# CURRICULUM VITAE Nikolay G Dimitrov, Ph.D.

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# **GENERAL**

# EDUCATION

*PhD in Chemistry, 1993.* Department of Electrocatalysis and Electrocrystallization, Central Laboratory of Electrochemical Power Sources, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria.
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• *M.S. in Chemistry*, *1987*. Department of Chemistry, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia, Bulgaria.

# **PRESENT APPOINTMENT**

• *Professor*, Department of Chemistry, Binghamton University - State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, 2014 – Present

# Currently Funded Projects:

**PI:** (i) SRC-CHIRP, Task 2878.011: *Fine Pitch Cu-Sn based Interconnection Below Temperatures of 180C*; (ii) IEEC-BU & NYSTAR: Understanding and Preventing Voiding *in Small Ni-Sn Joints Through Design and Process Control.* 

**Co-PI:** SRC-CHIRP, Task 2878.005 "Alternative Fine Pitch Interconnect Technologies for SiPs"; (ii) IEEC-BU & NYSTAR: *Bi Migration in Sn-Bi Low-temperature Solder*.

# **PAST APPOINTMENTS**

- Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Binghamton University State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, 2009 2014
- Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Binghamton University State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, 2003 2009
- *Research Assistant Professor 2001 2003*, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona,
- *Research Associate*, *1999 2001*, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona,
- *Postdoctoral Associate, 1996 1998,* Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona,

- *Senior Research Scientist*, *1993-1995*. Department of Electrocatalysis and Electrocrystallization, Central Laboratory of Electrochemical Power Sources (CLEPS), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- *Research Scientist, 1987-1992.* Department of Electrocatalysis and Electrocrystallization, CLEPS, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria.

# VISITING POSITIONS

- Southwest University "St. Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, Department Chemistry, (1993 1995)
- Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia, Bulgaria, Chemistry Dept, Summer, (1994 1995)

# **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS**

- The Electrochemical Society (ECS)
- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE)

# AWARDS

- SUNY Chansellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities (2023)
- The Electrochemical Society, *Annual Award of the Electrodeposition Division* (2022)
- ACS, Binghamton Local Section, Outstanding Researcher (2020)
- ACS, Binghamton Local Section, Outstanding Service Award (2014).
- NSF CAREER Award (2008).
- The Award of CLEPS, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Best Yearly Achievements (1994).

# RESEARCH

# **Research Interests**

# • <u>Kinetic and Thermodynamic Aspects of Thin Film Growth</u> (2008-2014, NSF-CAREER Award; 2014, NSF, Chemistry Program)

The main target of this research is to learn how to manipulate growth parameters such that layer-by-layer or self-organized islanding growth becomes the kinetically preferred growth mode. Earlier work led to the development of new approaches to electrodeposition that produce atomically flat heteroepitaxial overlayers of quality similar to that obtained by ultra high vacuum techniques at elevated temperature. In one approach that we term electrochemical *defect-mediated growth* the metal of interest is co-deposited with a reversibly deposited mediator metal. This work was published in the journal *Science* 1999. In another approach called *surfactant-mediated growth*, we employ a pre-deposited monolayer fraction of surfactant that floats on the surface of the depositing metal. Most recently, a long-term research activity was established aimed at realizing multistep redox replacement for the growth of epitaxial metal films and multilayers of different metals and/or alloys. A "proof-of-concept" study initiated the

development of *a new thin film growth method* realizing a surface limited redox replacement *as an elementary step*. While similar approaches have been used recently for sub-monolayer to a monolayer surface modification, *the new outcome that warrants the innovative aspect of our study is associated with the application of this strategy for metal thin film deposition*. This method is now being applied for the growth of thin metal films and/or multilayers of Ag, Cu and Pt by at least four research groups in the USA.

# • <u>Electrochemical Processing of Nanoscale Materials for Catalysis & Sensors</u> (2006-2010, funded by NSF-DMR; 2013-2017 funded by NSF-Chemistry)

De-alloying is a solid-state separation process in which a selective dissolution serves for removal of the most electrochemically active constituent of an alloy. This process results in the formation of a nanoporous sponge composed almost entirely of the more-noble alloy constituent(s). Earlier results summarizing the progress of the analytical, simulation and experimental work on this subject were reported in Nature (2001) magazine. In a recently proposed research, de-alloying approaches along and controlled cementation are employed in the design of porous structures at nanometer length scale. In this research understanding the role of different factors controlling the porous structure is strongly emphasized. Key points of interest are associated with both, the transition from nucleated clusters/ligaments to 3D porosity structure with a defined length scale and the limitations in the growth evolution of the porous layer in vertical direction. More recently an interesting synergism between this research trust and the thin film growth one led to a new direction of our group's activities associated with the development of potent catalysts for fuel cell applications. Those catalysts, developed on nanoporous Au layer constitute an alternative to nanoparticulate catalysts. Early testing in the formic acid oxidation demonstrated remarkable activity and satisfactory stability of catalyst prototypes synthesized accordingly in a proof-of-concept activity.

# Development of Optimized Electrodeposition Strategies for Improved Packaging Reliability

# (funded yearly by NY STAR through IEEC-Binghamton since 2005-2021)

The development of Cu electroplating technologies demonstrated throughout the years that a viable electroplating bath would mandatory contain chloride ions and organic additives that facilitate the plating of Cu suitable for fabrication of high reliability interconnect structures. Solder joints coupling these interconnect structures have been considered to be highly reliable for decades, but the advent of Pb-free solder and higher processing temperatures has revealed that Cu/solder joints are susceptible to premature failure under shock loading. This failure is associated with void formation at the Cu/solder intermetallic compound interface. Proprietary work pointed to void nucleation being facilitated by specific and yet unidentified impurities incorporated into electroplated Cu. Using Cu produced through careful laboratory scale electroplating experiments, we have shown the void growth to be directly correlated with plating parameters. Our recent efforts have ascertained that we can consistently control electroplating baths in lab environment so as to vary the degree of voiding in subsequently soldered and annealed samples. More recently we make step ahead with successfully scaling our plating experiments. We also found a clear relationship between the voiding propensity and the growth overpotential. Most recently a correlation was established between the potential of zero charge of different copper faces and possible preferential incorporation of impurities during the Cu deposition. In addition to that, different scenarios with solution aging helped understanding better the effect of additive decomposition on the voiding propensity in solder joints.

