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EDUCATION

1971 Bachelor of Science in Biology

Wake Forest University

1974 **Doctorate in Plant Biochemistry**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1974 – 1976	Postdoctoral Research Associate Purdue University
1976 – 1978	Postdoctoral Research Associate University of Washington
1978 – Present	Assistant Associate Full Professor Department of Plant Biology, University of Illinois
1978 – 2018	Plant Physiologist Global Change & Photosynthesis Research Unit, USDA/ARS
1986 – 1987	Visiting Professor Essex University, Colchester, UK
1991 – Present	Professor Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois
1994 – 1997	Interim Director School of Life Sciences, University of Illinois

1997 – 2018	Research Leader Global Change & Photosynthesis Research Unit, USDA/ARS
1999 – 2018 Service	Location Coordinator United States Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Research
2002 – 2003	Visiting Professor Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
2004 – Present	Theme Leader Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology
2007 – 2019	Director SoyFACE Global Change Research Facility, University of Illinois
2012 – Present	Deputy Director Realizing Increased Photosynthetic Efficiency Project Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
2018 - Present	Deputy Director Research and Development for the Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Bioproducts Innovation.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2007 – Present	Consulting Editor Advances in Photosynthesis and Respiration
2008 – Present	Associate Editor Annual Review of Plant Biology
2009 – Present	Editorial Board Tropical Plant Biology
2010 – Present	Editorial Board BioEnergy Research
2014 – Present	Associate Editor Plant, Cell & Environment
2014 – Present	Associate Editor Journal of Experimental Biology

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES POSITIONS HELD

1995 – 1998	President-Elect, President, Past President American Society of Plant Biologists
1998 – 2004	President International Society of Plant Physiology
1998 – 2004	President-Elect, President, Past President International Society for Photosynthesis Research
1999 – 2001	Board of Trustees Chair American Society of Plant Biologists
2005 – 2013	Editor-in-Chief Plant Physiology
2011 – 2014	Chair-elect, Chair, Past Chair of the Section on Agriculture, Food, and Renewable Resources American Association for the Advancement of Science
2013	Co-organizer 16th International Congress of Photosynthesis, St. Louis
2015 – 2019	Annual Meeting Program Committee American Association for the Advancement of Science

HONORS AND AWARDS

1974 – 1977	Postdoctoral Service Award National Institutes of Health National
1986 – 1987	Sabbatical Fellowship Award Agricultural Research Service
1986 – 1989	University Scholars Award University of Illinois
1985, 1988 – 2018	Merit Awards United States Department of Agriculture

1993 Senior Midwest Area Research Scientist of the Year Award Agricultural Research Service 2003 **Supergrade Scientist** Agricultural Research Service 2005 **ACES Service Award** College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois 2006 **Team Research Award** College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences 2006 **Charles F. Kettering Award** American Society of Plant Biologists 2007 **Fellow** American Society of Plant Biologists 2009 **Fellow** American Association for the Advancement of Science 2010 Robert Emerson Professor of Plant Biology & Crop Sciences University of Illinois 2011 - 2013**Distinguished Professor Fellowship** Chinese Academy of Sciences 2015 **Science Hall of Fame** Agricultural Research Service 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 Most Highly Cited Researcher in Plant and Animal Science Institute for Scientific Information 2017 **Elected Member** National Academy of Sciences **CURRENT UNIVERSITY SERVICE** 2007 – Present Theme Leader and Executive Committee Member Carl R. Woese Institute of Genomic Biology 2012 – Present **Associate Director** Gates Foundation RIPE Project

2018 - Present	Deputy Director for Research and Development DOE Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Bioproducts Innovation.
2018 – Present	Awards Committee College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
2019	Chemistry Department Headship Search Committee Chair College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
PAST UNIVERSITY SE Highlights since 1994	<u>CRVICE</u>
1994 – 1997	Interdepartmental Graduate Program Chair Physiological & Molecular Plant Biology Program
1994 – 1997	Interim Director School of Life Sciences
1997 – 1999	Campus Budget Oversight Committee University of Illinois
1994 – 1997	Coordinating Committee Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology
2003 – 2005	Associate Head Department of Plant Biology
2001 – 2004	South Farms Relocation and Revitalization Committee College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
2003 – 2004	Academic Misconduct Investigation Panel Chair University of Illinois
2003 – 2006	Fellowship Board Area IV Committee Graduate College
2006 – 2008	Committee Member Critical Initiatives in Research and Scholarship Program
2006 – 2010	Advisory Committee Department of Crop Sciences
2007 – 2008	University Scholars Selection Committee

