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## EDUCATION

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, B. A. *Summa cum laude* in Chemistry 1977

Mentor: Prof. Harold A. Scheraga

Thesis: Studies of the  $\alpha$ -helical Propensities of Amino Acids in Synthetic Copolymers.

MIT, Department of Biology, Ph.D. 1984

Mentor: Prof. Robert T. Sauer:

Thesis: The Effect of Amino Acid Replacement on the Structure and Stability of the N-terminal Domain of  $\lambda$ -Repressor

## POST-DOCTORAL

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Department of Biochemistry 1986–1989

Mentors: Professors David and Jane Richardson

Research: Design of Novel Proteins.

## FACULTY POSITIONS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY - Department of Chemistry	- Assistant Professor	1990–1996
	- Associate Professor	1996–2003
	- Professor	2003–
	- Associate Chair of Chemistry Department	2004–2007
	- Director of Undergraduate Studies	2001–2008
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY – Forbes College	- Master (Head) of Forbes College	2010-2018

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- College Scholar, CORNELL UNIVERSITY 1973–1977
- *Summa cum laude* with honors in Chemistry, CORNELL UNIVERSITY 1977
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow 1979–1983
- Life Sciences Research Foundation Burroughs-Wellcome Post-doctoral Fellow 1986–1989
- Whitaker Foundation Young Investigator Fellowship 1992
- Beckman Young Investigator Award 1993
- Protein Society - Kaiser Award 2003
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science – Visiting Fellow 2019

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Synthetic Biology: Artificial proteomes and genomes
- *De novo* protein design
- Origin of life
- Astrobiology
- Protein folding and stability
- Combinatorial methods
- Alzheimer's disease, Amyloid, protein misfolding and aggregation
- Insulin: Expression, Purification, and Biotechnology

## SERVICE – CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT & PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

- Faculty Advisor for Undergraduates, Forbes College 1992-2010
- Council of the Princeton University Community (& Executive Committee) 2002-2005
- Faculty Advisory Committee on Policy 2002-2005
- McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Advisory Committee 2003-2006
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Chemistry 2001-2008
- Associate Chair, Department of Chemistry 2004-2007
- University Council on Science & Technology 2005-2008
- Institutional Biosafety Committee 2008-2009
- Executive Committee, Program in Quantitative and Computational Biology 2006-2014
- Center for Jewish Life, Board of Directors 2011-2014
- Presidential Task Force on the Residential Colleges at Princeton 2014-2015
- Task Force Subcommittee on Community Engagement, Chair 2014-2015
- Master (Head) of Forbes College 2010-2018

## SERVICE – SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

- Co-Organizer of Biannual Conference in Crete on Self-Assembling Peptides in Biology, Medicine & Engineering 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007
- Organizer of Conference in Jerusalem on Protein Design 2005
- Science & Technology Steering Committee, Brookhaven National Laboratory 2000-2005
- Editorial Advisory Board – *Protein Science* 2003-
- Editorial Advisory Board – *Protein Engineering, Design & Selection* 2003-
- Editorial Advisory Board – *Biopolymers* 2006-
- Biopolymers Gordon Conference Associate Chair (2008)  
Chair (2010)  
2014
- Organized NSF Workshop on the Future of Protein Engineering & Design 2014

## TRAINING OF STUDENTS

### POST DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

- Joel Ybe 1991-1995
- James Beaseley 1995-1997
- Tun Liu 1997-1999
- Christine Wurth 2000-2002
- Peter Thumfort 2001-2005
- Luke Bradley 2001-2006
- Michael Ackerman 2003-2005
- Ryoichi Arai 2006-2007
- Izhack Cherny 2007-2011
- Betsy Smith 2010-2014
- Grant Murphy 2012-2016
- Joshua Mancini 2017-2018
- Sarangan Chari 2010- (*Visiting scientist / Departmental guest*)
- Shlomo Zharzitsky 2015-

