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Education:

1991-1996: B.S., Chemistry, University of Rochester
1995-1996: Service Learning Program, Glasgow University
1996-2002: Ph.D., Biophysical Chemistry, University of Rochester
2002-2005: NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University
2017: Visiting Scholar, Pennsylvania State University

Academic Appointments:

2012-present: Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Department of Microbiology & Plant Biology, Oklahoma University
2010-2012: Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Plant Biology, Oklahoma University
2006-2012: Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Oklahoma University

Honors and Awards

2009- 2015: NSF CAREER Award
2013: Nancy L. Mergler Faculty Mentor Award for Undergraduate Research
2003-2005: NIH Ruth L. Kirchstein Postdoctoral Fellow
1999-2000: Weissberger Memorial Fellowship for Research Accomplishments
1997: W.D. Walters Teaching Award
1996-2000: Sherman-Clarke Fellowship
1991-1995: Bausch & Lomb Scholar

Research Support:

Current:

- 2017-2020: NSF, "NSFMRI: Acquisition of the First 800 MHz NMR Spectrometer with a Cryogenically Colled Probe in Oklahoma for Interdisciplinary Research and Training"
- 2016-2019: Oklahoma State Regents, "Oklahoma State Regents for Education K20-OKC Physical Science Foundations Teacher Academy"
- 2016-2019: Noble Public Schools, "Noble Public Schools Central Oklahoma Rural Partnership for Science (CORPS)"
- 2017-2018: Burroughs Wellcome Fund Collaborative Research Travel Grant, "Metal Ion Interactions in RNA Shapeshifters"

- 2017-2018: University of Oklahoma Faculty Investment Program, "RNA Structure and the Hide-and-Seek Games in Virus-Host Interactions"

Past:

- 2017: Senior Faculty Summer Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma, "Metal Ion and Protein Binding Sites in Viral RNA."
- 2016-2017: NIH HIV Accessory and Regulatory Complexes Collaborative Center, University of California, "Protein and Metal Ion Binding in Viral RNA"
- 2013-2016: Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology Health Research Program, "Predicting Viral RNA Structure, Function, and Drug Targets from Sequence"
- 2009-2015: National Science Foundation, "NSF CAREER: Advancing Viral RNA Structure Prediction"
- 2009-2013: National Science Foundation, "NSFMRI: Acquisition of Robotics Instrumentation for Crystallization of Macromolecules", Role: Co-PI
- 2009-2012: Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology Health Science Research Program, "RNA Energetics and Structures that Enable Cancer Therapies"
- 2008-2009: American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, "RNA Energetics and Structures that Enable Cancer Therapies"
- 2008-2009: Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology Plant Science Basic Research Program, "Discovering Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Viral RNA Structure"
- 2008-2009: Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation, "Computational Advances Towards Predicting Encapsidated Viral RNA Structure"

Selected Publications:

1. "Challenges and Approaches to Predicting RNA with Multiple Functional Structures." S.J. Schroeder. RNA, in press doi: 10.1261/rna.067827.118 (2018).
2. "Surprising Sequence Effects on GU Closure of Symmetric 2 x 2 Nucleotide RNA Internal Loops." K.D. Berger, S.D. Kennedy, S.J. Schroeder, B.M. Znosko, H. Sun, D. H. Mathews, D. H. Turner. Biochemistry, 57: 2121-2131.
3. "Swellix: A Computational Tool to Explore RNA Conformational Space." N. Sloat, J.-W. Liu, S.J. Schroeder* BMC Bioinformatics 18: 504 (2017).
4. "Stack Locally and Act Globally: A Few Nucleotides Make All the Difference in Enterovirus 71 IRES Binding in hnRNAP A1 and Infectious Phenotypes." S.J. Schroeder* J. Mol. Biol. 429, 2859-2862 (2017).
5. "Advancing Viral RNA Structure Prediction: Measuring the Thermodynamics of Pyrimidine-Rich Internal Loops." A. Phan, K. Mailey, J. Saeki, X. Gu, Schroeder, S.J.* RNA. 23, 770-781 (2017).
6. "Thermodynamic Stabilities of Three-way Junction Nanomotifs in Prohead RNA." A.C. Hill, S.J. Schroeder*, RNA 23, 521-529 (2017).
7. "NMR Structures and Dynamics in a Prohead RNA Loop that Binds Metal Ions." X. Gu, S.-Y. Park, M. Tonnelli, G. Cornilescu, T. Xia, D. Zhong, S.J. Schroeder*, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 7, 3841-3846(2016).
8. "Prohead RNA: A non-coding viral RNA of novel structure and function." A.C. Hill, L.E. Bartley, S.J. Schroeder. RNA Wires, doi: 10.1002/wrna.1330 (2016).
9. "Structures and Energetics of Four Adjacent GU Pairs that Stabilize an RNA Helix." X. Gu, B.H.M. Mooers*, L. Thomas, J. Malone, S. Harris, S.J. Schroeder* J. Phys. Chem. B. 119, 13252-13261(2015).
10. "A Parallel, Low Memory Implementation of the Wuchty Algorithm with Additional Experimental Filters to More Thoroughly Explore RNA Conformational Space." J. Stone, S. Bleckley, S. Lavelle, S.J. Schroeder*, PLoS ONE 10(2):e0117217 (2015).
11. "Probing Viral Genomic Structure: Alternative Viewpoints and Alternative Structures for Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Virus RNA.", S.J. Schroeder*. Biochemistry 53, 6728-6737 (2014).
12. "The Effects of Salt, Polyethylene Glycol, and Locked Nucleic Acids on the Thermodynamic Stabilities of Consecutive Terminal Adenosine Mismatches in RNA Duplexes." X. Gu, M.-T. Nguyen, A. Overacre, S. Seaton, S.J. Schroeder*. J. Phys. Chem. B. 117, 3531-3540 (2013).
13. "Incorporating Global Features of RNA Motifs in Predictions for an Ensemble of Secondary Structures for Encapsidated MS2 Bacteriophage RNA." S. Bleckley, S.J. Schroeder*. RNA. 18,1309-1318 (2012).
14. "Crumple: A Method for Complete Enumeration of All Possible Pseudoknot-Free RNA Secondary Structures." S. Bleckley, J.W. Stone, S.J. Schroeder*. PLoS ONE. e52414 (2012).
15. "Nucleotide Dynamics at the A-site Cleft in the Peptidyltransferase Center of H. marismortui 50 S Ribosomal Subunits." Y. Wang, J.K. Shen*, S.J. Schroeder*. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 3, 1007-1010 (2012).

