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<b>Education</b>	<b>University of Minnesota, Department of Chemistry Minneapolis, Minnesota</b> <i>Ph.D., Physical Chemistry</i>  Dissertation Title: Physical Properties and Dynamics of Hydrogen Bonding and Proton Transfer Compounds Research Advisor: Dr. David Blank  <i>Preparing Future Faculty Certificate</i> (December 2004)  <b>Marquette University Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b> <i>B.S. Chemistry and Mathematics, magna cum laude</i>	<b>2000 – 2005</b>  <b>1996 – 2000</b>
<b>Professional Experience</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b> <b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Chemistry, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH Classes Taught: Physical Chemistry I & II (lecture and lab), Introductory Chemistry (lecture and lab), Introduction to Independent Study, Biophysical Chemistry, non-majors courses, First Year Seminar. Research Interests: photochemistry, spectroscopy, computational chemistry, kinetics.  <b>Visiting Associate Professor</b> Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Yale University, New Haven, CT Dr. Paul Whitmore (host) Project: One year research leave. Research focus on the fundamental chemistry of the photo-induced degradation of cochineal, a red dye extracted from South American scale insects and used as an artist colorant, and the impact of different paint media upon its stability.  <b>Visiting Assistant Professor</b> Department of Chemistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada Dr. Glen Loppnow (host) Project: One semester research leave. Project focus on the solvent-dependent properties of a series of oxybenzone derivatives. Experimental and computational resonance Raman measurements were carried out on the systems in protic and aprotic solvents.	<b>2012– Present</b> <b>2006 – 2012</b>  <b>Summer-Fall 2014</b>  <b>Fall 2009</b>
<b>Research Experience</b>	<b>Graduate Fellow</b> Department of Chemistry, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN Dr. David Blank (advisor) Research: Ultrafast nonlinear spectroscopy, computational modeling	<b>2000 – 2005</b>

- NSF REU Program Participant** 1999  
 Department of Chemistry, the Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA  
 Dr. Karl Mueller (advisor)  
 Research: Solid-state NMR spectroscopy
- NSF REU Program Participant** 1998  
 Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Dr. Paul Russo (advisor)  
 Research: Polymer, physical chemistry
- Quality Control Specialist**, Dean Food & Specialty Products 1997  
 Green Bay, WI  
 Food chemistry, analytical methods

### Teaching Experience

- Visiting Assistant Professor**, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 2005–2006  
 Courses: Physical Chemistry I & II, Physical Chemistry Laboratory, Senior Integrated Laboratory, Introduction to Analytical Methods Laboratory, Lab Methods in Organic Chemistry
- Undergraduate Mentoring**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2005  
 Duties: instruction and direction of undergraduate research student with Dr. David Blank, co-advise and direct research project, train student in research methods.
- Preparing Future Faculty**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2004  
 Courses taken: Teaching in Higher Education and Practicum for Future Faculty
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2000–2  
 Course: Physical Chemistry II, Honors General Chemistry, Instrumental Analysis
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI 1999-2000  
 Course: General Chemistry Laboratory

### Publications

1. Leah M. Rader Bowers\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck** “Impact of medium and ambient environment on the photodegradation of carmine in solution and paints.” *Dyes and Pigments*, **2016**, 127, 18-24.
2. Jacob A. Boroff\*, Zachery D. Matesich\*, Daniela Canache Stuetzer\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck** “Solvent impact on the photophysical properties and excited state behavior of *p*-aminobenzoic acids.” *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry*, **2015**, 305, 60-66.
3. Elisa Leyva, **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck**, Silvia E. Loredó-Carrillo, Diego A. Magaldi-Lara “Spectral and structural characterization of 2-(fluorophenylamino)- and 2-(nitrophenylamino)-1,4-naphthoquinone derivatives.” *Journal of Molecular Structure*, **2014**, 1068, 1-7.
4. **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck** “Solvent Effects on Electronic Absorption: Positive and Negative Solvatochromism.” *Chemical Educator*, **2013**, 18, 099-103.
5. Mitchell P. Thayer\*, Colin McGuire\*, Elana M.S. Stennett\*, Mary Kate Lockhart\*, Daniela Canache\*, Marnie Novak\*, and **Sarah J. Schmidtke** “pH-Dependent Spectral Properties of *para*-Aminobenzoic Acid and its Derivatives.” *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy*, **2011**, 84, 227-232.
6. Brandi M. Baughman\*, Elana Stennett\*, Rachel E. Lipner\*, Andrew C. Rudawsky\*, and **Sarah J. Schmidtke** “Structural and Spectroscopic Studies of the Photophysical Properties of Benzophenone Derivatives.” *Journal of Physical Chemistry A*, **2009**, 113, 8011-8019.

7. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, Ph.D. Dissertation, “Physical Properties and Dynamics of Hydrogen Bonding and Proton Transfer Compounds.” University of Minnesota, **2005**.
8. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, David F. Underwood, and David A. Blank. “Probing excited-state dynamics and intramolecular proton transfer in 1-acylamino-anthraquinones via the intermolecular solvent response.” *Journal of Physical Chemistry A*, **2005**, 109(32), 7033-7045.
9. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, David F. Underwood, and David A. Blank. “Following the solvent directly during ultrafast excited state proton transfer.” *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, **2004**, 126(28), 8620-8621.
10. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, Laura A. MacManus-Spencer, Jamie J. Klappa, T. A. Mobley, Kristopher McNeill, and David A. Blank. “2-(2'-Pyridyl)pyrroles: Part I. Structure and energetics of Pyridylpyrroles, their Dimers, Complexes and Excited States.” *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, **2004**, 6(15), 3938-3947.
11. Laura A. MacManus-Spencer, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, David A. Blank, and Kristopher McNeill. “2-(2'-Pyridyl)pyrroles: Part II. Spectroscopic Investigations of Pyridylpyrrole Alcohol Complexes.” *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, **2004**, 6(15), 3948-3957.
12. Jamie J. Klappa, Sarah Geers, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, Laura A. MacManus-Spencer, and Kristopher McNeill. “Pyridylpyrrolides as alternatives to cyclometalated phenylpyridine ligands: Synthesis and characterization of luminescent zinc and boron pyridylpyrrolide complexes.” *Dalton*, **2004**, 6, 883-891.
13. **Sarah Schmidtke**, Paul S. Russo, Javier Nakamatsu, Ebru Buyuktanie, Blige Turfan, Elana Temyanko, and Ioan Negulescu. “Thermoreversible Gelation of Isotropic and Liquid Crystalline Solution of a “Sticky” Rodlike Polymer.” *Macromolecules*, **2000**, 33(12), 4427-4432.
14. **Sarah Schmidtke**, Paul Russo, Javier Nakamatsu, Ioan Negulescu. “Gelation of a “sticky” rodlike polymer.” *Polymeric Materials Science and Engineering*, **2000**, 82, 326-327.

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#### Published Abstracts

1. **Sarah J. Sobeck**, Haley Rossiter\* “Structure and photophysical property relationships of aminobenzoic acids.” *Abstracts of Papers*, 253<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2-6, 2017.
2. Gabriela F. Jocas\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** “Tracking ultraviolet degradation of p-aminobenzoic acid and two derivatives.” *Abstracts of Papers*, 253<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2-6, 2017.
3. Maddie Thomas\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** “Analysis of the quantum yield and photodegradation of anthraquinone-based dyes.” *Abstracts of Papers*, 253<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2-6, 2017.
4. Catherine Boyles\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** “Effects of metal salts and anoxia on the photodegradation of red food dyes in solution.” *Abstracts of Papers*, 253<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2-6, 2017.
5. Amanda Carmichael\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** “Analysis of the impact of pH upon solution phase degradation of carminic acid.” *Abstracts of Papers*, 251<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 13-17, 2016.

