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EDUCATION

8/95 - 12/01

7/91 - 7/95

- **Ph.D.** in Chemistry (December, 2001), **M.S.** in Chemistry (December, 1996)
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- **B.S.** in Chemistry/Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude
University of Richmond, Richmond, VA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/08 – present

Research Asst.

Professor

10/07 – 6/08

Visit. Asst. Prof.

- **NC State University, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering**, Raleigh, NC
- Discovered a solution-spinning route to nanofibers – currently an unsolved commercial problem. Studying phase-separation and hydrodynamic processes.
- Fabricating smart magnetic Janus particle assemblies. They are stable in the absence of fields, respond to magnetic fields, and can disassemble on command.
- Investigating superstabilization of emulsions and foams by polymeric particles.
- Leading projects on food additive formulations with an industrial collaborator.

9/10 – present

CTO

- **Xanofi, Inc., ‘Nanofibers for a better world’**, Raleigh, NC
- Heading research development for a dynamic, funded, high-tech startup.
- Designing scaled-up and continuous production of polymer nanofibers
- Establishing customer relationships with world leaders in the nanofiber industry

2/04 – 9/07

Research

Associate

- **Northwestern University, Chemical & Biological Engineering**, Evanston, IL
- Led multidisciplinary projects in electrostatic self-assembly of nanoparticles, with patent-pending applications ranging from antibacterial coatings to membranes.
- Co-developed a one-step non-lithographic alternative to multistep etching in semiconductors and created complex patterns with ~ 300 nm horizontal resolution
- Harnessed reaction-diffusion processes to create non-binary topographic patterns with tens of nanometers height resolution.

3/02 - 11/03

Senior Research

Associate

- **Illinois Institute of Technology, Chemical Engineering Dept.**, Chicago, IL
- Developed an optical setup to measure very accurately the mass diffusivity in polymers using the non-invasive Forced Rayleigh Light Scattering technique.
- Led a group project for mass and thermal diffusion in polymers in static and controlled flow environments.
- Combined measurements from laser spectroscopy and rheology – light scattering, birefringence, interferometry, and rheometry in a custom-built instrument to verify a new property relationship – the stress-thermal rule.

01/02-03/02

Post-Doctoral

Research

- **Northwestern University, Chemistry Department**, Evanston, IL
- Discovered a key error in the DNA sequence of a mutant gene which had gone undetected in the lab for years; result will help electron-transfer research.
- Used a number of Molecular Biology techniques (PCR, plasmid sequencing)

8/95 - 12/01

Ph.D. Research

- **Northwestern University, Chemistry Department**, Evanston, IL
- Discovered structure-function details in active sites of important metalloenzymes.
- Developed magnetic resonance spectroscopy simulation programs.
- Persuaded peers, superiors of the need for sample database project; developed a robust and “user-friendly” database design.

GRANT SUPPORT

- EU-ERC, “New materials for energy production and sustainable energy use”, Independent Research Investigator Grant, August 2011 (€2,000,000, PI)
- NSF-IIP, Accelerating Innovation Research (AIR) program, “Transforming nanofiber technology through scalable fabrication”, July 2011 (\$200,000, PI)
- NSF CMMI grant #0927554, “A New Paradigm for Scalable Fabrication of Polymer Nanofibers by Bulk Shear and Phase Separation” (\$192,000, Co-PI)
- Unilever Plc, corporate R&D grant “Food Colloid Rods and Fibers”, July 2010 (\$55,000, Co-PI)
- Unilever Plc, corporate R&D grant to study “Fibers and rodlike stabilizers for food-grade emulsions”, September 2009 (\$40,000, Co-PI)
- Northwestern University, extracurricular project grant for “Recycling cafeteria oil as bus fuel”, May 2007 (\$5,000, PI)

TEACHING AND MANAGEMENT

- Led various research teams of undergraduate, Master’s and Ph.D. students at NCSU, Northwestern University and IIT during my post-doctoral work.

10/08-current

- Mentor for CHE 497 – Undergraduate Research Projects
- Mentor for NC State’s Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD), working with students from socially and culturally underrepresented groups.

01/09 - 05/09

- NCSU – co-instructor, organizer for *CHE596D: Special Topics in Nanoscience*
- NCSU – taught lectures in *CHE312 Transport Processes II*
- NCSU – guest lecturer in *CHE462 Colloids and Nanoscale Engineering*

10/08 - 12/08

- NCSU – leading an active learning session in *CHE596I – Colloid Science and Nanoscale Engineering*, with both traditional and distance education students

10/06 - 05/07

- Northwestern U.: Lecturer and consultant for the *IDEA 298/398 Design classes*

10/97 - 05/99

- TA for graduate Quantum Mechanics & high-level undergraduate Thermodynamics

10/95 - 05/97

- Teaching assistant for General Chemistry

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

- Symposium organizer for Fall 2012 MRS meeting, “Phase Transitions in Polymers”
- Conference organizer – the 2010 “Nanofibers for the 3rd Millennium” conference
Chaired a session on “Nanofiber Technology Innovations and Trends”
- National Science Foundation grant panels reviewer
- Reviewer for the J. Phys. Chem., Langmuir, Angew. Chem. – Intl. Ed.
- Ph.D. thesis defense committee member
- Member – American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Materials Research Society, American Chemical Society, Society of Rheology.
- Honorary Memberships: Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Mu Epsilon (math), Gamma Sigma Epsilon (chemistry), Golden Key Honor Society, PLU, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Beta Delta (International scholars), University Scholar 1991-1995

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2010 Winner of the EU-ERC Independent Research Investigator Award
- 2007 INEST Fellow, Visiting Professorship funded by the Interdisciplinary Network of Emerging Science and Technologies
- 1993 Columbia University NSF-REU fellow
- 1991-1995 Univ. Scholar, Intl. Scholar (Full Scholarship), Univ. of Richmond, VA
- 1990 National Champion, Math Olympiad, Bulgaria

SCIENTIFIC IMPACT REFERENCES

- **32** ISI journal articles (**h-index = 15**), over 800 citations, 2 patents pending.
- Letters of reference available upon request.

Resume Supplement - List of Publications

PATENTS PENDING

Smoukov SK et al., Methods of Coating Surfaces with Nanoparticles and Nanoparticle-Coated Surfaces, U.S. Patent application 20090098366, filed Sept 08, 2008

Smoukov SK et al., Nanospinning of Polymer Fibers from Sheared Solutions, U.S. Patent Application, filed Mar 24, 2010

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