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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Director	NanoScience Technology Center University of Central Florida	2017- present
Professor	NanoScience Technology Center and the Department of Chemistry University of Central Florida	2017- present
Associate Professor	NanoScience Technology Center and the Department of Chemistry University of Central Florida	2010- 2017
Assistant Professor	NanoScience Technology Center and the Department of Chemistry University of Central Florida	2005-2010
Postdoctoral Fellow	Department of Materials Science & Engineering Massachusetts Institute of Technology Advisor: Michael F. Rubner and Robert E. Cohen	2003-2005

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Chemistry)	Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA	2002
Dissertation Title: Micro- and Nanostructures from Functionalized Regioregular Polythiophenes		
Advisor: Professor Richard D. McCullough		
M.S. (Chemistry)	East Tennessee State University Johnson City, TN	1998
Thesis Title: Theoretical Study of Pyrolysis Mechanisms of Pyrrole and Furan		
Advisor: Professor Ruifeng Liu		
B.S. (Chemical Engineering)	East China University of Science and Technology Shanghai, China	1993

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Conjugated Polymer Supramolecular Structures
- Polymer Composites for Energy Conversion and Storage
- Surface Science and Engineering of Carbon Nanotubes, Graphene and Nanoparticles
- Polymer-Derived Ceramics
- Polyelectrolyte Multilayer Films and Nanoparticles
- Functional Electrospun Fibers

TEACHING

- CHS 1440: General Chemistry for Engineering Major
- CHM 2205: Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry
- CHM1320L: Analytical Lab
- CHM 3212L: Organic Lab
- CHM2045C: General Chemistry I
- CHM2046C: General Chemistry II
- EMA 6319: Colloid and Interface Engineering

- IDS 6250: Introduction to Nanoscience and Technology (a new graduate course offered at NSTC)
- IDS 6255: Nanotechnology for Energy and Sustainability (a new graduate course offered at NSTC)
- ISC3930: Chemical and Life Science Nanotechnology (a new undergraduate course offered at UCF)

AWARDS

University of Central Florida Scroll & Quill Society
 UCF Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors
 University of Central Florida Research Incentive Award (2010, 2015)
 University of Central Florida Teaching Incentive Program Award (2015)
 Outstanding Chemist Award, American Chemical Society (ACS) Orlando Section (2013)
 Scialog Fellow (Research Corporation for Science Advancement) (2011)
 NSF CAREER Award (2008)

AFFILIATIONS

American Chemical Society
 Materials Research Society

SERVICES

- Associate editor for Materials Express, an international journal
- Editorial Advisory Board Member of International Journal of Polymeric Materials and Polymeric Biomaterials
- Organizing and chairing American Chemical Society (ACS) symposia
- Chair ACS Orlando Section (2013)
- Serving on Undergraduate Affairs Committee at the Department of Chemistry (2006), Construction Committee (2007, Chair), Instrument Committee (2008-), Affiliate Committee (2008-, Chair), Faculty Search Committee (2009-2012, 2015, 2016) at NanoScience Technology Center , Annual Evaluation Standard and Procedure Committee (2011), NSTC/AMPAC Committee (2011), MCF Staff Search Committee (2103), University Research Council (2011-, Chair of 2014), UCF Centers & Institutes RIA committee (Chair, 2017), UCF Centers & Institutes RIA committee (2017) UCF Centers & Institutes Ad Hoc Committee (2017)
- Serving on student dissertation committees, as a judge for Undergraduate Research Showcase and Graduate Research Symposium at the University of Central Florida, and National Junior Science and Humanities Symposia.
- Coordinating Outreach Programs for NanoScience Technology Center
- Serving as a reviewer for scientific journals: Nature, Science, Nano Letters, Angewandte Chemie International Edition, Journal of American Chemical Society, ACS Nano, Langmuir, Accounts of Chemical Research, Biomacromolecules, Macromolecules, Advanced Materials, Small, Macromolecular Rapid Communications, Soft Matter, Polymer, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Journal of Material Chemistry, Journal of Controlled Release, Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Carbon, Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects, Electrochemistry Communications, etc.
- Serving as a reviewer for National Science Foundation, Department of Energy (DOE), NASA, and ACS-PRF (Petroleum Research Fund), Romanian National Council for Scientific Research

PUBLICATIONS (H index = 42, citation > 9500, according to Google Scholar)

1. Lu, X.; Shen, C.; Zhang, Z.; Barrios, E.; **Zhai, L.** “Core-Shell Composite Fibers for High-Performance Flexible Supercapacitor Electrodes” *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* **2018**, In Press.

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4. Toliás, S.; Lunsford, S.; **Zhai, L.** “Simultaneous Detection of Lead and Cadmium Using a Silver Nanoparticle Polymer Carbon Nanotube Composite Modified Electrode” *The Chemical Educator* **2017**, *22*, 187.
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6. Shen, C.; Barrios, E.; McInnis, M.; Zuyus, J.; **Zhai, L.** “Fabrication of Graphene Aerogels with Heavily Loaded Metallic Nanoparticles” *Micromachines* **2017**, *8*, 47.
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12. **Zhai, L.**; Thomas, J.; Khondaker, S.; McInnis, M.; Chen, S. “Ordered Conjugated Polymer Nano- and Microstructures: Structure Control for Improved Performance of Organic Electronics” *Nano Today*, **2015**, *11*, 705.
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3. "Bioinspired Polyelectrolyte Complexes with Metal Ions" International Symposium on Stimuli-Responsive Materials, Santa Rosa, CA, October 23-25, 2016
4. "Bioinspired Metal Ion Coordinated Polyelectrolyte Nanoreactors" Society of Engineering Science 53rd Annual Technical Meeting, University of Maryland, October 2-5, 2016
5. "Polymer-Derived Ceramic Composites with Graphene and Carbon Nanotubes" 40th International Conference and Exposition on Advanced Ceramics and Composites (ICACC 2016), Daytona Beach, FL, January 24-29, 2016.
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