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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2022-present: Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Chemistry, Emory University

2021-2022: University Faculty Scholar and Showalter Faculty Scholar, Purdue University
2020-2022: Professor, Department of Chemistry and Center for Cancer Research, Purdue University
2018-2020: Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Center for Cancer Research, Purdue University
2012-2018: Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Center for Cancer Research, Purdue University

2019.9-2019.11: **Visiting Professor**, Chemical Biology Department and Chemical Genomics Centre, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology, Dortmund, Germany

2020-2022: Organic Division Head, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University
2020-2022: Equity Advisor, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University
2019-2022: Associate Director, Purdue Drug Discovery Training Program (NIH T32), Purdue University
2020-2022: Program Co-Leader, Targets, Structures, and Drugs, Center for Cancer Research, Purdue University

2022-present: Member of the Biological Discovery through Chemical Innovation (BDCI), Emory University 2022-present: Member of Beyond CCHF: The Catalysis Innovation Consortium

2012-2022: Member of the Center for Cancer Research, Purdue University

2013-2022: Member of the Institute for Drug Discovery, Purdue University

2013-2022: Member of the Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Science Program (PULSe)

2016-2022: Member of the Purdue Institute of Inflammation, Immunology, and Infectious Diseases (PI<sup>4</sup>D)

# **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

2009-2012: Postdoctoral Fellow, The Broad Institute and Harvard University (with Prof. Stuart Schreiber)
2004-2009: Ph.D. Student, Columbia University (with Prof. Samuel J. Danishefsky)
2002-2004: Research Assistant, Peking University (with Profs. Jiahua Chen and Zhen Yang)
1998-2002: B.S. Peking University (with Profs. Jiahua Chen and Zhen Yang)

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## **Purdue University**:

CHM 69600 – Advanced Synthesis, Fall of 2021 (4.3/5.0, average student rate).

- CHM 26605 Sophomore Organic Chemistry II, Spring of 2021 (4.3/5.0, average student rate).
- CHM 46200 Intermediate Organic Chemistry, Spring of 2013-2018 (4.9/5.0, average student rate).
- CHM 65200 Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Spring of 2019-2021 (4.3/5.0, average student rate).
- CHM 65100 Advanced Organic Chemistry, Fall of 2013-2017 (4.1/5.0, average student rate).

Graduate Teaching Assistant: 2004-2008, Columbia University

# AWARDS AND HONORS

2022: College of Science Research Award, Purdue University

- 2021: Showalter Faculty Scholar, Purdue University (2021-2026)
- 2021: Plenary lecturer of the 2021 National Organic Symposium (NOS), La Jolla, California
- 2021: University Faculty Scholar, Purdue University (2021-2026)
- 2020: The Arthur Kelly Undergraduate Teaching Award, Purdue University
- 2019: The Kharasch Mini Symposium Lecturer, University of Chicago
- 2018: The Amgen Young Investigators' Award
- 2018: NIH Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA R35)
- 2017: The 2017 Chinese-American Chemistry & Chemical Biology Professors Association (CAPA) Distinguished Junior Faculty Award.
- 2017: The 3rd biannual Meyers Symposium for Organic Chemistry Lecturer, Southern Illinois University
- 2017: The ChemComm Emerging Investigator
- 2016: Eli Lilly Grantee Award

- 2016: Young Investigator of the European Chemical Society Organic Division Young Investigator Workshop, Spain
- 2016: Young Investigator of the 2016 ACS Organic Division Young Academic Investigators Symposium, Philadelphia 2016: NSF CAREER Award
- 2015: Award speaker at the JOC/OL Lectureship Award Symposium, 250th ACS National Meeting, Boston
- 2015: The 2015 Organic Letters Outstanding Author of the Year Lectureship Award
- 2015: ACS PRF Doctoral New Investigator Award
- 2015: The Thieme Chemistry Journal Award
- 2015: The Xuetang Lecturer, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- 2013: Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Award
- 2013: Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award, ORAU
- 2013: American Cancer Society Junior Investigator Award, Purdue Center for Cancer Research
- 2009: Dissertation (Ph. D. degree) awarded with distinction, Columbia University
- 2009: The 2009 Hammett Award for the most out-standing Ph.D. studies, Columbia University
- 2009: The 2009 Roche Award for Excellence in Organic Chemistry
- 2008: The Jack Miller Award for excellence in teaching by a graduate student, Columbia University
- 2007: The Guthikonda Fellowship in Organic Chemistry, Columbia University
- 2006: The Bristol-Myers Squibb Graduate Fellowship in Synthetic Organic Chemistry
- 2005: The Sylvia & Victor Fourman Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2000: The honor of successful participants in the Challenge Cup Contest, Peking University
- 1999: Outstanding Student, Peking University
- 1999: The Guangcai Scholarship, Peking University
- 1998: The Freshman Scholarship, 1998, Peking University
- 1998: The First Prize in the National Olympic Chemistry Contest Winter Camp, China
- 1998: Member of the Chinese National Training Camp for the International Chemistry Olympiad

1996 & 1997: The First Prize in the National Olympic Chemistry Contest, China

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- 86. Xu, B.;<sup>†</sup> Liu, C.;<sup>†</sup> Dai, M.;\* "Catalysis-Enabled 13-Step Total Synthesis of (-)-Peyssonnoside A" manuscript submitted to *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (manuscript ID: ja-2022-09910m). (<sup>†</sup>contributed equally) cancer-related
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- Jiang, B.; Dai, M.\* "11-Step and Scalable Total Synthesis of Hamigeran M Enabled by Five C-H Functionalizations." J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2021, 143, 20084-20089. cancer-related *Highlighted by X-MOL*.