#### Analytical Approaches Based on Surface Electrochemistry

In earlier developments the unerpotential deposition in the systems  $Cu^{2+}/Ag_xAu_{(1-x)}$  (111),  $Ag^{+}/Cu_{x}Au_{(1-x)}$  (111) and  $Pb^{2+}/Cu$ -Al poly was investigated as a function of the allow composition. A linear dependence of the upd coverage on the composition was found in the case of ideal separation of the alloving constituents. A power law function was found to describe the upd as a function of the alloy composition in the case of a randomly mixed alloy. These findings were successfully applied as an analytical tool for determining the alloy composition of the investigated substrates. Most recently, ongoing research realizes simultaneously taking place nitrate electroreduction and metal UPD on Cu substrates for the development of an accurate and high-sensitivity technique for analysis and monitoring of metal content in natural waters. A quantitative study and modeling work shed light on such scenario taking place on Cu(111) electrode at open circuit potential. Similar approach is now being considered for analysis of trace amounts of Tl and Sn. Also an ongoing research is focused on the quantitative development of a method determination of surface area on porous metal substrates. Similarly, to the gasphase BET method, this approach takes advantage of the surface limited nature of the UPD process leading to the formation of exactly one monolayer of foreign metal. The new method results are thus obtained by comparison of UPD coverage on high-surface area flat metal surfaces. Ongoing research is aimed at exploring the quantitative aspects of the new method. The nature of substrate, the transport limitations through the porous structure and the decoupling between double-layer charging/discharging and UPD effects are studied as limiting factors in that method development.

# • Development of Optimized Strategies for the Design of Lithium-Air Batteries (*funded by NYSERDA*, 2011-2013)

The persistent dendrite formation on the Li anode surface during the charging-discharging cycles of Li-air batteries has been a challenge. This results in poor cycling and safety performance. In electrodeposition of metals dendrites are associated with diffusion limitations that become a key factor as the current density increases above 80% of the diffusion limiting value. However, recent work carried out in a microfluidic test cell demonstrates dendrite-prone Li deposition scenarios well beyond the most immediate diffusion limitations. Thus, the exact reason for the dendritic growth during Li deposition remains generally unclear. It is believed that one possible reason could be associated with non-uniformity of the composition and thickness of the so-called solid electrolyte interface (SEI) that forms immediately upon contact between Li and electrolyte and consists of electrolyte reduction products that accumulate along with the Li deposition. The condition of the Li electrode substrate is also considered as a factor controlling the nucleation of dendrites. To address the anodic challenge is not a trivial task as in the charging step not only Li+ ions deposit onto the anode but also Li<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and/or Li<sub>2</sub>O decompose at the cathode to generate O<sub>2</sub> and free Li<sup>+</sup> ions. Thus, we must understand the mechanism of the entire redox cell activity in the charging/discharging cycle to design the appropriate electrocatalyst. In the very early stages of our work, we will identify the electrolytes that are not only best in covering the wide variety of factors controlling the nucleation and growth of dendrites during Li. In another part of our activity, we will be looking for substrates and appropriate setups for fundamentally studying the Li/Li<sup>+</sup> interface.

### FUNDING AND SUPPORT

# **Current Funding**

- Integrated Electronics Engineering Center (IEEC NY-STAR), Corrosion in Additive Manufacturing Printed Silver Films, July 2023–June 2024; Single PI: \$25,000
- Active collaboration (about 25-30% contribution) with Peter Borgesen (SSE SUNY Binghamton) on SRC, CHIRP 2878.012 January 2023-December 2025 Co PI: total of \$300,000

# **Past Funding**

- Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC); CHIRP Task 2878.011, Fine Pitch Cu-Sn based Interconnection Below Temperatures of 180C, *January 2020 – December 2022* Single PI:\_\_\_\_\_\_\$300,000
- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) Division of Chemistry, Award CHE-1310297; September 2013 – September 2018; Single Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\$324,000
- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) Division of Materials Research, Early CAREER Development – Award # 0742016; April 2008 – March 2014; Single Investigator: \$412,000
- NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA) Lithium Air Batteries; *May 2011 – December 2013*
- Co-PI with CJ Zhong: \$200,000
- NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA)
  Environmentally Preferred Power Systems Technologies July 2011 June 2014
  Co-PI with B. White and P. Borgesen: \$250,000
- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) Division of Materials Research, Materials World Network – Award # 0603019; July 2006 – June 2009; Single Investigator: \$255,000
- IEEC SUNY Binghamton (through NYSTAR),
- Glass Interposers V, July 2019 June 2020;
  - Single Investigator (Systems Engineering, SUNY Binghamton) \$25,000
- IEEC SUNY Binghamton (through NYSTAR),
- Glass Interposers V, July 2019 June 2020; Co-PIs with Eric Cotts (Department of Physics, SUNY Binghamton) \$50,000
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# Glass Interposers V, July 2016 – June 2017; Single Investigator (Systems Engineering, SUNY Binghamton) \$60,000

• IEEC – SUNY Binghamton (through NYSTAR),

Glass Interposers V, July 2015 – June 2016;

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# PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

**Review, Special Articles and Book Chapters** 

- MINI REVIEW ARTICLE E. Castillo, M. Njuki, A.F. Pasha, and N. Dimitrov, Copper-Based Nanomaterials for Fine-Pitch Interconnects in Microelectronics, *Accounts of Chemical Research*, 2023, 56 1384 -1394 (https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.accounts.3c00023).
- FEATURED ARTICLE Nikolay Dimitrov, Innocent Achari, and Stephen Ambrozik, Palladium Ultrathin Film Growth by Surface Limited Redox Replacement of Cu and H UPD Monolayers: Approaches, Pros, Cons, and Comparison, *The Electrochemical Society INTERFACE*, 2018, 27(2), 65-69.
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- 11. I. Achari and **N. Dimitrov**, Ultrathin Film PtxPd(1-x) Alloy Catalysts for Formic Acid Oxidation Synthesized by Surface Limited Redox Replacement of Underpotentially Deposited H Monolayer, **Electrochem**, **2020**, 1, 4–19.

