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Professional Appointments

- 2018–present **Assistant Professor of Chemistry**, Northwestern University
2015–2018 **Physics of Living Systems Fellow**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Education

University of California, Berkeley

PH.D. IN CHEMISTRY

- Advisor: Prof. Phillip L. Geissler
- Thesis: Two Paths Diverged: Exploring Trajectories, Protocols, and Dynamic Phases

Berkeley, CA

2010–2015

University College, Oxford University

M.SC. (BY RESEARCH) IN PHYSICAL AND THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY

- Advisor: Prof. Mark Wilson
- Thesis: Simulating Surface Charge Effects in Carbon Nanotube Templated Ionic Crystal Growth

Oxford, UK

2008–2010

California Institute of Technology

B.S. WITH HONORS IN CHEMISTRY

- Advisor: Prof. Nathan S. Lewis

Pasadena, CA

2004–2008

Major Research Interests

Statistical mechanics, stochastic thermodynamics, chemical kinetics, molecular motors, tensor networks, molecular simulations, and theoretical biophysics.

Awards and Honors

New Horizons Solvay Lecture in Chemistry , International Solvay Institutes	2025
Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award , Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation	2024
Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award , Northwestern University	2023
NSF Faculty Career Development (CAREER) Award , National Science Foundation	2023
Sloan Research Fellow , Sloan Foundation	2023
Searle Fellows Program , Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching	2019-2020
APS Oppenheim Award , American Physical Society	2019
Physics of Living Systems Fellowship , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2015
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor , University of California, Berkeley	2013
Dan Lucas Book Prize , College of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley	2011
Richard P. Schuster Chemistry Prize , California Institute of Technology	2008
Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship , Fannie and John Hertz Foundation	2008
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship , National Science Foundation	2008
Rhodes Scholarship , Rhodes Trust	2008
Robert L. Noland Leadership Award , California Institute of Technology	2007
Amgen Scholars Summer Research Fellowship , Amgen Foundation	2007
Upper Class Merit Award , California Institute of Technology	2005-2008
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship , U.S. Department of Education	2004-2008

Publications

(TRG as corresponding author in bold; Gingrich group members underlined)

PREPRINTS

Strand, N.E.; Nicholson, S.B.; Vroylandt, H.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “From high-dimensional committers to reactive insight.” arXiv:2406.01452, 2024.

Penocchio, E.; Gu, G.; Albaugh, A.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Power strokes in molecular motors: predictive, irrelevant, or somewhere in between?” ChemRxiv:10.26434/chemrxiv-2024-rjbdc, 2024.

Tan, T.H.; Watson, G.A.; Chao, Y.-C.; Li, J.; Gingrich, T.R.; Horowitz, J.M.; Fakhri, N. “Scale-dependent irreversibility in living matter.” arXiv:2107.05701, 2021.

