)

Plant Biology Departmental Advisory Committee (2009-2011, 2014-2017)

Plant Biology Faculty Search Screening Committee 2015-2016

BMB Web Committee, Chair (2008-2014, 2015-2018)

BMB Awards Committee (2013-2015, 2016-2018)

Michigan State University Provost Search Committee (2013-2014)

Plant Biology Faculty Search Committee (2011-2012)

BMB Seminar Committee, co-chair (2009-2011)

Hannah Professor in Photosynthesis Search Committee (BMB and PRL) (2009)

College of Natural Sciences Faculty Advisory Council Committee on Budget Strategy (2009)

Plant Biology Departmental Advisory Committee (2009-2011, 2014-2016)

Committee for Joint Recruiting in the Plant Sciences (2008-2009)

MSU Cyberinfrastructure Strategic Planning Committee (2008)

Plant Research Labs Faculty Search Committee (2007-2008)

Plant Science Excellence III Committee, Chair (2006-2007)

Plant Biology Dual Faculty Search Committee, Chair (2006-2007)

University Growth Chamber Management Committee, Co-chair (2006-2007)

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Faculty Advisory Committee (2005-2007, Chair 2006-2007)

BTI President Search (1994)

BTI Distinguished Lecture Series (1990-1995 and 1996-1998, Chair 1994-1995)

BTI Greenhouse Oversight (1989-1995)

BTI Internal Seminar Series (Co-chair 1990-1991)

BTI Environmental Biologist Search (1992)

BTI Plant Molecular Biologist Searches (1991-1995, 1998)

BTI Benefit Plan Committee (1997-1998)

Cornell Section of Genetics and Development Faculty Search (1993-1994)

Cornell Section of Genetics and Development Seminar Series Organizer (1995-1996)

Cornell Institutional Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (1992-1998)

Cornell Plant Science Center Graduate Admissions (Co-chair 1991-1992)

Cornell Field of Genetics and Development Graduate Admissions (1991-1994, 1995-1997, Chair 1992-1994)

Co-Chair of Cornell Plant Cell and Molecular Biology Training Program Admissions (1996)

**MSU and Recent Summer Undergraduate researchers**

Lina Blanco-Rodriguez, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Summer 2022  
Sam Craig, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Fall 2021-  
Chris Babcock, Plant Biology, Fall 2021-  
Coral Brock, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Fall 2021-  
Jarrod Griffus, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Fall 2019-  
Ava Borri, Environmental and Plant Biology, Fall 2019-Spring 2020  
Nnamdi Onyene, Neuroscience, Michigan State University, Fall 2019-Spring 2020  
MacKenzie Jacobs, West Liberty University, Summer 2019.  
Hannah Ramcharan, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Summer, 2019  
Nick Srodes, Lyman Briggs, Michigan State University, Spring 2019-Fall 2019  
Cristian Sanlatte, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Summer 2018  
Rachel Combs, University of Missouri, Summer 2018  
Rachel Arking, Neuroscience, Michigan State University, Spring 2018-  
Liz Christensen, Plant Biology, Michigan State University, Spring 2018-Summer 2021  
Tara Caso, Humboldt State University, Summer 2017  
Charles Smith, Horticulture and Plant Biology (double major), Summer 2017-Fall 2019  
Nasser Mohammed, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Fall 2016-Fall 2017  
Joseph Wakar, Plant Biology, Fall 2016-Spring 2018  
Nicholas Karavolias, Cornell University, Summer 2016  
Jacob Reder, Fall 2014-Spring 2017  
Kathryn Harmer, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Fall 2014-Spring 2018  
Eric Nyugen, Biotechnology, Fall 2014-Fall 2016  
Abigail Miller, Lyman Briggs and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Spring 2013-  
Summer 2016  
Maria Torres Salgado, Lyman Briggs College, Fall 2013  
Mike Havern, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Fall 2013-Summer 2014  
Harry Ashbaugh, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Fall 2013-Fall 2014  
Grady Colnon, Plant Biology and Genetics (dual), Fall 2013-Spring 2016  
Sarah Sprenger, Plant Biology, Fall 2013-Summer 2015  
Jacob Bibik, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2012-2013  
Christopher Adams, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Summer 2013  
Stephanie Onderchanin, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Fall 2012-Spring 2013  
Evan McNabb, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Fall 2011-Spring 2013  
Karin Hanisch, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Spring 2011-Spring 2014  
Vaibhav Mehta, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Fall 2010-Spring 2011  
Jennifer Peres Robles, University of Puerto Rico, Summer 2010  
Sara Mir, Human Biology, Fall 2009-Spring 2010  
Taylor Johnson, Chemistry, Fall 2009-Spring 2011  
Joanne Neugebauer, Ohio Wesleyan University, Summer 2009  
Yasmine Abdulhamid, Spring 2009-Spring 2010