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- Y. Xie and N. Dimitrov, Ultralow Pt-loading Nanoporous Au-Cu-Pt Thin Film as Highly Active and Durable Catalyst for Formic Acid Oxidation, Applied Catalysis B: Environmental, 2020, 263, 118336.
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- 1. Impact of Electrodeposition in the Design and Synthesis of Functional Materials, AWARD Talk at 242<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Electrochemical Society (ECS) - Atlanta, GA, October 2022
- 2. Reliability Issues at the Interface of Solder with Electroplated Cu, Invited Talk at the PERM Meeting #52 at BAE Systems, Endicott, NY, October 2022
- 3. Design and Synthesis of Functional Materials by Electrochemical Means, **Invited Talk at** Oakland University, Detroit, MI, October 2022
- 4. All Electrochemical Synthesis of Nanoporous Cu Films for the Purposes of Fine Pitch and Low Temperature Interconnection in3D Packaging, **Invited Talk at the 240<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society**, Orlando, FL: October 2021, (presented virtually)
- 5. Design and Synthesis of Nano-Porous / Nano-Structured Electrochemical Interfaces with Application in the Fuel Cell Catalysis, **Invited Talk at the 240<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the** *Electrochemical Society*, Orlando, FL: October 2021, (presented virtually)
- 6. Design and Synthesis of Nano-porous / Nano-structured Electrochemical Interfaces with Application in the Fuel Cell Catalysis, **Invited Talk at UC Irvine, January 2021**
- 7. Deposition of Metals and Alloys by E-ALD Using Surface Limited Redox Replacement Approach, Invited Talk at 236th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society - Atlanta, GA, October 2019
- 8. Copper Superconformal Filling of High Aspect Ratio through Glass Holes Using MTT Additive: Plug Formation, Quality of the Fill, and MTT Reduction, **Invited Talk at 234<sup>th</sup> AiMES Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Cancun, Mexico,** October **2018.**
- Enhanced Growth and Catalytic Performance of Pd and Pd-Pt Alloy Ultrathin Films on Au By Surface Limited Redox Replacement of H UPD Layers in One-Cell Configuration, Invited Talk at 234<sup>th</sup> AiMES Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Cancun, Mexico, October 2018.
- 10. Superconformal Filling of through Glass Holes for Application in Glass Interposers, Invited Talk at 233th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society Seattle, WA, May 2018
- 11. Electrodeposition of Continuous Ultrathin Layers of Functionalized Nanoporus Catalyst On Glassy Carbon Electrodes, Invited Talk at 233th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society Seattle, WA, May 2018.
- 12. Copper Superconformal Filling of High Aspect Ratio through Glass Holes Using MTT Additive, Invited Talk at Corning Inc., Corning, NY, October 2017.
- 13. De-Alloying of Cu<sub>x</sub>Au<sub>(1-x)</sub> Alloys at Different Length Scales for the Development of Active Nanoporous Au Catalysts, Invited Talk at 230th Prime Meeting of the Electrochemical Society, Honolulu, HI, October 2016.
- Advances in the Growth of Metals and Alloys Assisted by a Monolayer Amount of UPD Atoms, <u>KEYNOTE TALK</u>, 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of International, Society of Electrochemistry, Taipei, Taiwan, October 2015.
- 15. Superconformal Filling of High Aspect Ratio Through Glass Vias (TGV) for Interposer Applications Using TNBT and NTBC Additives, **Invited Talk at 228<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Phoenix, AZ**, October 2015.
- 16. Enhanced Adhesion of Nanoporous Metal Layers on Modified Glassy Carbon Surfaces, Invited Talk at 226<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Cancun, Mexico, October 2014.
- Deposition of Metal and Alloy Thin Films By Surface Limited Redox Replacement in a Galvanic Cell Configuration, Invited Talk at 226<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Cancun, Mexico, October 2014.

- 18. All Electrochemical Method for Synthesis of Pt-Nanoporous Au Catalyst, Invited Talk at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, NY, April 2014.
- 19. Study of Pt Dissolution During Formic Acid Oxidation On Thin Films Deposited Via Surface Limited Redox Replacements, Invited Talk at 224th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society - San Francisco, CA, October 2013.
- 20. Electrodeposition of Continuous Ultrathin Layers of Functionalized Nanoporus Catalyst On Glassy Carbon Electrodes, **Invited Talk at 224th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society - San Francisco, CA,** October **2013.**
- 21. Synthesis and Performance of Nanoporous Catalysts, Invited Talk at Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York, NY, October 2013.
- 22. Deposition of Ultra Thin Pt Films via Surface Limited Redox Replacement of UPD Layers on Au Invited Talk at 222<sup>h</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS), Honolulu, HI, October 2012.
- Highly-Active Pt Coated NPG Catalyst for HCOOH Oxidation: Synthesis, SLRR Coating, Activity and Durability, Invited Talk at 222<sup>h</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS), Honolulu, HI, October 2012.
- 24. "Complete Electrochemical Fabrication of a Platinized Nanoporous Au Catalyst for Formic Acid Oxidation", Invited Talk at Hofstra University, New York, NY, April 2012.
- 25. "Pt Deposition by Surface Limited Redox Replacement of H-UPD", Invited Talk at 220<sup>h</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS), Boston, MA, October 2011.
- 26. "Growth of Metal Multilayer Structures by SLRR and Surfactant Mediation", Invited Talk at 219<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECS, Montreal, QC, May 2011.
- 27. "From Au to Pt via Surface Limited Redox Replacement of Pb UPD in One Pot Configuration", Invited Talk at 219<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECS, Montreal, QC, May 2011.
- 28. "UPD of Metals in Surface Area Measurement", Invited Talk at ACS Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM), Potsdam, June 2010.
- 29. "Electrochemical BET or UPD of Metals in Surface Area Measurements", Invited Talk at 217<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECS, Vancouver, BC, May 2010.
- 30. "Nanoporous Metal Substrates: Electrochemical Processing and Surface Area Measurements" *Invited Talk at University of Houston*, Houston, TX, April **2010.**
- 31. "Epitaxial Growth of Metals, Alloys and Multilayers Assisted by a Monolayer Amount of UPD Atoms" Invited Talk at 216<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECS, Vienna, Austria, October 2009.
- 32. "Understanding, Controlling and Minimizing the Voiding, Sporadically Occurring in Solder Joints with Electroplated Copper" Invited Talk at 215<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECS, San Francisco, CA, May 2009.