6. Briana Marlatt\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** "Photodegradation of p-aminobenzoic acid in different ambient and pH environments, and impact of antioxidants on stability." *Abstracts of Papers*, 251<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 13-17, 2016.
7. Haley Rossiter\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** "Synthesis and photochemistry of dimethylaminobenzoic acid derivatives." *Abstracts of Papers*, 251<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 13-17, 2016.
8. Preetom Borah\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** "Solvent effects on the quantum efficiencies and UV-induced photodegradation of PABA and padimate-O." *Abstracts of Papers*, 251<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 13-17, 2016.
9. Norman Chamusah\* **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck** "User-friendly Ising model simulator ." *Abstracts of Papers*, 247<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 16-20, 2014.
10. Rachelle P. Herrin\* **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck** "Effect of solvent on 1-dichloroacetyl-aminoanthraquinone photochemistry." *Abstracts of Papers*, 247<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 16-20, 2014.
11. Leah M. Rader Bowers\* **Sarah J. Schmidtke Sobeck** "Photo-degradation of Cochineal dye in oil-, alcohol-, and aqueous media ." *Abstracts of Papers*, 247<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 16-20, 2014.
12. Andrew D. Young\* **Sarah J. Sobeck** "Impact of solvent upon the photo-induced chemistry of 1-acylaminoanthraquinones ." *Abstracts of Papers*, 245<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 7-11, 2013.
13. **Sarah J. Schmidtke** "Solvent and Substituent Effects on the Photochemistry of 1-Acylaminoanthraquinones ." *Abstracts of Papers*, 243<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 25-29, 2012.
14. **Sarah J. Schmidtke** "pH-Dependent Spectral Properties of para-Aminobenzoic Acid and its Derivatives." *Abstracts of Papers*, 239<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 21-25, 2010.
15. Mitchell Thayer\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Environmental and Structural Effects on Intramolecular Charge Transfer Exhibited by 4-Aminobenzoic Acid and its Derivatives." *Abstracts of Papers*, 239<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 21-25, 2010.
16. Zachery Matesich\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Thermodynamic Analysis of the Intramolecular Charge Transfer in Butyl (4-Dimethylamino)benzoate and Butyl 4-Aminobenzoate." *Abstracts of Papers*, 239<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 21-25, 2010.
17. Elana Stennett\*, Karl J. Feierabend, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Elucidating the pKa of Three Sunscreen Molecules through Computational and Experimental Methods." *Abstracts of Papers*, 239<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 21-25, 2010.
18. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, Daniela Canache\*, Elana Stennett\*, Marnie Novak\*, Mary Kate Lockhart\*. "Solvent and Structural Effects On Charge Transfer in Para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives." *Abstracts of Papers*, Central Region American Chemical Society Meeting, Cleveland, OH, May 20-23, 2009.
19. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Impact of Solvent-Solute Interactions upon the Photophysical Properties of Sunscreen Active Ingredients." *Abstracts of Papers*, Central Region American Chemical Society Meeting, Columbus, OH, June 10-14, 2008.

20. Brandi Baughman\*, Rachel Lipner\*, Andrew Rudawsky\*, Elana Stennett\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Experimental and theoretical evaluation of the photophysical properties of benzophenone derivatives." *Abstracts of Papers*, 235<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 6-10, 2008.
21. Rachel Lipner\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Investigations of the photophysical properties of sunscreen active ingredients." *Abstracts of Papers*, 235<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 6-10, 2008.
22. Andrew Rudawsky\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Investigating the photophysical properties of sunscreen active ingredients." *Abstracts of Papers*, 235<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 6-10, 2008.
23. Brandi Baughman\*, Elana Stennett\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "Experimental and computational investigations of the photophysical properties of UV-absorbers in sunscreens." *Abstracts of Papers*, 233<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 24-29, 2007.
24. Brandi Baughman\*, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**. "The photophysical behavior of sunscreen active ingredients: A combined computational and spectroscopic study." *Abstracts of Papers*, 233<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 24-29, 2007.
25. David F. Underwood, **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, David A. Blank. "Direct observation of the ultrafast solvent response in condensed phase chemical dynamics." *Abstracts of Papers*, 227<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society National Meeting, Anaheim, CA. March 28-April 1, 2004.
26. **Sarah J. Schmidtke**, David F. Underwood, David A. Blank. "Dynamics of ultrafast proton transfer in 1-acylaminoanthraquinones." *Abstracts of Papers*, 225<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 23-27, 2003.
27. **Sarah Schmidtke**, Paul S. Russo, Javier Nakamatsu, Ioan I. Negulescu. "Gelation of a "sticky" rodlike polymer." *Book of Abstracts*, 219<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 26-30, 2000.

