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PERSONAL DATA

Date and place of birth: October 12, 1973; Lima, PERU
Citizenship: Peruvian; U.S. Permanent Resident
Ethnicity: Hispanics

RESEARCH STATEMENT

The **overall goal** of my research program is to develop optical sensing and imaging technologies that will impact how we: (1) study pathophysiological mechanisms underlying major human diseases; and (2) clinically manage patients suffering from these diseases. While most academic labs in the field of biomedical optics focus on either instrumentation development or computational imaging science, I lead a very **unique research program** dedicated to address major unmet needs in both biomedical research and clinical practice through the design, development, and validation of **both** optical spectroscopy/imaging instrumentation **and** computational tools and methods for the nondestructive, non or minimally invasive morphological, molecular and physiological characterization of biological and engineered tissues across multiple spatial and temporal scales. Cardiovascular diseases and cancer are the number one and two killers in the United States and in most parts of the world. Novel medical imaging technologies capable of quantifying relevant biomarkers nondestructively and in situ could assist in every stage of the clinical management of these diseases. The **current focus** of my research program is to develop and clinically validate quantitative optical image-guided clinical tools to enable precision medicine and ultimately improve the clinical management of cardiovascular and cancer patients.

EDUCATION

1998 –2002 Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
1998 –2000 M.S. Electrical Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
1996 –1997 Professional Dipl. Electrical Engineering, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima-Peru
1991 –1996 B.S. Electrical Engineering, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima-Peru

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-Present Professor, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Oklahoma at Norman
2012-2018 Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Texas A&M University
2006-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Texas A&M University
2005-2006 Project Scientist, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of California at Davis
2004-2005 Research Scientist, Department of Surgery, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
2002-2004 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Surgery, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
1998-2002 Research Assistant, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California
1997-1998 Instructor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima-Peru
1996-1997 Research Assistance, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima-Peru

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE), Senior Member
Optical Society of America (OSA), Member
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Member
Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), Member
American Heart Association (AHA), Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Board Membership

- 2018-Present **Topical Editor**, Optics Letters
- 2016-Present Ad-hoc Editor, Journal of Biomedical Optics
- 2008-Present Associate Editor, Biomedical Signal and System Analysis Track, IEEE-EMBC
- 2008-Present Associate Editor, Biomedical Image Processing Track, IEEE-EMBC

Selected Conference Organization and Committee Membership

- 2016-Present Full Member, EMBS Technical Committee: Biomedical Imaging and Image Processing
- 2016-Present Program Committee Member, Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition
- 2015-Present Program Committee Member, International Work Conference on Bioinspired Intelligence
- 2015 Session Chair, Optical Imaging II: Oncology Applications. BMES Annual Meeting 2015
- 2015 Session Chair, Optical Imaging I: Biomedical Imaging and Optics. BMES Annual Meeting 2015
- 2015 Committee Member and Organizer, Topical Review - Advances in Molecular Imaging. CLEO 2015
- 2015 Vice-Chair, OSA Technical Group: Microscopy and Optical Coherence Tomography
- 2014 Session Chair, Optical Imaging I: Biomedical Imaging and Optics. BMES Annual Meeting 2014
- 2013 Committee Member, OSA Topical Meeting: Optical Molecular Probes, Imaging and Drug Delivery
- 2012 Session Chair, Point-Of-Care Diagnosis and Clinical Laboratory Measurements. EMBC 2012

Selected Peer Review Activities – Conference Papers and Abstracts

- 2016-Present IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)
- 2014-Present BMES Annual Meeting
- 2008-Present IEEE International Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference (EMBC)

Selected Peer Review Activities – Journals

- IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering
- Journal of Microscopy
- American Journal of Physiology
- Journal of Applied Physiology
- Annals of Biomedical Engineering
- Journal of Biomechanical Engineering
- IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronics
- Journal of Biomedical Optics
- Optics Letter
- Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine
- Journal of Cell Science & Therapy
- Laser in Surgery and Medicine
- Optics Express
- Biomedical Optics Express
- Journal of Biophotonics
- Journal of Molecular Structure
- Theranostics
- Sensors & Actuators (B. Chemical)
- Photonics Research
- Applied Optics
- Journal of Laboratory Automation
- PLOS ONE
- Gastroenterology, and others

