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### FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION

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Technologies and innovations for physicochemical processes to solve critical separation challenges at the nexus of water, energy, and the environment, including high-salinity desalination, zero-liquid discharge, resource recovery from wastewater, critical material mining from unconventional sources, decentralized systems, low-grade heat utilization, material development and transport theory for membrane processes, switchable solvent-driven processes, and thermodynamic analyses.

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### EDUCATION

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YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT, USA 2009 – 2014

Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering  
Environmental Engineering Program

- Doctor of Philosophy, May 2014  
*"Sustainable Production of Water and Energy with Osmotically-Driven Membrane Processes and Ion-Exchange Membrane Processes"*, Advisor: Menachem Elimelech
- Masters of Philosophy, May 2011
- Masters of Science, May 2011

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU), Singapore 2000 – 2004

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honors)
- Minor in Business Administration

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY, USA

Associate Professor (with tenure) Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering La Von Duddleson Krumb Associate Professor	2024 –
Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering Assistant Professor (tenure track) Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering La Von Duddleson Krumb Assistant Professor	2015 – 2024
Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering Adjunct Associate Research Scientist Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering	2020 – 2024
	2014 – 2015

### SCELSE (Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering), NTU, Singapore

Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2014 – 2015
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## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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Pioneering Investigator <i>Chemical Communications</i>	2025
Global Prize Innovation in Desalination–Impact Award Water quality improvement and reclamation	2024
Global Prize Innovation in Desalination–Impact Award Most impactful lab/accelerator in water production technology	2024
Janette and Armen Avanesians Diversity Award Columbia Engineering	2024
ACS <i>ES&amp;T Engineering</i> Best Papers of 2022 Best Research Articles	2023
Reid Hall Faculty Visitor Fellowship Institute for Ideas and Imagination	2023
Young Talent Award <i>Frontiers of Environmental Science &amp; Engineering</i>	2022
Emerging Investigator <i>Environmental Science: Water Research &amp; Technology</i>	2021
Junior Faculty Diversity Advancement Award Office of the Provost, Columbia University	2021
Excellence in Review	2021

<i>Environmental Science &amp; Technology</i>	
James J. Morgan Early Career Award: Honorable Mention	2020
<i>Environmental Science &amp; Technology</i>	
Arab-American Frontiers Fellowship	2019
The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine	
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award	2015
CH2M Hill/AEESP	
Henry Prentiss Becton Graduate Prize	2015
Yale School of Engineering and Applied Science	
ES&T Best Papers of 2013	2014
Environmental Technology: Second Runner-up	
C. Ellen Gonter Best Paper Award	2013
Division of Environmental Chemistry, American Chemical Society	
First Place, Student Presentation Competition	2012
10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Robert M. Langer Symposium, Yale University	
Environmental Chemistry Graduate Student Award	2011
Division of Environmental Chemistry, American Chemical Society	
Membrane X-Prize	2010
Oasys Water Inc., Boston, MA	
Monetary award for development of prototype forward osmosis membranes	

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## ADVISEE AWARDS (notable)

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32. Eliza Dach, *Inflection Award*, 2025
31. Vaishnavi Koyilath Nandakumar, *NAMS Elias Klein Travel Award*, North American Membrane Society, 2025
30. Eliza Dach, *ACS Graduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, 2024
29. Yuxuan Huang, *Travel Grant*, AEESP Research & Education Conference, 2023
28. Ian H. Billinge, *C. Ellen Gonter Best Paper Award*, Division of Environmental Chemistry, American Chemical Society, 2023
27. Kinnari Shah, *ACS Graduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, 2023

26. Karen Copeland, *Churchill Scholarship*, Winston Churchill Foundation, 2023
25. Yuxuan Huang, *Best Poster Presentation*, International Congress on Separation and Purification Technology 2022
24. Nobuyo Watanabe, *Alpha Zeta Club Graduate Scholarship*, Barnard College, 2022
23. Eliza Dach, *NSF Graduate Research Fellowship*, National Science Foundation, 2022
22. Peter Cruz-Grace, *Robert Peele Prize*, Columbia University, 2022
21. Kinnari Shah, *1st Place Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition*, Columbia GSAS, 2022
20. Nobuyo Watanabe, *ACS Undergraduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, 2021
19. Kinnari Shah, *NSF Graduate Research Fellowship*, National Science Foundation, 2021
18. Yuxuan Huang, *NAMS Elias Klein Travel Award*, North American Membrane Society, 2021
17. Stephanie McCartney, *Kenneth G. Hancock Memorial Award*, ACS Green Chemistry, 2020
16. Nobuyo Watanabe, *Ciba Travel Award in Green Chemistry*, ACS Green Chemistry, 2020
15. Peter Cruz-Grace, *Collaborative Research Grant*, Earth Institute, 2020
14. Stephanie McCartney, *AMTA/Reclamation Fellowships for Membrane Technology*, American Membrane Technology Association, 2020
13. Elizabeth Dach, *Lavon Duddleson Krumb Graduate Fellowship*, Columbia University, 2020
12. Robert Winton, *ACS Undergraduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, 2020
11. Robert Winton, *ACEC New York Merit Scholarship*, American Council of Engineering Companies, 2020
10. Amar Bhardwaj, *NSF Graduate Research Fellowship*, National Science Foundation, 2020
9. Hanqing Fan, *ACS Graduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, 2019
8. Hanqing Fan, *NAMS Elias Klein Travel Award*, North American Membrane Society, 2019
7. Amar Bhardwaj, *Marshall Scholarship*, Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, 2019