University of Illinois

2007 – 2008	Fellowship Board Executive Committee Graduate College
2010 – 2012	Advisory Committee Department of Plant Biology
2014	Director Search Committee School of Integrative Biology
2014	Search Committee Chair Department of Plant Biology
2014 – 2017	Advisory Committee Department of Plant Biology

ADVISORY AND CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES Highlights since 2000

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2001 – 2004	Chair International Congress Program Committee
2002 – 2003	Field Crops and Horticulture Panel Chair BARD
2004	National Program Assessment Committee Chair United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service
2004	Research Integrity Investigation Panel Chair University of Illinois
2004 – 2005, 2008	Plant Biochemistry Panel NRI
2005	Committee of Visitors Department of Energy, Basic Energy Sciences
2005	Attendee Solar Energy Workshop Department of Energy
2006	Energy BioSciences Panel Department of Energy

2006 Advisor Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan 2007 **Energy BioSciences Photosynthesis Panel** Department of Energy 2008 Attendee Carbon Cycling and Biosequestration Workshop, Washington DC Department of Energy 2008 Attendee Workshop on Next Generation Climate Change Experiment, Washington DC Department of Energy 2008 **Organizer** Exploring Science Needs for Predicting Organismal Responses to Rapid Directional Environmental Change Workshop National Science Foundation 2009 Attendee Workshop on Photosynthetic Efficiency Department of Energy 2009 **Review Committee** Department of Biology, Wake Forest University 2009 Consultant for a project investigating ozone impacts on rice and wheat in East Asia Shanghai & Nanjing 2010 Attendee Workshop on Light to Liquid Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy 2010 Attendee Workshop "Biology for the 21st Century" **NRC** 2010 - 2014**Scientific Advisory Committee** Danforth Plant Science Center 2012 Attendee Workshop on Improving Photosynthesis Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

2012 – 2015	ARPA-E Summit Department of Energy
2013	Conference Organizer Redesigning Photosynthesis – Identifying Opportunities and Novel Ideas Banbury Center
2013	Co-organizer with Robert Blankenship International Congress of Photosynthesis
2013	Committee of Visitors Department of Energy, EFRC
2013	Co-organizer 8th Biochemistry Symposium Mexico-USA
2013	Attendee Israel Bioenergy Challenge Scientific Exchange
2014	Attendee Workshop Sink Strength Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
2014	Attendee Workshop on Energy Crop Phenotyping Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy
2014 - 2017	External Advisory Committee ARC Centre of Excellence for Translational Photosynthesis Australian National University
2015	Energy BioSciences Panel Department of Energy
2015	International Wheat Yield Potential Panel
2016	Secretary of Energy Advisory Board Task Force
2018	Office of Basic Energy Sciences Panel Department of Energy
2019 – 2022	Scientific Advisory Committee Plant Resilience Institute, Michigan State University

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Doctorate	Candidate	Current Position
1983	Susan Flores	Friedrich Miescher Institute
1984	S. Chuan Kee	Software designer, ITC Group
1988	Gretchen Sassenrath	ARS Scientist, Stoneville, MS
1989	Patricia Grandoni	Freight Broker
1990	Adriana Ortiz	Research Associate Professor, Harvard
1991	Susan Martino-Catt	Monsanto Company
1994	Ron Hutchison	Associate Professor North Dakota State
1996	Tamara Jones	Applied Biosystems
1997	Taylor Fields	Associate Prof University of Tennessee
1999	Hong Liu	Senior Scientist, Sanofi Aventis
2001	Dawn Tucker	Research Scientist, Jewish Hospital, Denver
2002	Aleel Grennan	Assistant Editor, Plant Physiology
2003	Guoseng Wu	Postdoctoral Researcher, Univ of Wisconsin
2005	Davyd Chung	Program Analyst, NIH
2010	Elie Schwarz	Postdoctoral Researcher, Michigan State
2013	Anna Locke	USDA/ARS Scientist, NC State
2014	Matthew Siebers	Postdoctoral Researcher, CSIRO
2014	Becky Slattery	Postdoctoral Researcher, Univ of Illinois
2016	Frederick Ghandchi	HP Enterprise
Master's degree	Student	Current Position
1990	Denise Sparrow	Research Technician, Ohio State
1993	Won-Il Kim	Korean National Institute Science & Tech

