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**VISION**

My group seeks to advance the basic understanding of cell biology. We study the pyrenoid, a phase-separated organelle that enhances CO<sub>2</sub> capture in nearly all eukaryotic algae. Understanding the pyrenoid is important for three reasons: (1) the pyrenoid plays a central role in our planet's carbon cycle, (2) the pyrenoid can inform the fundamental understanding of organelle biogenesis, and (3) engineering a pyrenoid into land plants could dramatically increase crop yields. To accelerate progress, we are developing community resources for the unicellular green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* as a model system for photosynthetic organisms. My group also seeks to nurture and train future world-leading scientists.

**EDUCATION**

2004 B.S., Aerospace Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2009 Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of California, San Francisco. Research advisors: Dr. Jonathan Weissman and Dr. Peter Walter

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

2010-2016 Young Investigator (faculty position equivalent to Assistant Professor), Department of Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution for Science, Stanford, CA  
2011-2016 Assistant Professor by courtesy, Department of Biology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA  
2016-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
2019-present Affiliated Faculty, Princeton Quantitative and Computational Biology Program  
2021-present Associate Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
2021-present Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute  
2023-present Associated Faculty, Princeton Bioengineering Initiative

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2002	1 <sup>st</sup> place, MIT 2.007 Robotics Competition
2005	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2010	Air Force Office of Scientific Research Young Investigator Award
2015	National Institutes of Health Director's New Innovator Award
2016	HHMI-Simons Faculty Scholar Award
2020	Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science
2022	International Society of Photosynthesis Research Melvin Calvin-Andrew Benson Award

## TEACHING

2012-2016	Stanford BIO 214 Advanced Cell Biology
2014	Stanford BIOC 223 Open Problems in Biology (MOOC)
2017-2021	Princeton MOL 380 Modern Microbiology
2023-present	Princeton MOL 380 Modern Microbiology

## DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2010	Member, Carnegie Department of Plant Biology website committee
2011, 2012	Co-wrote NSF Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) proposals for the Carnegie Department of Plant Biology
2011-2016	Co-organizer, Carnegie Department of Plant Biology seminar series
2012-2016	Member, Carnegie Plant Biology/Global Ecology Joint IT Committee
2014	Co-organizer, Carnegie Plant Biology retreat
2017-2018	Member, Princeton Molecular Biology Cryo Electron Microscopy Search Committee
2017-present	Chair, Princeton Molecular Biology Postdoctoral Career Development
2019	Andlinger E-filiates partnership Review Panel Member
2019-2020	Member, Princeton Molecular Biology Cryo Electron Microscopy Search Committee
2019-present	Member, Princeton Molecular Biology Graduate Committee
2020, 2021	Co-organizer, Princeton Molecular Biology Retreat
2023-2024	Member, Princeton Molecular Biology Cryo Electron Microscopy Search Committee

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2010-present	Reviewer for <i>Nature</i> , <i>Cell</i> , <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , <i>Nature Microbiology</i> , <i>Nature Communications</i> , <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , <i>The Plant Cell</i> , <i>eLife</i> , <i>New Phytologist</i> , <i>Plant Physiology</i> , <i>The Plant Journal</i> , <i>Scientific Reports</i> , and other journals.
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2013-present	Reviewer for the U.S. National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Energy, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, the Human Frontiers Science Program, the Swedish Research Council, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Princeton University, and other funders.
2017-2021	Member, Merck Future Insight Prize Jury.
2018	Panelist, U.S. Department of Energy Workshop on Breaking the Bottleneck of Genomes.
2021	Convener, 12th International Phycological Congress, Puerto Varas, Chile.
2022	Chair, 10th International Symposium on Inorganic Carbon Utilization by Aquatic Photosynthetic Organisms, Princeton, NJ.
2022-present	Member, Advisory Board, York Physics of Pyrenoids Project.
2023	Co-Chair, 20 <sup>th</sup> International Chlamydomonas Meeting, Princeton, NJ.