PUBLISHED

Northwestern Faculty Career

31. Albaugh, A.; Fu, R.-S.; Gu, G.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Limits on the Precision of Catenane Motors: Insights from Thermodynamics and Molecular Dynamics Simulations.” *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 2024, 20, 1-6. [DOI:10.1021/acs.jctc.3c01201]
30. Nicholson, S.B.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Quantifying Rare Events in Stochastic Reaction-Diffusion Dynamics Using Tensor Networks.” *Phys. Rev. X*, 2023, 13, 041006. [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevX.13.041006]
29. Albaugh, A.; Gu, G.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Sterically driven current reversal in a molecular motor model.” *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 2023, 120(33), e2210500120. [DOI:10.1073/pnas.2210500120]
28. Binks, L.; Borsley, S.; Gingrich, T.R.; Leigh, D.A.; Penocchio, E.; Roberts, B.W. “The role of kinetic asymmetry and power strokes in an information ratchet.” *Chem*, 2023, 9, 1-16. [DOI:10.1016/j.chempr.2023.05.035]
27. Fu, R.-S.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Thermodynamic uncertainty relation for Langevin dynamics by scaling time.” *Phys. Rev. E*, 2022, 106, 024128. [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.106.024128]
26. Strand, N.E.; Vroylandt, H.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Computing time-periodic steady-state currents via the time evolution of tensor network states.” *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2022, 157, 054104. [DOI:10.1063/5.0099741]
25. **Gingrich, T.R.** “Measuring how effectively light drives a molecular pump.” *Nat. Nanotechnol.*, 2022, 17, 675. [DOI:10.1038/s41565-022-01152-x] (**News & Views**)
24. Strand, N.E.; Vroylandt, H.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Using tensor network states for multi-particle Brownian ratchets.” *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2022, 156, 221103. [DOI:10.1063/5.0097332] (**Editor’s Pick**)
23. Albaugh, A.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Simulating a Chemically Fueled Molecular Motor with Nonequilibrium Molecular Dynamics.” *Nat. Comm.*, 2022, 13, 2204. [DOI:10.1038/s41467-022-29393-3]
22. Albaugh, A.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Estimating Reciprocal Partition Functions to Enable Design Space Sampling.” *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2020, 153, 204102. [DOI:10.1063/5.0025358]
21. Strand, N.E.; Fu, R.-S.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Current inversion in a periodically driven two-dimensional Brownian ratchet.” *Phys. Rev. E*, 2020, 102, 012141. [DOI:PhysRevE.102.012141] (**Editor’s Suggestion**)
20. Owen, J.A.; Gingrich, T.R.; Horowitz, J.M. “Universal thermodynamic bounds on nonequilibrium response with biochemical applications.” *Phys. Rev. X*, 2020, 10, 011066. [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevX.10.011066]
19. Vroylandt, H.; Proesmans, K.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Isometric Uncertainty Relations.” *J. Stat. Phys.*, 2020, 178, 1039-1053. [DOI:10.1007/s10955-020-02484-5]
18. Horowitz, J.M.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Thermodynamic uncertainty relations constrain nonequilibrium fluctuations.” *Nat. Phys.*, 2020, 15, 1. [DOI:10.1038/s41567-019-0702-6]

17. Li, J.; Horowitz, J.M.; **Gingrich, T.R.**; Fakhri, N. “Quantifying dissipation using fluctuating currents.” *Nat. Comm.*, 2019, 10, 1666. [DOI:10.1038/s41467-019-09631-x]

Independent Postdoctoral Fellowship

16. **Gingrich, T.R.**; Horowitz, J.M. “Fundamental Bounds on First Passage Time Fluctuations for Currents.” *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2017, 119, 170601. [DOI:PhysRevLett.119.170601]
15. Bisker, G.; Poletini, M.; Gingrich, T.R.; Horowitz, J.M.; “Hierarchical Bounds on Entropy Production Inferred from Partial Information.” *J. Stat. Mech.: Theory Exp.*, 2017, 093210. [DOI:10.1088/1742-5468/aa8c0d]
14. Horowitz, J.M.; **Gingrich, T.R.** “Proof of the Finite-Time Thermodynamic Uncertainty Relation for Steady-State Currents.” *Phys. Rev. E*, 2017, 96, 020103(R). [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.96.020103] (**Editor’s Suggestion**)
13. Zakine, R.; Solon, A.; Gingrich, T.R.; van Wijland, F. “Stochastic Stirling engine operating in contact with active baths.” *Entropy*, 2017, 19(5), 193. [DOI:10.3390/e19050193]
12. **Gingrich, T.R.**; Rotskoff, G.M.; Horowitz, J.M. “Inferring dissipation from current fluctuations.” *J. Phys. A*, 2017, 50, 184004. [DOI:10.1088/1751-8121/aa672f]
11. **Gingrich, T.R.**; Horowitz, J.M.; Perunov, N.; England, J.L. “Dissipation bounds all steady-state current fluctuations.” *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2016, 116, 120601. [DOI:PhysRevLett.116.120601]

