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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Colorado School of Mines	2024 - present
Teaching Professor Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering Colorado School of Mines	2023 - present
Founder, Recombinant Education (www.recombinanteducation.com) Higher education workshops and consulting business	2022 - present
Teaching Associate Professor Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering Colorado School of Mines	2018 - 2023
Course Director, Anatomy and Physiology Codon Learning (www.codonlearning.com)	2020 - present
Assistant Teaching Professor Department of Developmental and Cell Biology University of California, Irvine Earned tenure and promotion to Associate Teaching Professor in May 2018	2013 - 2018
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Biology, University of North Carolina	2013
Adjunct Professor, Department of Biology, North Carolina A&T State University	2012

EDUCATION and TRAINING

SPIRE Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina	2010 - 2013
Ph.D., Bioengineering, University of Washington	2005 - 2010
B.S., Chemical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University	2001 - 2005

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ben L. Fryrear Chair for Innovation and Excellence	2023 - 2026
Colorado School of Mines Alfred E. Jenni Fellowship	2022 - 2023
Colorado School of Mines Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Fellow	2021 - 2022
UCI Ayala School Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching	2016
Honorary Membership Award, UCI National Society of Leadership and Success	2015
New Case Fellow, Science Case Network	2014
Postdoctoral Scholar Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduates, UNC	2011
Postdoctoral Scholar Award for Excellence in Service, UNC	2011
SPIRE Postdoctoral Fellowship, UNC (NIGMS K12GM000678)	2010 - 2013
Dean's Circle Mentorship Award, UC Davis College of Biological Sciences	2009
Young Investigator Prize, European Muscle Conference, Lille, France	2009
Biophysical Society Annual Meeting Student Travel Award, Boston, MA	2009
Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Washington Graduate School	2008

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2007 - 2010
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention	2005, 2006
First place, MindBend Symposium (Undergraduate Research), Penn State	2005
First place, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Penn State	2005

FUNDING

Ben L. Fryrear Chair for Innovation and Excellence (\$75,000)	2023 - 2026
Award to promote discipline-based education research at CO School of Mines	
Colorado School of Mines Tech Fee Grant (\$9,083)	2023
Award of funds to purchase equipment for molecular biology courses	
Department of Education Upward Bound Math Science (\$1,437,685)	2022
Program to support college readiness for Alameda High School students	
Colorado School of Mines Alfred E Jenni Fellowship (\$9656)	2022
Funded to promote high structure course design practices on campus	
Colorado School of Mines Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Fellowship (\$10,000)	2021
Funded to lead development of Upward Bound proposal	
Colorado School of Mines Tech Fee Grant (\$14,912)	2021
Award of funds to purchase equipment for biology courses	
Colorado School of Mines Innovation Grant – PI (\$58,642)	2020
Award to develop cohort programs to improve first year student success	
Colorado School of Mines Tech Fee Grant (\$14,292)	2020
Award of funds to purchase molecular biology tools for biology courses	
Colorado School of Mines Tech Fee Grant (\$2240)	2019
Award of funds to purchase health monitoring equipment for an A&P course	
Colorado School of Mines Open Educational Resources Grant – PI (\$2000)	2019
Award to develop OER materials for anatomy and physiology course	
Colorado School of Mines Open Educational Resources Grant – Co-PI (\$2000)	2019
Award to develop OER materials for thermodynamics course	
Colorado School of Mines Innovation Grant – PI (\$17,687)	2019
Award to study achievement gaps in first year courses at Mines	
Colorado School of Mines Tech Fee Grant (\$765)	2018
Award of funds to purchase a Catchbox throwable microphone for biology course	
UCI eTech Mini Grant (\$500)	2017
Award of funds to purchase a Catchbox throwable microphone for large lectures	
UCI Innovative Learning & Technology Initiative Grant – PI (\$35,000)	2017
Development of an Online Bio Sci 9B (Bio and Chem of Food and Cooking) Course	
UCI Freshman Seminar Development Grant (\$1500)	2017
Grant to develop a freshman seminar (Amazing Adventures in Anatomy)	
UCI Bio Sci Faculty Research Travel Grant (\$1364)	2017
Travel award to give a poster presentation at the 2017 Experimental Biology Meeting	
American Association of Anatomists Education Outreach Grant – PI (\$3000)	2016
Funding for high school outreach event (Amazing Anatomy with the Anteaters!)	
UCI Education Innovation Mini Grant – PI (\$4000)	2016
Implementation and assessment of Kahoot! in Biological Sciences Courses	
UCI Bio Sci Faculty Computer Award (\$1800)	2016
Award of funds to purchase a new laptop computer	
UCI Bio Sci Faculty Research Travel Grant (\$1023)	2016
Travel award to give an oral presentation at the 2016 HAPS Annual Meeting	
UCI eTech Initiative – PI (\$5024)	2016
Integration and assessment of iPads in the undergraduate A&P lab courses	