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<b>Presentations</b>		<b>April 6, 2017</b>
	1. American Chemical Society National Meeting <i>Structure and photophysical property relationships of aminobenzoic acids</i> , oral presentation.	
	2. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference <i>Impact of Substituent Positioning on the Photochemistry of Aminobenzoic Acids</i> , poster.	<b>Jan. 2-5 2017</b>
	3. Gordon Research Conference on Cultural Heritage <i>Impact of Ambient Environment and Medium on the Photodegradation of Cochineal</i> , poster.	<b>July 31-Aug. 5, 2016</b>
	4. IUPAC 2015, Busan, South Korea. <i>Environmental Impact on the Photodegradation of Cochineal</i> , poster presentation.	<b>Aug. 11, 2015</b>
	5. IUPAC 2015, Busan, South Korea. <i>Solvent-dependence of the Photochemistry of para-Aminobenzoic Acids</i> , poster presentation.	<b>Aug. 10, 2015</b>
	6. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference <i>Photodegradation of Cochineal in Solution and Paints</i> , poster.	<b>Jan. 1-4, 2015</b>
	7. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference <i>Comparative Photochemistry of PABA and DABA</i> , poster.	<b>Jan. 2-5, 2014</b>

8. Allegheny College, Department of Chemistry **Sept. 5, 2013**  
*Beyond Sunscreen: Explorations of the Photochemistry of PABA Derivatives*, invited seminar.
9. IUPAC 2013, Istanbul, Turkey. **Aug. 13, 2013**  
*Photochemistry of 1-Acylaminoanthraquinones*, oral presentation.
10. IUPAC 2013, Istanbul, Turkey. **Aug. 13, 2013**  
*Impact of Esterification and Thionation on the Photochemistry of Para-Aminobenzoic Acid*, oral presentation.
11. Gordon Research Conference on Photochemistry **July 14-19, 2013**  
*Photochemistry of para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, poster.
12. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference **Jan. 2-5, 2013**  
*Photochemistry of para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives as a Function of Electron-Accepting Moiety and Solvent Environment*, poster.
13. IUPAC Symposium on Photochemistry, Coimbra, Portugal. **July 15-20, 2012**  
*Impact of the Electron Acceptor Moiety on the Photochemistry of para-Aminobenzoic acid Derivatives*, poster.
14. American Chemical Society National Meeting **March 27, 2012**  
*Solvent and Substituent Effects on the Photochemistry of 1-Acylaminoanthraquinones*, oral presentation.
15. Gordon Research Conference on Photochemistry **July 10-15, 2011**  
*Solvent and Substituent Effects on the Photochemistry of 1-Acylaminoanthraquinones*, poster.
16. Denison University, Department of Chemistry **March 3, 2011**  
*pH-Dependent Photochemistry of para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, invited seminar.
17. Wright State University, Department of Chemistry **April 16, 2010**  
*pH- and Solvent Dependent Spectral Properties of para-Aminobenzoic Acids*, invited seminar.
18. Science Round Table College of Wooster **March 26, 2010**  
*Sweating the Small Things: UV-Absorber Photochemistry*.
19. American Chemical Society National Meeting **March 21, 2010**  
*pH- and Solvent Dependent Spectral Properties of para-Aminobenzoic Acids*, oral presentation.
20. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference **Jan. 4, 2010**  
*Environmental Impact on the Spectral Properties of para-Aminobenzoic Derivatives*, invited oral presentation.
21. Gordon Research Conference on Photochemistry **July 5-10, 2009**  
*Solvent and Structural Effects on Charge Transfer in para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, poster.
22. Central Regional American Chemical Society Meeting **May 21, 2009**  
*Solvent and Structural Effects on Charge Transfer in Para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, oral presentation.
23. University of South Carolina, Department of Chemistry **March 16, 2009**  
*Solvent and Structural Effects on Charge Transfer in para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, invited seminar.