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1990	Denise Sparrow	Research Technician, Ohio State
1993	Won-Il Kim	Korean National Institute Science & Tech
1994	Vasoula Fasoula	Agricultural consultant, Georgia
1995	Yonghwa Yung	Social Worker
2006	Ping Gong	
2008	Kevin Hollis	High School teacher
2013	Pamela Hall	Science writer

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

1979 – 1985 1980 – 1984	Thomas Graan Bjorn Martin	Project Scientist, Weston Corporation Professor, Oklahoma State University
1982 – 1985	Roger Hangarter	Professor, Indiana University
1985 – 1987 1986 – 1991	Pam Cooper Robert Wise	Research Associate Professor, Missouri Professor, Wisc-Oshkosh
1988 – 1990	Jeffrey Kent	Professor, Kentucky
1988 – 1994 1990 – 1992	Kevin Oxborough Adriana Ortiz	Research Specialist, University of Essex Research Associate Professor, Harvard
1990 – 1993	Quentin Groom	Information Technology Botanic Garden
1992 – 1994 1997 – 1999 1998 – 2001	George Byrd Eric Singsaas Damian Allen	Professor, Rice Univ Professor, Univ of Minnesota Duluth Senior Scientist, Shell

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CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Over the past decade, my research interests have focused on the effect that specific environmental factors and abiotic stresses have on the photosynthetic performance of crop plants and on improving photosynthetic efficiency to increase yield. Currently, my research team of postdoctoral associates is investigating the molecular and biochemical bases of the interactions of crop plant photosynthesis with the rapid changes that are occurring in the atmosphere and on diverse strategies to improve photosynthetic efficiency.

Improving photosynthetic efficiency. The yield potential (Yp) of a grain crop is the seed mass per unit ground area obtained under optimum growing conditions without weeds, pests and diseases. It is determined by the product of the available light energy and by the genetically determined properties: the efficiency of light capture (Ei), the efficiency of the conversion of the intercepted light into biomass (Ec) and the proportion of biomass partitioned into grain (η). Plant breeding brings η and Ei for some crops close to their theoretical maxima, leaving Ec, primarily determined by photosynthesis, as the only remaining major prospect for improving Yp. Numerous potential routes of increasing Ec by improving photosynthetic efficiency are explored, ranging from altered canopy architecture to lower the energetic cost of photorespiration by engineering new pathways. Collectively and in combination, these changes could improve Ec and, therefore, Yp by more than 50%. Because some changes could be achieved by transgenic technology, the time of the development of commercial cultivars could be considerably less than by conventional breeding and potentially, within 10–15 years

Impacts of increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide and tropospheric ozone on photosynthesis and productivity of soybean and corn. Corn and soybean fields are the largest ecosystem in the U.S., dominating the Midwest landscape. SoyFACE (http://www.soyface.uiuc.edu/), a unique open-air laboratory that uses fast-feedback control technology to treat large, fully-replicated areas with future CO₂*, ozone, and soil moisture levels. This facility provides multi-user training and research on topics from soil microbes and gene expression to regional economies, C-cycling and crop yield. My research group and our collaborators are investigating the effects of

atmospheric change on photosynthesis and crop yield, as well as the interaction of increased atmospheric CO_2 and temperature.