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- 33. "Synthesis of Nanoporous Metals by Dealloying and Potential Controlled Displacement" **Invited Talk at Binghamton University - SUNY (Materials Science)**, February **2008**.
- 34. "Voiding in Pb-Free Cu Solder Joints", INDUSTRIAL INTEREST Invited Talk at Endicott Interconnect Technologies (EIT), Endicott NY, January 2008.
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- 36. "Growth of Metal Multilayer Structures by Surface Limited Redox Replacement", Invited Talk at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, October 2007.
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- 38. "Growth of Metal Multilayers by SLRR" 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of International Society of *Electrochemistry (ISE)*, Banff, Canada, September 2007.
- 39. "New STM Structural Results for Cu UPD on Au(111) in Sulfate", ACS Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM), Binghamton, October 2006.
- 40. "Electrochemical Strategies for Growth of Epitaxial Metal Thin Films, Invited Talk at Unovis Solutions, Inc, Binghamton, New York, October 2005.
- 41. "Oxidation of Cu(100) in Acidic Solutions An In-situ STM Study", 41<sup>st</sup> Annual American Vacuum Society, New Mexico Chapter Meeting June 2005.
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- 2. <u>S. Ambrozik</u> and **N. Dimitrov**, *Deposition of Pt by Electroless Surface Limited Redox Replacement*, *Talk at Northeast Meeting of American Chemical Society, Ithaca, NY*, June 2015.
- J. Xia, S. J. Ambrozik, C. Crane, J. Chen, and N. Dimitrov, Impact of the Synthetic Route on the De-alloying of Electrodeposited Cu3Au Alloys, Talk at 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS), Chicago, IL, May 2015.
- 4. <u>S. Ambrozik</u> and **N. Dimitrov**, *Electroless Deposition By Surface Limited Redox Replacement in One Cell Configuration*, *Talk at 225<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS)*, *Orlando*, *FL*, May **2014**.
- <u>N. Dimitrov</u>, Epitaxial Growth of Au on Pt (111) and Pt (poly) by Surface Limited Redox Replacement of Pb UPD Layer, Talk at 222<sup>h</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS), Honolulu, HI, October 2012.
- 6. <u>M. Fayette</u>, J. Nutaria, N. Vasiljevic and **N. Dimitrov**, "Activity and Durability of Low-index Pt and Pt-Cu Alloy Thin Films During Formic Acid Oxidation" Gordon Research Seminar, University of New England, Bidderford, ME, August, **2012.**
- M. Kamundi, D. McCurry, M. Fayette, F. Wafula, and N. Dimitrov, "Structural Effects in the De-Alloying of Electrodeposited Au(1-x)Agx Thin Films and Spherical Particles", 2011 MRS Fall Meeting & Exhibit, Boston, MA, December 2011.
- N. Dimitrov, D. McCurry, M. Kamundi, M. Fayette, and F. Wafula, "Complete Electrochemical Fabrication of a Platinized Nanoporous Au Catalyst for Formic Acid Oxidation", 220<sup>h</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society, Boston, MA, October 2011.
- 9. <u>Y. Liu</u>, M. Fayette, and **N. Dimitrov** "Growth of Pt Epitaxial Layers by Surface Limited Redox Replacement", Gordon Research Conference in Electrodeposition, New London, NH, August **2010**.
- 10. <u>M. Fayette</u>, Y. Liu, and N. Dimitrov "Deposition of Pt by SLRR of Pb UPD Layer", ACS -Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM), Potsdam, June 2010.
- S. Bliznakov, Y. Liu, and N. Dimitrov, "Development of 3D Nanoporous Ag Architectures by Selective Electrochemical Dissolution and Potential-Controlled Displacement", 5th Kurt Schwabe, Symposium, Erlangen, Germany, May 2009.

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- L.T. Viyannalage, R. Vasilic, S. Bliznakov and N. Dimitrov, "Growth of Ag-Cu Superlattice Structures by Surface Limited Redox Replacement", Gordon Research Conference in Electrodeposition, New London, NH, July 2008.
- L.T. Viyannalage, Y. Liu, N. Dimitrov, "Growth of Nanoporous Layers by Potential Controlled Displacement" 211th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Chicago, IL, USA. May, 2007
- 15. <u>L.T. Viyannalage</u>, **N. Dimitrov**, "Copper Ultra Thin Films Growth on Au(111) by Surface Limited Redox Replacement" 233rd ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA. March 25-29, **2007**.
- 16. L.T. Viyannalage, R. Vasilic, **N. Dimitrov**, "Epitaxial Growth by Galvanic Displacement" 209th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Denver, May **2006**.
- L.T. Viyannalage, L. Mendoza, N. Dimitrov, "Quantitative Determination of Trace Amounts of Lead Using Surface Electrochemistry of Copper" 231st ACS National Meeting, Atlanta, GA, USA. March 26-30, 2006.
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- N. Vasiljevic, L. T. Viyannalage N. Missert, N. Dimitrov and R. Copeland, *In-situ STM Study of Oxygen Adsorption and Passivation of Cu(100) in Acidic Solutions*, 207th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Los Angeles, October 2005
- N. Dimitrov, R. Vasilic and N. Vasiljevic Open Circuit Stability of Underpotentially Deposited Pb Layer on Cu (111) Face – An Experimental and Modeling Study, 207th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society, Quebec City, Canada – May 2005
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- K. Sieradzki, S.R. Brankiovic, and N. Dimitrov, "Silver Deposition and Dissolution at Low Overpotentials, "Proceedings of the Symposium on Electrochemical Synthesis and Modification of Materials, MRS Fall Meeting, Boston, MA 1996.
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#### **TEACHING**

#### **TEACHING PHILOSOPHY**

Learning is the main purpose of education. It is the goal of every student. That is why every teacher tries to bring more knowledge and better understanding to the classroom. I feel that my role as an educator is to (first) comprehend ideas, concepts and exciting results reported and discussed in the mainstream scientific journals and/or generated by my own research, and to then summarize and translate this information to a language that my students would understand. This suggests that a good teacher should have energy and motivation to be able to "broadcast" at the "wavelength" of students' antennas. As a professor of chemistry I am aware about the college students' perception that chemistry (and even more – electrochemistry as my strongest field) is a difficult subject to deal with. At the same time I know what charming science chemistry is, I have learnt to appreciate the interaction of this science with our everyday life and I have placed my own research for years as an extra child in my family. As a result of all that, I realize that my main goal as a chemistry educator is to open the curtain to my students and let the light that would shine out of it reveal every detail of the magnificent world of atoms, molecules and their interaction.