6. Kinnari Shah, *Provost's Diversity Fellowship*, Columbia University, 2019
5. Amar Bhardwaj, *Goldwater Scholarship*, Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program, 2019
4. Amar Bhardwaj, *Udall Scholarship*, Udall Foundation, 2019
3. Xi Chen, *NAMS Elias Klein Travel Award*, North American Membrane Society, 2019
2. Amar Bhardwaj, *Udall Scholarship*, Udall Foundation, 2018
1. Amar Bhardwaj, *Affordable Desalination Collaboration (ADC) Scholarship*, American Membrane Technology Association-Affordable Desalination Collaboration, 2018

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## PUBLICATIONS

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[ResearcherID: D-1669-2012](#) | [Scopus Author ID: 36193436600](#) | [ORCID : 0000-0002-1986-4189](#) | [h-index: 40 \(Google Scholar\)](#); [39 \(Scopus\)](#) | [Top 2%-cited researcher: 2018–2024 \(Stanford-Elsevier\)](#)

(single, double, and dashed underline denote graduate, postdoc, and undergraduate/M.S. advisees, respectively; asterisk\* signify co-advisee; **bold** indicates corresponding author; senior authors are always listed last)

64. Dach, E., Marston, M.M., Abu-Obaid, S., Peng, A., **Yip, N.Y.**, "A Novel Approach for Direct Lithium Extraction from Alkali Metal Cations in Brine Mixtures using Thermally Switchable Solvents", *Joule*, February 18, 2026, 10, 102265. [doi.org/10.1016/j.joule.2025.102265](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joule.2025.102265)
63. Feng, Y., Abu Obaid, S., Galperin, D., and **Yip, N.Y.**, "Enhancing Water Recovery in Reverse Osmosis by Mitigating Membrane Scaling Using Thermomorphic Hydrophilicity Based-induced Precipitation Pretreatment", *Desalination*, February 2026, Volume 619, 119572. [doi.org/10.1016/j.desal.2025.119572](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.desal.2025.119572)
62. Shah, K.M., van der Made, J., Chandran, K., and **Yip, N.Y.**, "Elucidating the Fate of Organic Contaminants in Highly Basic Environments for Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction Desalination", *Environmental Science & Technology*, November 2025, 59, 43, 23484–23496. [doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.5c09656](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.5c09656)
61. Feng, Y., Zhu, Y., Chen, W., Huang, X., Weng, X., Meyer, M., Chen, T.H., Liu, Y., He, Z., Hou, C.H., Zuo, K., Yip, N.Y., Gong, K., Lou, J., and **Li, Q.**, "A rationally designed scalable thin film nanocomposite cation exchange membrane for precise lithium extraction", *Nature Communications*, September 2025, 16, 8618. [doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-63660-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-63660-3)
60. Eliza, D., Pisacane, E., Campbell, D., Soh, L., and **Yip, N.Y.**, "2025 Pioneering Investigators: Probing polarity structure–function relationships in amine–water mixtures", *Chemical Communications*, July 2025, 61, 12988–12991. [doi.org/10.1039/D5CC03314D](https://doi.org/10.1039/D5CC03314D)  
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58. Billinge, I.H., Dach, E.M., Shah, K.M., and **Yip, N.Y.**, "Removal of trace toxic oxyanions from hypersaline brines using temperature swing solvent extraction", *ACS ES&T Water*, October 2024, 4, 11, 5105–5113. [doi.org/10.1021/acsestwater.4c00681](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsestwater.4c00681)
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36. **Chen, X.**, **Boo, C.**, and **Yip, N.Y.**, "Influence of Solute Size on Permeability-Selectivity Tradeoff of Thin-Film Composite Polyamide Membranes", *Water Research*, August 2021, Volume 201, 117311. [doi.org/10.1016/j.watres.2021.117311](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.watres.2021.117311)
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Press Coverage (selected): [phys.org](https://phys.org), [sciencedaily.com](https://sciencedaily.com), [nanowerk.com](https://nanowerk.com)  
Altmetric score: 120
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Press Coverage (selected): [phys.org](https://phys.org), [sciencedaily.com](https://sciencedaily.com)  
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1. Huang, Y., Tekell, M.C., Qin, J., Kumar, S.K., **Yip, N.Y.**, "Specific Ion Selectivity in Sulfonated Polystyrene Membranes Near the Percolation Threshold", *Nature Chemical Engineering*, in revision.