Selected Peer Review Activities – Funding Agencies and Programs

- 2019 Grant Reviewer, NIH Study Section: Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low and Middle Income Countries (ZRG1 HDM-A (55) R)
- 2018-Present **Standing Member**, NIH Study Section: Clinical Translational Imaging Science (CTIS)
- 2017-Present Reviewer for CONCYTEC (Peruvian NSF), Research Proposals
- 2017 Grant Reviewer, NIH Study Section: Small Business: Instrumentation, Environmental, and

Occupational Safety (IMST-B (12))
 2017 Grant Reviewer, NWO Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research
 2017 Grant Reviewer, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
 2016 Grant Reviewer, NIH NCI Special Emphasis Panel, Provocative Questions Review – PQ7
 2015-Present Reviewer for CONCYTEC (Peruvian NSF), Master of Engineering Program Proposals
 2014 Grant Reviewer, NIH Study Section: Biomedical Imaging Technology A (BMIT-A)
 2013 Grant Reviewer, NIH Study Section: Biomedical Imaging Technology B (BMIT-B)
 2013 Grant Reviewer, German Research Foundation (DFG)
 2012-Present Grant Reviewer, Research Program, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima-Peru
 2012-Present Grant Reviewer, Research Program, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 TAMU/TEES Engineering Genesis Award for Multidisciplinary Research
 2015 The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, College Level Teaching Award
 2013 Best Technical Poster Award. Optics in Cardiology, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
 2011 BMES TAMU Student Chapter, Faculty of the Year Award
 2001 Annual Grodins Graduate Award (for overall academic excellence and outstanding original research).
 Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (Texas A&M University)

2017 Nominated Dr. Vanderlei Bagnato (University of Sao Paulo, NAS Member) as a 2018 Hagler Institute Faculty Fellows. The nomination was **recommended**, and Dr. Bagnato **accepted** it.
 2017-Present Member, BME Department Graduate Program Committee
 2017-Present Member, BME Department Graduate Fee Oversight Committee
 2015-Present BME Department Coordinator, TAMU Engineering Honors Program
 2015 Member, BME Department Head Search Committee
 2015 Nominated Dr. Katherine Ferrara (UC Davis, NAE Member) to the 2016 TIAS Faculty Fellowship Program
 2010-2015 Member, BME Department IT Committee
 2014 Faculty Advisor, BMES TAMU Student Chapter
 2012-Present Grant Reviewer, TAMU-CONACYT Collaborative Research Grant Program
 2010-Present TAMU Graduate Diversity Fellowship
 2010-Present TAMU Graduate Merit Fellowship
 2008-Present BME Department Library Liaison
 2008-Present Graduate Degree Committee Member for >50 TAMU engineering graduate students

COURSES DEVELOPED AND DELIVERED (Texas A&M University)

I have taught **three undergraduate courses** and **one graduate course** in biomedical instrumentation and electronics, biomedical signal processing, biostatistics, and biomedical optics. In all four courses, I apply **teaching strategies** I have developed over the years, which consist of: providing a set of comprehensive lecture notes prior to class, solving plenty of examples and problems during lectures, and designing assignments that not only assess the student understanding of concepts covered in class, but also the ability to apply them to solve real world problems. In addition, I always make sure to post all course material in a timely matter. Course material include: comprehensive lecture notes that I developed for each course, full solutions of class and homework problems, and multiple examples of MATLAB codes.

