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Education

Ph.D., Microbiology
University of Georgia
B.S., Biological Sciences & Genetic Biology, Honors Research Program
Purdue University

Work Experience

Associate Research Professor, Honors Faculty
07/2014 – present *Arizona State University* *Tempe, AZ*
Biodesign Center for Applied Structural Discovery

Assistant Research Scientist
01/2012 – 06/2014 *Arizona State University* *Tempe, AZ*
Biodesign Center for Innovations in Medicine

Research Assistant Professor
01/2004 – 06/2009 *Medical University of South Carolina* *Charleston, SC*
Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Associate Research Scientist
08/2001 – 07/2003 *Yale University* *New Haven, CT*
Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry

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06/1997 – 07/2001 *Yale University* *New Haven, CT*
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Publications

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Proposals Written as Lead PI

**** INVITED FULL PROPOSAL **** **Department of Defense,** Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Tick-Borne Disease Research Program, Therapeutic/ Diagnostic Research Award. “A New View for Tick-Borne Disease Drug Development: Imaging Membrane-Translocated Outer Surface Proteins.” Co-PIs Petra Fromme & Abhishek Singharoy. Full proposal submitted 8/25/2022; Pre-Proposal submitted 5/23/2022.

**** FUNDED **** **ASU Women and Philanthropy,** “A New View for Drug Design Against Lyme Arthritis: Imaging Proteins at the Bacterial Outer Surface.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. 07/01/2022-12/31/2023.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation, “A New View for Lyme Disease Drug Development: Imaging Membrane-Translocated Outer Surface Proteins.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 6/30/22.

**** SCORED **** **NIH NIAID R21 (new),** “A New View for Lyme Disease Drug Development: Imaging Membrane-translocated Outer Surface Proteins.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 2/14/2022.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation, “A New View for Lyme Disease Drug Development: Imaging Membrane-Translocated Outer Surface Proteins.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 1/31/21.

Infectious Diseases Society of America, “The role of the Lyme neuroborreliosis outer surface lipoprotein VlsE in Alzheimer’s disease.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 9/21/21.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation, “A new view for the structure-based design of Lyme disease therapeutics: outer surface proteins oligomerize at the cell surface.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 6/30/20.

Department of Defense, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Tick-Borne Disease Research Program, Idea Development Award. “Multimerization of outer surface proteins as a new paradigm for targeting the Lyme disease pathogen.” Co-PI Petra Fromme. Pre-Proposal submitted 5/26/2020.

**** FUNDED *** **ASU/NASA Space Grant, Undergraduate Internship,** "Toward structure-based drug design against natively-folded P66, a key to Lyme disease infectivity & dissemination in heart & ear." Served as mentor for Christopher Ramirez. Fall 2020 – Spring 2021.

**** FUNDED *** **ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association JumpStart Research Grant,** "What the human immune system really sees during Lyme disease infection: purification of the Lyme disease vaccine component, outer surface protein A (OspA), toward the first described atomic-resolution images of its cell-membrane embedded form." Served as mentor for Emily Kaschner. Awarded 5/18/2020.

**** FUNDED *** **ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association JumpStart Research Grant,** "*Francisella* lipoprotein 3 has potential to be a drug target for the deadly disease tularemia." Served as mentor for Matthew Goode. Awarded 5/18/2020.

NIH NIAID R21 (new), "Structural analysis of a membrane-translocated form of lipoprotein BBA57, a multifactorial modulator of Lyme disease early infection." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 10/14/2019.

Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, "Structural Studies of Membrane-Translocated BBA57, an Arthritogenic, Immune Modulating Lipoprotein." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 8/15/19.

Global Lyme Alliance, "Structural Studies of a Membrane-Translocated Form of the Arthritogenic Lipoprotein BBA57." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 7/22/2019.

Department of Defense, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Tick-Borne Disease Research Program, Investigator-Initiated Research Award. "Mechanisms of Lyme Disease Pathogenesis Revealed by Structures of Membrane-Translocated Virulence Determinants." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Pre-Proposal submitted 5/22/2019.