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Huayu Xiong Chemistry Ph.D 1995
- Satwik Kamtekar Chemistry Ph.D 1995
- Adam Brunet Chemistry Ph.D 1996
- Brian Johnson Chemistry Ph.D 1996

• Michael West	Chemistry	Ph.D	1996
• Felicia Messing	Molecular Biology	M.S	1996
• Nina Rojas	Chemistry	Ph.D	1997
• Sushmita Roy	Chemistry	Ph.D	1998
• Maria Nedwidek	Molecular Biology	Ph.D	1999
• Weixun Wang	Chemistry	Ph.D	2001
• Dave Moffet	Chemistry	Ph.D	2002
• Yinan Wei	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2003
• Aditi Das	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2005
• Emily Breneman	Chemistry	M.S	2005
• Woojin Kim	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2006
• Abi Go	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2008
• Shona Patel	Chemical Engineering	Ph.D.	2008
• Jermont Chen	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2008
• Michael Fisher	Molecular Biology	Ph.D.	2009
• Angela Fortner	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2011
• Siyi Wang	Chemistry	M.S	2012
• Maria Korolev	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2013
• Nettie Pyne	Molecular Biology	M.S	2014
• Scott Mellon	Molecular Biology	M.S	2015
• Kenric Hoegler	Molecular Biology	Ph.D.	2016
• Ann Mularz	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2016
• Katie Digianantonio	Chemistry	Ph.D.	2016
• Christina Karas	Molecular Biology	Ph.D.	2019
• Sha Tao	Visiting PhD Student		2019 - 2020
• Michael Wang	Chemistry		Current
• Yueyu Yao	Chemistry		Current
• Guanyu Liao	Chemistry		Current

#### UNDERGRADUATE (SENIOR THESIS) STUDENTS

• Robert Weltman	Chemistry	AB	1991
• Laura Lanier	Chemistry	AB	1991
• Jarad Schiffer	Molecular Biology	AB	1991
• Aaron Cypess	Chemistry	AB	1992
• Enoch Huang	Molecular Biology	AB	1992
• Rodgers Palmer	Molecular Biology	AB	1992
• Alexandra Van Geel	Molecular Biology	AB	1993
• Jonathan Loeb	Molecular Biology	AB	1993
• Mary Elizabeth Huffine	Molecular Biology	AB	1994
• Eugene Kim	Chemistry	AB	1994
• Jennifer Babik	Molecular Biology	AB	1995
• Frank Raia	Chemistry	AB	1995
• Kate Wesseling	Chemistry	AB	1995
• Cyrena Torrey Simons	Chemistry	AB	1996
• Jeremy Mclean	Molecular Biology	AB	1997
• Kim Helmer	Chemistry	AB	1997
• Adam Kessel	Chemistry	AB	1998
• Jennifer Patterson	Chemical Engineering	BSE	1998
• Dan Rosenbaum	Chemistry	AB	1999
• Bede Broome	Chemistry	AB	1999
• Allison Smith	Chemistry	AB	1999
• Joe Mancias	Chemistry	AB	2000
• Laura Certain	Chemistry	AB	2000

