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Education

Ph.D. Biochemistry, Stanford University	2011
B.S. Biology, B.S. Chemistry, summa cum laude, Duke University	2006

Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Biology, McGill University	2022-present
Associate Member, Department of Physics, McGill University	2018-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, McGill University	2016-2022
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Biology, Santa Clara University	2015-2016
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering,	2011-2015
Princeton University	

Honors and awards

Canada Research Chair in Spatial Organization of Living Systems, Tier 2	2021-present
Nominated for the Principal's Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers Department of Biology nominee	2021
Nominated for the Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching Faculty of Science nominee, Assistant Professor level	2020, 2021
Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship	2012-2015
Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)	2012
Life Sciences Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)	2012
Bioengineering Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award	2011
Harold M. Weintraub Graduate Student Award	2011
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2008-2011

2017-2024

Research

Overview

The Weber lab uses quantitative live-cell imaging and physical modeling to understand how biological systems establish and dynamically regulate spatial organization. Currently, we are focused on the process of intracellular phase separation, which governs the assembly and function of various membraneless organelles. We study this process in three distinct but complementary systems: clusters of RNA polymerase in the bacterium *Escherichia coli*; nucleoli in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*; and condensed chromosomes in the symbiotic alga *Breviolum minutum*. Ultimately, we are interested in determining how these condensed-phase organelles affect the growth, size and health of individual cells, multicellular organisms, and ecological communities.

Research funding

Currently held

Blue-Sky Seed Funding, Centre de Recherche en Biologie Structurale 2023-2024 Multi-scale tomographic imaging of dinoflagellate chromosomes PI: Weber, S. C.; Co-PI: Reznikov, N. Amount: \$40,000 total; \$20,000 to Weber lab Team Grant, Fonds de recherche du Québec - Nature et technologies 2023-2026 Quantifier les contributions fonctionnelles des condensats à la transcription et à la replication PI: Weber, S. C.; Co-PIs: Reyes-Lamothe, R., Francois, P. Amount: \$190,202 total; \$50,000 to Weber lab Canada Research Chair, Tier 2 2021-2026 Spatial organization of living systems PI: Weber, S. C. Amount: \$600,000 Exploration Grant, New Frontiers in Research Fund 2020-2024 Organization and function of the dinoflagellate genome PI: Weber, S. C.; Co-PIs: Guse, A., Straight, A. F. Amount: \$250,000 total; \$100,000 to Weber lab Project Grant, Canadian Institutes of Health Research 2018-2023 Molecular mechanisms controlling the phase behavior and biosynthetic activity of the nucleolus

PI: **Weber**, **S. C.** Amount: \$315,000

PI: **Weber**, **S. C.** Amount: \$650,250

Discovery Grant, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council

Biophysical mechanisms driving spatial organization in bacterial cells

Previously held

Team Grant, Fonds de recherche du Québec - Nature et technologies

2020-2023

Design, synthesis and evaluation of upconverting nanoparticles for $in\ vivo$ applications

PI: Stochaj, U.; Co-PIs: Capobianco, J. A., Weber, S. C.

Amount: \$190,500 total; \$0 to Weber lab

Établissement de nouveaux chercheurs universitaires,

2018-2020

Fonds de recherche du Québec - Nature et technologies

Cellular control of phase separation and organelle assembly

PI: Weber, S. C.

Amount: \$64,873

John R. Evans Leaders Fund, Canada Foundation for Innovation

2018-2019

Assembly and function of membraneless organelles

PI: **Weber**, **S. C.** Amount: \$350,000

Start-Up Funding, McGill University

2016-2019

Spatial organization of living systems: from organelles to organisms

PI: **Weber**, **S. C.** Amount: \$120,000

Publications (Trainees' names are underlined)

