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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024–present Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
Affiliated, Department of Chemistry, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, UIUC
2021–2024 Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
2015–2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC

EDUCATION

2012–2015 Miller Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
Advisor: Prof. A. Paul Alivisatos
2007–2012 Ph.D. in Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
Advisor: Prof. Steve Granick
2003–2007 B.S. in Chemistry, Peking University, China

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Research, Teaching, and Mentoring

2025 American Chemical Society (ACS) COLL **Langmuir Lectureship**
(awarded annually to two world-leading researchers in colloids and surface science at all career stages)
2025 **ACS Nano Lectureship**
(awarded annually to two outstanding investigators in nanoscience and nanotechnology)
2025 **University Scholar**, UIUC
2024 CZ Biohub Chicago Investigator Award
2024 **Materials Research Society (MRS) Outstanding Early Career Investigator Award**,
(awarded annually to one investigator below 40 in all areas of materials science)
2024 **Provost's Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring**,
(campus' highest honor on graduate student mentoring, two per year in UIUC)
2023 **Soft Matter Lectureship**
(awarded annually to one or two investigators within 12 years of attaining PhD degree in soft matter field)
2022 **Hanwha-TotalEnergies IUPAC Young Polymer Scientist Award**
(awarded annually to two investigators below 40 on polymer science)
2022/2020 Dean's Award for Excellence in Research for Associate/Assistant Professor
College of Engineering, UIUC
2021 Racheff Faculty Scholar, College of Engineering, UIUC
2019 Teachers Ranked as Excellent, campus-level, UIUC (spring and fall)
2018 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program Award, Department of Defense
2018 **ACS Unilever Award**
(awarded annually to one investigator within 7 years of receiving their PhD in colloids and surface chemistry)
2018 **Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Chemistry**
2018 **National Science Foundation CAREER Award**
2017 **Air Force's Young Investigator Research (YIP) Program Award**
2017 ACS Petroleum Research Foundation Doctoral New Researcher Award, ACS
2016 **The SN 10: Scientists to Watch**

2016 *Science News Magazine*, Washington, DC
 Distinguished Visiting Fellow
 the Royal Academy of Engineering, United Kingdom
 2016 **Forbes 30 under 30 Science** [List](#)
 2015 **ACS Victor K. LaMer award**
 (awarded annually to one outstanding PhD thesis in colloids and surface Science)
 2012–2015 **Miller Fellowship**, University of California, Berkeley
 2009 Warren Yee Memorial Fellowship, UIUC

Selected Awards of Postdoctoral and Doctoral Research Advisees

2025 Advisee: Jiahui Li, MRS Gold Graduate Student Award & Arthur Nowick Award
 2025 Advisee: John Crockett, MRL-PPG research assistantship, UIUC
 2025 Advisee: Zhichu Tang, Racheff-Intel Presentation Award, UIUC
 2025 Advisee: Chansong Kim, Mavis Future Faculty Fellows, UIUC
 2025 Advisee: Dr. Ahyoung (Elaine) Kim, PMSE Future Faculty, ACS
 2024 Advisee: Dr. Zhiheng Lyu, Women in Chemical Engineering Travel award, AIChE
 2024 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, Finalist for the Victor K. LaMer award, Division of Colloid & Surface Science, ACS
 2024 Advisee: Falon Kalutanirige, Walter Klemperer Award for Outstanding Materials Chemistry Thesis, UIUC
 2024 Advisee: Jiahui Li, Mavis Future Faculty Fellows, UIUC
 2024 Advisee: Falon Kalutanirige, Beckman image contest winner, UIUC
 2024 Advisee: Jiahui Li, Langmuir Graduate Student Award Finalist, ACS
 2024 Advisee: Chang Qian, Racheff-Intel Presentation Award, UIUC
 2023 Advisee: Zhichu Tang, PPG-MRL Graduate Research Assistantship, UIUC
 2023 Advisee: Chang Liu, Racheff-Intel Presentation Award, UIUC
 2023 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, Schmidt Science Fellow
 2022 Advisee: Chang Liu, Oral Presentation Prize, Symposium SB05 “Emergent Order and Mesoscale Structure Formation in Soft Condensed Matter”, 2022 Fall MRS Meeting
 2022 Advisee: Oliver Lin, Government scholarship for studying aboard
 Ministry of Education of Taiwan
 2022 Advisee: Oliver Lin, Drickamer Fellowship, Department of Chemistry, UIUC
 2022 Advisee: Jiahui Li, PPG-MRL Graduate Research Assistantship, UIUC
 2022 Advisee: Falon Kalutanirige, Robert M. Joyce Travel Award
 Department of Chemistry, UIUC
 2021 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, MRS Gold Graduate Student Award (Spring)
 2021 Advisee: Dr. Hyosung An, ACS PMSE Future Faculty Scholar
 2021 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, the Graduate College, UIUC
 2021 Advisee: Lehan Yao, Warren Yee Memorial Fellowship, College of Engineering, UIUC
 2020 Advisee: Chang Liu, Grad College Fall 2020 Conference Presentation Award, UIUC
 2020 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, “Rising Stars in Soft and Biological Materials”
 University of Chicago MRSEC
 2020 Advisee: Dr. Wenxiang Chen
 Selected speaker at the inaugural “North American Materials Colloquium Series”
 2020 Advisee: Falon Kalutanirige, Lester E. and Kathleen A. Coleman Fellowship
 Department of Chemistry, UIUC
 2020 Advisee: Zihao Ou, Racheff-Intel Presentation Award
 Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
 2019 Advisee: Ahyoung Kim, PPG-MRL Graduate Research Assistantship, UIUC
 2019 Advisee: Dr. Hyosung An, Hanwha Travel Award at the Emerging Junior Investigator Open Innovation Forum, 2019 AIChE Annual Meeting
 2019 Advisee: Zihao Ou, Grad College Spring Travel Award, UIUC
 2019 Advisee: Zihao Ou, Dow Presentation Award

Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
 2018 Advisee: John W. Smith: 3M Graduate Fellowship, College of Engineering, UIUC
 2018 Advisee: Binbin Luo, Dow Presentation Award
 Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Conference Organization

2028(elected) Chair for Liquid Phase Electron Microscopy Gordon Research Conference
 2026 Symposium chair, International Microscopy Conference 21
 “Nanomaterials and catalysts,” Liverpool, UK
 2026 Symposium organizer, MRS spring meeting & Exhibit, Honolulu
 “Building advanced materials via aggregation and self-assembly”
 2026 Symposium organizer for “Advanced In-Situ Imaging Methods for Colloidal Chemistry: Probing Interaction and Dynamics at the Nanoscale”, ACS spring meeting
 2025 Chair for the MRS spring Meeting & Exhibit, Seattle
 2025 Pacifichem, symposium organizer for “Cinematic molecular science and nanoscience explored by electron microscopy”
 2025 Symposium organizer, MRS fall meeting & Exhibit, Boston
 “Multimodal operando/in situ characterizations of dynamic energy materials I”
 2025 Microscopy and Microanalysis annual meeting
 Symposium organizer for “In situ Characterization Material Synthesis and Processing”
 2025 99th ACS colloids & Surface Science Symposium & 18th IACIS Conference
 Scientific Committee
 2024 Symposium organizer for “Advanced In-Situ Imaging Methods for Colloidal Chemistry: Probing Interaction and Dynamics at the Nanoscale”, ACS fall meeting
 2024 Symposium organizer, MRS fall Meeting & Exhibit, Boston
 “NM07 – Building Advanced Materials via Aggregation and Self-assembly”
 2023 20th International Microscopy Congress, Busan, Korea
 Symposium organizer for “PS-1. Nanomaterials – Understanding structure-function relationship by multi-modal and multi-dimensional microscopy”
 2022 Symposium organizer, MRS fall Meeting & Exhibit, Boston
 “CH01-Understanding Dynamic Processes of Materials Synthesis, Self-Assembly and Processing via In Situ Techniques”
 2022 Microscopy and Microanalysis annual meeting, Portland
 Symposium organizer for “P05 In Situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes during Materials Synthesis and Processing”
 2022 96th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Golden, Colorado
 Symposium organizer for the Track on “Self and directed assembly”
 2021 95th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, virtual
 Symposium organizer for the Track on “Advanced Experimental Methods in Colloids and Interface Science”
 2021 Symposium organizer, MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, virtual
 “SM07: Building Advanced Materials by Self-Assembly”
 2020 2020 Virtual AIChE Annual Meeting
 Co-chair for Session of “01C08 Directed and Self Assembly of Colloids”
 2020 Goldschmidt virtual 2020
 Organizer for the virtual workshop on “Crystallization via non-classical pathways”
 2019 Microscopy and Microanalysis annual meeting, Portland
 Session chair for “P01.4 - *In situ* TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis and Processing”
 2019 93rd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Atlanta, GA
 Symposium organizer for Track C: “Colloidal & Surface Interactions”

2019	Symposium organizer, MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AZ “CP02: Design and In-Situ TEM for Self-assembling colloidal systems”	
2018	MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AZ Session Chair for “CM02.02: Crystal Nucleation, Growth, Transformation and Assembly II”	April 2–6, 2018

Society Committee, Advisory and Editorial Board

2025–present	MRS Program Development Subcommittee
2025–present	LaMer award selection committee, Division of Colloids and Surface Science, ACS
2025–present	Programme Managing Board, BP-International Centre for Advanced Materials
2022–present	Editorial Advisory Board in ACS Applied Nano Materials
2020–present	Scientific Advisory Board Member for Center for the Science of Synthesis Across Scales (CSSAS) University of Washington
2020–present	Editorial Advisory Board Member for <i>iScience</i> , interdisciplinary open access journal in Cell Press
2021	Invited participant in DOE BES roundtable workshop on “Cryo-Electron Microscopy”

Major Internal University Committee and Services

2025–present	Chair of Advisory Board for the director of Illinois Materials Research Laboratory, UIUC
2025–present	Advisory committee (elected), Department of Materials Science and Engineering, UIUC
2025–present	Faculty Review Committee, Beckman Institute, UIUC
2023–present	Faculty Award Committee, Grainger College of Engineering, UIUC
2021–present	Beckman Institute Executive Committee, UIUC

Outreach Activities

2025	Faculty host for NST STC COMPASS for the Collaboration and Exchange with Researchers in Africa (CERA) program
2024	Faculty host for NSF REU supported by Illinois MRSEC
2022–present	Faculty host for outreach for k-12 students in local schools such as Booker T. Washington Elementary School and university open house.
2022–present	Faculty host for the Illinois GEAR UP program and the Illinois Young Scholar program
2022–present	Faculty Mental Health Ambassador, UIUC
2019,2024	Beckman Open House, UIUC
2019	High School Summer Research program at UIUC Research host: Provided a 6-week lab experience for Ms. Autumn Kennedy, a high school student from Rantoul Township High School (Rantoul, IL)
2017	Illinois-ChiS&E Alliance for Nurturing Excellence in STEM Education Leadership Faculty host: Provided demos and tours to Chicago public school middle school students
2016–2017	Nano@illinois Research Experience for Teachers (RET) by National Science Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

Full publication list:

[Qian Chen - Google Scholar](#)

Selected publications

113. Ahyoung Kim, Chansong Kim, Tommy Waltmann, Thi Vo, Eun Mi Kim, Junseok Kim, Yu-Tsun Shao, Aaron Michelson, John R. Crockett, Falon C. Kalutanirige, Eric Yang, Lehan Yao, Chu-Yun Hwang, Yugang Zhang, Yu-Shen Liu, Hyosung An, Zirui Gao, David A. Muller, Kristen A. Fichthorn*, Sharon C. Glotzer*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Atomic stencilling for patchy nanoparticles,” *Nature* 646, 592 (2025)