2. Zyaykina, N.N., Hua, I., Miller, C.A., VanDermark, R.J., Donohoe, B.C., Soh, L., Proctor, C., Yip, N.Y., Wang, G., and **Shah, A.D.**, "Presence of Critical Materials in U.S. Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Leachates", *Environmental Science & Technology*, in revision.
3. Cairone, S., Zarra, T., Belgiorno, V., Yip N.Y., **Naddeo, V.**, "Explainable machine learning for liquid-liquid equilibrium modeling of amine-water systems in temperature swing solvent extraction desalination", *Water Research*, submitted.

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2. Yip, N.Y., Boo. C., Shah, K., Billinge, I., Winton, R., and Dach, E., "Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Descaling of Feedstreams", US Patent US 12,180,093 B2.
3. Yip, N.Y., Boo. C., Shah, K., Billinge, I., Winton, R., and Dach, E., "Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Descaling of Feedstreams", US Patent US 12,209,034 B2.

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## TEACHING

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<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Term</u>
EAEE E4003	Aquatic Chemistry	Spring 2023
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		Fall 2019
		Fall 2018
EAEE E3200	Applied Transport and Chemical Rate Phenomena	Fall 2017
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		Fall 2025
		Fall 2024
EAEE E4140	Environmental Physicochemical Processes	Fall 2023
		Fall 2022
		Spring 2025
EAEE E6140	Environmental Physicochemical Processes	Spring 2026
		Spring 2022
		Spring 2021

		Fall 2019
		Spring 2019
		Spring 2018
		Spring 2017
Columbia Engineering Short Course, Water: Engineering the World's Most Vital Resource		Summer 2020
CIEE E4252	Foundations of Environmental Engineering	Fall 2018
EAAE E2100	A Better Planet by Design (co-instruction)	Fall 2017
		Fall 2016
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### DOCTORAL STUDENTS

#### Graduated

1. Dr. Xi Chen Sept. 2015 –  
July 2019  
Thesis: *"Advancing Membrane Technologies for Sustainable Production of Energy and Water"*  
(current appointment: Assistant Professor (tenure-track), City University of Hong Kong)
2. Dr. Adam Atia (secondary co-advised) Sept. 2016 –  
Feb. 2021  
Thesis: *"Integrating Renewable Energy and Desalination: Modeling Intra-hourly, Variable Salinity, Reverse Osmosis Powered by Photovoltaics"*  
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3. \*Dr. Stephanie McCartney Sept. 2017 –  
Jun. 2022  
Thesis: *"Advancing Membrane Technologies for Recovery of Nitrogen and Phosphorous from Human Urine"*  
(current appointment: Sustainability Engineer, Ingredion)
4. Dr. Hanqing Fan Sept. 2017 –  
Jul. 2022  
Thesis: *"Developing Ion-Selective Membrane Technologies for Challenges at the Water-Energy Nexus"*  
(current appointment: Postdoctoral Researcher, Yale University)

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| 5. | *Dr. Kinnari Shah<br>Thesis: <i>"Advancing Switchable Solvents for the Sustainable Desalination of Hypersaline Brines"</i><br>(current appointment: Engineering Associate, Hazen and Sawyer)                  | Sept. 2019 –<br>Jun. 2024 |
| 6. | Dr. Yuxuan Huang<br>Thesis: <i>"Advancing Selectivities of Ion-Exchange Membranes for Water, Energy, and the Environment"</i><br>(current appointment: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Rice University)         | Sept. 2019 –<br>Jun. 2024 |
| 7. | Dr. Ian Billinge<br>Thesis: <i>"Structural and application-based insights into temperature swing solvent extraction desalination"</i><br>(current appointment: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Yale University) | Sept. 2019 –<br>Aug. 2024 |
| 8. | *Elizabeth Dach<br>Thesis: <i>"Thermo-switchable Hydrophilicity Solvents for Selective Mineral Recovery from Brines"</i><br>(current appointment: Senior Scientist, Cetos Water)                              | Sept. 2020 –<br>May 2025  |

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| 1. | *Vaishnavi Koyilath Nandakumar | Aug. 2023 – |
| 2. | *Anna Seeley McGillis          | Aug. 2025 – |

