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EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry

Ann Arbor, MI

Anticipated May 2025

University at Buffalo

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering · Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

Buffalo, NY

May 2020

GPA: 3.91 · Dean's List 2016 - 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Professor Stephen Maldonado

Graduate Student Researcher

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2020 - Present

- Perform in-situ X-Ray reflectivity experiments of liquid metal interfaces under potential control.
- Electrodeposit the first known ordered metallic structures at a liquid metal/electrolyte interface.
- Materials characterization of synthesized metallic and semiconductor particles and films.

University at Buffalo, Professor Timothy R. Cook

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Buffalo, NY

September 2017 – May 2020

- Investigated the utilization of redox-flow batteries for non-aqueous electrolyte systems.
- Aided in the assembly and optimization of University at Buffalo's first working redox-flow battery.
- Investigated membrane conductivity and selectivity using 4-electrode impedance spectroscopy.

University at Buffalo, Professor Carl R. F. Lund

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Buffalo, NY

February 2017 – May 2017

- Researched the propagation and reaction fronts in oxygen generating chlorate candles using MATLAB.

PUBLICATIONS

- (1) **Hazelnis, J. P.**, Wu, H., Nguyen, T., and Maldonado, S. "Epitaxial Electrosynthesis of Germanium Films from Liquid Metal Electrodes at Ambient Conditions." (In-Preparation)
- (2) Wu, H.; **Hazelnis, J. P.**, Maldonado, S. (2024). "Electrochemical Liquid-Liquid-Solid Growth of Ag-In Crystals with Liquid Indium Alloy Electrodes." *ChemElectroChem*, ASAP
- (3) **Hazelnis, J. P.** and Maldonado, S. (2023). "Electrosynthesis of Quasi-Epitaxial Crystals on Liquid Metals." *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 145(50): 27616-27625.
- (4) **Hazelnis, J. P.**, Wu, H., Maldonado, S. (2023). "Understanding and Expanding the Prospects for Electrosynthesis with Liquid Metal Electrodes." *Accounts of Chemical Research*.
- (5) **Hazelnis, J. P.**, Sartori, A., Cheek, Q. B., Giri, R. P., MacInnes, M. M., Murphy, B. M., Magnussen, O. M., Maldonado, S., et al. (2022). "Detection of Ge-Containing Adlayers at the Liquid Hg/Water Interface by In Situ X-ray Reflectivity in Aqueous Borate Electrolytes Containing Dissolved GeO₂." *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* 126(18): 8177-8189.
- (6) Kosswattarachchi, A. M., VanGelder, L. E., Nachtigall, O., **Hazelnis, J. P.**, Matson, E. M., Cook, R. T. et al. (2019). Transport and Electron Transfer Kinetics of Polyoxovanadate-Alkoxide Clusters, *The Electrochemical Society*. 166.

PRESENTATIONS

U-M/Agilent Symposium on Measurement Science Oral Presentation

Title: *In Situ XRR in Aqueous Sodium Tetraborate Solutions of Liquid Hg-In Alloy Electrodes*

Ann Arbor, MI

Spring, 2024

Pittcon 2024 (Invited Oral Presentation)

Title: *Electrosynthesis of Quasi-Epitaxial Crystals on Liquid Metals*

San Diego, CA

Winter, 2024

ECS Detroit Section Meeting Poster Presenter

Title: *Quasi-Epitaxial Metal Electrodeposition at a Liquid Metal Electrode*

Detroit, MI

Summer, 2023

Electrochemistry Gordon Research Conference Poster Presenter

Title: *Liquid Metal Electrodes as Growth Media for Single-Crystalline Metal Films & Superlattices*

Ventura, CA

Fall, 2022

American Chemical Society (ACS) Oral Presentation

Title: *In-Situ electrochemical X-Ray reflectivity of liquid metal-electrolyte interfaces*