In my teaching practice regardless on whether my students are chemistry majors, other science majors, or non-science majors (engineering or nursing) I believe the best way to accomplish my mission as an educator is by using a variety of means to engage students as actively as possible within the colorful learning environment available today. These means of engagement range from student centered learning, to multi-week inquiry-based independent projects, to small-group problem-solving, to "bonus" concept questions and pop-up quizzes given without prior notification. I also realize that while my primary responsibility in the classroom is to present the matter of interest, I need to stay up to date with students' needs and adjust instruction accordingly. Thus, I would receive a steady feedback from the students and would help them realize their important role in the entire learning process. I strongly believe that success of this methodology would maximize the outcome of the students' effort whose common goal is for everyone to learn as much as it is possible.

Summarizing the essence of my teaching experience, I stand firm on my drive toward excellence in the classroom and hope that my passion and excitement are (at least to some extent) shared by the students. While never disregarding cutting edge new applications and attractive research achievements, I emphasize in my teaching the solid fundament of classical findings which today is somewhat insufficient in the background of college students. I am confident that even with the risk to look boring with heavily focusing on notions and concepts that the audience often feels familiar with, the general appreciation is inevitable when seniors (for instance) start discriminating for the first time between *thermodynamic* and *kinetic* effects. Thus, enforcing the basics, I contribute my deal to the solid scientific foundation that has for centuries had the strength to accommodate the unbearable progress of being.

# **COURSES TAUGHT**

# **Primary Teaching Activities**

- CHEM 107 "Intro Chemical Principles I" (Fall 2009 358 students)
- **CHEM 111** "Chemistry Principles" (Fall 2006, 2012, 2015, 2018 *306, 330, 356, 125 students*)
- CHEM 221 "Analytical Chemistry" (Spring 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2020, 2023 42, 70, 82, 90, 88, 106, 102 students.)
- CHEM 422 "Instrumental Analysis" (Fall 2004, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2021, 2022 20, 37, 35, 42, 48, 40, 47 students.)
- CHEM 421/521 "Advanced Analytical Chemistry" (Spring 2006, 2009, 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024 *12*, *6*, *10*, *12*, *20 students*.)
- CHEM 482E/582E Special Topic (Fall 2003, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022(spring) 12, 6, 17, 20, 20, 19, 18, 20, 15 students.)

# **Secondary Teaching Activities**

- CHEM 397 (All years usually 2 students/semester)
- CHEM 497/498 (All years usually 1 student/semester)
- **CHEM 411/511** (All years, two lectures contributed, 25 students)
- **CHEM 593** "Frontiers in Chemistry" (Spring 2007 *15 students*)
- MTLS 593 "Frontiers in Materials Science" (Fall 2005 6 students).
- CHEM 597/598 (All years)
- MTLS 698/699 (All years )
- CHEM 698/699 (All years)

# CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

I started developing my teaching experience more than ten years ago back in my home country, Bulgaria. At that time I taught as an adjunct "*Electrochemistry*" and "*Corrosion and Protection*" to college students. I noticed in a short time that efforts in steadily interacting with students and making them thinking critically seemed beneficial to the outcome of my teaching. This helped me founding my teaching approach on the belief that it is most important to stimulate student's analytical thinking and abilities. My first attempt to introduce this

philosophy was made when I taught a *special topic* course upon joining the Department of Chemistry at Binghamton University. Despite the limited excitement that my effort generated in the beginning, I patiently kept implementing goals such as helping students think independently, training them to articulate their ideas clearly and encouraging with incentives and bonuses the inclass participation in my undergraduate "Analytical Chemistry" and "Instrumental Analysis" courses. My confidence in the success of this approach motivated me to try the best of it even in my *General Chemistry* course where more than 300 freshmen were interactively engaged with alternative viewpoints and generously rewarded for critical thinking. While initially showing reserve and skepticism, the students start gradually responding positively, come to class with their initiatives and participate with interest to deliver eventually the mutual satisfaction of the learning process. Thus, it becomes obvious for all of them that they are beyond parroting notions, ideas and concepts and are instead able to draw their own conclusions regarding the course matter. Elements and results of my approach were reported on campus wide workshops emphasizing student-centered learning.

# STUDENT SUPERVISION

#### **Graduate Students:**

<ul> <li>Jackson Zhang – Ph.D. in Chemistry</li> </ul>	Expected Graduation – Fall 2028
• Zhen Lei – Ph.D. in Chemistry	Expected Graduation – Fall 2026
• Abdullah Faisal Pasha – Ph.D. in Chemistry	Expected Graduation – Fall 2025
• Michael Njuki – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Summer 2023
• <b>Ezer Castillo</b> *,(otrch)++ – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	<b>GRADUATED</b> in Summer 2023
• Yunxiang Xie* – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	<b>GRADUATED</b> in Summer 2021
• Innocent Achari <sup>+</sup> – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2021
• Jiaxin Li – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2020
• Stephen Ambrozik <sup>*, (otrch)</sup> – Ph.D. in Chemistry	y, GRADUATED in Fall 2017
• Jiaxin Xia – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Fall 2016
• <b>Paul Ogutu</b> <sup>+</sup> – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2016
• Loriana Bromberg – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Fall 2014
• Matthew Fayette** – Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2013
• Martha Kamundi - Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2013
• <b>Fred Wafula</b> <sup>++</sup> - Ph.D. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Fall 2011
• Yihua Liu* – Ph.D. in Materials Science,	GRADUATED in Fall 2010
• Lasantha Viyannalage * – Ph.D. in Chemistry	r, GRADUATED in Fall 2008
• <b>Rastko Vasilic</b> * – Ph.D. in Materials Science,	GRADUATED in Spring 2006
• Zachary Keck - M.S. in Materials Science,	GRADUATED in Spring 2020
• <b>Corey Mitchell</b> <sup>+</sup> – M.S. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Fall 2016
• Loriana Bromberg – M.S. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2013
• <b>Daniel Iversen</b> – M.A. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Spring 2009
• Liliana Mendoza – M.A. in Chemistry,	GRADUATED in Summer 2007
* received BU Research Award, ** received Cher	nistry Department Research Award,