#### Doctoral Theses, as Reader on Dissertation Committee

1. Xiaoyang Shi
2. Emi Leung
3. Constantine Spanos
4. Qinghe (Angela) Zheng
5. Yang Shen
6. Medini Annavajhala
7. Zheqin Li
8. Yu-Chen Su
9. Leo Lemordant
10. Shuoxun (Ashley) Wang
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13. Connor Bilchak

14. Guanhe Rim
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16. Martha Arellano
17. Ming Gao
18. Jonathan Vardner
19. James Doss-Gollin
20. Chae Jeong-Potter
21. Marissa Beatty
22. Sara Hamilton
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25. Marshall Tekkell
26. Olya Skulovich
27. Shiqi Jia

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### Past

1. Dr. Chanhee Boo Jul. 2018 –  
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(current position: Assistant Professor, Korea Advanced  
Institute of Science and Technology, KAIST)

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1. \*Dr. Sara Abu-Obaid Nov. 2024 –  
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## M.S. STUDENTS

### Graduated

1. \*Chenxuan Zhu Jan. – May 2017
2. Omar Salah Alali Sept. – Dec.  
2017
3. Yuxuan Huang Jan. – Dec. 2018  
Thesis: "Sulfonation of Carbon Nanotubes for  
Application in Nanocomposite Ion Exchange  
Membranes"

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| 4.  | *Heyang Qi<br>Thesis: "Solvent-Induced Precipitation for Hardness Removal in Hypersaline Water"  | Jan. – Dec. 2019          |
| 5.  | *Lara Stela David Alves<br>Thesis: "Scaling Investigation of Reverse Osmosis Membranes Under Thermomorphic Hydrophilicity Base-Induced Precipitation-Treated Feeds"              | Sept. 2021 –<br>May 2022  |
| 6.  | Zimu Song<br>Thesis: "Exploring a Governing Transport Mechanism for PA-TFC Membrane at Lower Permeabilities"   | Sept. 2021 –<br>May 2022  |
| 7.  | Zhenyu Kang<br>Thesis: "Exploring the Governing Transport Mechanism for PA-TFC Membranes at Lower Water Permeance Condition"   | Jan. – Dec. 2022          |
| 8.  | Hongxu Chen<br>Thesis: "Lithium Selective Recovery via Dual Motivations of Donnan Potential and Hydration Thermodynamics through Sulfonic Cation-exchange Polystyrene Membranes" | Jan. – Dec. 2023          |
| 9.  | Shinyoung (Brian) Park<br>Thesis: "Direct Lithium Extraction from Lithium/Magnesium Brines via Polymeric Switchable Solvent Selective Extraction"                                | Jan. – Dec. 2024          |
| 10. | Daniel Galperin  | Sept. 2023 –<br>May. 2025 |
| 11. | Samuel Kortchmar   | Jan. – May 2025           |
| 12. | *Jiayi Le<br>Thesis: "Investigating Steric Effects in Cation Exchange Membranes with Neutral Solutes"  | Jan. – Dec. 2025          |

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| 1. | Nishant Vishal Chaudhari | Jan. 2026 |
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#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

##### Graduated

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|----|---|--------------------------|
| 1. | David Kim<br>(current position: Ph.D. student at Yale University; NSF Graduate Research Fellow) | Nov. 2015 – May 2018     |
| 2. | *Jocelyn Wang   | May 2016 – Aug. 2017     |
| 3. | *Natalie Williams   | May 2016 – May 2019      |
| 4. | Daniel Dray   | Sept. 2016 – May<br>2019 |
| 5. | *Amar Bhardwaj<br>(current position: White House Policy Advisor; NSF Graduate Research Fellow)  | Jan. 2017 – May 2020     |

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| 6.             | *Kelly Conway<br>(current position: Ph.D. student at UC Berkeley;<br>NSF Graduate Research Fellow) | May 2017 – May 2018       |
| 7.             | *Kalisa Ndamage  | Nov. 2017 – May 2019      |
| 8.             | Robert Winton  | Jan. 2018 – Apr. 2021     |
| 9.             | *Kruti Sutaria   | Sept. 2019 – Apr.<br>2021 |
| 10.            | *Nobuyo Watanabe   | May 2019 – May 2022       |
| 11.            | *Peter Cruz-Grace  | May 2020 – May 2022       |
| 12.            | *Charmane Gabriel  | Sept. 2020 – May<br>2022  |
| 13.            | *Karen Copeland<br>(current position: Churchill Scholar at<br>University of Cambridge)             | May 2021 – May 2023       |
| 14.            | *Devon Elizabeth Campbell  | Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2022     |
| 15.            | *Amaya Shah  | Feb. 2022 – May 2023      |
| 16.            | *Agustin Cabrera   | May – Dec. 2023           |
| 17.            | *Leann Qadan   | Jun. – Sept. 2024         |
| 18.            | Max Edelstein  | Jun. 2022 – May 2025      |
| 19.            | *Juliana Marston   | Jan. 2023 – May 2025      |
| 20.            | Andrew Fouty   | Jan. 2024 – May 2025      |
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| 1.             | *Salome Clark  | May 2023 –                |
| 2.             | *Allison Peng  | Jan. 2025 –               |
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| 4.             | *Nora Sharp  | Jan. 2026 –               |
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## INVITED SEMINARS and CONFERENCES (selected; post-2014)