24. John Carroll University, Department of Chemistry **March 11, 2009**  
*Impact of Solvent-Solute Interactions upon the Photophysical Properties of Sunscreen Active Ingredients*, invited seminar.
25. The Ohio State University, Department of Chemistry **March 9, 2009**  
*Solvent and Structural Effects on Charge Transfer in para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, invited seminar.
26. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference **Jan. 2-5, 2009**  
*Impact of Solvent on Charge Transfer in para-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives*, poster.
27. Case Western Reserve University, Department of Chemistry **Oct. 30, 2008**  
*Impact of Solvent-Solute Interactions upon the Photophysical Properties of Sunscreen Active Ingredients*, invited seminar.
28. Central Regional American Chemical Society Meeting **June 11, 2008**  
*Impact of Solvent-Solute Interactions upon the Photophysical Properties of Sunscreen Active Ingredients*, invited oral presentation.
29. American Chemical Society National Meeting **April 6, 2008**  
*Experimental and theoretical evaluation of the photophysical properties of benzophenone derivatives*, oral presentation.
30. University of Akron, Department of Chemistry **February 20, 2008**  
*Solvent impact on the photophysical properties of benzophenone derivatives*, invited seminar.
31. Marquette University, Department of Chemistry **Feb. 1, 2008**  
*Solvent impact on the photophysical properties of benzophenone derivatives*, invited seminar.
32. Inter-American Photochemistry Society Winter Conference **Jan. 3-6, 2008**  
*Solvent impact on the photophysical properties of benzophenone derivatives*, poster.
33. Science Round Table College of Wooster **Sept. 28, 2007**  
*Sunscreen: It's all about chemistry.*
34. Kimberly Clark Corporation, Neenah, WI. **Aug. 10, 2007**  
*Solvent impact on the photophysical properties of benzophenone derivatives*, invited seminar.
35. Gordon Research Conference on Photochemistry **July 8-13, 2007**  
*Spectral and structural properties of a class of UV-absorbers*, poster.
36. Physics Department College of Wooster **June 8, 2007**  
*Lasers and RaPTORS and protons! OH, MY!!!!.*
37. American Chemical Society National Meeting **March 24-29, 2007**  
*Experimental and computational investigations of the photophysical properties of UV-absorbers in sunscreens*, poster.
38. The College of Wooster **Sept. 26, 2006**  
*Chemistry in a crowd: Spectroscopic and theoretical investigations of condensed phase systems*, departmental seminar.
39. St. Cloud State Department of Chemistry **Oct. 18, 2004**  
*Solvent dynamics accompanying ultrafast proton transfer in 1-acylaminoanthraquinones*, departmental seminar.

40. International Conference on Coherent Multidimensional Vibrational Spectroscopy. **Aug.15-17, 2004**  
*Probing the solvent dynamics during ultrafast excited state proton transfer in 1-acylaminoanthraquinones*, poster.
41. American Chemical Society National Meeting **March 28-April 1, 2004**  
*Direct observation of the ultrafast solvent response in condensed phase chemical dynamics*, poster.
42. American Chemical Society National Meeting **March 23-27, 2003**  
*Dynamics of ultrafast proton transfer in 1-acylaminoanthraquinones*, poster.
43. Waldo Semon Poster Session / Symposium, University of Akron **Fall 1999**  
*Gelation of a "sticky" rodlike polymer*, poster.

### Awards and Honors

- NSF-MRI Grant, Co-PI (Award 1626088) MRI: Acquisition of an NMR Spectrometer to Sustain Excellence in Undergraduate Research **2016–2019**
- American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund (ACS PRF) Undergraduate Research Grant (ACS PRF 53159-UR4) **2013–2016**
- IUPAC Young Observer 2015 **2015**
- Mexican Council of Research and Technology Graduate Student International Travel Support, Co-Sponsor **2011**
- NSF-CRIF Grant (Co-PI): U of MN CyberMULE (Award 1048560) **2010**
- Gordon Research Conference Travel Grant **2007**
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow **2002 – 2005**
- American Chemical Society National Meeting Physical Chemistry Student Poster Award **2003**
- American Chemical Society Women Chemists Committee Travel Award **2003**