<sup>+</sup> BU Teaching Award, <sup>++</sup> received Chemistry Department Teaching Award <sup>+++</sup> received Chemistry Department Award for Best First-Year TA

# **Undergraduate Students:**

- Jackson Zhang B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2023
- Dean Pelegrino B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2023
- Gillian Weissman B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2023
- Sage Lopez B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2020
- Ara Simonian B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2019
- Nicholas Negri B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2019
- Zachary Railley B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2019
- Ted Lam B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2018
- Malavika Kalarikkal-Puthoor- B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2018
- Anastasiya Sadovskaya B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2017
- Daniel Carmel B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2017
- Kushal Patel B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2017
- Fusseina Gimbala B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2015
- Mitchell Coffin- B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2015
- Ryan Rooney B.S. in Chemistry, (Honors Thesis) GRADUATED May 2014
- Rohan Gheewala B.A. in Business and Minor in Engineering, GRADUATED May 2014
- Andrew McClary B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2014
- Ryan Jezorek B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2013
- Alexandra Foxx B.S. in Chemical Engineering (Johns Hopkins), GRADUATED May 2013
- Andrew Lake B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2013
- Jeremy Scher B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2012
- Daniel McCurry B.S. in Chemistry, (Honors Thesis) GRADUATED May 2011
- Stephanie Geer B.S. in Chemistry (SUNY Brockport), GRADUATED May 2011
- Bilal Ahmed B.S. in Chemistry GRADUATED May 2011
- Richard Leong B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2010
- Andrew Lee B.S. in Chemistry, (Honors Thesis) GRADUATED May 2010
- Justin Patton B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED May 2009
- Yihua Liu B.S. in Chemistry, (Honors Thesis) GRADUATED, May 2007
- Hayoun Li, B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED, May 2007
- Brian Nebel, B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED, May 2005
- David Roufail B.S. in Chemistry, GRADUATED, May 2005

# POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION AND VISITING SCIENTIST COLLABORATION

**Postdoctoral Supervisor:** 

- Dr. Edmond Fey September 2011 to 2017
- Dr. Stoyan Bliznakov May 2007 to January 2010

# **SERVICE**

# ORGANIZING / CHAIRING CONFERENCES SYMPOSIA

Responsibility:	<ul> <li>238<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Gothenburg, Sweden, October, 2023</li> </ul>
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>236<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Atlanta, GA, October, 2022</li> </ul>
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>236<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Atlanta, GA, October, 2019</li> </ul>
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>234<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Cancun, Mexico, October, 2018</li> </ul>
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>68<sup>th</sup> International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE) Meeting</li> <li>Principal Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Providence, RI, August, 2017</li> </ul>
Conference:	The <i>41<sup>th</sup></i> Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM) of the American Chemical Society
	• Program Co-Chair of the NERM. Binghamton, NY; October, 2016
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>230<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Honolulu, HW, October, 2016</li> </ul>
Responsibility: Conference Date:	The <i>40<sup>th</sup></i> <b>NERM</b> of the <b>American Chemical Society</b> • Organizer of a symposium and Session Chair " <i>Materials for Energy"</i> ". Ithaca, NY; June 11-14, 2015
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>226<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Cancun, Mexico, October, 2014</li> </ul>

Responsibility:	<ul> <li>225<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Orlando, FL, May, 2014</li> </ul>
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>224<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, San Francisco, CA, October, 2013</li> </ul>
Responsibility:	<ul> <li>222<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Symposium Organizer and Session Chair, Honolulu, HW, October, 2012</li> </ul>
Responsibility: Conference Date:	Boston, MA, October, 2011
Responsibility:	219th Meeting of the Electrochemical Society
Responsibility: Conference Date:	Gordon Research Conference in Electrodeposition • Discussion Leader, " <i>Thin Film Deposition</i> ". <i>New London, NH,</i> August 2-6, 2010
Conference:	The <i>37<sup>th</sup></i> Northeast Regional Meeting NERM of American Chemical Society
Conference Date:	• Organizer of a symposium " <i>Physical Chemistry – General Session</i> "". <i>Potsdam, NY;</i> June 2-5, 2010
Responsibility: Conference Date:	<ul> <li>216<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society</li> <li>Session Chair, Symposium In memoriam: E. Budevski". Vienna, Austria, October 3-9, 2009</li> </ul>
Conference: Responsibility:	<ul> <li>The 34th NERM of American Chemical Society</li> <li>Organizer of a symposium "<i>Nanostructured Materials - Surfaces and Interfaces</i>". A \$2000 grant was also awarded by ACS to my symposium.</li> <li>Active member of NERM 2006 Steering Committee.</li> </ul>
Conference Date:	Binghamton, NY, October 5-7, 2006

#### **PROFESSIONAL REVIEWING**

#### **Book Review**

- 2004 for W. H. Freeman and Company Publishers "Quantitative Chemical Analysis" 7th edition by Daniel Harris.
- 2005 for John Willey & Sons Publishers "Quantitative Analysis" by Robert de Levie a book proposal.
- 2006 for W. H. Freeman and Company Publishers "Exploring Chemical Analysis" 6th edition by Daniel Harris

#### **Journal Review**

- ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces (five times)
- Advanced Materials and Advanced Functional Materials (four times)
- ACS Catalysis (five times)
- Applied Catalysis B, Environmental (three times)
- Analytical Chemistry (three times)
- ChemElectroChem (four times)
- ChemSusChem (three times)
- Corrosion (four times)
- Electrocatalysis (five times)
- Electrochemical and Solid State Letters (five times)
- Electrochemistry Communications (four times)
- Electrochimica Acta (20 times)
- JACS (three times)
- Journal of Applied Electrochemistry (four times)
- Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry (five times)
- Journal of Materials Research (four times)
- Journal of the Electrochemical Society (25 times)
- Journal of Physical Chemistry (15 times)
- Langmuir (six times)
- RSC Advances (two times)
- Scripta Materiala (two times)
- Small (two times)

#### **Proposal Review and Panel Review**

- National Science Foundation CHEMISTRY (March 2019)
- National Science Foundation CHEMISTRY (January 2019)
- National Science Foundation SBIR (March 2018)
- Petroleum Research Fund (August 2018)