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- ◆ Selected to be highlighted by News and Views in *Nature*: “[Ton stencils used for synthesis of patchy nanoparticles.](#)”
112. Chang Qian, Ethan Stanifer, Zhan Ma, Lehan Yao, Binbin Luo, Chang Liu, Jiahui Li, Puquan Pan, Wenxiao Pan*, Xiaoming Mao*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Nanoscale phonon dynamics in self-assembled nanoparticle lattices,” *Nature Materials* 24, 1616 (2025).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
 - ◆ News & Views by *Nature Materials*: “[Capturing the dance of nanoparticles in crystals.](#)”
 111. Oliver Lin, Zhichu Tang, [Qian Chen](#)* “Locating dislocations in organic crystals,” *Nature Materials* 24, 668 (2025).
 110. Zhiheng Lyu, Samyukta Shrivastav, Jiahui Li, Chang Qian, Lehan Yao, Nachi Shah, Maryam Eslami, Chang Liu, Sheila Ismail, John Shabaker, Eric Duskocil, Daniel V. Krogstad, Jessica A. Krogstad, [Qian Chen](#)* “Nanoscale imaging of biogenic feedstock-induced corrosion in model petroleum infrastructure,” *ACS Nano* 19, 28315 (2025).
 109. Zhiheng Lyu, Lehan Yao, Zhisheng Wang, Chang Qian, Zuochen Wang, Jiahui Li, Chang Liu, Yufeng Wang, [Qian Chen](#)* “Nanoscale imaging of self-propelled ultrasmall catalytic nanomotors,” *ACS Nano* 18, 14231 (2024).
 108. John W. Smith, Lauren N. Carnevale, Aditi Das,* [Qian Chen](#)* “Electron videography of a lipid-protein tango,” *Science Advances* 10, eadk0217 (2024).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
 107. Falon C. Kalutanirige, Jinlong He, Lehan Yao, Stephen Cotty, Shan Zhou, John W. Smith, Emad Tajkhorshid, Charles M. Schroeder, Jeffrey S. Moore, Hyosung An, Xiao Su, Ying Li,* [Qian Chen](#)* “Beyond nothingness in the formation and functional relevance of voids in polymer films,” *Nature Communications* 15, 2852 (2024).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
 - ◆ Highlighted by DOE Office of Science.
 106. Chang Liu, Oliver Lin, Saran Pidaparthi, Haoyang Ni, Zhiheng Lyu, Jian-Min Zuo, [Qian Chen](#)* “4D-STEM mapping of nanocrystal reaction dynamics and heterogeneity in a graphene liquid cell,” *Nano Letters* 24, 3890 (2024).
 105. Lehan Yao, Zhiheng Lyu, Jiahui Li, [Qian Chen](#)* “No ground truth needed: unsupervised sinogram inpainting for nanoparticle electron tomography (UsiNet) to correct missing wedges,” *npj Computational Materials* 10, 28 (2024).
 104. Ahyoung Kim, Kireeti Akkunuri, Chang Qian, Lehan Yao, Kai Sun, Zi Chen, Thi Vo,* [Qian Chen](#)* “Direct imaging of patch-clasping and relaxation in robust and flexible nanoparticle assemblies,” *ACS Nano* 18, 939 (2024).
 103. Carlos L. Bassani, Greg van Anders, Uri Banin, Dmitry Baranov, [Qian Chen](#), et al. Eran Rabani, Michael Engel, Alex Travesset* “Nanocrystal assemblies: Current advances and open problems,” *ACS Nano* 18, 14791 (2024).
 102. Onur Tosun, Preetha Sarkar, Chang Qian, Matthew Gilbert, [Qian Chen](#), Nadya Mason* “Tunable magnetic confinement effect in a magnetic superlattice of graphene,” *npj 2D materials and applications* 8, 32 (2024).
 101. Younan Xia, [Qian Chen](#), Uri Banin “Introduction: Anisotropic nanomaterials,” *Chemical Reviews* 123, 3328 (2023).
 100. Binbin Luo, Ziwei Wang, Tine Curk, Garrett Watson, Chang Liu, Ahyoung Kim, Zihao Ou, Erik Luijten,* [Qian Chen](#)* “Unravelling crystal growth of nanoparticles,” *Nature Nanotechnology* 18, 589 (2023).
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99. Dongsheng Li*, [Qian Chen](#), Jaehun Chun, Kristen Fichthorn, James De Yoreo, Haimei Zheng, “Nanoparticle assembly and oriented attachment: Correlating controlling factors to the resulting structures,” *Chemical Reviews* 123, 3127 (2023).
98. Zhiheng Lyu, Lehan Yao, Wenxiang Chen, Falon Kalutanirige, [Qian Chen](#)* “Electron microscopy studies of soft nanomaterials,” *Chemical Reviews* 123, 4051 (2023).
97. Wenxiang Chen, Xun Zhan, Renliang Yuan, Saran Pidaparthi, Adrian Xiao Bin Yong, Hyosung An, Zhichu Tang, Kaijun Yin, Arghya Patra, Heonjae Jeong, Cheng Zhang, Kim Ta, Zachary W. Riedel, Ryan M. Stephens, Daniel P. Shoemaker, Hong Yang, Andrew A. Gewirth, Paul V. Braun, Elif Ertekin, Jian-Min Zuo*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Formation and impact of nanoscopic oriented phase domains in electrochemical crystalline electrodes,” *Nature Materials* 22, 92, (2023)
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
96. Xiaokang Wang, Jiahui Li, [Qian Chen](#)* “Synthesis and emergent properties of structurally complex materials with nonrandom disorder,” *Matter* 6, 2555 (2023).
95. Shan Zhou, Jiahui Li, Jun Lu, Haihua Liu, Ji-Young Kim, Ahyoung Kim, Lehan Yao, Chang Liu, Chang Qian, Zachary D. Hood, Xiaoying Lin, Wenxiang Chen, Thomas E. Gage, Ilke Arslan, Alex Travesset, Kai Sun, Nicholas A. Kotov*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Chiral assemblies of pinwheel superlattices on substrates,” *Nature* 612, 259 (2022).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
94. Ahyoung Kim, Thi Vo, Hyosung An, Progna Banerjee, Lehan Yao, Shan Zhou, Chansong Kim, Delia J. Milliron, Sharon C. Glotzer*, [Qian Chen](#)* “Symmetry-breaking in patch formation on triangular gold nanoparticles by asymmetric polymer grafting,” *Nature Communications* 13, 6774 (2022).
 - ◆ Selected to Nature Communications editors’ Highlight in Materials Science and Chemistry.
93. Hao Yu, Falon C Kalutanirige, Lehan Yao, Charles M Schroeder*, [Qian Chen](#)*, Jeffrey S Moore* “Self-assembly of repetitive segment and random segment polymer architectures,” *ACS Macro Letters* 11, 1366 (2022).
92. Lehan Yao, Hyosung An, Shan Zhou, Ahyoung Kim, Erik Luijten, [Qian Chen](#)* “Seeking regularity from irregularity: Unveiling the synthesis–nanomorphology relationships of heterogeneous nanomaterials using unsupervised machine learning,” *Nanoscale* 14, 16479 (2022).
91. Hyosung An, John W. Smith, Bingqiang Ji, Stephen Cotty, Shan Zhou, Lehan Yao, Falon C. Kalutanirige, Wenxiang Chen, Zihao Ou, Xiao Su, Jie Feng, [Qian Chen](#)* “Mechanism and performance relevance of nanomorphogenesis in polyamide films revealed by quantitative 3D imaging and machine learning,” *Science Advances* 8, eabk188 (2022).
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90. Zhichu Tang, Wenxiang Chen, Zhiheng Lyu, [Qian Chen](#)* “Size-dependent reaction mechanism of λ -MnO₂ particles as cathodes in aqueous zinc-ion batteries,” *Energy Material Advances* 2022, 9765710 (2022)
89. [Qian Chen](#)* “Beyond snowflakes: heterogeneity in nanomaterials,” *Nano Letters* 22, 3 (2022).
 - ◆ Invited Viewpoint by the Editors.
88. Wenxiang Chen, Zhichu Tang, [Qian Chen](#)* “Engineering particle size for multivalent ion intercalation: Implications for ion battery systems,” *ACS Applied Nano Materials* 5, 5983 (2022).
 - ◆ Invited contribution to “Early career forum articles”
87. Zihao Ou, Chang Liu, Lehan Yao, [Qian Chen](#)* “Nanoscale cinematography of soft matter system under liquid-phase TEM,” *Accounts of Materials Research* 1, 41 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the inaugural issue of the journal.
86. Zihao Ou, Lehan Yao, Hyosung An, Bonan Shen, [Qian Chen](#)* “Imaging how thermal capillary waves and anisotropic interfacial stiffness shape nanoparticle supracrystals,” *Nature Communications* 11, 4555 (2020).