16. "Ensemble of Secondary Structures for Encapsidated Satellite Tobacco Mosaic Virus RNA Consistent with Constraints from Chemical Probing and Crystallography." S.J. Schroeder*, J.W. Stone, S. Bleckley, T.R. Gibbons, D. Mathews, *Biophys. J.*, 101, 167-175 (2011).
17. "Different Sequences Show Similar Quaternary Interaction Stabilities in Prohead Viral RNA Self Assembly." X. Gu, S.J. Schroeder* *J. Biol. Chem.*, 286, 14419-14426 (2011).
18. "NMR Structure of a Prohead RNA E-loop Hairpin." S. Harris, S.J. Schroeder*. *Biochemistry*, 49, 5989-5997 (2010).
19. "Consecutive Terminal GU Pairs Stabilize RNA Helices." M.-T. Nguyen, S.J. Schroeder* *Biochemistry*. 49, 10574-10581 (2010).
20. "Advances in RNA Structure Prediction from Sequence: New Tools for Generating Hypotheses about Viral RNA Structure-Function Relationships." S.J. Schroeder*, *J. Virol.*, 83, 6326-6334 (2009).
21. "Optical Melting Measurements of Nucleic Acid Thermodynamics." in *Biophysical, Chemical, and Functional Probes of RNA Structure, Interactions, and Folding, Part A* (D. Herschlag, ed.) S.J. Schroeder* and D.H. Turner, *Methods in Enzymology*, 468, 371-387 (2009).
22. "3' Terminal Nucleotides Determine Thermodynamic Stabilities at the Ends of RNA Helices." K. Clanton-Arrowood, J. McGurk(co-first author), S.J. Schroeder*, *Biochemistry*, 47, 13418-13427 (2008).
23. "rRNA Mutations Outside the Anisomycin Binding Site can Make Ribosomes Drug-resistant." G. Blaha, G. Gurel, S.J. Schroeder (co-first author), P.B. Moore, T.A. Steitz, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 379, 505-519 (2008).
24. "The Structures of Antibiotics Bound to the E Site Region of the 50 S Ribosomal Subunit of *Haloarcula marismortui*: 13-deoxytetracycline and Girdazole." S.J. Schroeder, G. Blaha, J. Tirado-Rivas, T.A. Steitz, P.B. Moore, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 367, 1471-1479 (2007).
25. "Negamycin Binds to the Wall of the Nascent Chain Exit Tunnel of the 50S Ribosomal Subunit." S.J. Schroeder, G. Blaha, P.B. Moore. *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapeutics* 51, 46662-4665 (2007).
26. "The NMR Structures of (rCUCAGGCU)₂ and (rGCCGAUGCUC)₂: Probing the Structural Features that Shape the Thermodynamic Stability of Tandem GA Pairs." B. Tolbert, S.D. Kennedy, S.J. Schroeder, T.R. Krugh, D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 46, 1511-1522 (2007).
27. "Incorporating Chemical Modification Restraints into a Dynamic Programming Algorithm for Prediction of RNA Secondary Structure." D.H. Mathews, M.D. Disney, J.L. Childs, S.J. Schroeder, M. Zuker, and D.H. Turner, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 101, 7287-7292 (2004).
28. "Thermodynamic Stabilities and Structural Features of the J4/5 Loop in a *Pneumocystis carinii* Group I Intron." S.J. Schroeder, M.A. Fountain, S.D. Kennedy, P.J. Lukavsky, J.D. Puglisi, T.R. Krugh, and D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 42, 14184-14196 (2003).
29. "Sheared Aanti. Aanti Base Pairs in a Destabilizing 2 X 2 Internal Loop: The NMR Structure of 5'(rGGCAAGCCU)₂." B.M. Znosko, M.E. Burkard, S.J. Schroeder, T.R. Krugh, and D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 41, 14969-14977 (2002).
30. "The Energetics of Small Internal Loops." S.J. Schroeder, M.E. Burkard, and D.H. Turner, *Biopolymers*, 52, 157-167 (2001).
31. "Thermodynamic Stabilities of Internal Loops with GU Closing Pairs in RNA." S.J. Schroeder and D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 40, 11509-11517 (2001).
32. "Factors Affecting the Thermodynamic Stability of Small Asymmetric Internal Loops in RNA." S.J. Schroeder and D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 39, 9257-9274 (2000).
33. "Thermodynamic Parameters for an Expanded Nearest-Neighbor Model for Formation of RNA Duplexes with Watson-Crick Base Pairs." T. Xia, J. Santa Lucia, Jr., M.E. Burkard, R. Kierzek, S.J. Schroeder, X. Jiao, C. Cox, and D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 37, 14719-14735 (1998).
34. "GA and UU Mismatches Can Stabilize RNA Internal Loops of Three Nucleotides." S.J. Schroeder, J. Kim, and D.H. Turner, *Biochemistry*, 35, 16105-16109 (1996).