• Christina Brown	Chemistry	AB	2001
• Steve Sazinsky	Chemistry	AB	2001
• Jennifer Foley	Molecular Biology	AB	2001
• Nathalie Guimard	Chemistry	AB	2001
• Emily Hung	Chemistry	AB	2002
• Jeff Clough	Molecular Biology	AB	2002
• Diana Lee	Chemistry	AB	2003
• Dominic Notario	Chemistry	AB	2003
• Jonathan Goldwasser	Chemistry	AB	2004
• Jonathan Chou	Molecular Biology	AB	2004
• Ralph Kleiner	Chemistry	AB	2005
• Christine Henry	Chemistry	AB	2005
• Danielle Shin	Molecular Biology	AB	2005
• Anna Wang	Chemistry	AB	2006
• Jesse Platt	Chemistry	AB	2007
• Ellen Duncan	Chemistry	AB	2007
• Debbie Chen	Molecular Biology	AB	2007
• Sayuri Jinadasa	Chemistry	AB	2008
• Anne Armstrong	Chemistry	AB	2008
• Sara Viola	Molecular Biology	AB	2008
• Steve Sasson	Chemistry	AB	2009
• Sam Leachman	Chemistry	AB	2009
• Beverly Hon	Molecular Biology	AB	2009
• Jessica Langholtz	Chemistry	AB	2009
• Atrish Bagchi	Chemistry	AB	2010
• Kara McKinley	Molecular Biology	AB	2010
• David Canner	Chemistry	AB	2011
• Dan Echelman	Chemistry	AB	2011
• Charlotte Rajasingh	Chemistry	AB	2011
• Roselyn Kellen	Molecular Biology	AB	2011
• Maria Aristova	Chemical Engineering	BSE	2012
• Laura Bock	Molecular Biology	AB	2012
• Richard Hildreth	Chemistry	AB	2013
• Jack Greisman	Molecular Biology	AB	2014
• Eliza Hompe	Chemistry	AB	2014
• Kelly Ivins-O'Keefe	Chemistry	AB	2014
• Harry Cape	Chemistry	AB	2015
• Alankrita Raghavan	Molecular Biology	AB	2015
• James Agolia	Chemistry	AB	2016
• Bennett McIntosh	Chemistry	AB	2016
• Matthew Volpe	Chem. & Biol. Engin.	AB	2016
• Taylor Myers	Chemistry	AB	2017
• Elizabeth Stanley	Chem. & Biol. Engin.	BSE	2018
• Emily Schneider	Chem. & Biol. Engin.	BSE	2018
• Colin Yost	Chemistry	AB	2019
• Esther Choi	Chemistry	AB	2019
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• Alex Jiang	Molecular Biology	AB	2020
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• Kaelix Johnson	Chemistry	Class of 2022	

## **MICHAEL H. HECHT, PH.D. – PUBLICATIONS**

- Hecht MH, Zweifel BO & Scheraga HA (1978) Helix-Coil Stability Constants for the Naturally Occurring Amino Acids in Water: XVII Threonine Parameters from Poly (hydroxybutyl-glutamine-co-L-threonine). *Macromolecules* 11, 545-551.
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- Hecht MH, Sturtevant JM, & Sauer RT (1984) Effect of Single Amino Acid Replacements on the Thermal Stability of the Amino Terminal Domain of Phage  $\lambda$ -Repressor. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 81, 5685-5689.
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- Hecht MH, Sturtevant JM & Sauer RT (1986) Stabilization of  $\lambda$  Repressor Against Thermal Denaturation by Site-Directed Gly $\rightarrow$ Ala Changes in  $\alpha$ -Helix 3. *Proteins: Structure, Function, and Genetics* 1, 43-46.
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- Kamtekar S, Schiffer JM, Xiong H, Babik JM & Hecht MH (1993) Protein Design by Binary Patterning of Polar and Non-Polar Amino Acids. *Science* 262, 1680-1685. DOI: 10.1126/science.8259512
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- Hecht MH, Hindsgaul O, & Kool ET (1998) Biopolymers - Editorial Overview. *Current Opinion in Chemical Biology* 2, 673-674.
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- Wang W, & Hecht MH (2002) Rationally Designed Mutations Convert De Novo Amyloid-Like Fibrils into Soluble Monomeric  $\beta$ -Sheet Proteins. *Proc. Natl Acad. Sci.(USA)* 99, 2760-2765.
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- Moffet DA, Foley J & Hecht MH (2003) Midpoint Reduction Potentials and Heme Binding Stoichiometries of *De Novo* Proteins from Designed Combinatorial Libraries. *Biophysical Chemistry* 105, 231-239.
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- Wei Y, Kim S, Fela D, Baum J & Hecht MH. (2003) Solution Structure of a *De Novo* Protein from a Designed Combinatorial Library. *Proc. Natl Acad. Sci.(USA)* 100, 13270-13273. doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1835644100
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