UCI ADVANCE Spirit Grant – PI (\$5000) Closing the Achievement Gap in Introductory Biology at UC Irvine	2015
UCI Innovative Learning & Technology Initiative Grant – PI (\$10,000) Development of an Online Bio Sci D136 (Human Anatomy) Course	2015
UCI Assessment Grant – PI (\$10,000) Assessment of general education student learning outcomes in science courses	2014
UCI Assessment Grant – PI (\$9347) Assessment of student scientific literacy skills in non-majors science courses	2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Colorado School of Mines	
Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (lecture, 65 students)	2024 - present
Quantitative Biosciences and Engineering field session lab (40)	2023 - present
Unit operations field session lab (lab, team-taught, 96)	2020 - present
Material and Energy Balances (lecture, 85)	2019 - present
Anatomy and Physiology (lecture, 45)	2019 - present
Fundamentals of Biology (lecture + lab, 63)	2018 - present
Introduction to Thermodynamics (lecture, 70)	2018 - present
University of California, Irvine	
Amazing Adventures in Anatomy (freshman seminar, 15)	2017
Human Anatomy (lecture (online and face-to-face, >70)	2015 - 2018
Applied Human Anatomy (lecture + lab, >130)	2014 - 2018
Biology and Chemistry of Food and Cooking (lecture, >300)	2014 - 2018
Introductory Biology: DNA to Organisms (lecture, >430)	2014 - 2017
Scientific Writing (lecture, 297)	Winter 2015
From Conception to Birth (lecture, 47)	Winter 2014
Comparative Anatomy (lecture, 24)	Summer 2013
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
Principles of Biology (lecture, 396)	Spring 2013
North Carolina A&T State University	
Designer Proteins and Society (lecture + lab, 16)	Spring 2012
Biological Sciences for non-majors (lecture, 71)	Fall 2012
University of California, Davis	
Introduction to Biology (TA; 23)	Spring 2010
Major Discoveries in Muscle: Myofilament Proteins (lecture, 12)	Fall 2009
University of Washington	
Bioengineering Design Principles (TA; 56)	Spring 2007

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Current Research Summary	2013 - present
My research program focuses on investigating the efficacy of high structure pedagogical practices in college science and engineering courses. Specifically, I am interested in the extents that pre-class assignments, in-class activities, and after-class assignments contribute to student learning, retention, and attitudes. I am specifically interested in designing and assessing the impacts of cohort programs and pedagogical changes to reduce achievement gaps in first-year science and engineering courses.	

SPIRE Postdoctoral Research	2010 - 2013
Department of Biology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
Advisor: William Kier, PhD, Chair and Professor of Biology	
Topic: Diversity of myosin gene expression in cephalopods	
Ph.D. Doctoral Research	2006 - 2010
Department of Bioengineering, University of Washington	
Department of Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior, University of California, Davis	
Advisor: Samantha Harris, PhD, Asst. Professor of Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior	
Thesis: Interactions between myosin binding protein-C and F-actin contribute to the regulation of muscle contraction	
Undergraduate Honors Research	2003 - 2005
Department of Chemical Engineering, Penn State University	
Advisor: Andrew Zydney, PhD, Chair and Professor of Chemical Engineering	
Engineering Internship	2005
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Syracuse, NY	
Scientist Internship	2004
Kimberly-Clark Corporation - Safeskin R&D, Roswell, GA	