- ◆ Selected to Nature Communications editors' Highlight in Inorganic, Nanoscale and Physical Chemistry.
- 85. John W. Smith, Qian Chen* "Liquid-phase electron microscopy imaging of cellular and biomolecular systems," *Journal of Materials Chemistry B* 8, 8490 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of "Emerging Investigators 2020".
- 84. Lehan Yao, Zihao Ou, Binbin Luo, Cong Xu, Qian Chen* "Machine learning to reveal nanoparticle dynamics from liquid-phase TEM videos," *ACS Central Science* 6, 1421 (2020).
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- 83. Chang Liu, Zihao Ou, Fucheng Guo, Binbin Luo, Wenxiang Chen, Limin Qi*, Qian Chen* "Colloid-atom duality in the assembly dynamics of concave gold nanoarrows," *Journal of American Chemical Society* 142, 11669 (2020).
- 82. Zihao Ou,[†] Ziwei Wang,[†] Binbin Luo, Erik Luijten,* Qian Chen* "Kinetic pathways of crystallization at the nanoscale," *Nature Materials* 19, 450 (2020).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
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- 81. John W. Smith, Xing Jiang, Hyosung An, Alexander M. Barclay, Giuseppe Licari, Emad Tajkhorshid, Edwin G. Moore, Chad M. Rienstra*, Jeffrey S. Moore*, Qian Chen* "Polymer-peptide conjugates convert amyloid into protein nanobundles through fragmentation and lateral association," *ACS Applied Nano Materials* 3, 937 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the special forum celebrating the contributions of Young Investigators in *ACS Applied Nano Materials*.
- 80. Qian Chen, Jong Min Yuk, Matthew R. Hauwiller, Jungjae Park, Kyun Seong Dae, Jae Sung Kim, A. Paul Alivisatos "Nucleation, growth, and superlattice formation of nanocrystals observed in liquid cell transmission electron microscopy," *MRS Bulletin* 45, 713 (2020).
- 79. Chang Liu, Qian Chen* "Interfacial crystallization under DNA control," *Nature Materials* 19, 704 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited News & Views by *Nature Materials*
- 78. Hyosung An, John W. Smith, Wenxiang Chen, Zihao Ou, Qian Chen* "Charting the quantitative relationship between two-dimensional morphology parameters of polyamide membranes and synthesis conditions," *Molecular Systems Design & Engineering* 5, 102 (2020).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of "MSDE Emerging Investigators 2020".
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- 77. Xing Jiang, Abigail J. Halmes, Giuseppe Licari, John W. Smith, Yang Song, Edwin G. Moore, Qian Chen*, Emad Tajkhorshid,* Chad M. Rienstra,* Jeffrey S. Moore* "Multivalent polymer-peptide conjugates: a general platform for inhibiting amyloid beta peptide aggregation," *ACS Macro Letters* 8, 1365 (2019).
- 76. Ahyoung Kim, Shan Zhou, Lehan Yao, Stacey Ni, Binbin Luo, Charles E Sing, Qian Chen* "Tip-patched nanoprisms from formation of ligand islands," *Journal of American Chemical Society* 141, 11796 (2019).
- 75. Wenxiang Chen, Xun Zhan, Binbin Luo, Zihao Ou, Pei-Chieh Shih, Lehan Yao, Saran Pidaparthi, Arghya Patra, Hyosung An, Paul V. Braun, Ryan M. Stephens, Hong Yang, Jian-Min Zuo*, Qian Chen* "Effects of particle size on Mg²⁺ ion intercalation into λ -MnO₂ cathode materials," *Nano Letters* 19, 4712 (2019).
- 74. Binbin Luo, Ahyoung Kim, John W. Smith, Zihao Ou, Zixuan Wu, Juyeong Kim, Qian Chen* "Hierarchical self-assembly of 3D lattices from polydisperse anisometric colloids," *Nature Communications* 10, 1815 (2019).
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72. Zihao Ou, Ahyoung Kim, Wen Huang, Paul V. Braun, Xiuling Li, [Qian Chen](#)* “Reconfigurable nanoscale soft materials,” *Current Opinion in Solid State and Materials Science* 23, 41 (2019).
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71. Zihao Ou, Xiaohui Song, Wen Huang, Xing Jiang, Subing Qu, Qingyi Wang, Paul V. Braun, Jeffrey S. Moore, Xiuling Li, [Qian Chen](#)* “Colloidal metal-organic framework hexapods prepared from post-synthesis etching with enhanced catalytic activity and rollable packing,” *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces* 10, 40990 (2018).
70. Juyeong Kim, Zihao Ou, Matthew R. Jones, Xiaohui Song, [Qian Chen](#)* “Imaging the polymerization of multivalent nanoparticles in solution,” *Nature Communications* 8, 761 (2017).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the news report by Illinois News Bureau.
69. Binbin Luo, John W. Smith, Zihao Ou, [Qian Chen](#)* “Quantifying the self-assembly behavior of anisotropic nanoparticles using liquid-phase transmission electron microscopy,” *Accounts of Chemical Research* 50, 1125 (2017).
 - ◆ Invited paper for the special issue of “Direct visualization of chemical and self-assembly processes with transmission electron microscopy”.
68. Binbin Luo, John W. Smith, Zixuan Wu, Juyeong Kim, Zihao Ou, [Qian Chen](#)* “Polymerization-like co-assembly of silver nanoplates and patchy spheres,” *ACS Nano* 11, 7627 (2017).
67. Juyeong Kim, Xiaohui Song, Feiji, Binbin Luo, Nicole F. Ice, Qipeng Liu, Qiao Zhang, [Qian Chen](#)* “Polymorphic assembly from beveled gold triangular nanoprisms,” *Nano Letters* 17, 3270 (2017).
 - ◆ Click [here](#) for the report on “Playing with nanoparticle legos: polymorphism in nanoantenna arrays”.
66. Juyeong Kim, Matthew R. Jones, Zihao Ou, [Qian Chen](#)* “*In situ* electron microscopy imaging and quantitative structural modulation of nanoparticle superlattices,” *ACS Nano* 10, 9801 (2016).
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Other publications

