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Education

2007 Ph.D., Biophysics, University of California, San Francisco
2001 B.A., Chemistry with Minor in Computer Science, Gustavus Adolphus College

Academic Appointments

2022 — present Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2017 — present Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Structural Biology
Department of Molecular & Cell Biology
University of California, Berkeley
2010 — 2017 Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Structural Biology
Departments of Molecular & Cell Biology and Chemistry
University of California, Berkeley
2007 — 2011 DOE Physical Biosciences Fellow of the Life Sciences Research Foundation
Department of Systems Biology
Harvard Medical School

Professional Experience

2016 — Member, Engineering Biology Research Consortium
2013 — Member, Graduate Group in Microbiology, UC Berkeley
2011 — Member, Graduate Group in Chemical Biology, UC Berkeley
2011 — Member, Graduate Group in Biophysics, UC Berkeley
2011 — Member, Synthetic Biology Institute, UC Berkeley
2011 — Principal Investigator, California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences (QB3)
2011 — 2016 Affiliated Investigator, NSF Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center
2011 — 2016 Principal Investigator, Energy Biosciences Institute
2007 — 2011 Post-doctoral Fellow in Systems Biology, Harvard Medical School
Developed cyanobacteria as a model system for studying the molecular physiology of carbon dioxide assimilation.
2001 — 2007 Doctoral Student, Biophysics, UCSF
Studied structure and function of aquaporin water channels and developed methods for biophysically characterizing integral membrane proteins.
2000 — 2001 Undergraduate Researcher, Chemistry, Gustavus Adolphus College
Computational study of allostery in the enzyme glutamate dehydrogenase.

Honors and Awards

2021 Selected as Investigator, 2020-2021 HHMI Competition
2018 Selected for the "Future of Biochemistry" special issue of ACS-Biochemistry
2015 Agilent Early Career Professor Award, Finalist
2013 NIH Director's New Innovator Award
2013 Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award - March of Dimes Foundation

2011	DOE Early Career Program Award
2011	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
2008 — 2011	DOE Physical Biosciences Fellow of the Life Sciences Research Foundation
2007	Clements Award for outstanding thesis in UCSF Biophysics program
2005 — 2006	ARCS Foundation Scholar
2003 — 2005	Burroughs Wellcome Fellowship in Quantitative Biology
1997 — 2001	Partners in Scholarship Fellowship, Gustavus Adolphus College
1996	Eagle Scout, Boys Scouts of America

Publications

71. Oltrogge LM, Chen AW, Chaijarasphong T, Turnšek JB, Savage DF. 2024. α -Carboxysome Size Is Controlled by the Disordered Scaffold Protein CsoS2. *Biochemistry* 63: 219–229. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acs.biochem.3c00403>.
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65. Adler BA, Trinidad MI, Bellieny-Rabelo D, Zhang E, Karp HM, Skopintsev P, Thornton BW, Weissman RF, Yoon PH, Chen L, et al. 2023. CasPEDIA Database: a functional classification system for class 2 CRISPR-Cas enzymes. *Nucleic Acids Res*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkad890>.
64. Prywes N, Phillips NR, Tuck OT, Valentin-Alvarado LE, Savage DF. 2023. Rubisco Function, Evolution, and Engineering. *Annu Rev Biochem* 92: 385–410. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1146/annurev-biochem-040320-101244>.
63. Stahl EC, Sabo JK, Kang MH, Allen R, Applegate E, Kim SE, Kwon Y, Seth A, Lemus N, Salinas-Rios V, et al. 2023. Genome editing in the mouse brain with minimally immunogenic Cas9 RNPs. *Mol Ther* 31: 2422–2438. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ymthe.2023.06.019>.
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*[Nature Microbiology News and Views](#)
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36. Savage DF. 2019. Cas14: Big Advances from Small CRISPR Proteins. *Biochemistry* 58: 1024–1025.
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33. Welkie DG, Rubin BE, Diamond S, Hood RD, Savage DF, Golden SS. 2019. A Hard Day's Night: Cyanobacteria in Diel Cycles. *Trends in Microbiology* 27: 231–242.
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25. Mangan* NM, Flamholz* A, Hood RD, Milo R, Savage DF. 2016. pH determines the energetic efficiency of the cyanobacterial CO₂ concentrating mechanism. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 113: E5354–62. *denotes equal authorship
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17. Chen AH, Robinson-Mosher A, Savage DF, Silver PA, Polka JK. 2013. The bacterial carbon-fixing organelle is formed by shell envelopment of preassembled cargo. *PLoS ONE* 8: e76127.
16. Bonacci W, Teng PK, Afonso B, Niederholtmeyer H, Grob P, Silver PA, Savage DF. 2012. Modularity of a carbon-fixing protein organelle. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 109: 478–483.
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12. Niederholtmeyer H, Wolfstadter BT, Savage DF, Silver PA, Way JC. 2010. Engineering Cyanobacteria To Synthesize and Export Hydrophilic Products. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 76: 3462–3466.
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Invited Presentations