SERVICE

Colorado School of Mines Committee Service	
QBE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Chair	2021 - present
Task Force for the Evaluation of Instructor Effectiveness (Co-chair)	2018 - present
Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering DI&A Committee	2022 - 2023
University Survey Committee	2019 - 2022
University Assessment Committee	2018 - 2022
Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering Research Affairs	2018 - 2022
Other Colorado School of Mines Service	
Member: CBE Department Head Search Committee	2023 - present
Host: Minds @ Mines recruiting events	2020 - present
Member: QBE Teaching Faculty Search Committee	2022 - 2023
Member: Trefny Center Director Search Committee	2021
Speaker: Trefny Teaching Center panels	2021
Judge: Mines Undergraduate Research Symposium	2020, 2021
Speaker: Mines Teacher Education Alliance	2019
Speaker: Beta Beta Beta Biology Honors Society	2018
University of California, Irvine Committee Service	
School of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Cabinet	2017 - 2018
School of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	2014 - 2018
Department of Developmental and Cell Biology Teaching Committee	2014 - 2018
Served on review and hiring committees	2014 - 2018
UC Irvine Senate Assessment Committee (Chair 2016 - 2017)	2014 - 2017
Other University of California, Irvine Service	
Speaker: UCI Biological Sciences International Student Orientation	2017
Speaker: UCI New Student Parent Orientation Program	2016, 2017
Panelist: Biological Sciences Student Council Path to Professorhood panel	2016
Panelist: UCI Graduate Student Career Conference	2016

Guest lecture: UCI I-STEPS International student freshman seminar	2015, 2016
Panelist: UCI New Faculty Orientation Panel	2015
Speaker: UCI New Biological Sciences Student Orientation	2015
Panelist: Teaching career panel, Developmental and Cell Biology retreat	2015
Guest lecture: Biological sciences peer tutors weekly meeting	2015, 2018
Guest lecture: Biological sciences 2A freshman seminar	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Guest lecture: UCI I-STEPS International student freshman seminar	2014
Panelist: GAANN Graduate Student Professional Development Day	2014
Director: Becoming an Effective Mentor Workshop	2013 - present
Judge: Developmental and Cell Biology scientific photo contest	2013
Professional Service	
Editor for anatomy and physiology for the <i>CourseSource</i> journal	2019 - present
Center for Physiology Education, Education Research working group	2022 - 2023
Guest Editor for <i>Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education</i>	2022 - 2023
Assistant editor for the <i>Chemical Engineering Education</i> journal	2020 - 2023
Editorial board member for the <i>HAPS Educator</i> journal	2018 - 2022
Member of the Committee for Early-Career Anatomists	2017 - 2018
Committee of the American Association of Anatomists	
Reviewer for journals and conferences	2014 - present
Chemical Engineering Education, American Society for Engineering Education annual conference, CBE Life Sciences Education, Anatomical Sciences Education, Advances in Physiology Education, HAPS Educator, National Center for Case Study Teaching in the Sciences, CourseSource, Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research (SABER) annual conference	
Consultant/reviewer/testbank author for textbook publishers	2012 - present
Professional Meetings Organized	
ASEE Rocky Mountain Section Regional Conference	2023
Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research (SABER) West	
Co-creator and co-host for 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 meetings in Irvine, CA	
SoCal Project Kaleidoscope Regional Meeting (AACU STEM)	2016
Regional Association for Biology Laboratory Education Conference	2015
Community Outreach	
Judge: Front Range Community College engineering design expo	2023
Mentored Mines QBE student community outreach program	2023 - present
Judged elementary school science fair, Golden, CO	2020
Taught human anatomy with elementary students, Golden, CO	2019, 2022
Faculty mentor for Reach Out, Teach Out outreach program	2017 - 2018
UCI Nursing Camp in Summer (NCIS), Irvine, CA	2017
Taught human anatomy with elementary students, Irvine, CA	2017, 2018
Amazing Anatomy with the Anteaters (high school students), Irvine, CA	2017
Future Health Champions Program (6 th grade), Irvine, CA	2016, 2017
Taught human anatomy with Montessori School (pre-K to 5), Newport Beach, CA	2016
UNC Office of Graduate Education, Science Outreach Program	2010 - 2013

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Training workshops and seminars