Chicago, IL

Fall, 2022

Transforming Our Tomorrow 2019: A New Clean Energy Vision Oral Presentation

Title: *Jeans for Renewable Energy Storage (1st Place & Social Innovation Award)*

Buffalo, NY

Spring 2019

WYNACS Undergraduate Research Symposium

Title: *The Molecular Chemistry of Redox Flow Batteries (1st Place)*

Buffalo, NY

Spring 2018

CURCA: Celebration of Student Academic Excellence Poster Presenter

Title: *The Molecular Chemistry of Redox Flow Batteries*

Buffalo, NY

Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan ECS Student Chapter

Secretary

Ann Arbor, MI
May, 2023 - Present

- Assist with the organization and administrative task of the first ever ECS student chapter club.

University of Michigan, Maldonado Research Group

Safety Officer and Inventory Manager

Ann Arbor, MI
May, 2020 – January, 2024

- Oversaw the safety practices of the laboratory and address identified safety deficiencies.
- Managed grants and funds of the laboratory to order necessary items, instruments, and chemicals.

University of Michigan, Chemistry

Graduate Student Mentor

Ann Arbor, MI
August, 2023 – May, 2023

- Facilitated helpful discussion and guidance for an incoming first year graduate student.

Buffalo Public Schools

Volunteer Engineering Adviser

Buffalo, NY
September 2019 – May 2020

- Consulted on the design small scale classroom demonstrations on renewable energy storage.

University at Buffalo Campus Living

Resident Advisor

Buffalo, NY
October 2017 – May 2019

- Maintained an active and supportive leadership role by being a resource for dormitory residents.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Wendel Energy Services, LLC

Intern

Williamsville, NY
June 2018 – September 2018

- Optimized the energy expenditures for capital improvement projects across the United States.
- Proposed the innovation of existing chillers, HVAC, lighting, insulation and fume hood systems.
- Calculated utility efficiency using AutoCAD, Bluebeam, Hoboware and Microsoft EXCEL.

AWARDS & HONORS

University of Michigan 3rd Year Seminar Travel Award

Spring 2023

National Science Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship (NSF GRFP) Awardee

Spring 2020

Inaugural Professor Edward P. Furlani Scholarship

Spring 2019

Transforming Our Tomorrow 2019 Competition - First Place and Social Innovation Award

Spring 2019

Ralph F. Theuer Scholarship

Spring 2019

William E. Townsend Scholarship

Spring 2019

Peter T. Lansbury Award

Spring 2019

WNYACS Undergraduate Research Symposium - First Place Poster Presenter

Spring 2018

UB CURCA Undergraduate Research Award

Spring 2018

Provost Scholarship

Spring 2018

LABORATORY TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Materials Electrodeposition
- X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)
- Python Data Modeling
- Beamline Data Collection
- X-Ray Reflectivity (XRR)
- Cyclic Voltammetry (CV)
- Selected Area Electron Diffraction (SAED)
- Plasma Focused Ion Beam Manipulation (PFIB)
- Transmission Electron Spectroscopy (TEM)
- Air-Free Glovebox Proficiency
- X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)
- Electron Back Scattered Diffraction (EBSD)
- Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spec (ICP-MS)
- Raman Spectroscopy
- X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy (XRF)
- Linear Sweep Voltammetry
- Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)
- Electrochemical Cell Design

COMPUTATIONAL TECHNICAL SKILLS

Coding Languages: Python, MATLAB

Software Proficiencies: VESTA, EC-Lab, Microsoft Office, EXCEL, Powerpoint, Adobe Illustrator, Origin, Jana2006, GATAN, Velox, ImageJ, AutoCAD, Fusion 360

CERTIFICATIONS

EHS Laboratory Safety Training

November 2019 – Present

Black Belt in the art of Tang Soo Do

June 2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Electrochemical Society (ECS)

2023 – Present

American Chemical Society (ACS)

2019 - Present

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)

2019 – 2020