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- 54. Cai, X.; Bai, Y.; Dai, M.\* "Total Syntheses of Spinosyn A" Synlett 2018, 29, 2623-2632 (invited Synlett Account contribution).
- 53. Ye, Z.;<sup>†</sup> Cai, X.;<sup>†</sup> Li, J.<sup>§</sup>; Dai, M.\* "Catalytic Cyclopropanol Ring Opening for Divergent Syntheses of γ-Butyrolactones and δ-Ketoesters Containing All-Carbon Quaternary Centers" ACS Catalysis, 2018, 8, 5907-5914. (<sup>†</sup>equal contribution; <sup>§</sup>undergraduate student) cancer-related Highlighted by X-MOL.
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- 46. Bai, Y.; Dexter, D. C.; Dai, M.\* "Natural Product Synthesis via Palladium-Catalyzed Carbonylation" *J. Org. Chem.*, **2017**, *82*, 2319-2328 (Invited JOCSynopsis contribution by Professor Dale Poulter).
- 45. Brust, T. F.; Alongkronrusmee, D.; Soto-Velasquez, M.; Baldwin, T. A.; Ye, Z.; Dai, M.; Dessauer, C. W.; van Rijn, R. M.; Watts, V. J.\* "Identification of a selective small molecule inhibitor of type 1 adenylyl cyclase activity with analgesic properties" *Science Signaling*, **2017**, *10*, eaah5381. *Highlighted in Science News Story*.
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- Bai, Y.; Shen, X.;<sup>§</sup> Li, Y.; Dai, M.\* "Total Synthesis of Spinosyn A via Carbonylative Macrolactonization" J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2016, 138, 10838-10841 (<sup>§</sup>undergraduate student). Highlighted in: Synfacts 2016, 12, 1117. Highlighted in the Today's Topic of the Agricultural Chemical Society of Japan: 2017, Vol. 55, No. 8, 523-525.
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# SEMINAR AND LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

- 142. Gilead, MedChem and Process Chemistry, Forster City, CA, Date TBD
- 141. Biogen, Small Molecule Chemistry Development Group, Cambridge, MA, October 6, 2022
- 140. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 29, 2022
- 139. The 28<sup>th</sup> International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry Congress, Santa Barbara, California, August 28 to September 2, 2022 (Invited Speaker)
- 138. Pharmaron Vitural Lecture, Pharmaron, August 25, 2022
- 137. Kumquat Biosciences Inc., June 29, 2022
- 136. East China Normal University in Shanghai and ACS Shanghai Chapter, June 17, 2022
- 135. The 2022 Heterocyclic Compounds Gordon Research Conference, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, June 2022 (Invited Speaker)
- 134. The 2022 Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference, Hyatt Regency Reston, Virginia, June 6-8, 2022 (Invited Speaker)
- 133. Yale University, February 8, 2022 (postponed to Fall 2022 for an in-person visit)
- 132. PACIFICHEM-Recent Trends in Amination Chemistry, December 2021 (Virtual, Invited Speaker)
- 131. Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, November 19, 2021 (Virtual)
- 130. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, October 26, 2021
- 129. Dartmouth College, September 30, 2021
- 128. UT Southwestern, Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, September 24, 2021 (Virtual)
- 127. University of Toledo, Department of Medicine Research Grand Rounds, April 22, 2021 (Virtual)
- 126. The 2021 National Organic Symposium (NOS), La Jolla, California, 2021 (Plenary Speaker, happened in June 2022)
- 125. The IUPAC XXIII International Conference on Organic Synthesis (23-ICOS), Shanghai, China, October 18-23, 2020 (Invited Speaker, postponed)
- 124. The 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium for Chinese Organic Chemists and the 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium for Chinese Inorganic Chemists, Beijing, China, August 27-30, 2020 (Invited Speaker, postponed)
- 123. University of Texas Dallas, February 7, 2020
- 122. University of Kansas, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, November 21, 2019
- 121. Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Potsdam, Germany, November 15, 2019
- 120. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture at Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology, Chemical Biology, Dortmund, Germany, Nov. 4, 2019
- 119. University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany, October 30, 2019
- 118. University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, October 29, 2019
- 117. University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany, October 28, 2019
- 116. 1st Lecture at Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology, Chemical Biology, Dortmund, Germany, Oct. 8, 2019
- 115. Chemical Genomics Centre, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology, Dortmund, Germany, October 1, 2019
- 114. The 61<sup>st</sup> Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Products, Hiroshima, Japan, September 11-13, 2019 (Invited Speaker)
- 113. Kyoto University, Japan, September 10, 2019
- 112. Nagoya University, Japan, September 9, 2019
- 111. The 27<sup>th</sup> International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry Congress, Kyoto, Japan, September 2019 (Oral Presentation)