CREATE/STS Workshop Series, Colorado School of Mines	2022 - 2023
Engineering and Facilitating Online Learning course, Colorado School of Mines	2020
Certificate in Engaged Learning, UC Irvine	2017
Data Science courses (x7, Johns Hopkins University via Coursera)	2017
Identifying Medical Education Funding, American Association of Anatomists	2017
Linear Regression Statistics Short Course, UC Irvine	2015
New Faculty Teaching Academy, UC Irvine	2013
Becoming an Effective Mentor Workshop (Facilitator), UNC Pembroke	2013
Becoming an Effective Mentor Workshop (Facilitator), UNC	2012
SPIRE Seminar on College Teaching, UNC	2011
College Science Teaching, UNC Biology	2011
Advanced Communication Skills, UNC	2011
Effective College Teaching, UNC	2010, 2012
Scientific Teaching, UC Davis	2009
Thinking Before you Teach, UC Davis	2009
Entering Mentoring Program, UC Davis	2008 - 2009

Professional Society Memberships

POD Network	2023 - present
American Institute for Chemical Engineers	2020 - 2022
American Association for Engineering Education	2018 - present
Human Anatomy and Physiology Society	2016 - present
Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research	2012 - present
American Association for the Advancement of Science	2017 - 2019
American Association of Anatomists	2016 - 2019
Association for Biology Laboratory Education	2012 - 2015
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology	2010 - 2013
European Society for Muscle Research	2008 - 2010
Biophysical Society	2006 - 2010
UC Davis Biomedical Engineering Student Association (BESA)	2009 - 2010
UW chapter of the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)	2005 - 2010

WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTING SERVICES (as RECOMBINANT EDUCATION)

8. January 2024 - Workshop at the University of Colorado Boulder on best practices for using iClickers to engage students in the classroom (in partnership with Macmillan)
8. January 2024 - Workshop at Colorado State University on best practices for using iClickers to engage students in the classroom (in partnership with Macmillan)
7. October 2024 – Workshop for the University of Business and Technology in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (virtual) for STEM faculty on high structure course design
6. October 2024 – Workshop for the University of California, Irvine on peer observation protocols for improvement and evaluation of teaching
5. August 2024 - Workshop for College of the Mainland in Texas (virtual) on best practices for using iClickers to engage students in the classroom (in partnership with Macmillan)

4. August 2023 to May 2024 – Consulting with University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Biology Department to add structure to and revise mid-level biology curricula
3. August 2023 - Workshops for University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Biology Department on high structure course design, active learning, and assessment
2. Summer and Fall 2023 - Teaching mentor for postdoc Angel Navarro at University of Colorado Boulder who taught anatomy and physiology (BMEN 4117) in Fall 2023
1. January 2023 - Workshop at Colorado State University on best practices for using iClickers to engage students in the classroom (in partnership with Macmillan)