65. Bidipta Ghosh, Gavin S. Lindsay, Sohini Mandal, Toby Woods, [Qian Chen](#), Andrew A. Gewirth, Hong Yang* “Microstructurally strained pyrochlore–perovskite biphasic electrocatalysts for the oxygen evolution reaction” *Chemistry of Materials* (2025), DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.5c01004
64. Xiaoxu Li, Qing Guo, Yatong Zhao, Chang Qian, Maxime Pouvreaux, Trenton R. Graham, Ping Chen, Lili Liu, Chang Liu, Benjamin A. Legg, [Qian Chen](#), Aijun Miao, Zheming Wang, James J. De Yoreo, Carolyn I. Pearce, Aurora E. Clark, Kevin M. Rosso, Xin Zhang* “Mineral dissolution by dimeric complexes”, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 122, e2504109122 (2025).
63. Mingzhan Wang, Qinsi Xiong, Gangbin Yan, Yu Han, Xiaolin Yue, Zhiheng Lyu, Zhen Li, Leeann Sun, Eli Hoenig, Kangli Xu, Nicholas H. C. Lewis, Kenneth M. Merz Jr., [Qian Chen](#), George C. Schatz, Chong Liu* “Cooperative and inhibitory ion transport in functionalized Angstrom-scale two-dimensional channels,” *Nature Communications*, 16, 5854 (2025).
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60. Hammad A. Faizi, Daniel S. Miller, Lyndsay Leal, Junsu Gu, Michael L. Pacholski, Emmet M. Partain III, Caroline Nimako-Boateng, Janet R. McMillan, Chang Qian, Zuochen Wang, Qian Chen, “Deposition of nanometric polymer-surfactant complexes formed by cationic dextran: a path to sustainable formulations,” *Langmuir* 40, 24360 (2025).
59. Chansong Kim, Xiaoying Lin, Jiyeon Kim, Yangming Wang, Qian Chen* “Polymer-patched plasmonic nanoparticles,” *Materials and Interfaces* 2, 105 (2025).
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57. Qian Chen,* Xin Zhang. “Nanoparticle self-assemblies with modern complexity,” *MRS Bulletin* 49, 310 (2024).
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Plenary or Keynote Talks

