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EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Aug. 2014 – Present) University of South Carolina

Postdoctoral Research Associate (Sept. 2010 – Aug. 2014) UNC Chapel Hill under Thomas J. Meyer

Research Assistant/Associate (June 2006 – Sept. 2010) The University of Arizona

Teaching Assistant (Aug. 2004 – May 2006) The University of Arizona

EDUCATION

The University of Arizona Tucson, Arizona
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The College of Wooster Wooster, Ohio
- B.A. in chemistry May 2004
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AWARDS

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Chemical Society (2006 – present)

COMMITTEES

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FUNDING

- Development of Electrolysis Processes to Electrochemically Reduce Lignin Samples to Produce a Color Stable Lignin Product – Ingevity Corp. – 1/17 - 6/17 – $10,000
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PUBLICATIONS

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