PUBLICATIONS

39. Kelp, NC, McCartney M, Savary MA, Shaffer JF, Wolyniak MJ. 2023. Developing Science Literacy in Students and Society: Theory, Research, and Practice. *Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education*. 24: 2. <https://doi.org/10.1128/jmbe.00058-23>.
38. Roemmich AJ, Mauzy-Melitz D, Shaffer JF. Show and tell: Using graduate teaching assistant research to engage undergraduates. *CourseSource*, *in review*.
37. Ringsby A, Shaffer JF. Student advice for success in high structure science and engineering courses. *Journal of College Science Teaching*, *in press*.
36. Lopez J, Shaffer JF. 2022. How chemical engineering students feel about biology. *Chemical Engineering Education*. 57: 7-13.
35. Umarjii O, McPartlan P, Moeller J, Li Q, Shaffer JF, Eccles J. 2021. The Motivational System of Task Values and Anticipated Emotions in Daily Academic Behavior. *Motivation and Emotion*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11031-021-09898-y>.
34. Adkins S, Shaffer JF, Morris J, England B, Raut S. 2021. The influence of Kahoot!, a gamified student response system, on student anxiety in large enrollment biology classrooms. *CBE Life Sciences Education* 20: ar19, DOI:10.1187/cbe.20-08-0187.
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25. Shaffer JF. Scorpion versus mouse: A tale of venom and action potentials. 2018. National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/collection/detail.asp?case_id=1000&id=1000.
24. Lieu RM, Gutierrez A, Shaffer JF. 2018. Student perceived difficulties in learning organ systems in an undergraduate human anatomy course. *HAPS Educator*, 22: 84-92.
23. Lieu RM, Wong A, Asefirad A, Shaffer JF. 2017. Improving exam performance in introductory biology through the use of pre-class reading guides. *CBE-Life Sciences Education*, 16:ar46; doi:10.1187/cbe.16-11-0320.
22. Shaffer JF. 2017. Boning up on active learning exercises for teaching skeletal system anatomy: Pre-class accountability is key. *HAPS Educator* 21: 44-47.
21. Shaffer JF, Sun S. 2017. Anencephaly in Yakima: Lots of questions, no answers. National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/collection/detail.asp?case_id=896&id=896.
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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Anatomy and Physiology Teaching and Learning Group Talk: Student difficulties in learning anatomical organ systems	December 2023
Society for Portuguese Physiology Seminar on Teaching and Learning Talk: High structure course design to improve student engagement and learning	November 2023
University of California, Irvine Developmental and Cell Biology Seminar Talk: The impact of high structure course design across courses, disciplines, and universities	October 2023
Purdue University Biology Education Research Seminar Talk: The impact of high structure course design across courses, disciplines, and universities	October 2023
Codon Learning Convo, Virtual Talk: Student advice for success in high structure courses	April 2023
American Physiology Society Summit, Long Beach, CA Talk: Advantages of using high structure course design Mentor: Publishing your work session for the Center for Physiology Education	April 2023
University of California, Irvine Graduate Education course Talk: Finding and starting an academic teaching position	April 2022
University of Wyoming Department of Chemical Engineering Talk: Efficacy of components of high structure chemical engineering and biology courses	Nov 2021
SPIRE Postdoctoral Program Panel Discussion Panel: How to succeed as an academic faculty member	May 2021
University of California, Irvine Graduate Education course Talk: Finding and starting an academic teaching position	April 2021
Cal State University Long Beach Tech Tuesday Talk: Active Learning with Polling Software	December 2020
American Association for Anatomy Virtual Webinar Panelist: Teaching undergraduate human anatomy for the first time	August 2020
CINVESTAV, Mexico City, Mexico Colloquium: Teaching with high structure in science and engineering courses: what, why, and how Workshop: Getting started with discipline-based education research (DBER) in your classroom	December 2019

- University of Alabama Birmingham ROSE Seminar Series March 2019
Talk: Insights from using high structure course design in biology and engineering courses
- UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Faculty Discussion Group April 2018
Talk: Engaging Students in Large Classes
- UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation November 2017
Talk: Engaged Learning Institute: Course Design
- UCI Department of Developmental and Cell Biology Seminar, Irvine, CA October 2017
Talk: Assessment of high structure teaching practices: Using research to inform instruction (and vice versa)
- Pearson Education This is Digital Learning Webinar Series (Online) October 2017
Talk: Design and assessment of an online human anatomy course
- UC Irvine Center for Instructional Design Faculty Showcase, Irvine, CA July 2017
Talk: Designing courses with high structure
- University of California, Riverside Instructional Design Center, Riverside, CA May 2017
Talk: Comparison of traditional and gamified student response systems: Does more fun come at a cost?
- UC Irvine Biological Sciences Dean's Leadership Council, Irvine, CA May 2017
Talk: Active learning at UCI Bio Sci: Engaging students in and out of the classroom
- University of California Los Angeles Life Sciences Core, Los Angeles, CA May 2017
Talk: Teaching with high structure: what, why, and why not?
- UC Irvine Assessment Forum, Irvine, CA February 2016
Talk: What are UCI students learning about science? Assessment of general education student learning outcomes in science courses
- UC Irvine Foundations of Teaching Program, Graduate School, Irvine, CA May 2015
Workshop: Active learning and student centered instruction
- Academy for Innovation in Medical Education, UC Irvine Medical School April 2015
Workshop: Transformational teaching – strategies to get your students involved in classroom sessions
- UCI Department of Developmental and Cell Biology Retreat, Dana Point, CA April 2015
Talk: High structure in introductory biology: what, how, why... and why not?
- Western Regional Society for Developmental Biology Meeting, Yosemite, CA March 2015
Talk: Assessment of student scientific literacy skills in high structure majors and non-majors biology courses
- UC Irvine Assessment Forum, Irvine, CA November 2014
Talk: Assessment of student scientific literacy skills in non-majors science courses