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| 2025 | Awardee talk on “Electron videography of soft materials” for ACS Nano Lectureship |
| 2025 | Awardee talk on “Electron videography of order and heterogeneity in colloidal nanomaterials” for ACS COLL Langmuir Lectureship. |
| 2025 | Plenary speaker, annual user meeting of Johns Hopkins’ Materials Characterization and Processing Center |
| 2025 | Keynote invited speaker for Gold 2025 conference, San Sebastian, Spain |
| 2024 | Keynote invited speaker for the 2024 NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering Grantees Conference on “Nano-AI Convergence”, Alexandria, VA (Dec 2024) |
| 2024 | Keynote invited speaker for the “Synthesis of colloids, crystals, and nanomaterials” track, 98th ACS Colloid & Surface Science symposium, Seattle (Jun 2024) |
| 2024 | Awardee talk on “The ordered, the heterogeneous, and the intertwined” for the MRS Outstanding Early-Career Investigator Award, 2024 Spring MRS meeting at Seattle (Apr 2024) |
| 2024 | Keynote: Symposium on “Colloidal forces: Connecting molecular to macroscopic scales”, ACS spring 2024 meeting (Mar 2024). Award talk for 2023 Soft Matter Lectureship |
| 2023 | Keynote: Symposium on “Hybrid Functional Materials of Polymers for Inorganic Nanoparticles”, fall 2023 ACS meeting (Aug 2023). |
| 2023 | Keynote: Crystal Growth and Self-assembly Gordon Research Conference (Jun 2023). |
| 2019 | AIChE Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (Nov 12, 2019)
Plenary Talk of “Area 1C, Interfacial Phenomena” on “Cinematography at the nanoscale, from colloidal crystallization to protein transformation” |
| 2019 | Keynote Speaker, Track C: “Colloidal & Surface Interactions”, 93rd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Atlanta, GA (Jun 18, 2019). |
| 2018 | 92 nd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, State College, PA (Jun 12, 2018)
Plenary Talk on “Direct nanoscopic imaging: from crystallizing of nanoparticles to crumpling of |

- polymer films”
- 2015 89th ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA (Jun 17, 2015)
Plenary Talk on “Dynamic colloidal self-assembly: from patchy spheres to anisotropic nanocrystals”

All Invited Talks

140. Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago (Apr 2026).
139. Symposium on “In Situ/Operando Electron Microscopy for Multimodal Imaging of Nanomaterials,” MRS spring meeting (Apr 2026).
138. Symposium on “Nanoparticle Materials: Synthesis and self-assembly,” ACS Spring meeting (Mar 2026).
137. Symposium on “Hybrid Functional Materials of Polymers and Inorganic Nanoparticles,” ACS Spring meeting (Mar 2026).
136. Invited speaker, Gordon Research Conference on “Colloidal, Macromolecular and Polyelectrolyte Solutions” (Feb 2026).
135. 25th Berkeley Statistical Mechanics and CECAM-US-WEST kickoff meeting, UC Berkeley (Jan 2026).
134. Symposium on “Nanoparticle Synthesis and Assembly,” Pacifichem 2025 Congress (Dec 2025)
133. Symposium on “Characterization Of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis And Processing Via In Situ Techniques,” Pacifichem 2025 Congress (Dec 2025)
132. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, North Carolina State University (Nov 2025)
131. Macromolecules Innovation Institute (MII), Virginia Tech (Nov 2025)
130. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Virginia (Nov 2025)
129. Symposium on “Operando Insights from the Atomic to the Electrode Scale,” MRS fall meeting (Nov 2025)
128. Symposium A04: From in-situ Experimentation to In-line Metrology: Advanced Characterization for Battery Science and Manufacturing, ECS meeting (Oct 2025)
127. Great Lakes Microscopy Society Meeting, Michigan (Oct 2025)
126. Plenary speaker, annual user meeting of Johns Hopkins’ Materials Characterization and Processing Center (Sept 2025)
125. Langmuir Lectureship and Colloid and Surface Technology Award Lectures (Aug 2025)
124. Symposium on “Advances in Electrochemistry”, 2025 ACS fall meeting (Aug 2025)
123. Symposium on “Mineral Crystallization, Aggregation, and Dissolution”, 2025 ACS fall meeting (Aug 2025)
122. Symposium on “Innovative Nanotechnology & Single Cell Imaging in Biology and Medicine”, 2025 ACS fall meeting (Aug 2025)
121. 2025 ICAM-I2CAM workshop on “Frustrated Assemblies: Simple Pathways to Complex Structures and Diverse Functionalities” (July 2025)
120. 2025 Engineered Tissue Systems Meeting, Johns Hopkins University (July 2025)
119. American Conference on Inorganic Nanoscience (July 2025)
118. Invited discussion leader, “Crystal Growth and Assembly” Gordon Research Conference (June 2025)
117. Invited speaker, “Label-free Single-Molecule Sensing” Gordon Research Conference (June 2025)
116. 5th International Workshop on In-situ TEM, Porto, Portugal (May 2025)
115. Keynote invited speaker for Gold 2025 conference, San Sebastian, Spain (May 2025)
114. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University (May 2025)
113. Center of Nanomaterials workshop, Argonne National Laboratory, “Probing fast and ultrafast dynamics with time-resolved electron microscopy spanning from microseconds to femtoseconds” (May 2025)
112. Symposium on “Complexity Engineering of Materials Combining Order, Disorder and Hierarchical

Organization,” 2025 MRS spring meeting (Apr 2025)