**** SCORED *** **NIH NIAID R21 (resubmission),** "Structural analysis of a membrane-translocated form of lipoprotein BBA57, a multifactorial modulator of Lyme disease early infection." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 3/15/2019.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation, Emerging Leader Award, "Structures of membrane-translocated virulence determinants from the Lyme disease pathogen." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 3/1/19.

NIH NIAID R21 (new), "Structural analysis of a membrane-translocated form of lipoprotein BBA57, a multifactorial modulator of Lyme disease early infection." Co-PI Petra Fromme. Submitted 6/16/2018.

Global Lyme Alliance, "Developing Structure-based Treatments for Lyme Disease." Co-PIs Petra Fromme & Ying Zhang (Johns Hopkins Univ.). Submitted 9/15/2017.

**** FUNDED *** **ASU Biodesign Institute Seed Grant,** "Development of Genetic Immunization Approaches to Produce Novel Ligands for Membrane Protein Targets of Structural and Therapeutic Interest." Co-PI Stephen A. Johnston. 07/01/2015-06/30/2016.

**** FUNDED *** **Postdoctoral Fellowship,** NIH National Institute of General Medical Sciences, F32GM019278, "Novel Components in Archaeal Translation." Mentor, Dieter Söll. 12/1997-01/2000.

Intellectual Property

Generated >300 unique plasmid DNAs and 2 unique *Escherichia coli* protein expression strains, available through the non-profit Addgene and DNASU repositories.

Manuscript Reviewer

PLoS ONE
Molecular Biology Reports
Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology
Virulence
Archives of Microbiology
Future Microbiology

Service & Mentorship

Proposal Reviewer, ASU Limited Submissions panels, 04/2020-.

Member, Academic Professional Personnel Committee, ASU Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development, 01/2019-.

Member, ASU Biodesign Faculty Chalk Talk committee, 08/2020-07/2023 (3 year term).

Conference Chair, International SMALP Conference, 12/2022.

Mentor, ASU/NASA Space Grant, 07/2020-08/2021.

Mentor, ASU Barrett Honors undergraduate theses, 01/2014-05/2021.

Conference Chair, "Structural Biology Studies for Development of Antibodies against Membrane Protein Targets," Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Discovery on Target symposium, Antibodies Against Membrane Protein Targets, Boston, Massachusetts, 2016.

Scientific Meetings

"Membrane Translocation Reveals That Oligomerization Is a Recurring Theme in the Structures of Outer Membrane (Lipo)proteins from Pathogenic Bacteria," poster, Symposium: Aspects of Imaging, Diffraction, and Crystallography: Where John Spence's Legacy Takes Us, 2022.

"Advances in the structural biology of the outer surface proteins from the Lyme disease pathogen support the structure-based design of needed therapeutics," poster, 9th Annual BioXFEL International Conference, 2022.

"The first images of a membrane-translocated virulence determinant from the Lyme disease pathogen," invited seminar, ASU Biodesign Faculty Chalk Talks, Tempe, Arizona, 2020.

"In vivo presentation to generate antibody-based structural ligands against membrane proteins," poster & flash talk, *Nature* Conference: Functional dynamics – visualizing molecules in action, Tempe, Arizona, 2019.

"Generation of high specificity antibodies against membrane proteins using DNA-gold micronanoplexes for gene gun immunization," poster, Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Discovery on Target symposium Antibodies Against Membrane Protein Targets, Boston, Massachusetts, 2017.

"Heterologous expression of bacterial inner and outer membrane proteins in *E. coli* for structural studies," invited seminar, GTCbio's 4th Protein Expression, Purification & Characterization Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 2016.

"Efficiency of genetic immunization for the generation of antibodies against membrane proteins," invited seminar, Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Discovery on Target symposium Antibodies Against Membrane Protein Targets, Boston, Massachusetts, 2016.

"Expression strategies towards the structural determination of membrane proteins from *Francisella tularensis* SCHU S4," poster, Cambridge Healthtech Institute's PepTalk: Membrane Proteins, A Valuable Resource and Target, San Diego, California, 2015.