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| 2024 | Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, Plenary Speaker |
| 2023 | Mexican Congress of Physicochemical, Structure, and Protein Design, Plenary Speaker |
| 2023 | UCSF / UC Berkeley Biophysics Joint Retreat, Invited Speaker |
| 2023 | North African Gene Editing Workshop, Speaker |
| 2023 | Gordon Research Conference: CO2 Assimilation, Speaker |
| 2023 | Vanderbilt Center for Structural Biology, Speaker |
| 2023 | ASBMB Meeting, Invited Speaker |
| 2022 | Johns Hopkins University, Department of Chemistry, Seminar Speaker |
| 2022 | EBI-Shell Net Zero Emission Materials Workshop |
| 2022 | University of Texas Southwestern, Department of Biochemistry Seminar Speaker |
| 2022 | Gordon Research Conference: Bioorganic Chemistry, Invited speaker |
| 2022 | Protein Society webinar on Green Energy, Invited speaker and panelist |
| 2021 | 31st International Conference on Arabidopsis Research, Plenary Speaker |
| 2020 | UCSF PSPG Series, Seminar Speaker |
| 2020 | David Liu Laboratory Annual Retreat, Broad Institute, Keynote Speaker |
| 2019 | Frontiers in Genome Engineering, Kobe, Japan, Invited Speaker |
| 2019 | University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Bacteriology, Seminar Speaker |
| 2019 | Northwestern University, Department of Molecular Biosciences, Seminar Speaker |
| 2019 | 3rd International Conference on Plant Synthetic Biology, Cambridge, UK, Selected Speaker |
| 2019 | Synthetic Biology Meetup, Rice University, Keynote Speaker |
| 2019 | University of Pittsburgh, Biological Chemistry Division, Seminar Speaker |
| 2019 | University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Biochemistry, Seminar Speaker |
| 2019 | 10th International Symposium on Innovative Bio Production, Kobe University, Invited Speaker |
| 2018 | DOE-BES Physical Biosciences Research Meeting, Speaker |
| 2018 | Society for Experimental Biology, Annual Meeting, Selected Speaker |
| 2018 | UCSF, CRISPR Developers Seminar Series, Invited Speaker |
| 2018 | ICCMB5, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore, Invited Speaker |

