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Education: Dartmouth College 1983-1987: A.B. in Biology
University of North Carolina 1987-1992: Ph.D. in Biology

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Department of Biology, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, August 2004 to present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, August 2000 to August 2004.
Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, March 2000 to August 2000.
Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, August 1994 to March 2000.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 1994.
Postdoctoral Fellow, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Fellowships in Science, National Science Foundation, Laboratoire Arago, Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris VI) Banyuls-sur-Mer, France, 1992-1993.
Graduate student, Department of Biology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 1987-1992.
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, 1988-1992.
University Graduate Fellow, 1987-1988.
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1989-1990.

Research Interests: Comparative physiology, biochemistry and biomechanics

I study the biochemical structure and the mechanics of visco-elastic, gel-based biological glues. I am currently focusing on the mechanism by which different molluscs convert a loose, lubricating gel into a powerful adhesive.

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Courses Taught:

Animal Physiology

Current Topics in Biochemistry

Principles of Biology

Endocrinology

Ecophysiology

Human Anatomy and Physiology / The Human Organism (non-majors)

Literature in Biology

Principles of Zoology