- 110. RIKEN, Tokyo, Japan, August 30, 2019 (cancelled due to unexpected illness)
- 109. The Fall 2019 National ACS Meeting in San Diego, California (Invited speaker for the symposium on "Emerging Research in Molecular Synthesis", ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry).
- 108. Markovnikov Congress on Organic Chemistry, Kazan, Russia, June 24-28, 2019 (Invited Speaker; Trip cancelled due to visa delay)
- 107. The 2019 ACS Central Region Meeting (CERM), June 4-8, 2019 (Invited Speaker for the symposium on "Central Nature of Diversity in Organic Chemistry")
- 106. Tsinghua University, Department of Chemistry, June 3, 2019
- 105. Southwest Jiaotong University, School of Pharmacy, May 29, 2019
- 104. Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kunming, China, May 24, 2019
- 103. Southwest University, School of Pharmacy, Chongqing, China, May 22, 2019
- 102. Chongqing University, School of Pharmacy, Chongqing, China, May 20, 2019
- 101. The 1<sup>st</sup> CAPA Award Symposium, March 30, 2019, Orlando, FL (Invited Award Speaker)
- 100. The Kharasch Mini Symposium at University of Chicago, February 4, 2019 (Invited Lecturer)
- 99. Waseda University, Japan, November 23, 2018
- 98. Keio University, Japan, November 22, 2018
- 97. University of Tokyo, Japan, November 19, 2018
- 96. The 8<sup>th</sup> PSKL Symposium on Chemical Biology & Drug Discovery, the Partner State Key Laboratory of Chirosciences (PSKL) of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, November 15-16, 2018 (Invited Speaker)
- 95. WALLA Lecture, the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc., Lafayette, IN, November 6th, 2018
- 94. The 16<sup>th</sup> Amgen Young Investigators' Award Symposium, Cambridge, MA, October 18, 2018 (Award Speaker)
- 93. University of Vienna, Austria, October 3, 2018
- 92. University of Innsbruck, Austria, October 1, 2018
- 91. University of Basel, Switzerland, September 27, 2018
- 90. École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, September 26, 2018
- 89. University of Fribourg, Switzerland, September 25, 2018
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Organic Synthesis (22-ICOS), Florence, Italy, Sept. 16-21, 2018 (Oral Presentation; Trip cancelled due to visa delay).
- 87. The Inaugural BioHub Chemistry Symposium, Waltham, MA, August 17, 2018 (Invited Speaker)
- 86. Nankai University, Tianjin, China, May 24, 2018
- 85. Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China, May 22, 2018
- 84. The 2018 International Synthetic Biologicals Conference, Tongji Medical School, Wuhan, China, May 20-22, 2018 (Invited Speaker)
- 83. HitGen, Chengdu, China, May 18, 2018
- 82. Eli Lilly Grantee Symposium, Indianapolis, March 12, 2018 (Award Speaker)
- 81. FloHet Conference, Gainesville, Florida, March 4-7, 2018 (Invited Speaker)
- 80. University of Rhode Island, College of Pharmacy, Kingston, Rhode Island, February 2, 2018
- 79. University of Delaware, Newark, November 11, 2017
- 78. Indiana University, Bloomington, November 6, 2017
- 77. University of Central Florida, Orlando, October 13, 2017
- 76. University of Florida, Gainesville, October 12, 2017
- 75. Kansas State University, Manhattan, September 28, 2017
- 74. University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, September 19, 2017
- 73. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, September 8, 2017
- 72. Heterocyclic Compounds Gordon Research Conference, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, June 2017 (Invited Speaker)
- 71. Shandong University, Jinan, China, May 31, 2017
- 70. Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China, May 24, 2017
- 69. Baylor University, Dallas, May 11, 2017
- 68. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, May 10, 2017
- 67. Northeastern University, Boston, May 3, 2017
- 66. Brandeis University, Waltham/Boston, May 2, 2017
- 65. Boston University, Boston, May 1, 2017
- 64. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, April 24, 2017
- 63. Southern Illinois University, the 3<sup>rd</sup> biannual Meyers Symposium for Organic Chemistry, April 22, 2017 (Invited Lecturer)