Optical Diagnostic and Monitoring Principles. Although this graduate course was not new, I completely redesigned it in the Fall of 2007 to be highly interactive. The first half of the semester covered the basics on light and matter interaction and an overview of main optical spectroscopy methods. During the second half of the semester, students were asked: to review scientific papers on optical spectroscopy applications in biomedical sensing and diagnosis, to discuss them during class, to give topic lectures, and to work on a term project. The term project was defined so that students were asked to write a short research proposal on a topic related to the optical spectroscopy/imaging methods covered in class. Finally, a computational project on Monte Carlo simulation of photon propagation in tissue was also added, which constitutes a very powerful tool in the field of biomedical optics. *Other instructors currently teaching this course are keeping this course format and using the teaching material I developed for this course.*

Biosignal Analysis. Although this required undergraduate course is not new, I taught it for the first time in Spring of 2008. In addition, since I was not satisfied with the original course content and did not find the previous course format compatible with my teaching style, I significantly modified both the course content and format, as summarized here. *Course Content*: The course content was refocused on the practical application of linear signal and system analysis to medicine and biology, rather than on their theoretical details. *Lecture format*: Comprehensive class notes are provided prior to each lecture, so students could focus on class discussion and participation. Each lecture begins with an interactive explanation of the lecture-topic theoretical concepts, with emphasis on their practical applications. Examples/problems are then worked out on the board, followed by computational examples solved using Matlab. Pop quizzes are also given to encourage attendance and participation. *Homework*: Homework, consisting on a combination of problem solving on paper and/or using Matlab, was given after every lecture. *Matlab training*: Interactive Matlab exercises are continuously conducted during most of the lecture, which help student to further develop their Matlab programming skills and prepare them for the project assignments. *Quizzes and Exams*: Few but relevant problems are designed for quizzes and exams, and review lectures are conducted before each quiz and exam. *Computational Projects*: Few but relevant application problems are designed for the projects. Discussion sessions are conducted before the project due-dates to address general questions the student might have about the projects. *Other instructors currently teaching this course are keeping this course format and using the teaching material I developed for this course.*

Statistics for Biomedical Engineering. In Fall of 2010, I suggested creating a course in biostatistics. This suggestion was well received by our faculty, and I developed a new undergraduate course in biostatistics, which was offered for the first time in Summer 2011. In this course, I review the main statistical methods being used in biomedical research and industry. Moreover, the creation of this course addresses one main concern raised by the last ABET evaluating committee, which pointed out the need to offer a course in statistics for biomedical engineers. This course became a new required undergraduate course in Fall 2013. *Other instructors currently teaching this course are keeping this course format and using the teaching material I developed for this course.*

Biomedical Electronics: Although this required undergraduate course is not new, I taught it for the first time in Fall of 2013. In addition, since I was not satisfied with the original course content and did not find the previous course format compatible with my teaching style, I significantly modified both the course content and format. I believe that the new syllabus is more organized, and it focuses on the understanding and design of practical circuits for signal amplification, conditioning, and filtering, as well as transducers that are relevant to biomedical engineering. Following the course format that I have successfully applied to the Biosignal Analysis course for the last several years, I developed a set of comprehensive lecture notes, homework problems and projects, which have helped students to understand and appreciate better the importance of electronic circuits in biomedical engineering.

MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Graduated Ph.D. Students (Texas A&M University):

2008-2014, Primary Ph.D. Advisor for Paritosh Pande

Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

Journal papers published under my supervision: 12

Current position: Scientist, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

2009-2014, Primary Ph.D. Advisor for Shuna Cheng

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, endoscopy system design, fluorescence lifetime imaging

Journal papers published under my supervision: 11

Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow, Rice University

2009-2014, Ph.D. Co-Advisor for Joey Jabbour

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, endoscopy system design, reflectance confocal microscopy

Journal papers published under my supervision: 7

Current position: R&D Engineer, NinePoint Medical Inc.

2008-2015, Ph.D. Co-Advisor for Sebina Shrestha

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

Journal papers published under my supervision: 8

Current position: R&D Engineer, NinePoint Medical Inc.