Genomic ecology of global change. How ecosystems will respond to rapid changes in climate represents one of the great scientific challenges of this century. Human activities are altering the composition of our atmosphere (CO₂ and O₃), affecting the Earth's climate system (leading to elevated temperature and water deficits) and introducing invasive species—thus altering the capacity of native and agro-ecosystems to provide critical goods and services including food, fiber, fuel as well as clean air and water. Though the phenomenology of ecosystem responses to elements of global change is receiving considerable attention, it has been predominantly limited to descriptive research at the level of the individual. Illinois has established the only facility worldwide for studying the simultaneous effects of rising carbon dioxide, ozone, and drought on plants under completely open-air conditions. We are therefore in a unique position to establish an internationally unique research program to examine the effects of global atmospheric change on the transcriptome and proteome of agro-ecosystems. The aim of the "Genomic Ecology of Global Change" research theme within the Carl R. Woese Institute of Genomic Biology is to produce the scientific foundation to use information obtainable at the level of genomes and proteomes of species and communities to predict the effect of environmental changes on the structure and function of ecosystems. Mathematical modeling and bioinformatics provide the conceptual foundation and data analysis tools for making sound scientific inference. To achieve this aim, we have assembled an interdisciplinary team of eight faculty spanning molecular to ecological research, within an overarching link of mathematical modeling and informatics.

INVITED SEMINARS

Since	20	00
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04/2000	Redox regulation of photosynthesis The Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, Israel
11/2000	Low temperature limitations on crop photosynthetic productivity: Contrasting mechanisms Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
11/2001	Plants FACE the future University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
02/2002	Frontiers of Science Texas A&M, College Station, TX
03/2002	SoyFACE Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Johnston, IA
05/2002	Low temperature limitations on crop photosynthetic productivity: Contrasting mechanisms University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
11/2002	Photoinhibition in chilling-sensitive plants: An oxidant waiting to happen Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
02/2003	A FACE study of drought and atmospheric change interactions U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory, Phoenix, AZ, Tempe, AZ

04/2003	A genetic approach to unraveling the regulation of the chloroplast ATPsynthase Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 4/03
09/2003	A genetic approach to unraveling the regulation of the chloroplast ATPsynthase University of Essex, Colchester, UK
05/2004	FACE and Genomics Argonne National Labs, Chicago, IL
09/2005	Genomic ecology of global change University of Illinois Research Park
04/2006	Plants FACE the future: The consequences of rising atmospheric carbon dioxide and ozone on the corn/soybean agro-ecosystem of the Midwest Colorado State University
12/2006	Genomics of Global Change Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan
02/2008	The dependence of yield on photosynthesis: Opportunities for improvement Michigan State University
03/2008	The dependence of yield on photosynthesis: Opportunities for improvement Carnegie Institute Stanford University
11/2008	Crops FACE the future Dow AgroSciences
02/2009	Effects of Climate Change on Plants: Implications for Agriculture Purdue University
03/2009	Crops FACE the Future Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai
04/2010	Agriculture and Global Change John Innes Institute

03/2011	Genomics of Global Change Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai
06/2011	Genomics of Global Change University of Minnesota
08/2011	Limits to the efficiency of crop photosynthesis: Raising the ceiling on the maximum conversion efficiency Botantical Institute, São Paulo, Brazil
01/2012	Limits to the efficiency of crop photosynthesis: Closing the gap and raising the ceiling on conversion efficiency Danforth Plant Science Center
01/2012	Integrity in Research and Publication: Getting Off on the Right Foot Danforth Plant Science Center
04/2012	Limits to the efficiency of crop photosynthesis: Raising the ceiling on the maximum conversion efficiency Partner Institute for Computational Biology, Shanghai, China
01/2014	Are Crops Too Green? Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Nara, Japan
10/2014	Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved yield. Are crops too green? Michigan State University
10/2014	Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved yield. Are crops too green? Louisiana State University
03/2015	Taking the heat. How will the Corn Belt fare? University of California, Berkeley
04/2015	Are crops too green? Colorado State University
11/2015	Food security and global change Delis Nature Center, WI
11/2015	Optimizing crop canopy light energy distribution Washington University
10/2017	Reducing the cost of photorespiration University of Maryland