- Department of Energy BAS (February 2018)
- National Science Foundation SBIR (September 2017)
- Petroleum Research Fund (August 2018)
- National Science Foundation CMMI (May 2016)
- Department of Energy (2009, 2014)
- International Copper Organization (ICA-MAT) (2004; 2006)
- National Science Foundation Chemistry (2007; 2008, 2009)
- National Science Foundation DMR (2006, 2 times 2007, 2010, 2 times 2011, 2 times 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017)
- Research Corporation (2008)

**Tenure and Promotion Review** 

- Adelphi University (2021), University of Arkansas (2019),
- University of Missouri (2019), University of Southern Mississippi (2017)
- Clarkson University (2010), Brookhaven National laboratory (2011)

#### SERVING ON PH.D., M.S., HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES

#### **Ph.D. Dissertation Defense**

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1. Tolulope Salami - Doctorate - Chemistry (2004)
2.
    Samuel Lutta - Doctorate - Chemistry (2005)
3. Dat T. Tran - Doctorate - Chemistry (2005)
4. Onduru Odongo - Doctorate - Chemistry (2005)
5. Nancy Kariuki - Doctorate - Chemistry (2006)
6. Jack Fox - Doctorate - Chemistry, (2006)
7. Crispin Kowenje - Doctorate - Chemistry, (2006)
8. Rastko Vasilic - Doctorate - Materials Science (2006)
9. Hong Dong - Doctorate - Chemistry (2006)
10. Tedman Onyango - Doctorate - Materials Science (2006)
11. Daniel Brenan - Doctorate - Chemistry (2006)
12. Charles Kanyi - Doctorate - Chemistry (2006)
13. Isaac K'Owino - Doctorate - Chemistry (2006)
14. Frederick Ochanda - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
15. Justin Martin - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
16. Lingyan Wang - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
17. Jiajun Chen - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
18. Austin Aluoch - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
19. Renuka Manchanyakage - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
20. Chen Chen - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
21. Joel Christian - Doctorate - Materials Science (2007)
22. Peter Njoki - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
23. Jason Karasinski - Doctorate - Chemistry (2007)
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24. Samuel Kikandi - Doctorate - Chemistry (2008)
25. Quan Fan - Doctorate - Chemistry (2008)
26. Jie Xiao - Doctorate - Chemistry (2008)
27. Lasantha Viyannalage - Chemistry (2008)
28. Jasper Chiguma - Materials Science (2009)
29. Jun Zhang, - Chemistry (2009)
30. Jian Hong, - Materials Science (2009)
31. Dickson Andala - Chemistry (2010)
32. Yihua Liu - Materials Science (2010)
33. Samuel Mwilu - Chemistry (2010)
34. Zhaoyong Sun - Chemistry (2010)
35. Sherryllene Pinnock - Chemistry (2011)
36. Joel Miller - Materials Science (2011)
37. Fred Wafula - Chemistry (2011)
38. Nian Du - Chemistry (2011)
39. ShiJun Yu - Materials Science (2012)
40. Rameshwori Loukrakpam - Chemistry (2012)
41. Naumih Noah - Chemistry (2012)
42. Eliud Mushibe - Chemistry (2012)
43. Emily Obyua - Chemistry (2012)
44. Jinfong Pan - Materials Science (2013)
45. Deborah Williams - Materials Science (2013)
46. Martha Kamundi - Chemistry (2013)
47. Matthew Fayette - Chemistry (2013)
48. Elizabeth Crew - Chemistry (2013)
49. Robert Congdon - Chemistry (2013)
50. Heng Yang - Materials Science (2014)
51. Gregory Parks - Physics (2014)
52. Zhixin Dong - Materials Science (2015)
53. Chenyu Wang - Chemistry (2015)
54. Luke Wentlent, Materials Science (2015)
55. Shiyao Shan - Chemistry (2016)
56. Yiging Huang- Chemistry (2016)
57. Wei Zhao - Chemistry (2016)
58. Yiqing Huang- Chemistry (2016)
59. Francis Mutuku- Physics (2016)
60. Idris Yazagan - Chemistry (2016)
61. Youngmin Chung- Chemistry (2016)
62. Maria Roma - Materials Science (2016)
63. Donsheng Ji - Chemistry (2017)
64. Linyue Tong - Chemistry (2017)
65. Victor Kariuki- Chemistry (2017)
66. Jiaxin Xia - Chemistry (2016)
67. Shawn Salis - Physics (2017)
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68. Stephen Ambrozik - Chemistry (2017)
69. Haval Kareem - Chemistry (2018)
70. Jing Zhang - Materials Science (2018)
71. Heather Crapo - Chemistry (2018)
72. Nikolas Zagarella - Chemistry (2018)
73. Yong Shi- Chemistry (2018)
74. Shaojie Jiang - Materials Science (2019)
75. Shan Yan - Chemistry (2019)
76. Jing Li - Chemistry (2019)
77. Boxiao Li - Materials Science (2019)
78. Jiaxin Li - Chemistry (2020)
79. Xiaohui Li - Chemistry (2020)
80. Carol Kaplan - Chemistry (2020)
81. Can Li - Chemistry (2020)
82. Marc Farancis Hidalgo - Materials Science (2020)
83. Innocent Achari- Chemistry (2021)
84. Yunxiang Xie - Chemistry (2021)
85. Anshika Goel - Chemistry (2021)
86. Kaitlin McCardle - Chemistry (2021)
87. Yiliang Luan - Chemistry (2021)
88. Richard Robinson - Chemistry (2022)
89. Shan Wang - Materials Science (2022)
90. Sanoop Thekkut - Materials Science (2022)
91. Yaguang Zhu - Materials Science (2022)
92. Ezer Castillo - Chemistry (2023)
93. Michael Njuki - Chemistry (2023)
94. Victoria Kompanjec - Chemistry (2023)
95. Zeying Chen - Materials Science (2023)
96. Ronit Das - Materials Science (2023)
97. Maureen Kitheka - Chemistry (2022)
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#### **Masters Thesis Defense**