### Professional Membership and Service

- American Chemical Society (ACS). **1998 – Present**
- Wooster Local Section of the ACS Secretary. **2007–2013**
- Wooster Local Section of the ACS Chair. **2014–Present**
- Inter-American Photochemical Society (I-APS) **2008–Present**
- American Chemical Society National Meeting Session Presider for Organic Photochemistry. **Spring 2010, 2011**
- Gordon Research Conference on Photochemistry Discussion Leader **2009, 2013**
- Central Region American Chemical Society Meeting (CERMACS) Co-chair Physical Chemistry Sessions. **May 2009**
- Expanding Your Horizons workshop presenter for adolescent girls promoting science & math careers (annually April) **2008–Present**
- B-WISER (Buckeye Women in Science, Engineering, and Research Institute) workshop presenter for adolescent girls' science camp (annually July) **2007–Present**
- Wayne County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) member **2015–Present**



<b>Institutional Involvement</b>	<b>College of Wooster</b>	<b>2006 – Present</b>
	Departmental Duties: Admissions Liaison, Assessment Coordinator, Senior IS Seminar Co-ordinator, Curriculum development. Institutional Committees: Copeland Fund (2007-8), Faculty Scholarship (2007-8), Graduate Fellowships (2007-14), Science Round Table Coordinator (Fall 2007), State Science Day coordinator (Spring 2008-13), Fall Forum (2008-9), LIRTC (2008-9), Galpin Prize (2010), Committee on Committees (2010-12, chair 2011-12), Goldwater Scholarship Faculty Representative (2010-14 ), Financial Advisory Committee (2012-14), Teaching Staff and Tenure Committee (2015–present), GLAA Alliance Liaison (2015–present).	
<b>Under- graduate Senior Theses Advised</b>	<b>Elizabeth Backman</b>	<b>2016–2017</b>
	“Improving p-XRF Capabilities for in situ Geochemical Analysis of Intrusive Magma Bodies and Shale.”	
	<b>Catherine Boyles</b>	<b>2016–2017</b>
	“Effect of Metal Salts and Anoxia on the Photodegradation of Red Food Dyes.”	
	<b>Haley Rossiter</b>	<b>2016–2017</b>
	“Investigating the Impact of Substituent Positioning on the Photochemistry of meta and ortho Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives.”	
	<b>Madeline Thomas</b>	<b>2016–2017</b>
	“Differentiation of Anthraquinone-based Dyes and Pigments using Fluorescence.”	
	<b>Preetom Borah</b>	<b>2015–2016</b>
	“Solvent Effects on the Quantum Efficiencies and UV-induced Photodegradation of PABA and Padimate-O”	
	<b>Amanda Carmichael</b>	<b>2015–2016</b>
	“Cochineal: Connecting Chemistry and Religious Studies through the World of Art.”	
	<b>Erin Drake</b>	<b>2015–2016</b>
	“Impact of medium, ambient environment, and surface on the UV-induced degradation of Carmine lake.”	
	<b>Briana Marlatt</b>	<b>2015–2016</b>
	“Photodegradation of p-aminobenzoic acid in different ambient and pH environments and stabilization by antioxidants.”	
<b>Jacob Boroff</b>	<b>2013–2014</b>	
“An In-Depth Analysis of the Photophysical Properties of para-Aminobenzoic Acid and 4-Dimethylaminobenzoic Acid.”		
<b>Leah Radar Bowers</b>	<b>2013–2014</b>	
“Photochemical Degradation of the Carmine Dye Molecule in Artistic Media.”		
<b>Norman Chamusah</b>	<b>2013–2014</b>	
“Two and Three Dimensional Ising Model Based Graphical User-Interface Simulator.”		
<b>Lauren Fleming</b>	<b>2013–2014</b>	
“The Fate of the Formic Acid Radical: A Kinetic Investigation of the Reaction between Oxalic Acid and the Hydroxyl Radical.”		
<b>Da-Sol Kuen</b>	<b>2013–2014</b>	
“Microfluidic Fluorescence Detection of the Intracellular Lead Uptake Properties of <i>Caulobacter crescentus</i> .”		
<b>Evan Robinson</b>	<b>2012–2013</b>	
“A Spectroscopic Study of Excited State Intramolecular Charge Transfer of Newly Synthesized Ethy 4-(Dimethylamino)benzoate Derivatives.”		
<b>Andrew Young</b>	<b>2012–2013</b>	
“Impact of Solvent upon the Photo-Induced Chemistry of 1-Acylaminoanthraquinones.”		
<b>Miles Batson</b>	<b>2011–2012</b>	
“Effects of Solvent Environments on the Thermodynamics and Kinetics of Excited-state Intramolecular Proton Transfer Within 1-Acylaminoanthraquinone Derivatives.”		