Mentored Research

10. **Gingrich, T.R.**; Rotskoff, G.M.; Crooks, G.E.; Geissler, P.L. “Near-optimal protocols in complex nonequilibrium transformations.” *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 2016, 113(37), 10263. [DOI:10.1073/pnas.1606273113]
9. Gingrich, T.R.; Geissler, P.L. “Preserving correlations between trajectories for efficient path sampling.” *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2015, 142(23), 234104. [DOI:10.1063/1.4922343] (**Editor’s Choice**)
8. Gingrich, T.R.; Rotskoff, G.M.; Vaikuntanathan, S.; Geissler, P.L. “Efficiency and large deviations in time-asymmetric stochastic heat engines.” *New J. Phys.*, 2014, 16(10), 102003. [DOI:10.1088/1367-2630/16/10/102003] (**Fast Track Communication**)
7. Gingrich, T.R.; Vaikuntanathan, S.; Geissler, P.L. “Heterogeneity-induced large deviations in activity and (in some cases) entropy production.” *Phys. Rev. E*, 2014, 90, 042123. [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.90.042123]
6. Vaikuntanathan, S.; Gingrich, T.R.; Geissler, P.L. “Dynamic phase transitions in simple driven kinetic networks.” *Phys. Rev. E*, 2014, 89, 062108. [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.89.062108]
5. Gingrich, T.R.; Wilson, M. “The control of inorganic nanotube morphology using an applied potential.” *J. Phys. Condens. Matter*, 2011, 23(13), 135306. [DOI:10.1088/0953-8984/23/13/135306]
4. Gingrich, T.R.; Wilson, M. “On the Ewald summation of Gaussian charges for the simulation of metallic surfaces.” *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 2010, 500(1), 178. [DOI:10.1016/j.cplett.2010.10.010]
3. Katz, J.E.; Gingrich, T.R.; Santori, E.A.; Lewis, N.S. “Combinatorial synthesis and high-throughput photopotential and photocurrent screening of mixed-metal oxides for photoelectrochemical water splitting.” *Energy Environ. Sci.*, 2009, 2(1), 103. [DOI:10.1039/B812177J]
2. Thallapally, P.K.; Dobrzanska, L.; Gingrich, T.R.; Wirsig, T.B.; Barbour, L.J.; Atwood, J.L. “Acetylene absorption and binding in a nonporous crystal lattice.” *Angew. Chem.*, 2006, 45(39), 6506. [DOI:10.1002/anie.200601391]
1. Gingrich, T.R.; Smith, G.P. “Hydroxyapatite chromatography of phage-display virions.” *BioTechniques*, 2005, 39(6), 879. [DOI:10.2144/000112032]

PATENTS

- N.S. Lewis, J.E. Katz, T.R. Gingrich. “High-throughput screening and device for photocatalysts.” Issued 9/8/2015, US Patent No. 9,126,175.

Research Support

PRESENT

Computer Simulation of Molecular Motors Far from Equilibrium December 1, 2021–February 1, 2026
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, PI, \$1,963,820

CAREER: Reaction-Diffusion Kinetics with Tensor Networks September 1, 2023–August 31, 2028
NSF CHE, PI, \$650,000

Sloan Research Fellowship September 15, 2023–September 14, 2025
Sloan Foundation, \$75,000

From Microscopic Motors to Macroscopic Work September 15, 2023–September 14, 2024
Northwestern IIN Seed Grant, Seed Investigator, \$100,000

Self-Propellant Nanoparticle@MOF Catalysts for Chemical Warfare Agent Detoxification March 2024–March 2029
DTRA, co-PI with Omar Farha, \$2,500,000 (\$240,000 for TRG)

Computational Tools for Stochastic, Far-From-Equilibrium Chemical Kinetics June 2024–June 2029
Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, \$100,000

COMPLETED

EAGER: ADAPT: Optimizing chemical reaction networks with AI September 1, 2021–August 31, 2023
NSF CHE, PI, \$300,000