Kaitlyn Courville, Lyman Briggs, Spring 2009-Summer 2012  
Jacob Emling, Horticulture, Fall 2008-Fall 2009  
Andrew Sawin, Alma College, Summer 2008  
Allison Cutter, Human Biology, Fall 2008- Summer 2011  
Claire Moore, Plant Biology, Spring 2008 – Summer 2011  
Amanda Ellsworth, Lansing Community College Graduate, 2008  
Jeffrey Grover, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2007- Summer 2011  
David Hall, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Summer 2007 - Summer 2011  
Dennis Miner, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2007- 2010  
Kayla Kerr, Medical Technology, Fall 2006 - Spring 2009  
Ardian Coku, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Fall 2006 - Spring 2009  
Jesica Reemmer, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Professorial Assistant and  
undergraduate researcher, Fall 2006- 2008  
Elizabeth VanWert, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2006  
Ledia Wilder, Biology, Fort Valley State University, Summer 2007  
Tim Asher, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2006-2007  
Ryan Prunter, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Professorial Assistant 2006  
Qasim Shakeel, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, 2006  
Ryan Mayle, Professorial Assistant and undergraduate researcher, Biochemistry &  
Molecular Biology, 2006-2007  
Travis Wilson, student worker, project lab aide 2005-2006  
Jessica Reif, Plant Biology, student worker, project lab aide 2005-2007  
Eduardo Silva, Biology, Lansing Community College, 2005  
Nitasha Ahluwalia, Physiology, Fall 2005  
Adekunle Omoyosi, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Fall 2005

## **GRADUATE STUDENT THESIS COMMITTEES:**

### **MSU**

Hannah Parks (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)  
Paul Fiesel (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), Advisor  
Siobhan Cusak (Cell and Molecular Biology, Graduated with PhD, Spring 2020)  
Natalie Kirkwyland (Horticulture)  
Bethany Johnson (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, Fall 2019)  
Brian St. Aubin (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, Spring 2020)  
Daniel Lybrand (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), Advisor, Graduated with PhD,  
Summer 2020  
Tomomi Takeuchi (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Graduated with PhD, Fall 2019)  
Bryan Leong (Plant Biology), Advisor, Graduated with PhD Fall 2019  
John Lloyd (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, fall, 2017)  
Robert (Mike) Sgambelluri (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Graduated with PhD,  
fall, 2017)  
Maria Isabel Casas (Ohio State University, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental  
Biology, Graduated with PhD, spring 2015)  
Jie Li (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Graduated spring 2016)

Cheng Peng (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, spring 2015), Advisor  
Marcello Campos (Genetics, Graduated with PhD, spring 2015)  
Satya Swathi Nadakuduti (Plant Breeding and Genetics, Graduated with PhD, spring 2014)  
Yani Chen (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, fall 2013)  
Shannon Bell (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Graduated with PhD, summer 2012), Advisor  
Kyaw Aung (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, 12/11)  
Nobuko Sugimoto (Horticulture; Graduated with PhD, 2011)  
Sonali Mookerjee (Plant Breeding and Genetics, Graduated with PhD, 01/12)  
Jeongwoon Kim (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, 12/11), Advisor  
Mike Ruckle (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Graduated with PhD, 12/10)  
Yin Shan (Plant Biology, Graduated with MS, 2010)  
Jonathan Glynn (Genetics, Graduated with PhD 12/09)  
Wan Song (Genetics, Graduated with PhD 12/09)  
Eliana Gonzales Vigil (Genetics; Graduated with PhD 5/09)  
Ailing Zhou (Plant Biology, Graduated with MS 09/07)

### **Cornell**

Elaine Radwanski (Genetics and Development, Graduated with PhD 6/95), Advisor,  
Professor Emerita, Carthage College  
Chad Williams (Plant Biology, Graduated with M.S. 12/96), Advisor  
Daniel Kliebenstein (Genetics and Development, Graduated with PhD, 4/99), Advisor,  
Professor, U. California, Davis  
Bingwei Lu (Genetics and Development, Graduated with PhD, 9/95)  
Wenpei Su (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, 12/93)  
Christian Tobias (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, 1/95)  
Anton Callaway (Plant Biology, Graduated with PhD, 1/98)  
Noelle Green (Genetics and Development; graduated with PhD 4/98)  
Carolyn Schultz (Biology, New York University; Graduated with PhD 1994)  
Ming-Hsiun Hsieh (Biology, New York University, Graduated with PhD 1999)  
Rosana Melo-Oliveira (Biology, New York University, Graduated with PhD 1999)  
Amy Casselman (Genetics and Development)  
Amy Loniello (Plant Pathology)  
Hsin-Mei Ku (Plant Biology)  
Men-Chi Chang (Plant Biology)  
Steve Daughety (Biochemistry)  
Yan Xu (Plant Biology)  
Timothy Milos (Plant Pathology)

### **TRAINEES:**

*Postdoctorals:*

Dr. Jiayang Li, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Past Vice Minister for Agriculture, Past President of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science and Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Past Director, Genetics Institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, PR China

Patricia L. Conklin, Professor of Genetics, State University of New York, Cortland, NY.