## PUBLICATIONS FROM PH.D. STUDIES

Haass FA, **Jonikas M**, Walter P, Weissman JS, Jan YN, Jan LY, & Schuldiner M. 2007. Identification of yeast proteins necessary for cell-surface function of a potassium channel. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences U S A.* 104: 18079-18084. PMID: PMC2084299

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Shurtleff MJ, Itzhak DN, Hussmann JA, Schirle Oakdale NT, Costa EA, **Jonikas M**, Weibezahn J, Popova KD, Jan CH, Sinitcyn P, Vembar SS, Hernandez H, Cox J, Burlingame AL, Brodsky JL, Frost A, Borner GH, & Weissman JS. 2018. The ER membrane protein complex interacts cotranslationally to enable biogenesis of multipass membrane proteins. *eLife.* doi: 10.7554/eLife.37018. PMID: 29809151

## PUBLICATIONS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

*Jonikas laboratory members' names are bolded.*

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**Armbruster U**, Carrillo LR, Venema K, Pavlovic L, Schmidtmann E, Kornfeld A, Jahns P, Berry JA, Kramer DM, & **Jonikas MC**. 2014. Ion antiport accelerates photosynthetic acclimation in fluctuating light environments. *Nature Communications*. 5: 5439. PMID: PMC4243252

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**Jinkerson RE & Jonikas MC**. 2015. Molecular techniques to interrogate and edit the *Chlamydomonas* nuclear genome. *The Plant Journal*. 82: 393-412. PMID: 25704665

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†**Itakura AK**, †Chan KX, Atkinson N, **Pallesen L**, Wang L, **Reeves G**, **Patena W**, Caspari O, Roth R, Goodenough U, McCormick AJ, \*Griffiths H, & \***Jonikas MC**. †These authors contributed equally to this work. \*Corresponding authors. 2019. A Rubisco-binding protein is required for normal pyrenoid number and starch sheath morphology in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences U S A*. 116: 18445-18454. PMID: 31455733

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**Wang L & Jonikas MC.** 2020. The Pyrenoid. *Current Biology*. 30:R456-R458. PMID: 32428480

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†**Fei C**, †**Wilson AT**, \*Mangan NM, \*Wingreen NS, & \***Jonikas MC.** †Equal contribution. \*Corresponding authors. 2022. Modelling the pyrenoid-based CO<sub>2</sub>-concentrating mechanism provides insights into its operating principles and a roadmap for its engineering into crops. *Nature Plants* 8: 583-595. PMID: 35596080

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## PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

**Armbruster U**, Niyogi KK, & **Jonikas MC**. 2015. Photosynthetic Acclimation and Increased Biomass Production in Fluctuating Light Environments.

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## SELECTED SEMINARS

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| 2009 | Center for Systems Biology, Harvard, Cambridge, MA                           |
| 2009 | Department of Plant Sciences, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel |
| 2009 | Department of Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution for Science, Stanford, CA  |
| 2011 | Invited talk, Donald Danforth Plant Sciences Center, St. Louis, MO           |

- 2012 15th International Conference on the Cell & Molecular Biology of Chlamydomonas, Potsdam, Germany
- 2012 Student-Invited Seminar, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2013 Session Chair, 22nd Western Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA
- 2013 Invited Seminar, Plant Biology Graduate Group, UC Davis, Davis, CA
- 2013 16th International Congress on Photosynthesis, St Louis, MO
- 2013 Invited Seminar, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2014 23rd Western Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA
- 2014 Invited Speaker, UC San Diego Food & Fuel for the 21st Century Symposium, San Diego, CA
- 2014 Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, West Dover, VT
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, Harvard Medical School Systems Biology Ph.D. Program Retreat, Woods Hole, MA
- 2015 Invited Speaker and Session Chair, 24th Western Photosynthesis Conference, Asilomar, CA
- 2015 Invited Speaker, ASCB Bay Area Meeting on Organelle Biology 2015, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 Co-chair and Speaker, Organelle Minisymposium, ASCB 2015 Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2016 Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2016 Plant Research Laboratory, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2016 ChEM-H Institute, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 2016 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Cell and Molecular Biology of Chlamydomonas, Kyoto, Japan
- 2016 Invited Speaker, 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2016 HHMI Faculty Scholars Orientation, Chevy Chase, MD
- 2017 Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Chloroplast Biotechnology, Ventura, CA
- 2017 Invited Speaker, Gordon Research Conference on CO<sub>2</sub> Assimilation in Plants from Genome to Biome, Lucca, Italy
- 2017 Invited Speaker, Chloroplast Metabolism and Photosynthesis Symposium, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 2017 Invited Speaker, ETH Zürich Plant Sciences Symposium, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2017 Invited Seminar, Department of Embryology, Carnegie Institution for Science, Baltimore, MD
- 2018 Invited Speaker, Plant and Animal Genome Conference, San Diego, CA
- 2018 Invited Seminar, Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University, NJ
- 2018 Invited Speaker, HHMI Science Meeting, Ashburn, VA
- 2018 Invited Seminar, J. Craig Venter Institute, La Jolla, CA
- 2018 Invited Seminar, Nature Publishing Group, New York, NY
- 2018 Invited Seminar, Rockefeller University, New York, NY
- 2018 EMBO/EMBL Symposium: Cellular Mechanisms Driven by Liquid Phase Separation, EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany



- 2018 Invited Speaker, 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Cell and Molecular Biology of *Chlamydomonas*, Washington, DC
- 2018 Invited Speaker, Society for Experimental Biology Annual Meeting, Florence, Italy
- 2018 Invited Speaker, Mitochondria and Chloroplasts Gordon Research Conference, Lucca, Italy
- 2018 Invited Speaker, Princeton China Executive Summit Program
- 2019 Plenary Speaker, Phase Separation in Biology and Disease, New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY
- 2019 Invited Seminar, Department of Geosciences, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2019 Invited Seminar, Department of Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution for Science, Stanford, CA
- 2019 Keynote Speaker, Eastern Regional Photosynthesis Conference, Woods Hole, MA
- 2019 Invited Seminar, John Innes Centre, Norwich, United Kingdom
- 2019 Invited Speaker, Centre for Organismal Studies Symposium, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2019 Invited Speaker, American Society of Plant Biologists Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA
- 2019 Invited Speaker, American Society for Cell Biology/European Molecular Biology Organization Meeting, Washington, DC
- 2020 Invited Speaker, Plant and Animal Genome Conference, San Diego, CA
- 2020 Invited Speaker, W2F2 Meeting, University of California, San Francisco, CA (*via teleconference*)
- 2020 Invited Speaker, Plant Cell Atlas, Carnegie Institution for Science, Stanford, CA (*via teleconference*)
- 2020 Keynote Speaker, Princeton Intracellular Phase Transition/Condensate Symposium, Princeton, NJ (*via teleconference*)
- 2020 Invited Speaker, Understanding the Rules of Life: Complexity in Algal Systems DOE & NSF Joint Workshop Virtual Summer Symposium (*via teleconference*)
- 2020 Invited Speaker, Synthetic Biology for Sustainability, Caltech, Pasadena, CA (*via teleconference*)
- 2020 Invited Speaker, Princeton BioEngineering Symposium, Princeton, NJ (*via teleconference*)
- 2020 Invited Seminar, IDPseminars (*via teleconference*)
- 2021 Plenary Speaker, 12<sup>th</sup> International Phycological Congress (*via teleconference*)
- 2021 Invited Seminar, Langebio, Irapuato, Mexico (*via teleconference*)
- 2021 Invited Seminar, University of California Los Angeles, CA (*via teleconference*)
- 2021 Keynote Speaker, Chlamydomonas 2021 Meeting, Île des Embiez, France
- 2021 Invited Lecture, Chloroplast Symposium, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany (*via teleconference*)
- 2021 Invited Seminar, Princeton Adult School, Princeton, NJ
- 2021 Invited Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (*via*

- teleconference*)
- 2021 Invited Speaker, Princeton Biomolecular Condensates Meeting, Princeton, NJ
  - 2022 Invited Seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL
  - 2022 Invited Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, CA
  - 2022 Invited Seminar, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
  - 2022 Invited Speaker, Carnegie Embryology Mini-Symposium, Baltimore, MD
  - 2022 Plenary Speaker, International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, New Zealand (*via teleconference*)
  - 2022 Invited Speaker, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Science Meeting, Chevy Chase, MD
  - 2022 Invited Seminar, University of Texas Southwestern
  - 2023 Invited Speaker, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington

## OUTREACH

Toward our goal of increasing inclusivity in science, my laboratory is heavily involved in outreach efforts; we currently average approximately 300 person-hours per year. For instance, we recently hosted undergraduates from Harrisburg University, a minority-serving institution, allowing the students to obtain firsthand knowledge of the daily workings of a laboratory and explore potential Ph.D. prospects. Our lab trainees also actively participate in community outreach through department's dedicated outreach initiative (MBOP). Through events such as microscopic examination of produce at the farmers market, mentoring at and judging school science fairs, and Science by the Cup events at local breweries, our trainees engage with both young and adult community members, fostering scientific literacy and enthusiasm for science.