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 1. Mouland, A. J., Parent, L., **Weber, S. C.**, and Holehouse, A. S. (2023) Virus Induced Membraneless Organelles and Biomolecular Condensates, *Journal of Molecular Biology* 435, 168213.
- Boeynaems, S., Chong, S., Gsponer, J., Holt, L., Milovanovic, D., Mitrea, D. M., Mueller-Cajar, O., Portz, B., Reilly, J. F., Reinkemeier, C. D., Sabari, B.R., Sanulli, S., Shorter, J., Sontag, E., Strader, L., Stachowiak, J., Weber, S. C., White, M., Zhang, H., Zweckstetter, M., Elbaum-Garfinkle, S., and Kriwacki, R. (2023) Phase Separation in Biology and Disease; Current Perspectives and Open Questions, Journal of Molecular Biology 435, 167971.
- 3. Sagan, S. M. and Weber, S. C. (2022) Let's phase it: viruses are master architects of biomolecular condensates, *Trends in Biochemical Sciences*, In Press.
- 4. Swain, P. and Weber, S. C. (2020) Dissecting the complexity of biomolecular condensates, *Biochemical Society Transactions* 48, 2591.
- 5. <u>Ladouceur, A.-M.*</u>, <u>Parmar, B. S.*</u>, <u>Biedzinski, S., Wall, J., Tope, S. G., Cohn, D., Kim, A.</u>, Soubry, N., Reyes-Lamothe, R. and **Weber, S. C.** (2020) Clusters of bacterial RNA polymerase are biomolecular condensates that assemble through liquid-liquid phase separation, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117, 18540. *Equal contributions (Recommended by Faculty Opinions)

- 6. Samhadaneh, D. M., Mandl, G. A., Han, Z., Mahjoob, M., **Weber, S. C.**, Tuznik, M., Rudko, D. A., Capobianco, J. A. and Stochaj, U. (2020) Evaluation of lanthanide-doped upconverting nanoparticles for in vitro and in vivo applications, *ACS Applied Bio Materials* 3, 4358.
- 7. A, P. and Weber, S. C. (2019) Evidence for and against liquid-liquid phase separation in the nucleus, *Non-Coding RNA* 5, 50. (Journal cover)
- 8. Weber, S. C. (2017) Sequence-encoded material properties dictate the structure and function of nuclear bodies, *Current Opinion in Cell Biology* 46, 62.

Prior to appointment at McGill

- 9. Uppaluri, S., **Weber, S. C.**, and Brangwynne, C. P. (2016) Hierarchical size scaling during multicellular growth and development, *Cell Reports* 17, 345. (Recommended by Faculty Opinions)
- 10. Berry, J. M.*, **Weber, S. C.***, Vaidya, N., Haataja, M. and Brangwynne, C. P. (2015) RNA transcription modulates phase transition-driven nuclear body assembly, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112, E5237. *Co-first authors
- 11. **Weber, S. C.**, and Brangwynne, C. P. (2015) Inverse size scaling of the nucleolus by a concentration-dependent phase transition, *Current Biology* 25, 641. (Recommended by Faculty Opinions)
- 12. Weber, S. C., and Brangwynne, C. P. (2012) Getting RNA and protein in phase, Cell 149, 1188.
- 13. **Weber, S. C.**, Thompson, M. A., Moerner, W. E., Spakowitz, A. J. and Theriot, J. A. (2012) Analytical tools to distinguish the effects of localization error, confinement and medium elasticity on the velocity autocorrelation function, *Biophysical Journal* 102, 2443.
- 14. Weber, S. C., Spakowitz, A. J. and Theriot, J. A. (2012) Nonthermal ATP-dependent fluctuations contribute to the *in vivo* motion of chromosomal loci, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 109, 7338.
- 15. Weber, S. C., Theriot, J. A. and Spakowitz, A. J. (2010) Subdiffusive motion of a polymer composed of subdiffusive monomers, *Physical Review E* 82, 011913.
- 16. Weber, S. C., Spakowitz, A. J. and Theriot, J. A. (2010) Bacterial chromosomal loci move subdiffusively through a viscoelastic cytoplasm, *Physical Review Letters* 104, 238102.

Book chapters

1. Parmar, B. S. and Weber, S. C. (2023) Single molecule tracking of RNA polymerase in and out of condensates in live bacterial cells, *Methods in Molecular Biology* 2563, 371.

Non-refereed publications

- 1. Stochaj, U. and Weber, S. C. (2020) Nucleolar organization and functions in health and disease, *Cells* 9, 526.
- 2. <u>Biedzinski, S.*</u>, <u>Parmar, B. S.*</u>, and **Weber, S. C.** (2020) Beyond equilibrium phase diagrams: Enzymatic activity shakes up bacterial condensates, *Molecular Cell* 79, 205. *Equal contributions