- 62. University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, April 17, 2017
- 61. Wayne State University, Detroit, March 29, 2017
- 60. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 28, 2017
- 59. Dow AgroSciences, the Greater Indianapolis Organic Seminar, Indianapolis, March 20-21, 2017 (Invited Speaker)
- 58. Columbia University, New York, March 16, 2017
- 57. Princeton University, Princeton, March 15, 2017
- 56. Rice University, Houston, March 8, 2017
- 55. University of Houston, Houston, March 7, 2017
- 54. The Scripps Research Institute, February 17, 2017
- 53. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, February 9, 2017
- 52. Ohio State University, January 31, 2017
- 51. Duke University, Durham, January 24, 2017
- 50. University of North Carolina, January 23, 2017
- 49. University of Wisconsin, Madison, January 20, 2017
- 48. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, November 17, 2016
- 47. University of California, Irvine, November 16, 2016
- 46. University of California, Santa Barbara, October 28, 2016
- 45. University of California, Los Angeles, October 27, 2016
- 44. University of California, Berkeley, October 11, 2016
- 43. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, October 6, 2016
- 42. Iowa State University, Ames, September 23, 2016
- 41. University of Iowa, Iowa City, September 22, 2016
- 40. The EuCheMS Organic Division Young Investigator Workshop, Spain, September 2016 (Invited Speaker)
- 39. The Young Academic Investigators Symposium, National ACS Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2016 (Invited Speaker)
- 38. Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16, 2016
- 37. Medical School of Peking University, Beijing, China, June 2016
- 36. South University of Science and Technology of China, Shenzhen, China, June 2016
- 35. The 12th Sino-US Chemistry Professors Conference, Guangzhou, China, June 2016 (Invited Speaker)
- 34. Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, June 2016
- 33. Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, June 2016
- 32. CERM 2016, the 47<sup>th</sup> Central Regional ACS Meeting, May 2016 (Invited Speaker)
- 31. College of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University, March 2016
- 30. Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL, March 2016
- 29. Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2016
- 28. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2016
- 27. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, March 2016
- 26. IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN, February 2016
- 25. Center for Cancer Research, Purdue University, January 2016
- 24. Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Purdue Univ., November 2015
- 23. PACIFICHEM, Honolulu, Hawaii, December 2015 (Invited Speaker)
- 22. The 2015 Organic Letters Outstanding Author of the Year Lectureship, the fall ACS national meeting, Boston, MA, August 2015 (Award Speaker)
- 21. Natural Products Gordon Research Conference, Andover, NH, July 2015 (Invited Speaker)
- 20. East Lake International Forum, Tongji Medical College, HUST, China, June 2015 (Invited Speaker)
- 19. Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, CAS, Shanghai, China, June 2015
- 18. The 11th Sino-US Chemistry Professors Conference, Suzhou, China, June 2015 (Invited Speaker)
- 17. Tsinghua University, Xuetang Lecture, Beijing, China, June 2015
- 16. Peking University, College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering, Beijing, China, June 2015
- 15. University at Albany-SUNY, Albany, NY, April 2015
- 14. Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, April 2015
- 13. The 8th Singapore International Chemistry Conference, Singapore, December 2014 (Invited Speaker)
- 12. Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, March 2014
- 11. The ACS-Student Affiliates at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, February 2014
- 10. Purdue University, Center for Cancer Research, West Lafayette, IN, October 2012
- 9. Harvard University, the Kishi Group, Cambridge, MA, March, 2011
- 8. Harvard University, CCB student/postdoc seminar, Cambridge, MA, February, 2011

- 7. Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School, Shenzhen, China, September, 2010
- 6. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China, August 2010
- 5. The Roche Symposium: Excellence in Chemistry, Nutley, New Jersey, June 2009 (Award Speaker)
- 4. Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, New York, November 2008
- 3. The 2007 Wyeth/Columbia Research Workshop, Columbia University, New York, May 2007
- 2. 9th Bristol-Meyers Squibb Chemistry Awards Symposium, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, May 2007 (Award Speaker)
- 1. The 2006 Wyeth/Columbia Research Workshop, Columbia University, New York, May 2006