Dr. Alan B. Rose, Res. Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular and Cell Biology, University of California, Davis

Dr. Georg Jander, Professor, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Cornell University

Dr. Hyeonsook Cheong, Professor of Genetic Engineering, Chosun University, Korea

Katherine J. Denby, Professor, University of York and Academic Director of the N8 Agri-food Resilience Programme, UK

Dr. D. Palitha Dharmawardhana, Research Associate, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University

Dr. Byung-Chul Kim, Assistant Research Professor, Pohang Institute for Science and Technology, Pohang, South Korea

Dr. Laurie G. Landry, Assistant Professor, Monmouth College, Long Branch, NJ

Susan R. Norris, Yield Physiology Team Lead, Monsanto Corp., St. Louis, MO

Dr. Kim D. Pruitt, Bioinformatician, National Center for Biological Information, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD

Dr. Jianmin Zhao, Research Scientist, Monsanto Inc., St. Louis, MO (retired)

Dr. Liping Gu, Manager, Functional Genomics Core Facility, South Dakota State University.

Dr. Anthony Schillmiller, Assistant Director of the MSU Mass Spectrometry Facility

Dr. Imad Ajjawi, Co-Founder and Chief Business Officer at Deonvium, Inc., La Jolla, CA. Formerly Senior Scientist and Sr. Business Development Manager, Synthetic Genomics Co.

Dr. Yan Lu, Associate Professor, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Dr. Bjorn Lundin, Assistant Professor, Gothenburgs University, Sweden

Dr. Kiyoon Kang, Postdoctoral, Seoul National University

Dr. Jing Ning, Scientist, QIAGEN, Frederick, MD

Dr. Gaurav D. Moghe, Assistant Professor, School of Integrated Plant Science, Cornell University

Dr. Jun Liu, Group Leader, Oil Crops Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Wuhan, China

Dr. Anqi Xin, Research Associate, Clemson University

Dr. Pengxiang Fan, Assistant Professor, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

Dr. Craig Schenck, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, University of Missouri, Columbia

Dr. Yann-Ru Lou, Assistant Professor of Plant Biology, UC Davis (7/22-)

Dr. Rachel Kerwin

Dr. Xingxing Li

Dr. Jaynee Hart

Graduate Students:

Dr. Daniel J. Kliebenstein, Professor of Plant Science, UC Davis

Dr. Elaine R. Radwanski, Professor Emerita, Carthage College, Kenosha, WI

Mr. Chad Williams, High School Biology Teacher, Greater Los Angeles Area

Dr. Cheng Peng, Plant Biology student advisee, Scientist, Novozymes, Beijing, China

Dr. Mariko Takayama, Visiting Graduate Student from University of Tsukuba, Japan fall 2011.

Dr. Jeongwoon Kim, Plant Biology student advisee, Bioinformaticist, Bayer Co., St. Louis

Dr. Shannon Bell, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology student advisee, Staff Toxicologist at Integrated Laboratory Systems, Research Triangle Park, NC

Mr. Bryan Leong, Plant Biology student advisee, 5/14-12/19, Postdoc, University of Florida

Mr. Daniel Lybrand, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology student advisee, 3/15-7/20, Postdoc UC Davis, currently at Waters, Inc.

Mr. Paul Fiesel, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology student advisee, 5/18-

Visiting Scientists:

Dr. Jeff Shen, Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Summer 2009

Dr. Joseph Hirschberg, Chair, Department of Genetics, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (9/01-8/02)

Dr. Thomas Mitchell-Olds, Professor, Duke University (Sloane Foundation Funded Leave 8/93-6/94)

Dr. Douglas P. Ormrod, Dean, University of Guelph (NSERC Funded Leave 9/93-1/94)

## CONTRACT AND GRANT SUPPORT

**To R.L.L. as PI or co-PI:**

NSF 2218206 RESEARCH-PGR: Combining machine learning and experimental analysis to define trichome and root-specific gene regulatory networks in cultivated tomato and related Solanaceae species., co-PI, with Shin-Han Shiu, PI and Rachel Kerwin, co-PI. \$1,800,000 total 1/23-12/25

NIH T32GM110523 Graduate Training Grant: Plant Biotechnology for Health and Sustainability \$2.35M, Program Director. 7/2014-6/2024.