10/2017 Food security in a changing global environment **Bradley University** 01/2019 Reducing the cost of photorespiration Australian National University 05/2019 Redesigning photosynthetic metabolism University of California Berkeley 09/2019 **Optimizing Antenna of Crop Canopies** Cornell University 10/2019 Redesigning photosynthetic metabolism Colorado State University 11/2019 Reducing the cost of photorespiration **Purdue University** INVITED TALKS AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS Since 2000 05/2000 **Invited Speaker and Consultant** The physiological and biochemical basis of chilling-induced depression of photosynthesis in thermophilic crops Crop Development for Cool and Wet Regions of Europe Workshop, Pordenone, Italy 08/2000 **Invited Speaker** Chlororespiration 12th Congress of the Federation of European Societies of Plant Physiology, Budapest, Hungary 09/2001 Symposium Chair and Presiding Society President

Stress and Photosynthesis

12th International Congress on Photosynthesis, Brisbane, Australia

09/2002 Invited Speaker

Modern tools and innovative approaches
Polar Biology Workshop, Lake Tahoe, CA

01/2003 Speaker, Symposium Chair and Presiding President

Photoinhibition in chilling-sensitive plants: An oxidant waiting to

happen

International Congress Plant Physiology, New Delhi, India

09/2003	Symposium Chair Novel methods in photosynthesis research Essex Symposium, Colchester, UK
11/2003	Invited Speaker The SoyFACE experiment: An Overview Agronomy Society Meetings, Denver, CO
03/2004	Invited Speaker SoyFACE: The effects of elevated CO ₂ and ozone on soybean and maize in a typical Midwest field. Short and long-term effects of elevated atmospheric CO ₂ on managed ecosystems. An international FACE workshop, Ascona, Switzerland
09/2004	Invited Speaker and Symposium Organizer and Chair The interaction of elevated CO ₂ and drought on C4 photosynthesis (Zea mays) grown under free-air CO ₂ enrichment (FACE) 13th International Congress on Photosynthesis, Montreal, Canada
01/2005	Invited Speaker The role of pheophorbide: A oxygenase (PAO) expression and activity in the canola green seed problem Gordon Research Conference on Temperature Stress in Plants, Ventura, CA
04/2005	Invited Speaker SoyFACE: The effects of elevated CO ₂ and ozone on soybean and maize in a typical Midwest field. Short and long-term effects of elevated atmospheric CO ₂ on managed ecosystems. Workshop on Elevated CO ₂ Impacts on Wheat Growth and yield, Canberra, Australia
05/2005	Invited Speaker The building and operation of an arable crop FACE facility Australian Greenhouse Office, Canberra, Australia
07/2005	Invited Speaker Elevated CO ₂ does not stimulate C4 photosynthesis directly, but impacts water relations and indirectly enhances carbon gain during drought stress in maize (Zea mays) grown under free-air CO ₂ enrichment (FACE) SEB Meeting, Barcelona, Spain
07/2005	Symposium Organizer and Chair Photosynthesis from photons to sugar Plant Biology 2005, Seattle, WA

11/2006 **Invited Speaker** Five years of growth of soybean at elevated CO₂ and ozone, an overview ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Meetings, Indianapolis, IN 02/2007 **Invited Speaker** Genomic Ecology of Global Change Carl R. Woese Institute of Genomic Biology Fellows Symposium, Urbana, IL 03/2007 **Invited Speaker** Crop production in the future: Aiming at the moving target of increasing carbon dioxide and variable drought Monsanto Global Change and Agriculture Symposium, St. Louis, MO 07/2007 **Invited Speaker** Can the efficiency of photosynthesis be improved? A theoretical approach. Gordon Research Conference on Plant Metabolic Engineering, Tilton, NH, 07/2007 **Invited Speaker** Integrity in Research and Publication: Getting Off on the Right Foot Plant Biology 2007, Chicago, IL 07/2007 **Symposium Chair** Photosynthesis and Education 14th International Congress of Photosynthesis, Glasgow, Scotland 01/2008 **Invited Speaker** The dependence of yield on photosynthesis: Opportunities for improvement Plant Biotech Denmark, Copenhagen Denmark 04/2008 **Invited Speaker** Climate Change: Consequences for Agriculture and Food Security Environmental Horizons Sustainability Summit, University of Illinois 04/2008 **Invited Speaker** Climate Change: Consequences for Agriculture and Food Security FACING the Future, Rhinelander, WI 04/2008 **Invited Speaker** Design and Performance of an Ozone Fumigation System Based on

the Miglietta High Pressure CO₂ Fumigation System FACING the Future, Rhinelander, WI