In collaboration with songwriter Jonathan Mann, the Jonikas laboratory has produced three outreach music videos:

- 2015 Sammy the Chlamy (>2,600 views)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1F4lxKF41g&feature=youtu.be>  
A puppet music video about an alga helping crops do better photosynthesis. This video was the subject of an ASCB article:  
<http://www.ascb.org/ascb-post/sammy-chlamy-superhero-environment/>
- 2016 The Photosynthesis Song (>7,300 views)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Jonathanmann/videos/10153653902265741/?l=578396365785804152>  
A song of fun facts about photosynthesis.
- 2016 The Jonikas Lab Song (>4,400 views)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKncJDUNAIU>  
A song about life in an algal research laboratory.

## RESEARCH SUPERVISION

### *High School Trainees:*

2013-2014	<b>Augustine Chemparathy</b> , was a finalist in the 2015 Intel Science Talent Search competition as a result of his project in my laboratory.
2014	<b>Zoe Friedberg</b>
2014-2015	<b>Shriya Ghosh</b>

### *Undergraduate Trainees:*

2012	<b>Graciela Watrous</b>
2012	<b>Elisabeth Schmidtmann</b>
2012	<b>Rachel Purdon</b>
2013	<b>Jason Middleton</b>
2013	<b>John Nguyen</b>
2014	<b>Jessie Bacha</b>
2014	<b>Rachel Vasquez</b>
2014	<b>Matthew Rodman</b>
2014-2015	<b>Chris Chen</b>
2015-2016	<b>Kyssia Mendoza</b>
2016	<b>Jackie Osaki</b>
2016	<b>Matthew Millican</b>
2016	<b>Matthew Nemeth</b>
2016	<b>Charlotte Philp</b>
2017	<b>Katie Kavanaugh</b>
2017	<b>Bradley Spicher</b>
2017	<b>Michael Hill-Oliva</b>
2018	<b>Toluwalase Olusola</b>
2018	<b>Izabela Szymanski</b>
2017-2019	<b>Kelly Van Baalen</b> , graduated with honors.
2017-2019	<b>Yihua Xie</b>
2019	<b>Gillian Gomer</b>
2019	<b>Xiaofei Ge</b>
2018-2020	<b>Alexandra Wilson</b> , graduated with highest honors; Global Health Program Senior Thesis Prize; MOL Sigma Xi Book Award.
2018-2020	<b>Sophia Gavrilenko</b> , graduated with honors.
2019-2022	<b>Henry Harrigan</b>
2019-2022	<b>Angelo Kayser-Browne</b> , graduated with highest honors
2020-2023	<b>Keenan Duggal</b> , graduated with highest honors
2020-2021	<b>Vinh Ton</b>
2020-2023	<b>Luke Bunday</b>
2021-2022	<b>Arthur Sirkejian</b>
2021-2023	<b>Vivian Chen</b>
2021-present	<b>Kevin Zhang</b>
2022-present	<b>Colton Wang</b>
2023-present	<b>Mason Hooks</b>
2023-present	<b>Arosheny Puvanenthirarajah</b>

2023-present **Oscair Page**  
2023-present **Claire Dignazio**

***Predoctoral Trainees:***

2012-2017 **Elizabeth Freeman Rosenzweig**, Achievement Rewards for College Students Scholar. Now Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP.  
2012-2017 **Matthew Prior** (was joint with Wolf Frommer). Now Assistant Professor, Clinton College, Rockhill, SC.  
2012 **Madeline Mitchell** (visiting Ph.D. student). Now Director of Agri-food at Breakthrough Victoria, Australia.  
2013 **Oliver Caspari** (visiting Ph.D. student). Now Junior Group Leader, Microbiology Institute, University of Bonn.  
2014-2016 **Alan Itakura**, transferred to Dan Jarosz lab when we moved to Princeton. Now Life Science Expert at DeciBio.  
2014-2016 **Vivian Chen**, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. Transferred to Gavin Sherlock lab when we moved to Princeton.  
2017-2022 **Guanhua He** (joint with Ned Wingreen), China Scholarship Council Fellow. Now Senior Scientist at Abbvie.  
2018-2023 **Jessica Hennacy**. Now Science Disclosure Analyst in the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration.  
2019-present **Eric Franklin**  
2020-present **Micah Burton**, HHMI Gilliam Fellow.  
2020-present **Victoria Crans**  
2022-present **Haoyu Wu**, China Scholarship Council Fellow.  
2023-present **Sophie Skanchy**, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow.