# **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

- OMCOS 20 (the 20<sup>th</sup> IUPAC International Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards Organic Synthesis), Heidelberg, Germany, July 21-25, 2019
   Dai, M. J.\* "The Magic Power of Palladium-Catalyzed Carbonylative Reactions in Total Synthesis of Complex Natural Products."
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Yao Yuan Biotech-Pharma Symposium, Chicago, (April 18, 2015) Bai, Y.; Yang, Y.; Dai, M. J.;\* "New Strategies and Tactics for Efficient and Divergent Synthesis of Bioactive Alkaloids and Macrolides".
- Gordon Research Conferences Heterocyclic Compounds, RI (June 16-21, 2013) Dai, M. J.;\* Yang, Y.; Bai, Y.; Davies, D. C.; Haskins, C. W. "Divergent Synthesis of Biologically Active Heterocyclic Natural Products".
- Gordon Research Conferences High Throughput Chemistry & Chemical Biology, NH (June 2-7, 2013) Dai, M. J.;\* Bai, Y.; Yang, Y.; Davies, D. C.; Haskins, C. W. "Divergent Synthesis of Natural Products with Anticancer and Neurotrophic activity".
- Gordon Research Conferences Natural Products, Andover, NH (July 22-27, 2012) Dai, M. J.; Adams, D. J.; Pellegrino, G.; Wagner, B. K.; Stern, A. M.; Shamji, A. F.; Schreiber, S. L. "Chemical Synthesis, Cellular Evaluation, and Mechanism-of-Action of Anti-Cancer Piperlongumine Analogs".
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Retreat, Broad Institute, Cambridge, MA (November, 2011) Dai, M. J.; Adams, D. J.; Pellegrino, G.; Singleton, C.; Boskovic, Z.; Chen, S.; Sussman, R.; Schreiber, S. L. "Chemical and Biological Studies of Piperlongumine Analogs: Identification of Novel ROS Perturbing Probes and Potent Cancer-Cell-Selective Killing Compounds."
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scientific Meeting: Control of Gene Expression and Metabolism. Janelia Farm Research Campus, Ashburn, VA (June 6-9, 2010)
   Dai, M. J.; Hartwell, K. M.; Miller, P. G.; Chattopadhyay, S.; Stewart, A. L.; Mukherjee, S.; Stern, A.; Carmody, L.; Schoonmaker, J. A.; Duvet, M.; Churchill, M.; Ebert, B. L.; Golub, T. R.; Moore, M. A. S.; Gilliland, D. G.; Scadden, D. T.; Schreiber, S. L. "Targeting Cancer Stem Cells and Identifying Their Dependencies by Parthenolide Inspired Small Molecule Collections via Niche Based Screen"

# **SERVICE**

Department and University Service Activities

## Emory University

- Organic Division Seminar Lead, Department of Chemistry, Emory University, 2022-present
- Member of the Graduate Committee, Department of Chemistry, Emory University, 2022-present
- Member of the Junior TTF Search Committee, Department of Chemistry, Emory University, 2022-present
- BDCI Cornerstone Committee, Emory University, 2022-present

#### Purdue University

- Organic Division Head, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, 2020-2022
- Equity Advisor, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, 2020-2022
- Program Co-Leader, Purdue University Center for Cancer Research, 2020-2022
- Associate Director of the PIDD Training Program (NIH T32), 2019-2022
- University NMR committee, 2021-2022
- Member of the International Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, 2018-2022
- Member of Corporate and Industrial Relations Advisory Committee, 2017-2022
- Chair, The Lilly-Brown Lecture, 2021

- Member of the ad hoc search committee for an opportunity hire, 2021
- Chair, HC Brown Symposium, 2018
- Internal Advisory Board Member of Purdue Institute for Drug Discovery, 2016-2017
- Member of the Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, 2016-2018
- Member of Organic/Medicinal Chemistry Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2017
- Member of Department Executive Committee, 2015-2017
- Member of Organic Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2012-2013
- Member of Brown Research Award Committee: 2013-2014
- Member of Undergraduate Committee, 2013-2014
- Session Chair, HC Brown Symposium, 2013-2019
- Session Chair, Negishi-Brown Symposium, 2014-2015
- Member of Inorganic Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2014-2015
- Member of Drug Discovery Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2014-2015
- Poster Judge: Purdue Graduate Student Government Spring 2013 Career Fair
  - HC Brown Symposium, 2013-2019
    - Negishi-Brown Symposium, 2014-2015
- University NMR committee, 2014-2015

#### External Service Activities

- Editorial Board: Green Synthesis and Catalysis (by Elsevier), 2020-present
- Inaugural Editorial Board of iScience (by Cell Press), 2017-2020
- Guest Editor: Current Organic Chemistry, Thematic Issue "Harnessing Molecular Strain in Organic Synthesis and Related Fields".
- Grant Referee:
  - NSF Electronic Proposal Reviewer (2021)
  - NIH Ad Hoc Reviewer (2019, 2020, 2022)
  - NSF Panel Reviewer (2017, 2018, 2020)
  - Purdue University Center for Cancer Research Pilot Grants (2013-)

Member of the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant Review Committee (2015-)

- The American Chemical Society, Petroleum Research Foundation (2015-)
- Conference Chair/Discussion Leader/Presider:
  - Session chair: the 8<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Chemistry Conference, Singapore, December 2014 Session chair: East Lake International Forum, Tongji Medical College, HUST, China, June 2015 Session chair: Natural Products - Gordon Research Conference, Andover, NH, July 2015. Session chair: ACSCERM2016 – "Organic Synthesis of Bioactive Molecules", May 2016 ACSCERM2016 – "Organic Chemistry and Catalysis", May 2016
  - Symposium presider: National ACS meeting, Philadelphia, "Metal-Mediated Reactions & Synthesis", August 2016 Session chair: FloHet 2018 at the University of Florida, March 2018
  - Symposium presider: The Fall 2019 National ACS Meeting in San Diego, California, August 2019 Session chair: The 27<sup>th</sup> International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry Congress, Kyoto, Japan, September 2019
- Conference Organizer: the ACSCERM2016 meeting (47th Annual Central Regional Meeting of the ACS, Cincinnati, May 18-21, 2016) on "Organic Synthesis of Bioactive Molecules"
- Manuscript Referee: Reviewed over 300 manuscripts for about 20 different journals, including JACS, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., Nat. Commun., ACS Catal., Org. Lett., Chem. Commun., J. Org. Chem., J. Med. Chem., BMC, BMCL, Tetrahedron, Tetrahedron Letters, etc.
- International Student Representative, 2006-2008, Chemistry Department, Columbia University
- President of Columbia Synthesis Literacy Group, Chemistry Department, Columbia University