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### Invited Seminars

28. “Advancing ion-selective membranes for water, energy, and environmental separations”, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daejeon, South Korea, November 2025.
27. “Novel direct lithium extraction using switchable solvent”, K-water Research Institute, Daejeon, South Korea, November 2025.
26. “Switching Up the Desalination Paradigm with Thermomorphic Hydrophilicity Solvents”, Chemical and Materials Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ, September 2025.

25. "Understanding ion transport in highly-charged polymeric films for membrane separations", ESPCI Paris (École supérieure de physique et de chimie industrielles de la Ville de Paris; The City of Paris Industrial Physics and Chemistry Higher Educational Institution), France, June 2024.
24. "Ion transport in highly-charged polymeric films for membrane separations and energy systems", Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, University of Sheffield, U.K., May 2024.
23. "Switchable Solvents—A Radically Different Approach for Hypersaline Brine Desalination", Institute for Water Innovation, University of Toronto, Canada, May 2024.
22. "Understanding transport in ion-exchange membranes for selective separations in environmental applications", Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan, February 2024.
21. "Advancing ion-selective membranes for water, energy, and environmental separations", Winners of Young Talent Award Webinar, Frontiers of Environmental Science and Engineering, April 2023.
20. "Towards a Thermodynamically-Informed Approach for a Sustainable Circular Nutrient Economy: Membrane Innovations for Decentralized Nitrogen and Phosphorous Recovery from Wastewaters", School of Sustainable Engineering and The Built Environment, Arizona State University, February 2023.
19. "Switchable Solvents for Hypersaline Brine Desalination using Low-Grade Thermal Energy", Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering, University of New Mexico, February 2023.
18. "Switchable Solvents for Hypersaline Brine Desalination using Low-Grade Thermal Energy", Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie, Université Ibn Tofail, Morocco, Virtual, July 2022.
17. "Meeting the Nutrient Challenge of the Food-Energy-Water Nexus: N and P Recovery using Membrane Innovations", Chemical Engineering, University of Bath, UK, Virtual, November 2021.
16. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Environmental Science and Engineering, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, KAUST, Saudi Arabia, October Virtual, 2020.
15. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, Virtual, October 2020.
14. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, Virtual, October 2020.

13. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Virtual, September 2020.
12. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, Virtual, September 2020.
11. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, March 2020.
10. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Urban Engineering, New York University, New York, NY, November 2019.
9. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rice University, Houston, TX, November 2019.
8. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Duke University, Durham, NC, November 2019.
7. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, October 2019.
6. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA, September 2019.
5. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", Civil and Environmental Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ, March 2019.
4. "Disrupting Desalination: Novel Energy-Efficient Technologies for Hypersaline Brines", Earth and Environmental Studies, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, December 2018.
3. "Disrupting Desalination: Novel Energy-Efficient Technologies for Hypersaline Brines", Department of Civil, Environmental, and Ocean Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, December 2018.
2. "Disrupting Desalination: Novel Energy-Efficient Technologies for Hypersaline Brines", Department of Chemical Engineering, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, November 2018.
1. "Harnessing Natural Salinity Gradients for Sustainable Power Generation with Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *Invited Seminar*, Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, October 2015.