Steering the dynamics of nanomachines February 1, 2021–July 31, 2022
Northwestern IIN Seed Grant, Seed Investigator, \$100,000

Invited Lectures

SCHEDULED

New Horizons Solvay Lecture in Chemistry, Belgium 2025

Telluride Workshop on Condensed Phase Dynamics, Telluride, CO July 2024

Dissipative Processes in Molecular Systems Workshop, Padova, Italy June 2024

DELIVERED

Nonequilibrium Dynamics, Information Processing, and Aging of Living Cells Workshop, ITS @ The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY May 2024

University of Michigan Chemistry, Ann Arbor, MI April 2024

University of Michigan Complex Systems, Ann Arbor, MI April 2024

University of Chicago, Department of Chemistry, Chicago, IL March 2024

Stanford University, Department of Chemistry, Palo Alto, CA March 2024

New York University, Department of Chemistry, New York, NY March 2024

Rice University Center for Theoretical Biophysics, Houston, TX February 2024

Rutgers University, Department of Chemistry, New Brunswick, NJ December 2023

Northwestern/Muenster Symposium on Smart Materials, International Institute of Nanotechnology, Evanston, IL August 2023

MIT, Physics of Living Systems, Cambridge, MA June 2023

University of North Carolina, Department of Chemistry, Chapel Hill, NC April 2023

Informal Statistical Physics Seminar, University of Maryland, College Park, MD April 2023

Rare Events: Analysis, Numerics, and Applications, Brin Mathematics Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD February 2023

Northwestern University, Department of Physics, Evanston, IL January 2023

Berkeley Statistical Mechanics Meeting, Berkeley, CA January 2023

Telluride Workshop on Condensed Phase Dynamics, Telluride, CO	July 2022
Midwest Theoretical Chemistry Conference, Columbus, OH	June 2022
Workshop on Stochastic Thermodynamics II, Sante Fe Institute, Sante Fe, NM (Virtual)	May 2021
University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Chemistry, Boulder, CO (Virtual)	March 2021
Oxford University, Theoretical Chemistry Group, Oxford, England (Virtual)	February 2021
Telluride Workshop on Condensed Phase Dynamics, Virtual	July 2020
Illinois State University, Department of Physics, Normal, IL	February 2020
Oppenheim Prize Talk, APS March Meeting, Boston, MA	March 2019
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab/UC Berkeley Soft Matter Seminar, Berkeley, CA	January 2019
Why Measure Entropy Production?, Princeton Center for Theoretical Science, Princeton, NJ	November 2018
Stochastic Thermodynamics: Experiment and Theory, Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany	September 2018
Telluride Workshop on Condensed Phase Dynamics, Telluride, CO	July 2018
CCI Solar Fuels Workshop, Ventura, CA	July 2018
Large deviation theory in statistical physics: Recent advances and future challenges, Indian Center for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), Bangalore, India	September 2017
Igert Summer Institute, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA	June 2017
Berkeley Statistical Mechanics/Machine Learning Meeting, Berkeley, CA	January 2017
New York University, Department of Chemistry, New York, NY	December 2016
Stanford University, Department of Chemistry, Palo Alto, CA	December 2016
Columbia University, Department of Chemistry, New York, NY	November 2016
University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of Chemistry, Santa Barbara, CA	November 2016
Northwestern University, Department of Chemistry, Evanston, IL	October 2016
Boston University, Condensed Matter Theory/Biophysics, Boston, MA	March 2016
JCP Editor's Choice Session, APS March Meeting, Baltimore, MD	March 2016
Modeling and Inference from Single Molecules to Cells, MBI Workshop, Columbus, OH	February 2016
Large Deviation Theory in Principle and in Practice, Princeton Center for Theoretical Science, Princeton, NJ	November 2015
Chemistry & Physics of Liquids Gordon Research Conference, Poster Prize Short Talk, Holderness, NH	August 2015
Workshop on Statistical Mechanics and Computation of Large Deviation Rate Functions, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Lyon, France	June 2015
Princeton University, Princeton Biophysics Symposium, Princeton, NJ	December 2014
Workshop on Large Deviations in Statistical Physics, National Institute for Theoretical Physics (NITheP), Stellenbosch, South Africa	July 2014