DOE DE-SC0018409: Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center, Switchgrass Productivity Subgroup, co-PI, 12/2017-11/2022 (renewed annually), \$650K total, \$138,350 in 2021.

NSF DBI-1757043 REU Site: Plant Genomics at MSU co-PI with Cornelius Barry as PI 3/1/2018-3/28/2023 \$334,174

NSF IOS-1546617 RESEARCH-PGR: How do plants produce so many diverse metabolites: A computational and experimental comparative genomics investigation in the Solanaceae, \$5.3M, PI with four co-PIs. 8/1/2016-7/31/2021.

NSF CBET-1565232 Collaborative Research: Production of known and novel, safe, and biodegradable pyrethrin-type insecticides in tomato, \$300K, PI, 8/1/2016-7/31/2021.

NSF DBI-1358474 Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site: Plant Genomics at Michigan State University \$311,682, co-PI with Cornelius Barry as PI 9/15/14-8/31/17.

NSF MCB-124400 Identifying and Understanding Connections Between Photosynthesis and Amino Acid Biosynthesis. \$1.5M. co-PI with Yan Lu (Western Michigan University) as PI. 2/2013-2/2018.

NSF MCB-1119778 Computational and Experimental Studies of Plastid Functional Networks; \$1.22M. co-PI, with Shinhan Shiu as PI. 2/2012-1/2017.

NSF MCB-1129780 Workshop: Phenomes - Beyond Genomes; April 1-2, 2011, St. Louis MO, \$21.4K. 3/15/11-2/29/12.

NSF IOS-1025636 GEPR: Building and operating chemical factories: Comparative studies of biochemical pathways for defense compounds in the Solanum, ~\$4.5M PI, with 3 co-PIs, 4/1/11-3/31/16.

NSF DBI-1004425 Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site: Plant Genomics at Michigan State University \$282,606, PI with Richard Allison, co-PI, 9/15/10-8/31/13.

NSF DBI-0604336, GEPR: Building and Running a Chemical Factory, ~\$3.2M total, PI with 6 co-PIs, 2006-2009.

NSF DBI-0619489, Major Research Instrumentation: Acquisition of Mass Spectrometry Equipment for MSU, ~\$790K total, co-PI, 2006.

NSF MCB-0519740, Arabidopsis 2010: Understanding Chloroplast Function, ~\$4.0 M total, PI, with 7 co-PIs, 12/1/05-11/31/09.

NIH, Arabidopsis Tryptophan Biosynthesis Molecular Genetics, ~\$1.2 M total, 1/90-12/98

USDA-NRICGP, Biochemical and Molecular Genetics of Oxidative Stress Response in Arabidopsis, 9/96-8/99, \$231,000 total (renewed for three years in 1999 with Patricia Conklin as P.I.)

USDA-NRICGP, Arabidopsis: A Model System for the Study of UV-B Response in Higher Plants (R. Amundson, co-PI), \$140,000 total, 9/90-8/93

Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation, Tryptophan Biosynthesis in the Plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*: Tools for Plant Biotechnology, \$300,000 total, 4/92-5/95

NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award, \$312,500 total, 10/90-3/97

DuPont Nemours, Educational Aid Program, \$15,000, 1997-1998

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Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Oxidative stress-sensitive Arabidopsis mutants as a tool for investigating plant-pathogen interactions, \$70,000 total, 10/97-9/99

Cornell Biotechnology Award, The Molecular Genetics of UV-B Screening Pigments in the Plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*, \$50,000 total, 7/90-6/92

Cornell Biotechnology Award, Molecular Cloning of the Protein Associated with the Inducible Nitrate Transport System in Rice Roots (R. Spanswick, co-PI), \$29,000 total, 7/91-6/92

### **Pre- and Post-Doctoral Fellowships to Advisees:**

Craig Schenck, NSF Plant Genomics Postdoctoral Fellowship, Comparative Genomics Approach to Pathway Discovery and Engineering in Tomato Trichomes, \$216,000 total, 10/18-9/21. NSF IOS 1811055

Susan R. Norris, NIH/NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship, Ascorbic Acid in Plants: Synthesis and Function, \$79,312 total - stipend and institutional allowance, 9/97-8/00

Patricia Conklin, American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Research Training Fellowship Award, Arabidopsis: A Model for the Study of Ozone Stress, \$78,000 total - stipend and institutional allowance, 9/92-8/95

John Sheahan, USDA Postdoctoral Research Award, Approaches to Improve the UV-B Resistance of *Arabidopsis thaliana*, ~\$60,000, 9/93-9/94

Laurie Landry, USDA Postdoctoral Fellowship, UV-B and Oxidative Stress Response in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, salary and institutional allowance, ~60,000 total, 8/94-7/96