- S. Sarah Beth Loder** 2011–2012  
“Experimentally and Computationally Determining the Theoretical Aqueous pKa of Three UV-Absorbing Benzophenone Derivatives.”
- Kaitlynn Wilson** 2011–2012  
“A Spectroscopic Study of Excited State Intramolecular Charge Transfer of Various Ethyl 4-(Dimethylamino)benzoate Derivatives.”
- Ryan Burzese** 2010–2011  
“Comparative Analysis of the Binding of 2-Aminobenzophenone to p38 MAP kinase Amino Acid Residues.”
- S. Andrew Ford** 2010–2011  
“Excited State Intramolecular Proton Transfer Thermodynamics of 1-Acylaminoanthraquinones and their Solvent and Substituent Dependencies.”
- Zachery Matesich** 2010–2011  
“Thermodynamic and Infrared Spectroscopic Study of the Excited Intramolecular Charge Transfer of 4-Aminobenzoic Acid and 4-Dimethylaminobenzoic Acid.”
- Elana Stennett** 2009–2010  
“Elucidating the pKa of Three Hydroxybenzophenone Derivative Sunscreen Molecules through Computational and Experimental Methods.”
- Jessi Baughman** 2008–2009  
“Hydrogen Bonding Complexes of Cytosine and Uracil: A Spectroscopic Investigation.”
- Daniela Canache** 2008–2009  
“Thermodynamic Study of the Intramolecular Charge Transfer of p-Aminobenzoic Acid Derivatives.”
- Rachel Lipner** 2008–2009  
“Investigation of Dioxybenzone-Alcohol Complexes through Spectral Deconvolution and an Analysis of Symmetric Groups and Character Tables.”
- Neal Kline** 2007–2008  
“A photophysical and photodegradation study of sunscreen active ingredients: A combined computational and spectroscopic study.”
- Marnie Novak** 2007–2008  
“The photophysical properties of PABA derivatives: A spectroscopic and computational analysis.”
- Brandi Baughman** 2006–2007  
“The photophysical behavior of sunscreen active ingredients: A combined computational and spectroscopic study.”
- Lindsey Easthon** 2006–2007  
“Hydrogen bonding of cytosine and uracil: A combined computational and spectroscopic study.”
- Daniel Shai** (coadvised) 2006–2007  
“Monte carlo studies of the globally-coupled Ising model.”

Under-graduate Researchers Advised	Gabriela Jocas (COW 2019)	Summer 2016–present
	Madeline Thomas (COW 2017)	Summer 2016
	Preetom Borah (COW 2016)	Summer 2015
	Erin Drake (COW 2016)	Summer 2015
	Haley Rossiter (COW 2017)	Summer 2015
	Rachelle Herrin (COW 2015)	Summer 2013–2014
	Evan Hagedorn (COW 2015)	Summer 2013
	Derrick Marshall (COW 2015)	Summer 2013
	Abigail Daniel (COW 2015)	Fall 2012-2013
	Joseph David (COW 2015)	Fall 2012
	Norman Chamusah (COW 2014)	Summer 2011
	Alexandra Kuzmishin (COW 2013)	Summer 2011
	Adam Trontz (COW 2012)	Summer 2011
	Andrew Young (COW 2013)	Summer 2011
	Sarah Laper (COW 2014)	Spring 2010 – 2012
	Sarah Blosser (COW 2013)	Spring 2010 – 2012
	Zachery Matesich (COW 2011)	Summer 2009 – 2011
	Christine Kasprisin (COW 2014)	Summer 2010
	Matthew Naticchia (COW 2014)	Summer 2010
	Colin McGuire (High Point 2012)	Summer 2010
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