12/2007 **Invited Speaker** Photosynthesis and Yield Syngenta Fellows Colloquium on Yield, Durham, NC 06/2008 **Invited Speaker** Improving photosynthesis for increased biofuel feedstock yield Pan American Congress on Plants and BioEnergy, Merida, Mexico 11/2008 **Invited Speaker** Effects of Climate Change on Plants: Crops FACE the Future Association of Applied Biologists, Harpenden, UK 12/2008 **Invited Speaker** Food Production & Security in a Changing Global Environment Tribal Climate Change Symposium, Milwaukee, WI 05/2009 **Invited Speaker** Defining the maximum efficiency of photosynthesis Department of Energy Office of Basic Energy Sciences "What is the Efficiency of Photosynthesis" Workshop, Washington DC 09/2009 **Invited Speaker** Carbon Cycling and Biosequestration Biological Carbon Sequestration by Photosynthetic Microbes, St Louis, MO 10/2010 **Invited Speaker** Cassava about FACE Global Cassava Partnership Meeting, Bellagio, Italy 12/2010 **Invited Speaker** What is the maximum efficiency that photosynthesis can convert solar energy into biomass? Light to Liquids: Improving biological energy capture Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy 03/2011 **Invited Speaker and Panel Chair** Agriculture FACEs Global Change BioVision 2011, Lyon, France 06/2011 **Invited Speaker** *Improving photosynthetic efficiency* Gordon Research Conference on Photosynthesis, Davidson, NC

06/2011 **Invited Speaker** Limits to the efficiency of natural photosynthesis: Raising the ceiling on the maximum conversion efficiency RDA Biotechnology Workshop, Suwon, Korea 06/2011 **Invited Speaker** Limits to the efficiency of natural photosynthesis: Raising the ceiling on the maximum conversion efficiency BES Solar Photochemistry Program Meeting, Wintergreen, VA 08/2011 **Organizer** Carbon Cycling Symposium Plant Biology 2011, Minneapolis, MN Symposium 09/2011 **Invited Speaker** Crops FACE the Future: Results and Perspectives from Ten Years of the SovFACE Experiment Climapest, Jaguariúna, Brazi 09/2011 **Invited Speaker** Too Green? Baker Symposium, Colchester, UK 11/2011 **Invited Speaker** Limits to the efficiency of natural photosynthesis: Raising the ceiling on the maximum conversion efficiency Midwest Photosynthesis Meeting, IN 11/2011 **Invited Speaker** Adapting crops to global change XIV National Congress on Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Campeche, Mexico 05/2012 **Invited Speaker** Crops FACE the Future IPG Symposium, Columbia MO 06/2012 **Invited Speaker** Cassava about-FACE: greater than expected yield stimulation of cassava (Manihot esculenta) by future CO2 levels Cassava: Overcoming Challenges of Global Climate Change, Kampala, Uganda