111. Symposium on “Achieving and Exploiting Complexity Through the Synthesis and Application of Hybrid Hierarchical Materials,” 2025 MRS spring meeting (Apr 2025)
110. Symposium on “Nanoparticle materials: Synthesis and self-assembly,” ACS spring 2025 meeting (Mar 2025)
109. Symposium on “Surface Chemistry of Colloidal Nanocrystals: A Tribute to the Legacy of Dr. Dong Qin,” ACS spring 2025 meeting (Mar 2025).
108. Symposium on “Living Soft Matter”, American Physical Society meeting, Anaheim, CA (Mar 2025).
107. Workshop on Functional and Regenerative Materials, University of Illinois Chicago (Jan 2025).
106. Department of Chemistry, Yale University (Jan 2025).
105. Colloquium at the Center for Functional Nanomaterials, Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY (Jan 2025).
104. Keynote invited speaker for the 2024 NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering Grantees Conference on “Nano-AI Convergence”, Alexandria, VA (Dec 2024)
103. *Nature* Conference on Phase Engineering of Nanomaterials, Nature Publisher, Hong Kong (Nov 2024)
102. Frontiers of Electron Microscopy and Materials Science (FEMMS) 2024, Catania, Italy (Sept 2024).
101. European Microscopy Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark (Aug 2024).
100. Symposium on “Mineral Crystallization, Aggregation & Dissolution,” ACS fall 2024 meeting, Denver (Aug 2024)
99. Symposium on “Advanced Nanoparticle Characterization,” ACS fall 2024 meeting, Denver (Aug 2024)
98. Symposium on “Instrumentation & Methodology”, European Microscopy Conference 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark (Aug 2024).
97. Symposium on “P09. Advances in In Situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes in Materials”, 2024 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting, Cleveland (Aug 2024).
96. Symposium on “P11. Frontiers in Electron tomography”, 2024 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting, Cleveland (Aug 2024).
95. Keynote invited speaker for the “Synthesis of colloids, crystals, and nanomaterials” track, 98th ACS Colloid & Surface Science symposium, Seattle (Jun 2024).
94. Invited Topic lead for the NSF workshop on “Nanomaterial Assemblies”, University of Chicago, (Jun 2024).
93. Workshop by Canadian Centre for Electron Microscopy, McMaster University, Canada (May 2024).
92. Physical Chemistry Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University (Apr 2024).
91. Lightning talk of MRS Outstanding Early-Career Investigator Awardee, spring 2024 MRS meeting (Apr 2024).
90. Symposium on “CH04: Characterization of Materials Dynamics”, spring 2024 MRS meeting (Apr 2024).
89. Symposium on “CH01: Characterizing Dynamic Processes of Materials Synthesis and Processing via In Situ Techniques”, spring 2024 MRS meeting (Apr 2024).
88. Seminar of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (Mar 2024).
87. Symposium on “Colloidal forces: Connecting molecular to macroscopic scales”, ACS spring 2024 meeting (Mar 2024)
86. Midwest Microscopy and Microanalysis Society (MMMS) spring meeting, Northwestern University (Mar 2024).
85. Molecular Engineering & Science Institute, University of Washington, Seattle (Feb 2024).
84. Liquid phase electron microscopy Gordon Research Conference (Feb 2024).
83. ISAMS-5 symposium, University of California, Irvine (Dec 2023).
82. Symposium on “CH02: Advances in In Situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes in Materials” fall 2023 MRS meeting (Nov 2023).

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81. Symposium on “SF02: Crystallization and Assembly at Interfaces: Fundamental Breakthroughs Enabled by Data-Centric Analysis and In-Situ/Operando Techniques”, fall 2023 MRS meeting (Nov 2023).
80. Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles (Nov 2023).
79. School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA (Sep 2023).
78. Symposium “PS-10. Organic Chemistry: Applications of liquid phase electron microscopy and other advanced microscopy methods”, 20th International Microscopy Congress, Busan, Korea (Sep 2023).
77. Pre-congress workshop & symposium on “Organic Chemistry”, 20th International Microscopy Congress, Busan, Korea (Sep 2023).
76. Symposium on “Surface, Interface and Coating Materials”, fall 2023 ACS meeting (Aug 2023).
75. Symposium on “Data Analytics and AI for Soft Materials: Manufacturing and Healthcare”, fall 2023 ACS meeting (Aug 2023).
74. Symposium on “Hybrid Functional Materials of Polymers for Inorganic Nanoparticles”, fall 2023 ACS meeting (Aug 2023).
73. KITP conference “Structure Design and Emerging Phenomena in Nanoparticle Assemblies: What’s next”, University of California, Santa Barbara (May 2023).
72. KITP workshop: Nanoparticle Assemblies: A New Form of Matter with Classical Structure and Quantum Function (May 2023).
71. ASAXS workshop, Argonne National Laboratory (May 2023)
70. JFI colloquium, University of Chicago (May 2023)
69. Symposium on “Building Advanced Materials via Aggregation and Self-assembly”, Spring 2023 MRS meeting (Apr 2023)
68. ACS National Award for Creative Invention – Symposium in honor of Younan Xia, Spring 2023 ACS meeting (Mar 2023).
67. Purdue University, Department of Materials Science and Engineering (Nov 7, 2022)
66. Invited topical review on “Correlative Methods”, 2022 Liquid phase electron microscopy Gordon Research Conference, Ventura CA (Oct 11, 2022)
65. Symposium “A02 - Beyond Visualization with in situ and Operando TEM”, 2022 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting (Aug 2, 2022).
64. X62 — Real-World Data Analytics & Quantitative Liquid and Gas Environmental Electron Microscopy, Pre-meeting Congresses, 2022 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting, Portland, OR (Jul 31, 2022).
63. MACRO 2022, the 49th World Polymer Congress (Jul 17, 2022).
62. Dow’s Technical Community Organization (TCO) External Seminar Series, Dow Chemical Company, virtual (Apr 21, 2022).
61. Symposium on "Experimental and Computational Methods for Predictive Self-Assembly", 2022 ACS Spring Meeting (Mar 22, 2022).
60. Session N18: Single-Molecule Characterization of Polymers and Soft Matter I: Heterogeneous and Crowded Environments, APS March meeting, Chicago IL (Mar 16, 2022).
59. Polymer Colloids workshop, San Diego, CA (Feb 21, 2022).
58. Materials Research Lecture, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA (Feb 24, 2022).
57. Symposium on “Advances in Colloidal Crystal Engineering”, 2021 Pacifichem Conference, Honolulu, HI (Dec 2021).
56. Symposium on “In-situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes during Materials Synthesis and Processing”, 2021 Pacifichem Conference, Honolulu, HI (Dec 2021).
55. Symposium on “Direct Visualization of Chemical and Self-Assembly Processes with High-resolution Microscopy” 2021 Pacifichem Conference, Honolulu, HI (Dec 2021).
54. 5th Conference on In Situ and Correlative Electron Microscopy (CISCeM), Paris (Sep 2021).