## Conference Presentations

36. "Switching Up the Desalination Paradigm with Thermomorphic Hydrophilicity Solvents", *Oral Presentation (Invited Keynote)*, DESAL2025, Clearwater, FL, November 2025.
35. "Rising interest and demand for ultrapure water in the United States", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, Korea International Water Week, Daegu, South Korea, November 2025.
34. "Rising interest and demand for ultrapure water in the United States", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, International Seminar on Advanced Water Production Technology, Myongji University, South Korea, November 2025.
33. "A new paradigm for desalination and zero liquid discharge with membrane-less and non-evaporative temperature swing solvent extraction", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, WaterEnergyNEXUS 2025, Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 2025.
32. "Separation of Lithium Ions from Competing Alkali Metal Cations in Brine Mixtures Using Switchable Solvent Selective Extraction", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, 2024 Principal Investigators' Meeting of the Department of Energy (DOE), Basic Energy Sciences (BES), Division of Chemical Sciences, Geosciences, & Biosciences (CSGB), Gaithersburg, MD, September 2024.
31. "All models are wrong but some are useful: theories of transport in ion-exchange membranes", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, Gordon Research Conference (GRC) Membranes: Materials and Processes 2024, New London, NH, July 2024.
30. "Advancing the selectivities of ion-exchange membranes for urban water security", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, UrbanWaterSECURITY Academy 2024: Addressing water quality in a changing environment, Paestum, Italy, June 2024.
29. "Ion-Selective Membranes in Electrochemical Separations", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, AIChE Annual Meeting 2023, Orlando, FL, November 2023.
28. "Decarbonizing Desalination", *Poster Presentation, Arab-American Frontiers of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Symposium*, Doha, Qatar, October 2023.
27. "Advancing the selectivities of ion-exchange membranes for electrified separations", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, ACS Fall Meeting 2023, Environmental Chemistry Division, San Francisco, CA, August 2023.
26. "Switchable solvents for hypersaline brine desalination", *Oral Presentation*, ACS Fall Meeting 2023, Environmental Chemistry Division, San Francisco, CA, August 2023.

25. "Elucidating the roles of solute and polyamide active layer in the permeability-selectivity tradeoff of aqueous separation membranes", *Oral Presentation*, ACS Spring Meeting 2023, Polymeric Materials Science and Engineering Division, Indianapolis, IN, March 2023.
24. "High-salinity electrodialysis with rationally-designed ion-exchange membranes", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, ACS Spring Meeting 2023, Environmental Chemistry Division, Indianapolis, IN, March 2023.
23. "Understanding the physics of ion mobility in charged and confined environments", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, 5th International Symposium on Physics of Membrane Processes, Wageningen, The Netherlands, October 2022.
22. "Switchable Solvents at the Energy-Water-Environmental Nexus: Hypersaline Brine Desalination using Low-Grade Thermal Energy", *Oral Presentation (Invited)*, Asia-Pacific Forum on Renewable Energy (AFORE) 2022, Jeju, South Korea, September 2022.
21. "Convergence of Education and Research in Environmental Physicochemical Processes: An Evaluation of Water Quality Claims of Showerhead Filters", *Oral Presentation*, Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP) Research and Education Conference, St. Louis, MO, June 2022.
20. "A Thermodynamically-Informed Approach for Sustainable Nitrogen and Phosphorous Recovery from Wastewaters", *Poster Presentation*, Gordon Research Conference (GRC) – Environmental Sciences: Water, 2022, Holderness, NH, June 2022.
19. "Towards A Circular Nutrient Economy: Membrane Innovations for Decentralized N and P Recovery", *Invited Lecturer*, The International Academy in UrbanWaterSECURITY, Salerno, Italy, Virtual, March 2022.
18. "Meeting the Nutrient Challenge of the Food-Energy-Water Nexus through Technological Innovations to Achieve Sustainable Recovery", *Oral Presentation*, NSF INFEWS PI Workshop 2022, Princeton University, Virtual, February 2022.
17. "Meeting the Nutrient Challenge of the Food-Energy-Water Nexus through Sustainable Recovery", *Poster Presentation*, Arab-American Frontiers of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Symposium, Virtual, November 2021.
16. "Selectivity of Ion-Exchange Membranes for Electrified Separations", *Invited Oral Presentation*, ACS Fall Meeting 2021, Environmental Chemistry Division, Virtual, August, 2021.
15. "Advancing Membrane Technologies for Sustainable Nitrogen and Phosphorous Recovery from Human Urine: A Green Engineering Approach", *Invited Oral Presentation*, James Morgan Award Symposium, ACS Spring Meeting 2021, Virtual, April, 2021.