Hyeonsook Cheong, Professor Training Program to Study Abroad from the Korean Government, Tryptophan Mutants and Genes as Selectable Markers for Plant Transformation, \$17,000 total, 12/92-11/93

Byung Chul Kim, Korean Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, \$17,000, 1996-1997

Daniel Kliebenstein, Plant Science Center Graduate Fellowship and NIH Training Fellowship, Molecular Genetic Dissection of Plant Oxidative Stress Response, stipend/tuition and fees, 8/93-5/99

Elaine Radwanski, Plant Science Center and HHS Graduate Fellowships, Molecular and Genetic Characterization of a Tryptophan Biosynthetic Mutation in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, stipend/tuition and fees, 7/90-6/95

Marc Dauphine, Plant Science Center Undergraduate Summer Award, salary plus supplies, summer of 1990

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## INFORMAL WRITING

Six American Society of Plant Biologists President's Letters to the membership and assembled collections of essays for four of these letters. 2018-2019.

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## INVITED SEMINARS 1997-Present:

*1997*

Keystone Symposium on Metabolic Engineering in Transgenic Plants, Copper Mountain, CO, Invited Speaker, April

Organizer and Speaker at Eighth NATO Advanced Study Institute: Cellular Integration of Signaling Pathways in Plant Development, Maratea, Italy, May

USDA Plant Gene Expression Center, Albany, CA, January

University of California, Davis, Plant Biology, January

Calgene, Davis, CA, January

University of Missouri, Interdisciplinary Plant Group, Columbia, MO, February

University of Delaware, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Newark, DE, February

Rutgers University, Agricultural Biotechnology Institute, New Brunswick, NJ, May

University of Munich, Department of Pharmaceutical Biology, Munich, Germany, May

Plant Biochemistry Course, Washington State University, Pullman, July

Noble Foundation, Plant Molecular Biology Department, Ardmore OK, September

Harvard Medical School, Department of Molecular Biology (student invited), Boston, MA, November

LeTourneau Memorial Lectureship, Department of Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, November

Purdue University, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology (student invited), W. Lafayette, IN, December

*1998*

Max Planck Institute of Chemical Ecology, Inaugural Symposium, Jena, Germany, April

EMBO Course: Molecular and Biochemical Analysis of Arabidopsis, Cologne, Germany, May

International Conference on Arabidopsis, Madison, Wisconsin, Organizer, June (attended but transferred speaking invitation to postdoc in group)

Gordon Research Conference on Plant Molecular Biology, New England College, New Hampshire, Co-Chair, July (attended but transferred speaking invitation to postdoc in group)

Monsanto, Nutrition and Consumer Products Sector, St. Louis, MO, March

Cereon Genomics, Cambridge, MA, March

DuPont Agricultural Products, Newark, DE, March

Lecturer in Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Arabidopsis Genetics Course, July  
Cold Spring Harbor Arabidopsis Genetics Course, July

*1999*

Iowa State Plant Science Lecture Series, 'Advances in Plant Physiology', Ames, Iowa, January (Declined)

Texas A&M University, Biology Department, College Station, TX, January.

Research Triangle Park Area Biotechnology Center Seminar Series. November.  
Indian Institute of Science and Technology, Microbiology Department, Bangalore, India, May.

*2000*

Keynote Address, University of Massachusetts Plant Biology Colloquium, Amherst, MA, March

Lecture in Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Arabidopsis Genetics Course, July  
Plant Molecular Biology Gordon Conference, Holderness Academy, Henniker, NH, Meeting and Session Chair, July

International Training Course on Plant Gene Isolation and Agronomic Use of Transgenic Crops, Beijing, China, October

Weizmann Institute for Science, Plant Sciences Department, Rehovot, Israel, October  
Keynote Address at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Biotechnology Conference "*2000 - the Era of Biotechnology*", Beer-Sheva, Israel, October

Lecture in Genomics Course at New York University, December

*2001*

Keystone Conference on Plant Genomics, Big Sky Montana, January

Ohio State University, Plant Biology Seminar Series, April

Lecture in Genomics Course at Yale University, October

*2002*

Workshop on Evolutionary Genomics, New York University, NYC, Speaker and Participant, February

Orthodox Union Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, Invited talk on Plant Biotechnology to the group of Orthodox Rabbis who certify foods as Kosher, April.