2018 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Biosciences and Biotechnology Division, Invited Speaker
2017 Agilent - Synthetic Biology Institute Workshop, Speaker
2017 Dupont Pioneer, Invited Speaker
2017 EBRC Fall Retreat, Georgia Tech University, Speaker
2017 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Genome Engineering Meeting, Speaker
2017 Gordon Research Conference: Photosynthesis, Discussion Leader
2017 Hong Kong University, Engineering Complex Genetic Systems Symposium, Speaker
2017 Texas A&M, F.A. Cotton Medal Symposium, Speaker
2017 UCSF Spring Mutations Symposium on DNA Sequencing, Speaker
2017 University of Washington, Dept. of Genome Sciences, Seminar Speaker
2016 Max Plank Institute for Molecular Plant Physiology, Golm, Seminar Speaker
2016 ETH Zurich, Institute of Microbiology, Seminar Speaker
2016 17th International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, Speaker
2016 Synthetic Biology - Engineering, Evolution & Design 2016 Meeting, Chicago, IL, Speaker
2016 UCSF, Bioinformatics, Biophysics, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Seminar Speaker
2016 251st American Chemical Society National Meeting, San Diego, CA, Speaker
2016 Weizmann Institute, Plant Stress Symposium, Speaker
2016 Harvard Medical School, Wyss Institute of Biological Engineering, Seminar Speaker
2016 UCLA, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Seminar Speaker
2015 University of Chicago, Institute for Biophysics Dynamics, Seminar Speaker
2015 Washington University, St. Louis, Center for Biological Systems Engineering, Seminar Speaker
2015 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Course in Synthetic Biology, Speaker
2015 Gordon Research Conference: Photosynthesis, Discussion Leader
2015 Gordon Research Conference: Proteins, Speaker
2015 University of Illinois, Institute for Genome Biology, Seminar Speaker
2015 Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation, Seminar Speaker
2015 Rice University, Center for Theoretical Biological Physics, Seminar Speaker
2015 University of Texas-Austin, Department of Molecular Biosciences Seminar, Seminar Speaker
2015 Keystone Symposium: Precision Genome Engineering and Synthetic Biology, Speaker
2014 UC Berkeley, Structural and Quantitative Biology Seminar, Seminar Speaker
2014 Amyris Biotechnologies, Emeryville, Seminar Speaker
2014 Biophysical Society, Molecular Self-assembly Symposium, San Francisco, Speaker
2013 American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Annual Meeting San Francisco, Speaker
2013 Danforth Plant Science Center, Seminar Speaker
2013 Texas A&M, Dept. of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Seminar Speaker
2012 Carnegie Institute and Stanford University, Dept. of Plant Biology, Seminar Speaker
2012 Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center, Annual Retreat, Berkeley, CA Speaker
2012 UC Berkeley, Dept. of Nutritional Science and Toxicology, Seminar Speaker
2012 Agilent - Synthetic Biology Institute Workshop, Speaker
2011 Synthetic Biology LabLinks Symposium, UCSF and Cell Press, Speaker
2011 CSHL Asia, Design and Synthesis of Biological Systems, Suzhou, China, Speaker
2010 ASCB 50th Annual Meeting, Cell Biology of Metabolic Pathways Subgroup, Speaker
2010 DOE-BES Physical Biosciences Research Meeting, Speaker
2010 Caltech Bioengineering Bootcamp, Speaker
2010 Gordon Research Conference: Molecular basis of microbial one-carbon metabolism, Speaker
2010 Boston Bacterial Meeting, Speaker
2010 Harvard Medical School, Department of Systems Biology, Invited Seminar
2010 UC Berkeley, Departments of MCB and Chemistry, Invited Seminar
2010 Weizmann Institute of Science, Department of Plant Biology, Seminar Speaker
2009 Evolution and Design of Biomolecular Systems Workshop, Mallorca, Spain, Speaker
2009 Wyss Institute of Harvard University, Seminar Speaker
2009 MIT Microbial Systems, Seminar Speaker

- 2008 UCSF Clements Biophysics, Outstanding Thesis Award Seminar
- 2006 UCSF Biophysics/Chemical Biology/ Bioinformatics Yearly Retreat, Speaker
- 2003 Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Interfaces in Science Program, San Diego, CA, Speaker
- 2003 Gordon Research Conference: Mechanisms Of Membrane Transport, Speaker