2010-2016, Ph.D. Co-Advisor for Wihan Kim
Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, optical coherence tomography
Journal papers published under my supervision: 2
Current position: Research Scientist, Texas A&M University

2010-2016, Primary Ph.D. Advisor for Jose Rico Jimenez
Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography
Journal papers published under my supervision: 5
Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow, Texas A&M University at Qatar

2012-2017, Primary Ph.D. Advisor for Rodrigo Cuenca
Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging
Journal papers published under my supervision: 6
Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow, Texas A&M University at Qatar

2012-2017, Ph.D. Co-Advisor for Cory Olsovsky
Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, endoscopy system design, reflectance confocal microscopy
Journal papers published under my supervision: 4
Current position: Optical Engineer, Leidos

2014-2018, Ph.D. Co-Advisor for Taylor Hinsdale
Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, structural illumination, fluorescence lifetime imaging
Journal papers published under my supervision: 3
Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Amsterdam

Graduated M.S. Students (Texas A&M University):

2007-2009, Primary M.S. Advisor for Chintan Trivedi
Research areas: Optical spectroscopy instrumentation, time-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy
Journal papers published under my supervision: 2
Current position: Research Associate, University College London

2007-2009, Primary M.S. Advisor for Aditi Dabir
Research areas: Signal processing, time-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy
Journal papers published under my supervision: 1
Current position: Research Associate, Indiana University

2008-2010, Primary M.S. Advisor for Patrick Thomas
Research areas: Image processing, fluorescence lifetime imaging
Journal papers published under my supervision: 1
Current position: Lab Technician, UT Southwest

2011-2014, Primary M.S. Advisor for Mohammed Khatkhatay
Research areas: Image processing, fluorescence lifetime imaging
Current position: Staff, St. Joseph Hospital Cardiac Rehab

2012-2014, Primary M.S. Advisor for Joohyung Lee
Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging
Journal papers published under my supervision: 1
Current position: National Cancer Center, South Korea

2014-2016, Primary M.S. Advisor for Dae Yon Hwang
Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging
Journal papers published under my supervision: 1
Current position: Engineer, Hyundai Mobis, Korea

Current Graduate Students (Texas A&M University):

2012 – Present, Principal Ph.D. Advisor for Michael Serafino

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

2012 – Present, Ph.D. Co-Advisor for Xi Chen

Research areas: flexible endoscope design, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

2014 – Present, Principal Ph.D. Advisor for Jorge Palma

Research areas: Optical coherence tomography, molecular optical contrast agents

2015 – Present, Principal Ph.D. Advisor for Elvis Duran

Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging

2016 – Present, Principal Ph.D. Advisor for Ronald Juarez

Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, optical coherence tomography

2017 – Present, Principal Ph.D. Advisor for Priyanka Vasanthakumari

Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging

2018 – Present, Principal Ph.D. Advisor for Oscar Benavides

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

Current Post-Doctoral Research Associates (Texas A&M University):

July 2017 – Present, Principal Advisor for Dr. Rodrigo Cuenca

Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging

July 2018 – Present, Principal Advisor for Dr. Jose Rico-Jimenez

Research areas: Image processing, machine learning, fluorescence lifetime imaging

Previous Post-Doctoral Research Associates (Texas A&M University):

2008 – 2009, Co-Advisor for Dr. Xudong Xiao

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

Current position: Unknown

2009 – 2012, Co-Advisor for Dr. Jesung Park

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging, optical coherence tomography

Current position: Research Scientist, Physical Sciences, Inc.

2009 – 2012, Co-Advisor for Dr. Bilal Malik

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging, reflectance confocal microscopy

Current position: Research Scientist, QT Ultrasound Labs

2016 – 2017, Principal Advisor for Dr. Shuna Cheng

Research areas: Optical imaging instrumentation, fluorescence lifetime imaging

Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow, Rice University

Undergraduate Students (Texas A&M University)

(Female: ~40%; Hispanic: ~40%; Female+Hispanic: ~25%):

1. Abhor Vshist, BMEN
2. Reyes Toledo, BMEN (Hispanic)
3. Ryan Kuehnle, BMEN
4. Andres Machado, BMEN (Hispanic)
5. Daniel Coronel, BMEN (Hispanic)