Cornell Genomics Lecture Series Speaker, Ithaca, NY, May

New York University, Biology Departmental Seminar, NYC, NY, May

University of Connecticut, Department of Plant Sciences, Storrs, CT, June

Plant Molecular Biology Gordon Conference, Holderness Academy, Henniker, NH, Invited Speaker and Session Chair, July

PlantGenix Co., Philadelphia, PA, July

Purdue University, Biochemistry Department, W. Lafayette, IN, August

National Science Foundation, Plant Genomics, Arlington, VA, August

University of California Riverside, Genomics Institute, Riverside, CA, September

Dartmouth College, Biology Department, Hanover, NH, September

Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Plant Genetics and Evolution Department, Jena, Germany, October

Rutgers University, Biotechnology Center for Agriculture and the Environment, New Brunswick, NJ, October

University of Minnesota, Center for Microbial and Plant Genomics and Department of Plant Biology, Minneapolis, MN, October

Max Planck Institute for Molecular Plant Physiology, Golm, Germany, November

Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Cologne, Germany, November

John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK, December

University of York, Centre for Novel Agricultural Products, York, UK, December

New York Botanical Gardens, New York City, NY, December

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, December

### *2003*

22<sup>nd</sup> Symposium in Plant Biology, UC Riverside, Panel Discussion Participant, January

DOE Workshop on Plant Systems Biology, Riverside, CA, Discussion Leader, January

Institute of Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK), Gaterslaben, Germany, February

Brookhaven National Laboratory, Biology Department, Upton, NY, March

Cornell University, Plant Biology Department, Ithaca, NY, May

Plant GEMs (Genomic European Meetings), 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, York, UK, September

The Institute for Genomics Research, Rockville, MD, October

### *2004*

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Biology and Biotechnology Department, Worcester, MA, January

Rutgers University, Biotechnology Center for Agriculture and the Environment, New Brunswick, NJ, April

Michigan State University, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department, E. Lansing, MI, April

Colorado State University, Plant Genomics Outreach Visit talk on Opportunities for Training and Public Outreach Using Plant Genomics Research Projects. Fort Collins, CO, June

Rice University, Institute for Biosciences and Bionengineering, Houston TX, May

Dana Farber Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, July

Michigan State University, Plant Biology Department Retreat, E. Lansing, MI October

New Century, New Trees, Biotechnology as a tool for forestry in North America, NC  
Biotechnology Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, November.

### *2005*

Enzymology and Metabolism Discussion Group, MSU, March

Michigan State University Post Doctoral Association, Career Development Seminar on Career Choices, MSU, May

Ohio State University, Practical Summer Workshop in Functional Genomics, July

Noble Foundation, Plant Biology Division Seminar, Ardmore, OK, November

U. North Texas, Biology Department Seminar and taught class in Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology Course, Denton TX, December

*2006*

NSF site visit to UC Berkeley, February  
Genetics Research Forum Seminar, MSU, February  
University of Michigan, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, Ann Arbor, MI, March  
Keynote Speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Plant Metabolomics, Reading, UK, April  
Invited Panelist, Conference on Public Goods and University-Industry Relationships in Agricultural Biotechnology, Washington DC, May  
Speaker and Session Chair, American Society of Plant Biologists Annual Meeting, Boston, August  
Invited Speaker, Symposium on Research into Plant Secondary Metabolites and Medicinal Phytocompounds (II), Institutes of BioAgricultural Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, December  
Seminar, Genetics Institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, December

*2007*

Seminar, BASF Agricultural Research and Development Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, February  
Seminar, Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March  
Participant in Workshop on Running a Laboratory, American Society of Plant Biologists Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, July  
Panelist, Careers Workshop, American Society of Plant Biologists Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, July  
Invited Speaker, Solanaceae 2007, Jeju Island, Korea, September  
Keynote Speaker, North Carolina Biotechnology Center Plant Molecular Biology Retreat, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, September

*2008*

Seminar, University of Windsor, Department of Biological Sciences, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, March  
Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, April  
Invited Speaker, Plant Secondary Metabolism Symposium, University of Minnesota, May  
Invited Speaker, Banff Conference on Plant Metabolism, Banff, Canada, July  
Seminar, Genetics and Cell and Molecular Biology Programs Retreat, Michigan State University, Kellogg Biological Station, August

Invited Speaker, Plant Energy: Genes to Environment Conference, ARC Centre of Excellence in Plant Energy Biology, Canberra, Australia, September  
Keynote Speaker, COMBIO 2008, Canberra, Australia, September  
Invited Speaker, Chloroplast Biology Symposium, Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, September

2009

Speaker, American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) Meeting: The Promise of Translational Research for Sustainable Agriculture: Darwin on Steroids", Chicago, February

Speaker, 2009 Texas A&M Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences Symposium, College Station, March

Speaker, Plant Biology Graduate Group Seminar Series, University of California, Davis, March

Symposium Organizer and Speaker, American Society of Plant Biologists Annual Meetings, July

Symposium Organizer, International Society of Plant Molecular Biology, St. Louis, October

Invited Speaker, Agron-Omics Plant Growth Biology and Modeling Workshop, Elche, Spain, October

Invited Speaker, Symposium: Metabolism, metabolomics and metabolic engineering in plants to increase crop productivity and nutritional value, Ein Gedi, Israel, November.