09/2012	Invited Speaker Redesigning photosynthesis for improved yield Syngenta, Research Triangle, NC
10/2012	Invited Speaker Limits to the efficiency of natural photosynthesis: Raising the ceiling on the maximum conversion efficiency Photosynthesis: from Science to Industry Workshop, Noordwijkerhout The Netherlands
10/2012	Invited Speaker Crops FACE the future Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center Symposium "Trends and Advances in Plant Biology" Zurich, Switzerland
01/2013	Symposium Chair Bioenergy and photosynthesis 22nd Western Photosynthesis Conference, Pacific Grove, CA
03/2013	Invited Speaker Photosynthesis: Food, Fuel & Global Change Midwest ASPB Meeting, Chicago, IL
04/2013	Invited Speaker Photosynthesis: Food, Fuel & Global Change: RIPE for Change Carl R. Woese Institute of Genomic Biology Fellows Symposium, Urbana, IL
05/2013	Meeting Organizer Redesigning Photosynthesis – Identifying Opportunities and Novel Ideas Banbury Center Conference, Cold Spring Harbor, NY
06/2013	Invited Speaker More than taking the heat BioSolar Conference, Wageningen, Netherlands
10/2013	Invited Speaker and Meeting Co-organizer Crops FACE the future: Taking the heat Xcaret, Mexico
10/2013	Invited Speaker Food security in a changing global environment Illinois Heartland Climate Science Workshop, Bloomington IL,

01/2014	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved crop yield JST•CREST International Symposium – Productivity Improvement of Plants: From Model to Crop Plants, Nara, Japan
02/2014	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved crop yield Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Cassava Sink Strength Workshop, Germany
05/2014	Invited Speaker Realizing Improved Photosynthetic Efficiency for Sustainable Yield Improvement Cereal Engineering Workshop, Norwich, UK
06/2014	Invited Speaker Improving Photosynthetic Efficiency. Are crops too green? Breeding Plants to Cope with Future Climate Change, Leeds, UK
07/2014	Invited Speaker Heat Waves – How will the Corn Belt fare? Plant Biology 2014, Portland, Oregon
08/2014	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved yield. Are crop canopies too green? Soy 2014, Minneapolis, MN
09/2014	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved yield. Are crop canopies too green? Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Congress, Urbana, IL
03/2015	Invited Speaker Limitations on Yields in the Corn Belt. Are average 250 bushel/acre yields possible? 51st Annual Illinois Corn Breeders School, Urbana, IL
06/2015	Invited Speaker Putative chloroplast inner membrane protein BASS6 is involved in photorespiratory metabolism Promics Meeting on Photorespiration – Key to Better Crops, Rostock Germany

06/2015	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency Crop Engineering Consortium Workshop, Norwich, UK
07/2015	Invited Speaker Are crops to green? Essex Photosynthesis Symposium, Colchester, UK
07/2015	Invited Speaker Raising yield potential Agricultural Research Service Grand Challenge Meeting, Washington DC
11/2015	Invited Speaker Are crops to green? Colin Wraight Memorial Symposium, Urbana, IL
01/2016	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved yield: Are crop plants to green? Western Photosynthesis Meeting, Devil's Thumb, Tabernash, CO
02/2016	Invited Speaker Cassava production and global change Cassava Source Sink Meeting, Zurich, Switzerland
03/2016	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved yield: Are crop plants to green? Breaking the Yield Barrier, Ein Gedi, Israel
08/2016	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration C4 Photosynthesis, Dusseldorf, Germany
02/2017	Invited Speaker Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved crop yield International Conference Plant Molecular Physiology, Vienna, Austria
05/2017	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration Gordon Research Conference CO ₂ Assimilation in Plants: Genome to Biome, Italy
08/2017	Invited Speaker

Improving photosynthetic efficiency for improved crop yield NAS Science Breakthroughs 2030: A Strategy for Food and Agricultural Research. Washington D.C.

09/2017	Invited Speaker More than taking the heat. iSEE Congress. Urbana, IL
11/2017	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration MPIMP symposium. Potsdam, Germany
12/2017	Invited Speaker Cassava FACE Potsdam, Germany
1/2018	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration Western Photosynthesis Meeting. Biosphere II, AZ
4/2018	Invited Speaker Improving Photosynthetic Efficiency for Increased Yield National Academy of Sciences. Washington DC
6/2018	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration In Vitro Biology Meeting. St Louis, 2018
6/2018	Invited Speaker Impacts of climate/environmental change on nutritional quality Nutrition 2018. Boston MA
8/2018	Invited Speaker Improving Photosynthetic Efficiency for Increased Yield International Symposium on Synthetic Biology in Photosynthesis Research. Shanghai, China
8/2018	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration Soy2018. Atlanta, GA
10/2018	Invited Speaker Lowering the cost of photorespiration KWS. Einberg, Germany
11/2018	Invited Speaker