Patents Applications

- 12. Savage et al. Compositions and methods of a nuclease chain reaction for nucleic acid detection. (Provisional filed)
- 11. Hsu et al. Compositions and Methods of Isothermal Amplification and Detection. (Provisional filed)
- 10. Ott et al. Rapid Field-Deployable Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Virus. (Published 2021)
- 9. Doudna et al. Activators of Type III Cas Proteins. (Provisional filed)
- 8. Doudna, J., Savage, D., Higgins, S., Oakes, B., Rna-guided effector proteins and methods of use thereof. WO2020005980A1. (Published 2021)
- 7. Savage, D., Doudna, J., Oakes, B., Yokoo, R. Variant rna-guided polypeptides and methods of use. US20190233847A1. (**Issued 2021**)
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- 5. Yung et al. Engineered microcompartment protein and related methods and systems of engineering bacterial systems for non-native protein expression and purification. US10738090B2. (**Issued 2020**)
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- 2. Savage, D., Silver, P. Photoautotrophic adipogenesis technology. WO2010033921A3. (Published 2011, Abandoned)
- 1. Silver, P., Waks, Z., Kennedy, C., and Savage D. Systems of hydrogen and formic acid production in yeast. WO2008063650A3. (Published 2007)

Selected Poster Presentations

- 2022 2022 DOE-BES Physical Biosciences Research Meeting
- 2016 2016 DOE-BES Physical Biosciences Research Meeting
- 2014 2014 DOE-BES Physical Biosciences Research Meeting
- 2012 2012 DOE-BES Physical Biosciences Research Meeting
- 2009 SynBERC retreat, poster award winner
- 2008 Synthetic Biology 4.0
- 2007 8th International Hydrogenase Conference
- 2005 UCSF/Chile Exchange Program Research Symposium, poster award winner
- 2005 49th Biophysical Society Meeting.
- 2001 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Meeting

Research Advising

Savage Laboratory Graduate students (24 total, 11 currently).

Dana Nadler, CBE, 2011-2015 (PhD, Thesis title "Transposon-Based Tools for Enhancing Protein Function").

Thawatchai Chaijarasphong, Chemistry, 2011 - 2016 (PhD, Thesis title: "Towards an In Vitro Reconstitution of the α -Carboxysome").

Rachel Hood, MCB, 2012 - 2017 (NSF Graduate Fellowship; PhD, Thesis title "Regulation of cyanobacterial physiology by the stringent response").

Caleb Cassidy-Amstutz, MCB, 2012 - 2017 (PhD, Thesis title "Shellular biology – exploring the biochemistry and physiology of a protein nanocompartment").

Benjamin Oakes, MCB / Chemical Biology, 2014 - 2017 (joint with Jennifer Doudna) (PhD, Thesis title “Engineering CRISPR-Cas systems to expand functionality”).
Sean Higgins, MCB / Chemical Biology, 2014 - 2018 (PhD, Thesis title “Towards Comprehensive and Programmable Protein Mutagenesis”).
Avi Flamholz, MCB, 2014 - 2019 (NSF Graduate Fellowship; PhD, Thesis title: “Analysis and Reconstitution of a Bacterial CO₂-Concentrating Mechanism”).
Robert Nichols, MCB, 2015 - 2020 (PhD, Thesis title: “Molecular and shell biology – examining the biochemistry and physiology of prokaryotic nanocompartments”).
Thomas Laughlin, MCB, 2016 - 2020 (joint with Karen Davies) (NSF Graduate Fellowship; PhD, Thesis title: “Structure-Function Studies in Prokaryotic Photosynthesis and CO₂-Concentrating Mechanisms”).
Emeric Charles, MCB 2017 - present (joint with Jennifer Doudna). (PhD, Thesis title “Mechanisms and applications of Cas13-mediated RNA targeting”).
Jack Desmarais, MCB, 2017 - 2022 (PhD, Thesis title: “Mapping the relationship between genotype and phenotype at the gene and genome scale”).
Arik Shams, MCB 2018 - 2022 (NSF GRFP; PhD, Thesis title: “Minimization of Cas9 and Perspectives on Genetically Engineered Microorganisms and Their Regulation”).
Julia Borden, MCB 2018 - 2023 (PhD, Thesis title: “Molecular Design Principles of Bacterial Carbon Fixation: Investigations into Carboxysome Assembly and Permeability”).
Evan Groover, PMB, 2019 - present (joint with Brian Staskawicz).
Naiya Phillips, MCB, 2019 - present.
Andrew Plebanek, MCB, 2019 - present.
Luis Valentin-Alvarado, GGM, 2019 - present (joint with Jill Banfield).
Julia Tartaglia, MCB, 2020 - present (joint with Jennifer Doudna).
Brittney Thornton, MCB, 2020 (NSF Graduate Fellowship, joint with Jennifer Doudna).
Muntathar Al-Shimary, MCB 2021 - present (NSF Graduate Fellowship, joint with Jennifer Doudna).
Jorge Rodríguez, MCB 2022 - present.
Flora Wang, PMB, 2022 - present (joint with Kris Niyogi).
Rachel Weissman, 2022 - present. (NSF Graduate Fellowship).
Cynthia Terrace, 2023 - present.