## **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- Faculty mentor, Purdue Section's American Chemical Society Project SEED program, 2013-present
- Hosted study tables (non-course related) at the Purdue Black Culture Center, 2013 & 2014
- Spoke at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Franklin County, Indiana, 2014
- Provided lecture notes describing stories of natural products and natural product synthesis to share with 22 high school teachers through the program of *Integrating STEM* in the Lafayette School Corporation.
- Presented at the American Chemical Society-Student Affiliates at Purdue University

• The International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry (ISHC), 2019-present • American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 2012-present • The New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), 2004-2009 **EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES** 2022-present: Consultant for Mussel Polymers Inc. 2022-present: Consultant for Kumquat Biosciences Inc. FUNDING **Active Grants National Science Foundation** 5/1/2021 - 4/30/2024 Carbonylation Methodologies and Strategies for Building Complex Chemical Structures PI, \$500,000.00 NIH R35 (R35GM128570) 8/5/2018 - 6/30/2023 Synthesis and Study of Medicinally Important Molecules PI, \$1,909,120.05 NIH R01 (R01GM127656, declined) 9/1/2018 - 6/30/2023Effective Targeting Survivin Dimerization Interface with Small Molecule Inhibitors Co-I (PI: Jingyuan Liu at IUPUI), \$309,191.00 budgeted for the Dai lab, but the Dai lab has to decline the funding support from this R01 because of the requirements of NIH R35. Lilly (Eli) and Company 6/1/2018 - 5/31/2023 Lilly Connected Solutions (This is a multi-PI project. The budget is renewed and determined yearly.) Co-PI, Year 1: \$522,239 to my lab for 11/1/2018 - 5/31/2019 Year 2: \$442,127 to my lab for 6/1/2019 – 5/31/2020 Year 3: \$501,427 to my lab for 6/1/2020 – 5/31/2021 Year 4: 471,711 to my lab for 6/1/2021 - 5/31/2022Year 5: \$275,165 to my lab for 6/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 Lilly (Eli) and Company The Eli Lillv ACC Grantee Award PI, \$100,000.00 (unrestricted) **National Institutes of Health T32** 8/1/2019 - 7/31/2024 Purdue Drug Discovery Training Program Co-PI (PI: Alexander Wei) **PIDD-PCCR** 6/1/2021 - 5/31/2022Optimization and preclinical evaluation of novel PRMT5/MEP50 interaction inhibitors for treatment-induced *neuroendocrine prostate cancer* Co-PI, \$50,000.00 (PI: Changdeng Hu; about 40% of the budget goes to the Dai lab) Purdue University Faculty Scholar and Showalter Faculty Scholar 8/1/2021 - 7/31/2026 PI, \$50,000 **Pending Grant Applications** NIH 5/15/2021 - 5/14/2026 Dissecting Infection pathways and Identifying Novel Virus Host Receptors and Effectors Co-PI (PI: Weiguo Anday Tao) **Completed Grants** Purdue Institute of Drug Discovery Programmatic Award 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2021

• Gave a lecture to retired people at the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA), Inc., Lafayette, IN, 2018

• Volunteered to the Snack and Chat organized by the Purdue Science Student Council, February 2022.

• Chinese-American Chemistry & Chemical Biology Professors Association (CAPA), 2015-present