Speaker, Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. November.

2010

Speaker, Washington State University, Pullman, March.

Speaker, University of Arizona, Tucson, March.

Speaker, Howard University, Washington, DC, March.

Speaker, Science University, College of Natural Sciences, MSU, April

Speaker, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, MO, May

Participant in National Science Foundation - Japan Science Foundation Metabolomics Workshop, UC Davis, May

Participant at iPlant 2010 Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May

Invited Speaker, 21st International Conference on Arabidopsis Research, Yokohama, Japan. Two presentations, June.

Invited Speaker, CREST Metabolic Biology Symposium, Kyoto, Japan, June

Instructor and speaker, Course on Molecular Plant Science, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, July.

Invited Speaker, MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory Retreat, Kellogg Biological Station, October.

Plenary Speaker, University of Georgia Retreat of The Plant Center, Unicoi State Park, GA, October.

2011

Speaker, Purdue University Horticulture Department, E. Lafayette, IN, March.

Speaker, Rice University, Biochemistry and Cell Biology Department, March 2011

Speaker and co-Organizer, NSF-NIFA Workshop on Phenomics, St. Louis, MO, April.

Speaker, Annual Project Meeting of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Plant Energy Biology, Perth, Australia, April.

Keynote Speaker, American Society of Plant Biologists Northeast Section Meeting, U. New Hampshire, Durham, NH, May.

Instructor and speaker, Course on Molecular Plant Science, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, July.

Panelist - Alternative Careers Workshop. Michigan State University Cell and Molecular Biology and Genetics Retreat. August.

Plenary Speaker, International Botanical Congress "Botanikertagung 2011", Berlin, Germany, September.

Keynote Speaker, Heinrich-Heine-University Graduate Program in Plant Sciences (iGRAD-Plant) retreat, Germany, September.

Presentation to NIFA-USDA and NSF staff on Genomes to Phenomes Workshop report. Arlington, VA, September.

Invited participant in the 'Plant Biology Summit' strategic planning workshop, sponsored by the American Society of Plant Biologists at Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, MD, September.

Speaker, Ohio Wesleyan University Botany and Bacteriology Department, Delaware, OH, October.

Participant in Banbury Workshop on Genotype to Phenotype, Huntington, NY, October.

Charles Schexnayder Lecture in Botany, Louisiana State University Biology Department, Baton Rouge, LA, November.

Invited Speaker at the Meinhart Zenk Memorial Symposium, Phytochemical Society of North American 50th Anniversary Conference, Kona, HI, December.

2012

Speaker, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, March.

Instructor and speaker, Course on Molecular Plant Science, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, July.

Speaker, University of North Texas Cell Signaling Cluster Seminar Series, Denton, TX, October.

2013

Participant in the 'Plant Biology Summit II' strategic planning workshop, sponsored by the American Society of Plant Biologists at Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, MD, January.

Lead Organizer and Speaker at the Banbury Conference 'Evolution of Plant Metabolic Diversity', Cold Spring Harbor Banbury Conference Center, Huntington, NY. March.

Speaker, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture, Rehovot, Israel, March.

Speaker, Weizmann Institute of Science, Department of Plant Sciences, Rehovot, Israel, April.

Speaker, Tel Aviv University, Department of Molecular Biology and Ecology of Plants, Tel Aviv, Israel, May

Speaker, Migal, Galilee Technology Center, Kiryat Shmona, Israel

Speaker, Heinrich-Heine-University Graduate Program in Plant Sciences (iGRAD-Plant) retreat, Germany, June

Instructor and speaker, Course on Molecular Plant Science, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, July.

University Lectureship, Biology Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, September.

Speaker, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, October.

Invited Speaker, SOL2013 Conference, Beijing, China, October.

Speaker, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, October.

2014

Panelist, Academic Careers Workshop, Michigan State University Cell and Molecular Biology and Genetics Graduate Programs, April.

Speaker, Biology Department, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, April.

Invited Speaker, Solanum, Biodiversity Symposium, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, Loja, Ecuador, May.

Speaker, University of California, Riverside, Center for Plant Cell Biology, Riverside, CA, June.

Keynote Speaker, 21st International Symposium on Plant Lipids, Guelph, Canada, July  
Lab instructor and speaker, Course on Molecular Plant Science, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, July.

Speaker, University of Warwick Systems Biology Centre, Warwick, UK, September.

Speaker, Plant Metabolic Engineering for High Value Products Meeting, Warsaw, Poland, September.

Center for Sustainable Resource Science, RIKEN, Yokohama, Japan, October.