6. Jose Bracho, BMEN (Hispanic)
7. Amran Kang, BMEN
8. Kiam Hong, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
9. Cole Nipper, BMEN
10. Jarred Kendziorski, ECE
11. Zack Westenhaver, BMEN
12. Nolan Rizo, BMEN
13. Marco Bueso, BMEN
14. Edith Valle, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
15. Kelly Henry, BMEN (Female)
16. Tristan Barrera, BMEN (Hispanic)
17. Erin Zeborwski, BMEN (Female)
18. Hazel Lopez, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
19. Jayachandrika Jayavasudevan, BMEN (Female)
20. Yan Tong, BMEN
21. Nadine Nguib, BMEN (Female)
22. Edwin Xiao Cao, BMEN (Hispanic)
23. Huy Nguyen, BMEN UT Arlington (USRG)
24. Sarah Chaudhri, BMEN (Female)
25. Deidre Higareda, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
26. Kaitlyn Aragon, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
27. Rock Rickel, BMEN
28. Travis Bishop, ECEN
29. Boang Liu, BMEN
30. Claudina Garcia, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
31. Ana Chang, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
32. Arick Sagel, BMEN
33. Maria Berdegue, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
34. Quentin Smith, BMEN UT Austin (USRG)
35. Michael Serafino, BMEN
36. Ron Newton, BMEN
37. Elsie Ponce, BMEN (Female/Hispanic)
38. Chris Klein, BMEN (USRG)

International Mentoring:

2015-2018	Ramon Gabriel, PhD student in Physics, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
2011-2014	Omar Gutierrez-Navarro, PhD student in ECEN, Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosi, Mexico
2014-2015	Miguel Velazquez, PhD student in ECEN, Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosi, Mexico
2016	Enrique Macias, ECEN UG intern, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias, Lima, Peru
2016	Diego Brito, ECEN UG intern, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias, Lima, Peru
2014	Elvis Duran, BME UG intern, Universidad Anahuac Mayab, Merida-Yucatan, Mexico
2012	Luis de la O, BME UG intern, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
2009	Alejandra Sancho, BME UG intern, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
2009	David Zorrilla, BME UG intern, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
2008	Francisco Cazares, BME UG intern, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
2007	Daniel Avila, BME UG intern, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

RESEARCH FUNDING HISTORY

Active Research Projects:

Principal Investigator, CPRIT RP180588, 03/01/2018-02/28/2021, \$897,394. *Novel computer aided diagnosis system for early detection of oral cancer based on quantitative autofluorescence imaging.*

Principal Investigator, NIH 1R01CA218739, 02/01/2018-01/31/2023, \$2,523,823. *Endogenous fluorescence lifetime endoscopy for early detection of oral cancer and dysplasia.*

Co-Investigator (PI: P. Charoenphol, TAMU), AHA 17SDG33660894, 07/01/2017-06/30/2020, \$231,000. *Engineering a multistage delivery system for intravascular administration of contrast agents in cardiovascular diseases.*

Principal Investigator, Qatar National Research Fund NPRP8-1606-3-322, 03/01/2016-12/31/2019, \$809,465. *Fluorescence lifetime imaging endoscope for early detection of oral cancer.*

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: B. Applegate, TAMU), NIH 1R01HL111361, 04/01/2012-03/31/2019, \$1,744,385. *Morphological and molecular imaging system for in vivo atherosclerosis research.*

Completed Research Projects:

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: B. Malik, TAMU), NIH 1R03 CA191860, 12/02/2014-06/30/2018, \$138,220. *Structured illumination multispectral fluorescence lifetime imaging of oral premalignancies.*

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: K. Maitland, TAMU), NIH 1R01CA138653, 08/01/2010-07/31/2017, \$1,533,823. *Multiresolution FLIM and reflectance confocal microscopy to detect dysplasia.*

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: B. Applegate, TAMU), TAMU-CTEHR Pilot Project Grant, 06/15/2013-06/15/2015, \$50,000. *Towards in-vivo imaging of electronegative LDL in atherosclerotic plaques.*