53. Symposium on “P03 - Exploring beam-sample interactions for uncovering the atomic nature of matter”, 2021 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting (Aug 2021).
52. Symposium on “P10 - Investigating phase transitions in functional materials and devices by in situ/operando TEM”, 2021 Microscopy and Microanalysis Meeting (Aug 2021).
51. Symposium on “Hybrid Functional Materials from Controlled Assembly of Polymer and Inorganic Nanoparticles”, 2021 ACS Fall Meeting (Aug 2021).
50. Midwest Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics conference (Jun 16, 2021).
49. Symposium on “CT02-*In Situ* TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis and Processing”, (Apr 18, 2021).
48. Symposium on “NM05: Functional Nanoparticle Materials—Synthesis, Property and Applications”, 2021 Spring MRS Meeting (Apr 18, 2021).
47. ACS GEOC Symposium on “Crystallization pathways: New perspectives on nucleation, growth & dissolution of natural & synthetic materials”, 2021 ACS Spring Meeting (Apr 14, 2021).
46. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of California, Irvine (Apr 8, 2021).
45. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Columbia University (Apr 2, 2021).
44. Department of Chemistry, University of Connecticut (Mar 3, 2021).
43. Nanoscience Global Lecture by Nano Letters (Feb 22, 2021).
42. Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Notre Dame (Feb 9, 2021).
41. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Northwestern University (Feb 2, 2021).
40. Symposium on “F.MT01 – Advanced In Situ Characterization of Materials Kinetics”, 2020 Virtual MRS fall meeting (Dec 2, 2020).
39. Symposium on “S.CT08 – Crystallization via Nonclassical Pathways in Synthetic, Biogenic and Geologic Environments”, 2020 Virtual MRS spring meeting (Nov 28, 2020).
38. Beckman Director’s Seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Oct 8, 2020).
37. MRS OnDemand Webinar Series, Liquid Phase Electron Microscopy (Sep 23, 2020).
36. Department of Chemistry, Penn State University, State College, PA (Feb 26, 2020).
35. Liquid Phase Electron Microscopy Gordon Research Conference, Lucca, Italy (Jan 2020).
34. EM-Situ’19 workshop, Harvard University, Boston, MA (Dec 6, 2019).
33. Symposium on “Building Advanced Materials via Particle-Based Crystallization and Self-assembly of Molecules with Aggregation-Induced Emission,” MRS Fall Meeting 2019, Boston, MA (Dec 5, 2019).
32. Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Nov 5, 2019).
31. PPG Seminar, PPG Industries, Pittsburgh, PA (Sep 24, 2019).
30. Symposium on “P01 – In situ TEM Characterization of Dynamic Processes During Materials Synthesis and Processing,” Microscopy & Microanalysis 2019 Meeting, Portland, OR (Aug 6, 2019).
29. “Nano Assembly 2040”, Shanghai, China (Aug 3, 2019)
28. Colloid & Interface Symposium, Hong Kong SAR, China (Jun 13, 2019)
27. Dow Discussion Group on Interface Science, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI (May 13, 2019)
26. Symposium on “QN08 – Colloidal Nanoparticles—From Synthesis to Applications,” MRS Spring Meeting 2019, Phoenix, AZ (Apr 23, 2019).
25. GSOF Short Course on “Structures and Order in Soft Matter Physics,” 2019 APS March Meeting, Denver, CO (Mar 3, 2019).
24. Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (Mar 13, 2019).
23. Topics in Bioengineering Seminar, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Feb 7, 2019).

22. International Centre for Advanced Materials in BP Incorporation (Dec 7, 2018).
21. Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of Houston, Houston, TX (Oct 12, 2018).
20. Symposium on “Advances in colloid & surface chemistry enabled by cryogenic and in situ liquid-cell electron microscopy,” 2018 ACS national meeting, Boston, MA (Aug 19, 2018).
19. Noble Metal Nanoparticles Gordon Research Conference, South Hadley, MA (Jun 19, 2018).
18. Symposium on “NM05 – Colloidal Nanoparticles—From Synthesis to Applications”, MRS Spring Meeting 2018, Phoenix, AZ (Apr 4, 2018).
17. Symposium on “CM02 – In situ TEM characterization of dynamic processes during materials synthesis and processing”, MRS Spring Meeting 2018, Phoenix, AZ (Apr 3, 2018).
16. Department of Materials Science and Nanoengineering, Rice University, Houston, TX (Mar 29, 2018).
15. Department of Physics, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA (Oct 23, 2017)
14. Department of Chemistry, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (Sep 25, 2017)
13. ACS COLL Symposium on “Responsive, Programmable Assembly of Active Colloids for Functional Materials”, 2017 ACS Fall National Meeting, Washington, DC (Aug 22, 2017)
12. Active Matter workshop at the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (Jul 31, 2017).
11. 10th Liquid Matter Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia (Jul 17, 2017).
10. New Frontiers in Colloid Science, University of Birmingham, UK (Jul 13, 2017).
9. UK Colloids 2017, Manchester, UK (Jul 11, 2017)
8. CSI2 seminar at the Wyandotte Site of BASF Incorporation (Apr 6, 2017)
7. School of Materials Science, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK (Jan 18, 2017)
6. Condensed Matter Physics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK (Jan 16, 2017)
5. Department Seminar in Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (Sep 27, 2016)
4. CNST 14th Annual Nanotechnology Workshop, Urbana, IL (May 5, 2016)
3. CECAM workshop on “Emergent dynamics of out-of-equilibrium colloidal systems at nano- to microscale”, Lausanne, Switzerland (Apr 20, 2016)
2. Victor LaMer Award Talk, ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA (Jun 17, 2015)
1. ICAM Annual Conference 2015, Argonne National Laboratory, IL (May 12, 2015)