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    Michael Chin - Masters Thesis - Materials Science (2005)
    Elizabeth Crew - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2005)
    Jasper Chiguma - Masters - Materials Science (2005)
    Liliana Mendoza - Chemistry, Masters Project (2007)
    Andy Giamis - Materials Science - Masters Thesis (2007)
    Babita Nenavath - Materials Science - Masters Project (2008)
    Daniel Iversen - Chemistry - Masters Project (2009)
    Azita Eshgraghi - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2010)
    Benjamin Martens - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2011)
    Suraj Maganty - Materials Science - Masters Thesis (2012)
    Hong Wu - Materials Science - Masters Thesis (2013)
    Lori Ana Bromberg - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2013)
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    Randy Calender - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2013)
    Brendan Hughes - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2017)
    Brendan Ashley - Bioengineering - Masters Thesis (2018)
    Roland Miller - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2020)
    Zachary Keck - Materials Science - Masters Thesis (2020)
    Vanessa Mai - Chemistry - Masters Thesis (2022)
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#### **Honors Thesis Defense**

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1.
    Diana Leung - Bachelors - Chemistry (2005)
2. Ari Atkinson - Bachelors - Chemistry (2005)
3. Kunal Amrute - Bachelors - Chemistry (2005)
4. Joy Romulus - Bachelors - Chemistry (2006)
5. Stacie Rice - Bachelors - Chemistry (2006)
6. Samira Musah - Bachelors - Chemistry (2006)
7. Leslie White - Bachelors -Chemistry (2007)
8. Yihua Liu - Bachelors - Chemistry (2007)
9. Aaron Satler - Bachelors - Chemistry (2007)
10. Vincent Lee - Bachelors - Chemistry (2008)
11. Spencer Robbins - Bachelors - Chemistry (2008)
12. Elayna Weller - Bachelors - Chemistry (2009)
13. Roz Najafabadi - Bachelors - Chemistry (2009)
14. Fenix Garcia Tigreros - Bachelors - Chemistry (2009)
15. Daniel Mahoney - Bachelors - Chemistry (2010)
16. Andrew Lee - Bachelors - Chemistry (2010)
17. Peipei Hu - Chemistry (2010)
18. Michael Feurstein - Chemistry (2011)
19. Daniel McCurry - Chemistry (2011)
20. Abigail Oakes - Chemistry (2012)
21. Welley Loc - Chemistry (2012)
22. Aaaron Taggart - Chemistry (2014)
23. Ryan Rooney - Chemistry (2014)
24. Emma Gordon - Chemistry (2014)
25. Phuong Nam Li - Chemistry (2015)
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## **Preliminary Oral Examination**

Robert Kiyanjui, Materials Science
 Tedman Onyango, Materials Science
 Frederick Ochanda, Chemistry
 Jack Fox, Chemistry
 Austin Aluoch, Chemistry
 Quan Fan, Chemistry
 Chen Chen, Chemistry
 Rastko Vasilic, Materials Science

9. Samuel Kikandi, Chemistry

10. Charles Kanyi, Chemistry 11. Peter Njoki, Chemistry 12. Renuka Manchanayakage, Chemistry 13. Lingyan Wang, Chemistry 14. Jiajun Chen, Chemistry 15. Joel Christian, Materials Science 16. Lasantha Viyannalage, Chemistry 17. Jie Xiao, Chemistry 18. Marcels Omole, Chemistry 19. Mark Schadt, Chemistry 20. Zhaoyong Sun, Chemistry 21. Jasper Chiguma, Materials Science 22. Megan Ropolo, Chemistry 23. Bridgit Wangala, Chemistry 24. Samuel Mwilu, Chemistry 25. Dikson Andala, Chemistry 26. Joel Miller, Materials Science 27. Sherryllene Pinnock, Chemistry 28. Nian Du, Chemistry 29. Jian Hong, Materials Science 30. Yihua Liu, Materials Science 31. Rameshwori Loukrakpam, Chemistry 32. ShiJun Yu, Materials Engineering 33. Langli Luo, Materials Engineering 34. Kun Bao, Chemistry 35. Syeda Begum, Chemistry 36. Jun Yin, Chemistry 37. Martha Kamundi, Chemistry 38. Naomih Noah, Chemistry 39. Fred Wafula, Chemistry 40. Emily Obuya, Chemistry 41. Eliud Mushibe, Chemistry 42. Jing Xie, Materials Science 43. Debbie Williams, Materials Science 44. Robert Congdon, Chemistry 45. ShiJun Yu, Materials Science 46. Fredrick Omenya, Chemistry 47. Jinfong Pan, Materials Science 48. Randolph Callender, Chemistry 49. Matthew Fayette, Chemistry 50. Corey Mitchell, Chemistry 51. Loriana Valentin, Chemistry

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#### UNIVERSITY (CAMPUS WIDE) AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

#### **University Service**

- Member of the Graduate Council and Academic Standards Committee (2018-2021)
- Member of the All-University Personnel Committee

(2012-13; 2019-20)

• Member of Faculty Senate at Binghamton University (2018-2020)

- Member of the Harpur Academic Honesty Committee (2009-2013)
- Faculty Member of the Materials Science and Engineering Program at Binghamton University (2003 Present)
- Member of the Small Scale Systems (S3) committee

(2004 - Present)

• Member of the Center for Advanced Sensor Research (CASE) (2004 - Present)

#### **Department Service**

- Co-Chair of the GPC (2021 2022)
- Chair of the GPC, Graduate Director (2010 2014; 2017-2021)
- Graduate Admissions Committee member (2014-2021)
- Graduate Program Committee member (2006 2010 and 2014-2015, 2021 present)
- Chair of the Safety Committee (2009 2010)
- Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC) (2003-2004 and 2005-2006)
- Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) (2003-2005 and 2010 present)
- Space Committee (2003-2005; 2020-present)
- Grievance Committee (2005-2006; 2019-present)
- Analytical Sub-discipline Convener (2003-2005; 2017-2019)
- Chemistry Colloquium Series (Spring 2005 and Spring 2007)
- Served in many ad-hoc committees in the Chemistry Department

#### **COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Chair of the ACS Local Section at Binghamton (2011).
- Chair elect of the ACS Local Section at Binghamton (2010).
- Member at large in the Executive Committee of the ACS Local Section at Binghamton (2004-2009)
- Principal Co-Organizer (with Alexsa Silva) of the Science Olympiad in Broome County (2006)
- Judge and contributor for the Science Olympiad in Broome County (2004, 2005, 2007 2011)