Redesigning Photosynthesis
North Carolina Biotech Center, Research Triangle, NC

12/2018 Invited Speaker

Improving Photosynthetic Efficiency for Increased Yield

Plant Synthetic Biology Meeting. Clearwater, FL

05/2019 Invited Speaker

Improving Photosynthetic Efficiency for Increased Yield 15th Annual Biotechnology Symposium. Reno, NV

06/2019 Invited Speaker

Optimizing Canopies
Blankenship Symposium

08/2019 Invited Speaker

Photosynthesis and agriculture

Plant, Cell & Environment Symposium. Glasgow, Scotland

09/2019 Invited Speaker

Improving Photosynthetic Efficiency for Increased Yield

XVIII International Plant Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Congress. Mirida, Mexico

11/2019 Invited Speaker

Redesigning Photosynthesis

Molecular Biology of Primary Producers. Helsinki, Finland

12/2019 Invited Speaker

Synthetic photosynthetic pathways

Plant Genomes, Systems Biology and Engineering. Cold Spring

Harbor, NY

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Ort, D.R.**, Izawa, S., Good, N.E., and Krogmann, D.W. Effects of the plastocyanin antagonists KCN and poly-Llysine on partial reactions in isolated chloroplasts. *FEBS Letters*. 31:119-122. 1973.

- 2. Izawa, S., Gould, J.M., **Ort, D.R.**, Felker, P., and Good, N.E. Electron transport and photophosphorylation in chloroplasts as a function of the electron acceptor. III. A dibromothymoquinone-insensitive phosphorylation reaction associated with photosystem II. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 305:119-123. 1973.
- 3. **Ort, D.R.** and Izawa, S. Studies on the energy coupling sites of photophosphorylation: II. Treatment of chloroplasts with NH₂OH plus EDTA to inhibit water oxidation while maintaining coupling efficiencies. *Plant Physiol.* 52:595-600. 1973.

- 4. Gould, J.M. and **Ort, D.R.** Studies on the energy coupling sites of photophosphorylation: III. The different effects of methylamine and ADP plus phosphate on electron transport through coupling site I and II in isolated chloroplasts. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 325:157-166. 1973.
- 5. Bradeen, D.A., Gould, J.M., **Ort, D.R.**, and Winget, G.D. Site-specific inhibition of photophosphorylation in isolated chloroplasts by mercuric chloride. *Plant Physiol.* 52:680-682. 1973.
- 6. **Ort, D.R.** and Izawa, S. Studies on the energy coupling sites of photophosphorylation: V. Phosphorylation efficiencies (P/e2) associated with aerobic photooxidation of artificial electron donors. *Plant Physiol.* 53:370-376. 1974.
- 7. Izawa, S. and **Ort, D.R.** Ferrocyanide and iodide photo-oxidation and associated phosphorylation in hydroxylamine-washed chloroplasts. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 357:127-143. 1974.
- 8. Izawa, S., **Ort, D.R.**, Gould, J.M., and Good, N.E. Electron transport reactions, energy conservation reactions and phosphorylation in chloroplasts. In: Avron, M. (ed.) Proceedings 3rd International Congress on Photosynthesis. 1975. (Proceedings)
- 9. **Ort, D.R.** Quantitative relationship between photosystem I electron transport and ATP formation. *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 166:629-637. 1975.
- 10. Giaquinta, R.T., **Ort, D.R.**, and Dilley, R.A. The possible involvement of a membrane conformational change in photosystem II energy transduction. *Biochemistry*. 14:4392-4396. 1975.
- 11. **Ort, D.R.** and Dilley, R.A. Photophosphorylation as a function of illumination time. I. Effect of permeant cations and anions. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 449:95-107. 1976.
- 12. **Ort, D.R.**, Dilley, R.A., and Good, N.E. Photophosphorylation as a function of illumination time. II. Effect of permeant buffers. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 449:108-124. 1976.
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