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### **Educational background**

B.A. in Biological Sciences, with honors, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 1997-2001

Ph. D. in Microbiology, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2001-2007

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2007-2009

### **Courses taught**

Laboratory in Genetics

Genetic Engineering

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Molecular Aspects of Stress Responses

Advanced Molecular Genetics

## Research Interests

Biodiesel production from microalgae  
Analysis of symbiotic algae related to coral bleaching  
Algal biotechnology  
Molecular genetics and genetic engineering of microalgae

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## Publications

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