***Postdoctoral Trainees:***

2010-2016 **Ru Zhang, Ph.D.** Now Principal Investigator, Donald Danforth Plant Sciences Center.  
2011-2014 **Ute Armbruster, Ph.D.** DFG German Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow. Now Group Leader, Max Planck Institute for Molecular Plant Physiology.  
2011-2013 **Mia Terashima, Ph.D.** Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Postdoctoral Fellow. Now Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology of Phototrophic Organisms, Berliner Hochschule fur Technik.  
2011-2015 **Leif Pallesen, Ph.D.** Went on to be an Instructor, Foothill College, CA. With deep sadness, we learned that he passed away in 2023.  
2012-2016 **Luke Mackinder, Ph.D.** Carnegie McClintock Postdoctoral Fellow. Now Professor, University of York, United Kingdom.  
2012-2018 **Xiaobo Li, Ph.D.** Now Assistant Professor, Westlake Institute for Advanced Study, Hangzhou, China.  
2014-2017 **Robert Jinkerson, Ph.D.** Simons Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow. Now Assistant Professor, U.C. Riverside, CA.  
2015-2017 **Friedrich Fauser, Ph.D.** DAAD German Academic Exchange Service Postdoctoral Fellow. Now Scientist III, Sangamo Therapeutics.  
2016-present **Shan He, Ph.D.**

2017-2020 **Moritz Meyer, Ph.D.**  
2017-present **Lianyong Wang, Ph.D.**  
2017-present **Moshe Kafri, Ph.D.** European Molecular Biology Organization and Human Frontiers Science Program Postdoctoral Fellow.  
2020-present **Alice Lunardon, Ph.D.**  
2021-2023 **Claire McWhite, Ph.D.** Lewis-Sigler Scholar; now Assistant Professor at University of Arizona.  
2021-present **Linnea Lemma, Ph.D.** Princeton Bioengineering Initiative - Innovators (PBI2) Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow and HHMI Hanna H. Gray Fellow (joint with Cliff Brangwynne and Ned Wingreen).  
2022-present **Sabrina Ergun, Ph.D.**  
2022-present **Yana Kazachkova, Ph.D.**  
2022-present **Aastha Garde, Ph.D.**  
2022-present **Ashwani Rai, Ph.D.**

***Bioinformatics Analyst:***

2011-present **Weronika Patena.**

***Technical staff:***

2010-2012 **Spencer Gang.** Now Postdoctoral Scholar, U.C. San Diego.  
2011-2013 **Sean Blum.** Now Senior Full Stack Engineer at Sight Machine.  
2012-2016 **Nina Ivanova.** Now Registered Nurse at San Francisco VA Medical Center.  
2013 **Saman Parsa.** Now Associate Winemaker at E. & J. Gallo Winery.  
2013-2014 **Gregory Reeves.** Now Ph.D. student, Cambridge University, United Kingdom.  
2013-2015 **Rebecca Yue.** Now Technical Staff Member, Augmedix, Inc., San Francisco.  
2015-2016 **Jacob Robertson.** Now Ph.D. student, U.C. San Diego.  
2016 **Chris Chen.** Now General Dentist at Cameo Dentistry.  
2016 **Ana Benveniste.** Now Laboratory Assistant, Carnegie Institution for Science.  
2016-2019 **Audrey Goh.** Now Ph.D. student, Princeton University.  
2019-present **Michelle Warren-Williams.**  
2020-2021 **Vidalia Ariza.** Now Food Service Worker, Princeton University.  
2020-2021 **Jennifer Ayer.**  
2020-2021 **Alexandra Wilson.** Now Ph.D. student, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
2020-present **Warham (Lance) Martin.**  
2020-2022 **Emily Singer.** Now Ph.D. student, Princeton University.  
2021-present **Yuliya Zubak.**  
2022-present **Angelo Kayser-Browne.**  
2022-present **Cole Pacini.**  
2022-present **Linnea Hartz.**

***Sabbatical visitor:***

2019                    **Cornelia Spetea Wiklund**, Professor, Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

***Non-Research Staff Awards:***

**Ellen Brindle-Clark**, my faculty assistant, was selected for a Princeton Tiger Award in 2017 for going above and beyond her normal job responsibilities in helping my laboratory move from Stanford to Princeton.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Hart**, a graduate teaching assistant for my MOL380 class, won the Graduate Student Teaching Award in 2018.