"Production and characterization of high-specificity polyclonal antibodies against membrane proteins from highly infectious agents in the absence of purified membrane protein," poster, Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Discovery on Target symposium, Antibodies Against Membrane Protein Targets Parts 1 & 2, Boston, Massachusetts, 2014.

"Reagents for membrane proteins from highly infectious agents: generation of target-specific mouse polyclonal antibodies in the absence of membrane protein," poster, NIGMS Structural Biology Horizons Workshop, Bethesda, Maryland, 2013.

"Production and characterization of polyclonal antibodies against membrane proteins from

infectious microbes in the absence of soluble protein," poster, PSI:Biology Technologies Workshop, Bethesda, Maryland, 2012.

"hTR and hTERT assemble into active human telomerase in the absence of all other eukaryotic factors," poster, Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on Telomeres and Telomerase, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, 2009.

"Expression and assembly of active human telomerase in bacteria," poster, Hollings Cancer Center Scientific Research Retreat, Charleston, South Carolina, 2008.

"Large scale purification and crystallography of tipin, a cell cycle checkpoint protein," poster, Symposium for Structural Biology, Medical University of South Carolina Center for Structural Biology, Charleston, South Carolina, 2008.

"Structural studies of the assembly and function of human telomerase," poster, Hollings Cancer Center Scientific Research Retreat, Charleston, South Carolina, 2005.

"Naturally-occurring mischarging aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases," poster, Gordon Research Conference, Nucleic Acids, Bristol, Rhode Island, 2002.

"Indirect aminoacyl-tRNA synthesis in *Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus*," poster, Gordon Research Conference on Archaea, Andover, New Hampshire, 2001.

"An archaeal-specific glutamyl-tRNA^{Gln} amidotransferase," invited seminar, 18th tRNA Workshop, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 2000.

"A genetics system for *Methanococcus maripaludis*," invited seminar, Gordon Conference on Archaea: Ecology, Metabolism & Molecular Biology, Plymouth, New Hampshire, 1996.

Skills

Scientific proposals, manuscripts, technical reports, standard operating procedures, oral presentations.

Project design, management and budgets.

Technology development and data analysis.

Supervision, training and mentoring of laboratory technicians and students (graduate, medical, undergraduate, and high school).

Management of the laboratory's equipment, supplies, bacterial and archaeal strain collections, nucleic acid collections, chemicals, radiochemicals, biosafety (BSL1 and BSL2), chemical safety, and relevant scientific literature.

Advanced cloning techniques and plasmid design; PCR, DNA sequencing & transformation, transduction, nucleic acid and protein sequence analyses.

Protein and RNA biochemistry, expression, purification, assays.

Immunological methods: ELISAs, Westerns, B cell isolation for monoclonal antibodies.

Antibody generation by DNA and protein immunizations.

Mouse handling.

Development & management of IACUC protocols.

In vitro transcription and in vitro translation.

Peptide microarrays, protein microarrays, array analyses.

Vaccine development against cancer and viruses.

Identification and characterization of novel genes, enzymes, biochemical pathways.

Genetics and gene knockouts in bacteria and archaea.

Chromatographic techniques (FPLC, HPLC, TLC, GC) and spectrophotometry.

Radiolabel and stable isotope methods (^{14}C, ^{13}C, ^{3}H, ^{32}P, ^{35}S).

Sterile microbiological technique.

Microbial growth in fermentors and on gaseous substrates.

Growth and culturing of diverse microbes, including strict anaerobes, thermophiles, photosynthetic bacteria, radioresistant microbes, and archaea.

Compressed gas handling systems and gas measurements (methane, CO_2, H_2, N_2, Ar).

Characterization of natural microbial populations and isolates.

Additional Information

Lead, Lyme Disease table, ASU Open Door public outreach events, 2023, 2020.

Volunteer, Highland High School, Gilbert, AZ, 11/2021-present.

Volunteer, Val Vista Lakes Elementary School, Gilbert, AZ, 09/2011-01/2012.

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