Principal Investigator (Co-PI: B. Applegate, TAMU), NIH 1R21CA132433, 05/01/2008-04/30/2010, \$623,233. *Combined OCT/FLIM biochemical and anatomical imaging for early cancer diagnosis.*

Principal Investigator, AHA 0765102, 07/01/2007-06/30/2010, \$130,000. *Biochemical assessment of vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque by intravascular fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy.*

Funding for International Collaboration:

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: D. Campos, UASLP-Mexico), TAMU-CONACYT Collaborative Research Grant, 06/01/2016-12/31/2017, \$24,000. *Advanced computational methods for detection of high-risk coronary atherosclerotic plaques based on optical coherence tomography and fluorescence lifetime imaging.*

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: P. Milon, UPC-Peru), INNOVATE PERU Bolsa Pesquisador Visitante Especial, 04/01/2016-03/31/2017, \$20,000. *Time-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy of ribosomal conformation changes.*

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: C. Kurachi, USP-Brazil), CNPQ Bolsa Pesquisador Visitante Especial, 01/01/2015-12/31/2017, \$120,000. *Fluorescence lifetime imaging endoscope for epithelial cancer diagnosis.*

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: D. Campos, UASLP-Mexico), TAMU-CONACYT Collaborative Research Grant, 01/14/2013-12/31/2013, \$24,000. *Novel algorithms for quantitative molecular imaging with multispectral FLIM.*

ORIGINAL PEER – REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES ([h-index: 27](#); [i10-index: 37](#))

Students (past or present) are highlighted in bold.

- J1. J. V. Thompson, B. H. Hokr, **W. Kim**, C. W. Ballmann, B. E. Applegate, J. A. Jo, A. Yamilov, H. Cao, M. O. Scully, V. V. Yakovlev. Enhanced coupling of light into a turbid medium through microscopic interface engineering. PNAS 2017: 1705612114v1-201705612, 2017.
- J2. **C. Olsovsky**, **T. Hinsdale**, **R. Cuenca**, **Y.S. Cheng**, J. M. Wright, T. D. Rees, J. A. Jo, K. C. Maitland. Handheld tunable focus confocal microscope utilizing a double-clad fiber coupler for in vivo imaging of oral epithelium. J. Biomed. Opt. 22(5), 056008 (2017), doi: 10.1117/1.JBO.22.5.056008, 2017.
- J3. **T. Hinsdale**, **C. Olsovsky**, **J. Rico-Jimenez**, K. Maitland, J. Jo, B. Malik. Optically sectioned wide-field fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy enabled by structured illumination. Biomedical Optics Express 8(3): 1455-1465, 2017.