Savage Laboratory Postdoctoral fellows (10 total, 3 currently).

Poh Teng, 2011 - 2015 (Patent Agent, Patent Agent, McNeill Baur PLLC).
Stacy Morgan. 2011 - 2017 (Scientist, Zymogen).
Rayka Yokoo. 2012 - 2017 (Life Sciences Research Foundation Fellow of the Simons Foundation).
Dana Nadler, 2015 - 2017 (Scientist, Amyris).
Luke Oltrogge, 2015 - 2022 (Research Specialist, Savage Lab)
Cecilia Blikstad, 2017 - 2021. (PI, Upsala University)
Noam Prywes, 2018 - present.
Avi Flamholz, 2019 - 2020 (postdoctoral fellow in Newman Lab, Caltech).
Maria Lukarska, 2020 - present.
David Ding, 2022 - present

Savage Laboratory Staff (6 total, 2 currently).

Katie Kortright, SRA, 2013 - 2015 (PhD student, Yale University).
Eli Dugan, SRA, 2017 - 2021. (PhD student, UCSF).
Shin Kim, SRA, 2018 - 2022. (MD student, UCLA).
Allen Chen, SRA, 2020 - 2021. (PhD student, Caltech).
Christian Nixon, SRA, 2022 - current.
Joe Rivera, SRA, 2022 - current.

Undergraduate Research Advising (29 total).

Teddy Fagin, 2011 - 2012.

Peter Chou, 2012 - 2014. PhD student, Stanford
Robert Nichols, 2013. PhD student, UC Berkeley
Ziyou Ren, 2013 - 2015. PhD student, Northwestern
Casey Roos, 2014-2015. PhD student, Princeton.
David Quintanilla, 2014 - 2015.
Matthew Kim, 2014-2016. PhD student UCSF.
Matthew Romer, 2015 (visiting summer student). Senior Guidance Engineer, Lockheed Martin
Jay Stanley, 2015 (Amgen Scholar). PhD student, Yale University.
Sumedha Ravishankar, 2015 - 2016. PhD student, UCSD.
Sorel Ouonkap, 2015 - 2016 (PhD student, Brown U.).
Tyler Davis, 2015 - 2016. (PhD student, UCLA)
Brandon Kim, 2016 - 2017.
Kelsey Wong, 2016-2017.
Eli Dugan, 2015 - 2017, PhD student, UCSF
Kian Taylor, 2016 - 2017, MD/PhD student, Emory University
Katherine Baney, 2016 - 2019. Research Specialist, Scribe Therapeutics
Hannah Spinner, 2016 - 2019, PhD student, Harvard Medical School
Allen Chen, 2016 - 2020. PhD student, Caltech
Raul Alvarez, 2017 - 2020. Associate Scientist, Lucira Health
Antonio Rodriguez, 2019 - 2020. Clinical Research Coordinator, UCSF
Abhishek Bhatt, 2019 - 2021. Applying to medical school
Ryan Allen, 2021 - 2022. SRA. Doudna Lab, UC Berkeley
Hannah Shadmany, 2021 - 2022. UC Berkeley undergraduate
Aakarsh Kankaria, 2021 - 2022. UC Berkeley undergraduate
Maggie Houry, 2022 - 2023. UC Berkeley undergraduate
Ryan Tran, 2022 - present. UC Berkeley undergraduate
Carolina Guerrero, 2022 (Amgen Scholar). Dartmouth College undergraduate
Lia Zhu, 2022 - present. UC Berkeley undergraduate
Hana Chang, 2022 - present. UC Berkeley undergraduate