AFFILIATIONS

• American Chemical Society (ACS), 2005-present

DNA-encoded, drug-like libraries based on privileged scaffolds generated by Co-PI, \$200,000 (40% of the budget to the Dai lab)	y novel chemistry
<b>Purdue Institute of Drug Discovery Hit-to-Lead Program</b> PI, \$50,000	6/1/2019 - 5/31/2021
<b>PRF Research Grants</b> , Purdue University Diterpene Natural Products and Their Analogs for Tumor-Suppressing Kina. PI, \$19,000	6/1/2020 – 5/31/2021 se Activation
National Science Foundation Career: Carbonylation Methodologies and Strategies for Complex Natural P PI, \$650,000.00 (\$130,000.00/year)	4/1/2016 – 3/31/2021 Product Synthesis
The Keck Foundation Microsecond Time Scale Vibrational Spectral Imaging of Living Systems Co-PI, Total \$1,000,000.00 plus cost share from Purdue University (PI: Ji-Xi including cost share from Purdue University)	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2019 in Cheng; about \$200,000.00 for my part
National Science Foundation MRI: Acquisition of a Mo Microsource Diffractometer at Purdue University Amount: \$266,356 Senior Personnel	7/1/2016 – 12/31/2017
American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund Catalytic Carbonylative Macrocyclization of Olefins and Cyclopropanes PI, \$110,000	1/1/2015 - 8/31/2017
<b>ORAU</b> , The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards Synthesis and Cellular Evaluation of Small Molecules with Neurotrophic Act PI, \$10,000	6/1/2013 – 5/31/2014 tivity
<b>PUCCR Phase I Concept Award</b> , Purdue University <i>Optimize Survivin PPI Inhibitors as Potential Clinical Therapeutics for Can</i> PI, \$15,000	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018 cer
<b>PRF Research Grants</b> , Purdue University <i>Target Tumor Suppressor Protein Kinase Cs with Synthetic Natural Product</i> PI, \$17,215	6/1/2016 – 12/31/2018 Analogs
<b>EVPRP</b> , "the NIH New R01 Program" Purdue University Adenylyl Cyclase 1 Inhibitors as Molecular Probes for Treating Chronic Pai Co-PI, Total \$30,000 (PI: Val Watts; \$10,000 for my part)	12/1/2015 – 6/30/2017 in
<b>PRF</b> Research Grants, Purdue University Synthetic Studies on Neurodegenerative Diseases PI, \$17,795	6/1/2015 - 5/31/2016
<b>Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust</b> <i>Targeting Cancer with Natural and Synthetic Hydropyran/Hydrofuran-Conto</i> PI, \$75,000	7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014 aining Macrolides
American Cancer Society via PUCCR (#IRG-58-006-53) Target Cancer Cell Migration by Lactimidomycin and Its Synthetic Analogs PI, \$30,000	11/1/2012 - 10/31/2013
<b>PRF</b> Research Grants, Purdue University Synthesis of Biologically Active Hydropyran/Hydrofuran-Containing Macrol PI, \$17,608	6/1/2013 – 5/31/2014 lides
<b>PRF</b> Summer Faculty Grants, Purdue University Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Natural Products with Neurotrophic A PI, \$8,000	6/1/2013 – 7/31/2013 Activity

# STUDENT EDUCATION

# **Current Group Members:**

#### Graduate Students (14):

Yecheng Wang: 2018-2023 (projected) Pedro de Andrade Horn: 2018-2023 (projected) Hunter S. Sims: 2018-2023 (projected) Chang Liu: 2019-2024 (projected) Mario E. Rivera: 2019-2024 (projected) Michael Collins: 2020-2025 (projected) Jacob Hellmig: 2020-2025 (projected) Yu Nishio: 2020-2022 (master's degree projected) Josephine E. Bernard: 2021-2026 (projected) Shilin Wang: 2021-2026 (projected) Cyrus Gudeman: 2021-2026 (projected)

#### Current Postdocs (5):

Dr. Lei Li: 07/2019-present Dr. Donghui Ma: 08/2020-present Dr. Yanrong Li: 06/2021-present Dr. Bo Xu: 11/2021-present Dr. Yuan Jin: 12/2021-present

#### Undergraduate students (6):

Declan J. Leaird Jianhan (Johnson) Zhou Alexandra (Lexi) A. Fresh

#### **Former Group Members:**

#### M.S. and Ph.D. students graduated

M.S. students graduated:

 Tabitha M. Bellman, M.S., 07/2015 Thesis Title: Synthesis of 3,3-Difluoro-2-Oxindoles and Larger Sized Rings. Current Position: Science Teacher at the Lafayette Catholic Schools

Ph.D. students graduated:

 Yu Bai, 08/2016 (The HC Brown Graduate Student Research Awardee) Thesis Title: Efficient Synthesis of Macrolides via Palladium-Catalyzed Carbonylative Macrolactonizations and Divergent Synthesis of Monoterpene Indole Alkaloids. Current Position: Incyte Inc.

Previous Position: Postdoc with Professor Barry Trost at Stanford University

- (2). Dexter Davis, 05/2017 (The HC Brown Graduate Student Research Awardee) Thesis Title: Catalytic Carbonylations in Total Synthesis and Chemistry and Biology of Aryl Isonitriles Current Position: Enanta Pharmaceuticals Previous position: Postdoc with Prof. Craig Lindsley at the Vanderbilt Center for Neuroscience Drug Discovery
- (3). Kwaku Kyei-Baffour, 05/2019 Thesis Title: Development of Aryl Isonitriles as Antimicrobial Agents and Total Synthesis of 17-Nor Excelsinidine Current Position: The Broad Institute Previous Position: Postdoc with Prof. Craig Lindsley at the Vanderbilt Center for Neuroscience Drug Discovery

# (4). Xianglin Yin, 05/2020

Thesis Title: Total Synthesis of *Stemona* Alkaloids via Palladium-Catalyzed Carbonylation Current Position: Postdoc with Prof. Yan Xia at Stanford University