The Society for Developmental Biology Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA Workshop: Active learning in undergraduate biology classrooms	July 2014
Graduate Professional Development Seminar Series UC Irvine, Irvine, CA Becoming an effective mentor: A crash course	May 2014
University of California, Davis, Davis, CA Talk: The Lecturer PSOE series at UC Irvine	November 2013
University of California, Davis, Davis, CA Talk: From chemical engineering to teaching human anatomy	November 2013
Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC Talk: Diversity of muscle myosin motors in cephalopods	March 2011
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC Talk: Diversity of muscle myosin motors in cephalopods	February 2011
University of North Carolina – Pembroke, Pembroke, NC Talk: Diversity of muscle myosin motors in cephalopods	February 2011
Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC Talk: Diversity of muscle myosin motors in cephalopods	February 2011
North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC Talk: Diversity of muscle myosin motors in cephalopods	February 2011
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Talk: Interactions between cardiac myosin binding protein-C and actin contribute to the regulation of muscle contraction	April 2010
University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada Talk: Interactions between cardiac myosin binding protein-C and actin contribute to the regulation of muscle contraction	December 2009
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ Talk: Interactions between cardiac myosin binding protein-C and actin contribute to the regulation of muscle contraction	November 2009
University of Muenster, Muenster, Germany Talk: Interactions between cardiac myosin binding protein-C and actin contribute to the regulation of muscle contraction	September 2009

PRESENTATIONS

POD Network Annual Conference Workshop: The impact of high structure course design across courses, disciplines, and universities	November 2023
Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Minneapolis, MN Long talk: The impact of high structure course design across courses, disciplines, and universities	July 2023
Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM Talk: Developing effective study habits for A&P students Talk: Maximizing student engagement with modern clicker questions and peer instruction	May 2023
ASEE Rocky Mountain Section Regional Conference, Golden CO Workshop: Getting started with engineering education research	May 2023
X-DBER Conference, Virtual Poster: High Structure Design for STEM Courses	April 2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Conference, Austin, TX Workshop: High Structure Design for STEM Courses	January 2023
AIChE Chemical Engineering Summer School, Golden CO Workshop: High structure course design: what, why, and how	July 2022
Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL Talk: Getting started with discipline-based education research in your A&P classroom Talk: Teaching with high structure in your A&P course: what, why, and how	May 2022
Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Virtual Roundtable: Student advice for success in high structure biological sciences courses	July 2021
American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference, Virtual Talk: Work-in-progress: What kinds of advice do chemical engineering students' give to future students for success in high structure courses?	July 2021
ASEE Rocky Mountain Section Unconference, Virtual Talk: What advice do students give for high structure course success?	June 2021
Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting, Virtual Talk: Student advice for succeeding in high structure A&P courses	May 2021
X-DBER Conference, Virtual Talk: What advice do students give for high structure course success?	March 2021
Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research West, Virtual Roundtable: Person-thing orientation alignment with student emotions towards biology	January 2021

- American Institute for Chemical Engineers Annual Conference, Virtual November 2020
Talk: To Pre-Req or Not? Students' Explanations for Why They Choose to Enroll (or not) in Chemical Engineering Courses
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Virtual July 2020
Poster: Chemical engineering students' emotions towards biology
- American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference, Virtual June 2020
Talk: Work-in-progress: Chemical engineering students' emotions towards biology
- CO School of Mines Teaching Faculty Luncheon, Golden, CO February 2020
Talk: Using two-stage collaborative exams in engineering and biology courses
- CO School of Mines Open Education Research Conference, Golden, CO February 2020
Talk: Developing OER reading guides for anatomy and physiology
- CO School of Mines Quantitative Biology Seminar, Golden, CO January 2020
Talk: Insights from using high structure course design in biology & engineering courses
- CO School of Mines Engineering Learning Conference, Golden, CO August 2019
Talk: Investigating achievements gaps in first year courses at Mines
Workshop: Active learning with clickers
Workshop: Faculty Senate taskforce on evaluation of instructor effectiveness
- Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting, Portland, OR May 2019
Talk: Getting started with discipline-based education research in your A&P classroom
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research West, Irvine, CA January 2019
Talk: Engineering students attitudes and emotions towards biology and math
Workshop: Designing educational research studies for college science classrooms
- American Association of Anatomists Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA April 2018
Poster: Comparison of traditional and gamified student response systems: does more fun come at a cost?
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research West, Irvine, CA January 2018
Talk: Student success in an online human anatomy course: does motivation matter?
Poster: Coloring Books as Supplemental Learning Tools in Undergraduate Anatomy Courses
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Minneapolis, MN July 2017
Talk: Comparison of traditional and gamified student response systems: does more fun come at a cost?
Poster: Student perceived difficulties in learning organ systems in an undergraduate human anatomy course
- UC Irvine Center for Engaged Instruction, Irvine, CA June 2017
Talk: The Power of the Story: Teaching STEM Courses with Case Studies
- Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT May 2017
Talk: Student performance in an online human anatomy course: does motivation matter?