Departmental Service

2017 - 2024	Graduate Affairs Committee (BBS Representative) for MCB
2023 - 2024	MCB Graduate Admission Committee
2022 - 2023	PMB Faculty Search (outside member)
2021 - 2022	2nd Year Graduate Advisor
2021 - 2022	Graduate Group in Microbiology Admissions Committee
2019 - 2020	Graduate Admissions Chair
2018 - 2019	Graduate Admissions Co-Chair
2016 - 2018	Chemical Biology Graduate Program Faculty Advisor (Department of Molecular & Cell Biology)
2013 - 2017	Chemical Biology Graduate Program Faculty Advisor (Chemistry Department)
2013 - 2014	Biophysics Graduate Admission Committee
2012 - 2016	Co-chair Structural and Quantitative Biology Seminar Series
2011 - 2018	Chemical Biology Undergraduate Faculty Advisor
2011 - 2014	MCB Graduate Admission Committee

University Service

2020 - 2023	IGI Building Committee
2018	Amgen Scholarship reviewer
2017 - 2018	Bioengineering Faculty Search Committee, Outside Member

Ad hoc reviewer: Cal Energy Corp, Energy Biosciences Institute, France Berkeley Fund, Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study.

Miscellaneous seminars: Transfer to Excellence REU program (2014). MCB198: MCB for Transfer Students (2012), PhD Colloquium: Dual-Track Couples (2012), AUA Symposium: Biotechnology, the Environment and Human Ecology (2012).

Professional Service

2018 - 2019 Technical lead on Environmental Biotechnology, EBRC Roadmap for Synthetic Biology
2016 - 2018 Scientific Advisory Board, UCLA-DOE Institute
2016 - current Member, Engineering Biology Research Consortium (EBRC)
2016 - 2021 Editor mSystems
2016 Co-Editor of Current Opinion in Chemical Biology special issue on Bioenergy

Grant Review Panels

3/2022 US Department of Energy, Grant Review Panel
7/2020 US Department of Energy, Ad hoc grant review
6/2019 Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Commission, Ad hoc grant review
4/2019 National Science Foundation, Ad hoc grant review
3/2019 US Department of Energy, Grant Review Panel
6/2017 UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Grant Reviewer
3/2017 US Department of Energy, Grant Review Panel
12/2015 UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Grant Reviewer
2/2015 National Science Foundation, Grant Review Panel
2/2014 National Science Foundation, Grant Review Panel
3/2014 US Department of Energy, Early Career Review Panel
2/2013 UK Royal Society, Grant Review
5/2012 US Department of Energy, Biosystems Design Review Panel
3/2012 US Department of Energy, Early Career Review Panel
9/2010 W.M. Keck Foundation, Grant Review

Ad hoc publication reviewer

ACS Chemical Biology, ACS Synthetic Biology, Biochemistry, Cell, eLife, Journal of Biological Engineering, Microbial Cell Factories, Molecular Biology of the Cell, Nature, Nature Communications, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Methods, Nature Microbiology, PNAS, Protein Science, Science.

Entrepreneurial Efforts

2017 - current Co-founder and Scientific Advisory Board Member, Scribe Therapeutics
2017 - 2020 Scientific Advisory Board Member, Mammoth Biosciences