- (5). Brandon S. Martin, 05/2021 Thesis Title: Total Synthesis of Complanadine A Current Position: Ferring Pharmaceuticals
- (6). Xinpei Cai, 08/2021 (The HC Brown Graduate Student Research Awardee) Thesis Title: Catalytic Hydroxycyclopropanol Ring-opening Carbonylative Lactonization to Fused Bicyclic Lactones and Total Synthesis of Pheleghenrine Alkaloids Current Position: Postdoc with Prof. Jin-Quan Yu at the Scripps Research Institute
- (7). Baiyang Jiang, 05/2022 (The HC Brown Graduate Student Research Awardee) Thesis Title: Synthetic Studies Towards the Hamigerans with a [6-7-5] Tricyclic Skeleton Current Position: Postdoc with Prof. Phil Baran at the Scripps Research Institute
- (8). Yiyang Luo, 05/2022 Thesis Title: Catalytic Carbonylation for Macrocyclic Ketone and Macrolide Synthesis Current Position: Jun He Law Offices, Shanghai, China
- (9). Weida Liang, 08/2022 Thesis Title: Copper-Catalyzed Hydroxycyclopropanol Ring Opening Chemistry and Total Synthesis of GA<sub>18</sub> Current Position: Research Scientist at Kumquat Biosciences

## **Postdoc Trained:**

- Dr. Yang Yang, 10/2012-10/2015
   Current Position: Full Professor at Huazhong University of Science and Technology
- (2). Dr. Zhishi Ye, 8/2013-8/2017Current Position: Full Professor at Dalian University of Technology
- (3). Dr. Yong Li, 2/10/2014-12/2018 Current Position: Research Scientist at Incyte Inc.
- (4). Dr. Zhong-Jian Cai, 11/2018-10/2019 Current Position: Full Professor at Soochow University
- (5). Dr. Fei Tang, 03/2019-02/2020 (joint postdoc with Professor Casey Krusemark) Current Position: Scientist at the Australian National University
- (6). Dr. Shaoquan Lin, 07/2019-06/2020 Current Position: Research Scientist at LEO Pharma, Denmark
- (7). Dr. Cassidy N. Creemer, 08/2020-02/2021 (joint postdoc with Professor Casey Krusemark) Current Position: Research Scientist at Novosteo Inc.
- (8). Dr. Chengsen Cui, 09/2018-08/2021 Current Position: Professor at the Tianjin Institute of Industrial Biotechnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

#### Visiting Scholar Trained:

- Dr. Kaiqing Ma, 03/2017-03/2018 Current Position: Associate Professor at Shanxi University
- (2). Prof. Dr. Wenjuan Li, 2/2018-2/2019 Current Position: Associate Professor at Nanchang University, China
- (3). Prof. Jianjun Dai (09/2018-09/2019) Current Position: Associate Professor at Hefei University of Technology, China

#### **Undergraduate Student Training:**

So far, I have trained over forty-five undergraduate student researchers in my lab. About one third of them have shared authorships in our publications. More than half of them have gone on to graduate study in chemistry at Caltech, UC Berkeley, University of Chicago, UPenn, UT-Austin, Michigan-Ann Arbor, UNC, etc.

# **COLLABORATIONS**

## Current Collaborators:

(1). Professor Alexander Adibekian – Scripps Research Institute, Florida

Target identification of covalent anticancer natural products

- (2). Professor Changdeng Hu Purdue University Targeting PRMT5/MEP50 interaction for developing novel chemotherapeutics
- (3). Professor Jian-Ting Zhang and Jing-Yuan Liu University of Toledo Targeting survivin dimeric protein-protein interaction for developing novel chemotherapeutics
- (4). Professor Zhong-Yin Zhang Purdue University Targeting phosphatases especially oncogenic SHP2 with novel covalent libraries
- (5). Dr. Benedikt Linder University Hospital Frankfurt Evaluation of curcusone D as BRAT1 inhibitor in glioma
- (6). Professor Mohamed Seleem Virginia Tech Antimicrobial drug discovery
- (7). Professor Casey Krusemark Purdue University DNA-encoded, drug-like libraries based on privileged scaffolds and novel chemistry
- (8). Professor Emily Dykhuizen Purdue University Development of inhibitors of BAF chromatin remodeling complexes
- (9). Eli Lilly, Professor Pedro Irazoqui (Johns Hopkins University), Professor Amadeu Llebaria (IQAC-CSIC, Spain), et al. Lilly Connected Solutions
- (10). Professor Timothy L. Ratliff Purdue University Evaluation of curcusone D as a BRAT1 inhibitor in in vitro and in vivo prostate cancer models
- (11). Professor Eric J. Wagner Wilmot Cancer Institute, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry Biological evaluation of curcusone D as a BRAT1 inhibitor
- (12). Professor Weixing Zhao –Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute, UT Health at San Antonio Biological evaluation of curcusone D as a BRAT1 inhibitor