- American Association of Anatomists Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL April 2017
 Poster: Student perceived difficulties in learning organ systems in an undergraduate human anatomy course
- HHMI – UC Faculty Learning Community Program Meeting, Riverside, CA Sept 2016
 Poster: Assessment of student content knowledge and scientific literacy skills in majors and non-majors science courses
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Minneapolis, MN July 2016
 Keynote talk: A familiar(ity) problem: A novel system for assessing the impact of prerequisite courses
 Talk: Using pre-class reading guides to improve student performance in introductory biology
 Poster: Differential student motivation on low stakes, online pre- and post-assessment tests
- Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA May 2016
 Talk: Design, implementation, and assessment of a high structure undergraduate human anatomy course
- SoCal Project Kaleidoscope Meeting, Irvine, CA February 2016
 Workshop: Hands-on design of an education research study in your classroom: From start to finish
 Poster: Assessment of student content knowledge and scientific literacy skills in majors and non-majors science courses
- UC STEM-LEC Conference, Paso Robles, CA September 2015
 Talk: Whaddya mean I need to read the book? Using reading guides to improve student performance in college biology classes
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Minneapolis, MN July 2015
 Poster: Pre-post test administration and performance in DBER assessments
 Poster: Assessment of student content knowledge and scientific literacy skills in majors and non-majors science courses
- SoCal Project Kaleidoscope Meeting, Fullerton, CA February 2015
 Workshop: Designing educational research studies for college science classrooms
- Regional Association for Biology Education Meeting. Irvine, CA February 2015
 Workshop: Insights and activities from a human anatomy lab without cadavers
- Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research, Minneapolis, MN July 2014
 Poster: Assessment of student scientific literacy skills in non-majors science courses
- Association for Biology Laboratory Education, Eugene, OR June 2014
 Poster: Assessment of course design, student learning outcomes, and student attitudes in a combined human anatomy lecture and lab course
- UC STEM-LEC Conference, Irvine, CA June 2014
 Talk: Assessment of student scientific literacy skills in non-majors science courses

- Annual IRACDA Conference, Atlanta, GA June 2013
Poster: The First Recombinant Drug – Development and Assessment of a Novel Biotechnology Case Study
- Bridging the Gap NC, Raleigh, NC October 2012
Poster: The First Recombinant Drug – Development and Assessment of a Novel Biotechnology Case Study
- Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, Charleston, SC January 2012
Talk: Muscular tissues of the squid *Doryteuthis pealei* express identical myosin heavy chain isoforms
- Annual IRACDA Conference, Houston, TX June 2011
Poster: Muscular tissues of the squid *Doryteuthis pealei* express identical myosin heavy chain isoforms
- Biophysical Society 54th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA February 2010
Talk: Identification of amino acid residues in the myosin binding protein-C motif important for actin binding
Poster: Comparative effects of the Pro-Ala rich regions of human and murine myosin binding protein-C
- European Muscle Conference, Lille, France September 2009
Talk: Comparative effects of the N-terminal domains of human and murine cardiac myosin binding protein-C
- Biophysical Society 53rd Annual Meeting, Boston, MA March 2009
Talk: The N-terminus of cardiac myosin binding protein-C contains multiple binding sites for F-actin
Poster: PKA phosphorylates serine 307 of murine cardiac myosin binding protein-C in vitro
- European Muscle Conference, Oxford, England September 2008
Poster: Interactions of the N-terminus of cardiac myosin binding protein-C with F-actin
- Biophysical Society 52nd Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA February 2008
Poster: The cardiac myosin binding protein-C motif and C1 domain activate actomyosin motility independent of Ca²⁺
- Biophysical Society 51st Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD March 2007
Poster: The C1C2 domains of myosin binding protein C inhibit acto-S1 movement in an in vitro motility assay

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