Invited Speaker, Naito Conference on Molecule-based Biological Systems, Gateaux Kingdom Sapporo, Sapporo, Japan, October.

Speaker, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China, October.

Speaker, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China, October.

Speaker, Department of Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, November.

Speaker, Weizmann Institute of Science, Department of Plant Sciences, Rehovot, Israel, December

2015

Speaker, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biology, National Science Foundation, January

Speaker, Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology, Iowa State University, March.

Speaker, Department of Biology, Western Michigan University, May.

Speaker (for Frontiers Working Group), Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center Retreat, South Bend, IN, May.

Participant on the panel how to get funding at NSF, MSU Kellogg Conference Center, August

Speaker, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University, September

Speaker, Institut de Biologie Moléculaire des Plantes, Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Montpellier, France, October

Invited Speaker and Session Chair, 12th Annual Solanaceae Conference, Bordeaux, France, October.

Speaker, Biology Department Seminar, California State University, Fullerton, CA, November

Speaker, Biological Research Seminar, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA, November

Speaker, Biology Department Seminar, California State University, Northridge, CA, November

Invited Speaker, Genomics and Metabolomics for Phytochemical Research Symposium, Pacifichem 2015, Honolulu, HI, December

## 2016

Invited speaker, UC Davis Plant Biology Graduate Group Seminar Series, Davis, CA, April. Trainee invited.

Participant, Microbial and Plant Systems Modulate by Secondary Metabolites, DOE Joint Genome Institute, Walnut Creek, CA, May

Invited speaker, Small Molecules in Plants Symposium, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, Fujian, China, August

Invited Keynote Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Solanaceae Conference: From Advances to Applications, Davis, CA, September

Invited Speaker, Michigan State University Department of Plant Biology Seminar, East Lansing, MI, November

Invited speaker, Cornell University School for Integrative Plant Science, Ithaca, NY, November

## 2017

Invited participant, NSF Workshop on Bioprivileged Molecules, Arlington, VA, January

Invited speaker, Frontiers in Plant Science Cluster of Excellence on Plant Science Summer School. Cologne, Germany, June.

Keynote speaker, Innovative Translational Agricultural Research Symposium, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, July.



Invited speaker, Frontiers in Biology Program, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, November.

## 2018

Panelist: How to Get the Most out of Seminar Visits, Career Development Workshop for BMB Graduate Students, MSU, January

Invited Speaker, Plant Biology Department, Carnegie Institution at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, February

Invited Speaker, Biochemistry Department, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, February

Invited Speaker, Tsinghua University, Beijing, PR China, March

Invited Speaker, Institute of Genetics and Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, PR China, March

Invited Speaker, Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology and Ecology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, PR China, March

Invited Speaker, Physiological & Molecular Plant Biology Seminar, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, April

Invited Speaker 34th Annual Interdisciplinary Plant Group Symposium, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, May

Speaker, Heinrich-Heine-University Graduate Program in Plant Sciences (iGRAD-Plant) retreat, Germany, May

Panelist: MSU iGEM Student Organized Panel on Synthetic Biology and Genetically Engineered Organisms, June

Invited Speaker, International Plant Molecular Biology Conference, Montpellier, France, August

Selected Speaker, NSF Plant Genome Research Program 21<sup>st</sup> Awardee Meeting, Alexandria, VA, September

Invited Speaker, 2018 World Life Science Conference, Beijing, China, October

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Plant Secondary Metabolites, Agricultural Genomics Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Shenzhen, China, October

## 2019

Panelist on Open Access Publishing Forum 'After Paywall', Michigan State University Library, March

Invited Speaker, American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, April

Keynote Speaker, Fujian Agricultural and Forestry University, Symposium on Horticultural Biology, Fuzhou, China, April

Invited Speaker, Plant and Microbial Biology Department, University of Minnesota, April

Invited Speaker, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Jena, Germany, May

Invited Speaker, Annual Symposium, Leibniz-Institute of Plant Biochemistry, Halle, Germany, May

Invited Speaker, Max Planck Institute for Molecular Plant Physiology, Golm, Germany, May

Invited Speaker, ASPB Mid-Atlantic Section, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May

Organizer, John Woolford 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Carnegie-Mellon U., Pittsburgh, PA, May

Invited Speaker, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, PR China, June

Invited Speaker, 30th International Conference on Arabidopsis Research, Wuhan, China, June

Invited Speaker, XVI Solanaceae Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, September

Invited Speaker, Small Molecules in Plant Research Symposium, Valencia, Spain, December

## **2022**

Invited Speaker, Department of Biology, University of Buffalo, March. Virtual.

Invited Speaker, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, September. Virtual.

Invited Speaker, [Solanaceae Seminars Online](#), September. Virtual.