14. "Advancing Membrane Technologies for Sustainable Nitrogen and Phosphorous Recovery from Diverted Urine", *Oral Presentation and Session Lead*, 2nd Food-Energy-Water Nexus Conference, Virtual, February, 2021.
13. "New Insights into Solute Selectivity Relationship of Thin Film Composite Polyamide Membranes", *Oral Presentation*, 17<sup>th</sup> Network Young Membrane Meeting, Manchester, UK, Virtual, December 2020.
12. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", *Invited Keynote Talk*, 3rd WaterEnergyNEXUS conference, Djerba, Tunisia, Virtual, December 2020.
11. "Alternative Membraneless and Non-Evaporative Desalination with Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction", *Poster Presentation*, Gordon Research Conference (GRC) – Chemical Separations, 2020, Galveston, TX, January 2020.
10. "Towards a More Sustainable Circular Economy Management of N: Ammonia Recovery from Source-Separated Urine with Novel Isothermal Membrane Distillation", *Oral Presentation*, Water Environment Federation's Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) 2019, Chicago, IL, September 2019.
9. "Sustainable Ammonia Recovery from Source-Separated Urine Using Isothermal Membrane Distillation", *Oral Presentation*, 3rd IWA Resource Recovery Conference, Venezia, Italy, September 2019.
8. "Novel Isothermal Membrane Distillation for Selective and Energy-Efficient Removal and Recovery of Ammonia", *Oral Presentation*, 258th ACS National Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA, August 2019.
7. "Disrupting Desalination: Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction for Hypersaline Brines", *Invited Speaker*, Material Research Society (MRS) 2019 Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AR, April 2019.
6. "Unlocking High-salinity Desalination with Cascading Osmotically Mediated Reverse Osmosis", *Oral Presentation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> *WaterEnergyNEXUS International Conference*, Salerno, Italy, November 2018.
5. "Desalination of Hypersaline Brines with Temperature Swing Solvent Extraction", *Oral Presentation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> *WaterEnergyNEXUS International Conference*, Salerno, Italy, November 2018.
4. "Desalination of High-Salinity Brines: Novel Energy-Efficient Technologies", *Poster Presentation*, *Arab-American Frontiers of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Symposium*, Kuwait City, Kuwait, November 2018.
3. "Desalination of High-Salinity Brines: Novel Energy-Efficient Technologies", *Poster Presentation*, *Japan-America Frontiers of Engineering Symposium*, Tsukuba, Japan, June 2018.

2. "Structure-Property Analysis of Conductivity-Permselectivity Tradeoff in Ion-Exchange Membranes", *Oral Presentation, 254th ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, Washington, D.C., August 2017.
1. "Salinity gradient energy with PRO, RED, and CapMix: Prospects, progress, and challenges", *Oral Presentation, 252th ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.

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## SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

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### School

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| 1. Committee on Instruction           | Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2021 |
| 2. Open Rank Faculty Search Committee | Sept. 2022 – May 2023 |

### Department

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| 1. Graduate Affairs Committee   | Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2019<br>Jun. 2024 – |
| 2. Strategic Communications Committee   | Jun. 2024 –                           |
| 3. Junior Faculty Search Committee<br>(Industrial/Environmental Interactions) | Nov. 2024 – May 2025                  |
| 4. Junior Faculty Search Committee (Water)                                    | Jan. 2024 – Jun. 2024                 |
| 5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee                                 | Jun. 2020 – May 2024                  |
| 6. Faculty Meeting Secretariat  | Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2022                 |
| 7. Junior Faculty Search Committee  | Sept. 2017 – May. 2018                |
| 8. By-law Review Committee (ad-hoc)   | Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2019                 |
| 9. Graduate Colloquium Committee Chair  | Sept. 2015 – May 2020                 |
| 10. Graduate Student Symposium Advisor  | Sept. 2015 – May 2020                 |
| 11. Strategic Planning Committee  | Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2019                |

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## SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Editorial Boards, Conference Organization, and Scientific Committees

- Associate editor of *Environmental Science: Advances* (RSC)
- Editorial advisory board member of *ACS ES&T Engineering* (ACS)
- Editorial board member of *Desalination* (Elsevier)
- Editorial board member of *Chemical Engineering Journal Advances* (Elsevier)
- Early Career Board member of *ACS ES&T Engineering*, 2021–2023 (ACS)
- Invited guest editor for special issues in *Desalination*, *Chemical Engineering Journal*, and *Water Science and Technology*
- Session lead for 2nd Food-Energy-Water Nexus Conference, AIChE, Virtual, February 2021

- Co-presiding Chair for “Innovative Materials for Environmental Sustainability” in ENVR symposium at the *ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, San Francisco, Fall 2023
- Co-presiding Chair for “Novel Polymers and Polymer-Based Processes for Energy-Efficient Purification of Water and Resource Recovery” in PMSE-NAMS-ENVR co-sponsored symposium at the *258th ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, San Diego, Fall 2019
- Co-organizing Chair for “Advances and Challenges in Separation and Mixing of Salts: Water-Energy-Food Nexus” in division of Environmental Chemistry at the *254th ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, Washington D.C., Fall 2017
- Lead organizer for the *2016 AEESP Distinguished Lecture Series* (co-hosted by Columbia University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Manhattan College, City College of New York, and Stony Brook University), October 2016
- Scientific Committee for *2<sup>nd</sup> WaterEnergyNEXUS International Symposium*, Salerno, Italy, November 2018