- J4. **J.J. Rico-Jimenez**, D.U. Campos-Delgado, M. Villiger, K. Otsuka, B.E. Bouma, J.A. Jo. Automatic classification of atherosclerotic plaques imaged with intravascular OCT. *Biomedical Optics Express* 7(10): 4069-4085, 2016.
- J5. **S. Shrestha, M.J. Serafino, J. Rico-Jimenez**, J. Park, **X. Chen**, S. Zhaorigetu, B.L. Walton, J.A. Jo, B.E. Applegate. Multimodal optical coherence tomography and fluorescence lifetime imaging with interleaved excitation sources for simultaneous endogenous and exogenous fluorescence. *Biomedical Optics Express*, 7(9): 3184-3197, 2016.
- J6. B.H. Malik, **J. Lee, S. Cheng, R. Cuenca, J.M. Jabbour**, Y.S. Cheng, J. Wright, B. Ahmed, K.C. Maitland, and J.A. Jo. Objective detection of oral carcinoma with multispectral fluorescence lifetime imaging in vivo. *Photochemistry and Photobiology*, 92(5): 694-701, 2016.
- J7. **P. Pande, S. Shrestha**, J. Park, I. Gimenez-Conti, J. Brandon, B.E. Applegate, J.A. Jo. Automated analysis of multimodal fluorescence lifetime imaging and optical coherence tomography data for the diagnosis of oral cancer in the hamster cheek pouch model. *Biomedical Optics Express*, 7(5): 2000-2015, 2016.
- J8. **W. Kim, X. Chen**, J.A. Jo, B.E. Applegate. Lensless, ultra wideband fiber optic rotary joint for biomedical applications. *Optics Letters*, 41(9): 1973-1976, 2016.
- J9. B.H. Malik, **J.M. Jabbour, S. Cheng, R. Cuenca**, Y.S. Cheng, J. Wright, J.A. Jo, K.C. Maitland. A novel multimodal optical imaging system for early detection of oral cancer. *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology*; 121(3): 290-300, 2016.
- J10. **O. Gutierrez-Navarro**, D.U. Campos-Delgado, E.R. Arce-Santana, J.A. Jo. Quadratic blind linear unmixing: A graphical user interface for tissue characterization. *Comput Methods Programs Biomed.* November 2015. doi: 10.1016/j.cmpb.2015.10.016.
- J11. **T. Hinsdale**, B. Malik, K. Maitland, J. Jo, **C. Olsovsky**. Volumetric structured illumination microscopy enabled by a tunable focus lens. *Opt Lett.* 40(21):4943-6. doi: 10.1364/OL.40.004943, 2015*
- J12. Z. Meng, G.I. Petrov, **S. Cheng**, J.A. Jo, K.K. Lehmann, V.V. Yakovlev, M.O. Scully. Lightweight Raman Spectroscopy Using Time-correlated Photon-counting Detection. *PNSA* 112(40): 12315-12320, 2015.
- J13. D.U. Campos-Delgado, **O. Gutierrez-Navarro**, E.R. Arce-Santana, A.J. Walsh, M.C. Skala, J.A. Jo. Deconvolution of fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy by a library of exponentials. *Optics Express*, 23(18): 23748-23767, 2015.
- J14. D.U. Campos-Delgado, **O. Gutierrez-Navarro**, E.R. Arce-Santana, M.C. Skala, A.J. Walsh, J.A. Jo. Blind Deconvolution Estimation of Fluorescence Measurements Through Quadratic Programming. *Journal of Biomedical Optics*, 20(7): 75010, 2015.
- J15. D.U. Campos-Delgado, **O. Gutierrez-Navarro**, E.R. Arce-Santana, J.A. Jo. Extended output phasor representation of multi-spectral fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy. *Biomedical Optics Express*, 6(6): 2088-2105, 2015.
- J16. J.A. Jo, J. Park, **P. Pande, S. Shrestha, M.J. Serafino, J.J. Rico Jimenez**, F. Clubb, B. Walton; L.M. Buja, J.E. Phipps, M.D. Feldman, J. Adame, B.E. Applegate. Simultaneous Morphologic and Biochemical Endogenous Optical Imaging of Atherosclerosis. *European Heart Journal – Cardiovascular Imaging*, 2015. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/ehjci/jev018>
- J17. **J.M. Jabbour**, J.L. Bentley, B.H. Malik, J. Nemechek, J. Warda, **R. Cuenca, S. Cheng**, J.A. Jo, and K.C. Maitland. Reflectance confocal endomicroscope with optical axial scanning for *in vivo* imaging of the oral mucosa. *Biomedical Optics Express*, 5(11): 3781-3791, 2014.
- J18. **P. Pande, S. Shrestha**, J. Park, **M.J. Serafino**, I.B. Gimenez-Conti, J.L. Brandon, Y.S. Cheng, B.E. Applegate, J.A. Jo. Automated classification of optical coherence tomography images for the diagnosis of oral malignancy in the hamster cheek pouch. *Journal of Biomedical Optics*, 19(8): 086022, 2014.
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SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINAR TALKS

International:

1. Novel Technologies for Quantitative Optical Image Guided Precision Medicine. Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru, November 2018.
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3. Novel Technologies for Quantitative Optical Image Guided Precision Medicine. Keynote Speaker, Professional Conference. Instituto de Investigación en Comunicación Óptica. Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, May 2018.
4. Novel Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Endoscopes For Early Detection Of Oral Cancer. Invited Speaker, Professional Conference. Opto-Andina, Lima, Peru, November 2017.
5. Novel Endoscopic Tools for Early Detection Of Oral Cancer. Invited Speaker, Professional Conference. CONIMERA, Lima, Peru, October 2017.
6. Autofluorescence Lifetime Imaging Endoscopy For Early Detection Of Oral Cancer. Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, July 2017.
7. Early Detection of Oral Epithelial Cancer with Endogenous Fluorescence Lifetime Endoscopy. Invited Speaker, Professional Conference. OSA Latin America Optics and Photonics Conference, Medellin, Colombia, August 2016.
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National:

1. Novel Technologies for Quantitative Optical Image Guided Precision Medicine. University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, June 2018.
2. Novel Technologies for Quantitative Optical Image Guided Precision Medicine. Weekly research seminar in biomedical engineering. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, February 2018.
3. Label-Free Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Endoscopy for Early Detection Of Oral Cancer. Weekly research seminar in electrical and computer engineering. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, April 2017.
4. Towards early detection of oral epithelial cancer with endogenous fluorescence lifetime endoscopy. Invited Speaker, Professional Conference. SWRM American Chemical Society, Galveston, Texas, November 2016.
5. Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging for Clinical and Pre-Clinical Applications. Weekly research seminar. Florida International University, April 2016.
6. In Vivo Detection of Oral Epithelial Pre-Cancer and Cancer by Endogenous Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging (FLIM) Endoscopy. Invited Speaker, Professional Conference. OSA BIOMED, April 2016.
7. Multimodal Optical Imaging for Pre-Clinical and Clinical Applications. Weekly research seminar. UT Arlington, November 2014.
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10. Nondestructive Morphological and Biochemical Optical Characterization of Biological Tissue for the Clinical Diagnosis of Oral Cancer. Invited Speaker, Professional Conference. SHPE, November 2012.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

As a member of the underrepresented community in science and engineering, I have been focused on developing different academic and research collaborative efforts with different countries in **Latin America**.

Mexico: Since 2007, I have established an internship program with the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. Through this program, senior students from that university have the opportunity to spend six months in my lab working under my supervision on their senior research projects. Five students have already completed their internship at TAMU and successfully graduated from the Universidad Iberoamericana. Since 2012, I have also established a research collaboration with the recently created Program in Biomedical Engineering at the Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosi, in Mexico. As part of this collaboration, I am co-advising graduate students from that institution and have published 7 journal articles with my colleagues in Mexico. In addition, seed funding from the TAMU-CONACYT program has been secured twice (for a total of ~\$50K) to continue expanding this collaboration.

Brazil: Since 2014, I have established a research collaboration with the University of Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo, Brazil). As part of this collaboration, I have secured the equivalent of ~\$120K from the State of Sao Paulo, to develop optical instrumentation that will be evaluated for different clinical applications. We are also coordinating a number of multicenter studies with different hospitals in the State of Sao Paulo, to further validate some of our optical imaging technologies for different pre-clinical and clinical applications in atherosclerosis and cancer.

Peru: Starting in 2016 and with seed funding (\$20K) from the Government of Peru, I will establish a research partnership with the Univerisad Peruana de Ciencias (UPC) and the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (PUCP) in Lima-Peru. This partnership will allow exchanging both undergraduate and graduate students between TAMU and UPC, as well as exploring collaborative research and funding opportunities between these two academic institutions.

Others:

- Co-advisor of engineering Ph.D. students from the Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosi, Mexico
- Co-advisor of physics Ph.D. students from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Co-advisor of engineering senior students from the Univerisad Peruana de Ciencias, Lima-Peru
- Reviewer for CONCYTEC (Peruvian NSF) research proposals
- Reviewer for CONCYTEC (Peruvian NSF) Master of Engineering program proposals
- Reviewer for research proposals of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru research program