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Education

- 1996 Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin
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1990 B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Positions and Employment

- 2011- Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University
2011- Vice Chair, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University
2007- Faculty Member, Chemistry-Biology Interface Program, Johns Hopkins University.
2000- Faculty Member, Program in Molecular Biophysics, Johns Hopkins University.
2008-2011 Director of the Graduate Program, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University.
2007-2011 Associate Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University.
2005-2008 Director of the Undergraduate Program, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University.
2000-2007 Assistant Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Johns Hopkins University.
1996-2000 Postdoctoral Fellow, Chemistry Department, Pennsylvania State University.
Advisor: Stephen J. Benkovic

Honors and Awards

- 2003-2008 NSF CAREER Award
2005 Keynote Address, Protein Engineering: Defining the Next Generation of Biotherapeutics
2002-2003 W. W. Smith Charitable Trust Medical Research Grant in Cancer
1999 Conference Fellowship, UEF Enzyme Engineering XV
1996-1999 NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship
1991 University of Texas at Austin Competitive Graduate Scholarship
1990- Member, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honorary Society
1985-1987 New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Institutional Scholarship

Publications

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36. Phelan, R. M., M. Ostermeier, and C. A. Townsend. (2009) Design and synthesis of a β -lactamase activated 5-fluorouracil prodrug. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **19**, 1261-1263.
35. Meister, G.E., M. Kanwar, M. Ostermeier (2009) Circular permutation of proteins. In: S. Lutz, and U. Bornscheuer (eds) Protein Engineering Handbook, Wiley-VCH.
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Patents

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5. "Prodrug activation in cancer cells using molecular switches" Ostermeier, M. and Wright, C.M., Patent filed.
4. "Methods for making and using molecular switches involving circular permutation" Ostermeier, M. and Guntas, G., Patent filed.
3. "Molecular switches and methods for making and using the same." Ostermeier, M., Patent filed.
2. "Incrementally truncated nucleic acids and methods of making same" Benkovic, S. J., Ostermeier, M., Nixon, A. E., and Lutz, S., U.S. patent 7,332,308.
1. "Methods for producing soluble, biologically-active disulfide-bond containing eukaryotic proteins in bacterial cells" Georgiou, G. and Ostermeier, M., U.S. patent 6,027,888.