#### Panelist for Grant Proposals

- National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental and Transport Systems (CBET), Environmental Engineering and Sustainability Cluster – Environmental Engineering
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental and Transport Systems (CBET), Chemical Process Systems Cluster – Interfacial Engineering
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI)
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers Program (IUCRC)
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP), Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Phase I
- Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, Basic Energy Science (BES)
- The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, U.S. - Egypt Science and Technology Joint Fund
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Research Competitiveness Program (RCP) for Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education’s Research Development Office (RDO)’s International Collaboration Grant (ICG) Program
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

- The US-Israel Binational Agricultural Research & Development (BARD) Fund
- King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Competitive Research Grants (CRG)
- Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), State of Kuwait

## Reviewer for Scholarly Journals

### [Web of Science peer-review metric](#)

- *Science* (AAAS)
- *Nature* (NPG)
- *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (NAS)
- *Science Advances* (AAAS)
- *Nature Nanotechnology* (NPG)
- *Journal of the American Chemical Society* (ACS)
- *Environmental Science and Technology* (ACS)
- *ES&T Letters* (ACS)
- *Water Research* (IWA Publishing)
- *Energy & Environmental Science* (RSC)
- *ACS ES&T Engineering* (ACS)
- *ACS ES&T Water* (ACS)
- *Nature Water* (NPG)
- *Nature Review Materials* (NPG)
- *Matter* (Cell Press)
- *ACS Nano* (ACS)
- *Joule* (Cell Press)
- *Small* (Wiley)
- *Green Chemistry* (RSC)
- *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering* (ACS)
- *Journal of Membrane Science* (Elsevier)
- *Frontiers of Environmental Science & Engineering* (Springer)
- *ChemSusChem* (Wiley)
- *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* (RSC)
- *Journal of Material Chemistry A* (RSC)
- *Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research* (ACS)
- *RSC Advances* (RSC)
- *Advanced Materials Technologies* (Wiley)
- *ChemComm* (RSC)
- *Applied Energy* (Elsevier)
- *Desalination* (Elsevier)
- *Chemosphere* (Elsevier)
- *Science of the Total Environment* (Elsevier)
- *Chemical Engineering Journal* (Elsevier)
- *Environmental Science: Water Research & Technology* (RSC)

- *Environmental Science: Nano* (RSC)
- *Journal of Hazardous Materials* (Elsevier)
- *Environmental Science and Ecotechnology* (Elsevier)
- *Renewable Energy* (Elsevier)
- *Results in Chemistry* (Elsevier)
- *Journal of Polymer Science* (Wiley)
- *Journal of Molecular Liquids* (Elsevier)
- *Journal of Cleaner Production* (Elsevier)
- *Chemical Engineering Science* (Elsevier)
- *Journal of Environmental Engineering* (ASCE)
- *Journal of Water Process Engineering* (Elsevier)
- *Chemical Engineering Communications* (Taylor & Francis)

### Professional Membership

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP)
- North American Membrane Society (NAMS)
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)
- Frontiers of Engineering, National Academy of Engineering (FOE, NAE)
- International Water Association (IWA)
- International Desalination Association (IDA)

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## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

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### Outreach Activities

1. [Society of Women Engineers: Engineering Exploration Experience](#): lab demonstration at high school outreach event for aspiring future female engineers and scientist, March 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022
2. [ENG: Engineering the Next Generation](#): six weeks summer program for underrepresented students from local partner high schools, July 2017
3. [Double Discovery Center Outreach Program](#): Clean Water Workshop for outreach event for under-served high school communities, July 2017
4. [Inside Engineering](#): engineering presentation and lab tours for local K-12 students, June 2018 and March 2019
5. Invited panelist for Barclays Water Symposium's fireside discussions on the future of water, May 2017
6. Invited panelist on "The Future of Water: A Call to Action to Avert a Global Climate Crisis" hosted by Columbia Climate School, October 2022

7. Featured in the leading water industry podcast [Smart Water Solutions](#), October 2022
8. Lectured in a [YouTube webinar](#) hosted by the North American Membrane Society (NAMS), December 2024

## Press Engagement

1. Scientific American magazine: interviewed for an [article](#) on renewable salinity gradient energy by Associate Editor Annie Sneed
2. The Star-Ledger: contributed technical expertise to the [exposé](#) by investigative journalist Karen Yi on lead in Newark drinking water, November 20, 2018
3. The Star-Ledger: interviewed by media for [news article](#) on Newark's water crisis, December, 2019
4. USA Today: contributed expert opinions in a [news report](#) on chlorination disinfection byproducts, February 2020
5. Vice: shared expertise in water quality to inform [article](#) on pseudoscience in water treatment, July 2020
6. Las Vegas Weekly: contributed technical expertise on desalination to a [news article](#) on water shortages in Las Vegas, November 2023
7. Interviewed on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) [Radio Active](#) about direct lithium extraction research, February 2026.