Teaching Experience

CHEM 171: Advanced General Inorganic Chemistry (New Curriculum Development)

- Course Rating: 5.09/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.66/6.00; 186 Students Fall 2023
- Course Rating: 4.64/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.26/6.00; 175 Students Fall 2022

CHEM 348: Physical Chemistry for ISP (New Curriculum Development)

- Course Rating: 5.40/6.00; Instructor Rating: 6.00/6.00; 11 Students Spring 2022
- Course Rating: 5.30/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.90/6.00; 12 Students Spring 2021
- Course Rating: 5.43/6.00; Instructor Rating: 6.00/6.00; 11 Students Spring 2020
- Course Rating: 5.63/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.88/6.00; 8 Students Spring 2020

CHEM 444: Elementary Statistical Mechanics (New Curriculum Development)

- Course Rating: 5.24/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.65/6.00; 22 Students Fall 2023
- Course Rating: 5.27/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.57/6.00; 20 Students Fall 2022
- Course Rating: 5.67/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.67/6.00; 9 Students Fall 2020

- Course Rating: 5.67/6.00; Instructor Rating: 6.00/6.00; 14 Students
- Course Rating: 5.50/6.00; Instructor Rating: 5.58/6.00; 13 Students

Fall 2019

Fall 2018

Advising/Supervision

GRADUATE STUDENTS (2 COMPLETED PHDS, 4 IN PROGRESS)

John Zima , PhD Student	2024-
Cathryn (Kate) Murphy , PhD Student	2023-
Jonah Greenberg , PhD Student	2019-
Geyao Gu , PhD Student	2019-
Nils Strand , PhD, Now a Postdoc at UChicago with Aaron Dinner and Yuehaw Koon	2018-2023
Rueih-Sheng (Ray) Fu , PhD	2018-2023

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS (2 COMPLETED, 4 IN PROGRESS)

John Strahan , Postdoctoral Scholar	2024-
Kathleen Krist , Postdoctoral Scholar	2023-
Emanuele Penocchio , Postdoctoral Scholar	2023-
Schuyler (Sky) Nicholson , Postdoctoral Scholar and Research Associate	2020-
Alex Albaugh , Postdoctoral Scholar, Now Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering & Materials Science, Wayne State University	2018-2023
Hadrien Vroylandt , Postdoctoral Fellow, Now a Postdoctoral Researcher at CERMICS, École des Ponts ParisTech	2018-2020

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS

Drew Alvarez , WCAS Summer Undergraduate Research Award and McCormick Summer Undergraduate Research Award	2023-
Isabelle Goodrow , Cornell University Summer Experience Grant	Summer 2023
Ashini Shah , Undergraduate Researcher	2022-2024
Niles Babin , International Institute of Nanotechnology REU	Summer 2022
Akhil Kalghatgi , ISP 398 student	2021

Service

EXTERNAL

Editorial Board Member , <i>Physical Review E</i>	2022-2024
Co-organizer and Statistical Mechanics Instructor , Telluride School on Theoretical Chemistry, Telluride Science Research Center	2021, 2023
Selection Committee Member , ACS Junior/Senior Theory Award	2022
Selection Committee Member , APS Oppenheim Award	2020
Selection Committee Member , Rhodes Scholarship, District 15 (USA)	2013-15

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Associate Director , Integrated Science Program (ISP), Northwestern University	2023-
Residential College Fellow , Slivka Residential College, Northwestern University	2023-
Committee Member , Integrated Science Program (ISP) Committee, Northwestern University	2022-

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Committee Member , Graduate Curriculum Committee	2023-
Chair , Assistant Professor of Instruction Search Committee, Successful Double Hire	2022-2023
Committee Member , General Chemistry Committee	2021-
Committee Member , Graduate Admissions Committee	2018-