Prior to appointment at McGill

3. Weber, S. C. and Theriot, J. A. (2010) Mu gets in the loop, Molecular Cell 39, 1.

Invited Talks

Research conferences and workshops

- 1. Biology and Physics of the Prokaryotic Chromosome, Lorentz Center Workshop, Leiden, the Netherlands
- 2. Mechanisms of Microbial Transcription, Gordon Research Conference, Manchester, US
- 3. The Physical Basis of Cellular Memory and Adaptation, Bellairs Research Institute, Holetown, Barbados
- 4. Biomolecular condensates: Emerging cellular and biophysical roles, Keystone Symposium, Vancouver, Canada
- 5. Fluctuations and Disorder in Condensed Matter,
 Canadian Association of Physicists, Hamilton, Canada
- 6. Structure and Organization in Biology, Carnegie Institution for Science, Baltimore, USA
- 7. Phase transitions in Biology and Disease, Telluride, USA
- 8. Microbial Transcription Seminar, Virtual
- 9. Condensate Colloquium Series, Virtual
- 10. Biological Assemblies: Phase transitions and more, Seville, Spain 2021
- 11. Gordon Research Conference, Stochastic Physics in Biology, Ventura, USA
- 12. Active Coacervates Workshop, New York, USA
- 13. Single-Molecule Bacteriology Symposium, Oxford, UK
- 14. Biology and Physics of Bacterial Chromosome Organization, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 15. Phase Separated Systems in the Nucleus, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune, India
- 16. Liquid Phases, Spatial Genome Organization, and Transcription, American Physical Society March Meeting, USA

17.	Quantitative Biology Canada, Canada	
18.	Bacterial and Archaeal Cell Organization, Cell Bio Virtual 2020, USA	2020
19.	Dynamic Modes of Cellular Compartmentalization, Cell Bio Virtual 2020, USA	
20.	Chromosomes, Condensates and Transcriptional Control, Center for the Physics of Biological Function, New York, USA	
21.	On Being the Right Size, Theory and Modeling of Living Systems, Emory University, Atlanta, USA	
22.	Next Generation Biophysics Symposium, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK	
23.	Physical Biology of the Cell, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, USA	
Ca	Spatial Organization of Biological Functions, Bangalore, India Single Molecule Approaches to Biology, Castelldefels, Spain Canadian Developmental Biology Conference, Banff, Canada Phase Separation in Biology and Disease, Telluride, USA	
24.	Japanese-American-German Frontiers of Science Symposium, Kyoto, Japan	2019
25.	MechanoChemBio Conference, Montreal, Canada	
26.	Dresden International PhD Program Retreat, Prague, Czech Republic	
27.	Cellular Dynamics and Models, CSH Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, USA	
28.	Key Challenges in Biophysics, Munich, Germany	2018
29.	Liquid Liquid Phase Separation in Cells, Centre Européen de calcul atomique et moléculaire, Lausanne, Switzerland	
30.	The Physical Basis of Cellular Memory and Adaptation, Bellairs Research Institute, Holetown, Barbados	
31.	Building the Cell, American Society for Cell Biology, Philadelphia, USA	2017
32.	Montreal Area Phase Separation Seminar and Discussion Series, Montreal, Canada	
33.	q-bio Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA	
34.	The Physical Basis of Cellular Memory and Adaptation, Bellairs Research Institute, Holetown, Barbados	
35.	Cell Organization and Behavior at Multiple Length Scales, Allen Institute for Cell Science, Seattle, USA	2016
36.	Nucleation Phenomena in Cell Biology, American Society for Cell Biology, San Diego, USA	2015

Departmental seminars

1.	Department of Biochemistry, McGill University, Montreal, Canada	2023
2.	Department of Biology, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA	
3.	Department of Physics, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada	2022
4.	Department of Molecular Biosciences, University of Texas, Austin, USA	
5.	Department of Biology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA	
6.	Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal, Montreal, Canada	
7.	Bio-Kolloquium, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany	
8.	Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK	2021
9.	Institute of Systems, Molecular and Integrative Biology, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK	
10.	Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada	
11.	Basel Computational Seminar, Biozentrum, Basel, Switzerland	
12.	Department of Molecular Biology and Biophysics, University of Connecticut Health, Farmington, USA	
13.	Department of Biology, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, USA	
14.	Quantitative Biology, University of California San Diego, San Diego, USA	
15.	Department of Cell Biology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada	
16.	Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research, Montreal, Canada	
17.	Department of Pharmacology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada	2020
18.	Department of Physics, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA	
19.	Department of Biology, New York University, New York, USA	
20.	Department of Biological Sciences, Wayne State University, Detroit, USA	
21.	Department of Chemistry, McGill University, Montreal, Canada	
22.	Department of Biology, University of Rochester, Rochester, USA	2019
23.	Department of Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA	
24.	Chemical and Physical Sciences, U of T Mississauga, Mississauga, Canada	2018
25.	Cell and Systems Biology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada	
26.	Physics Colloquium, McGill University, Montreal, Canada	
27.	Cellular and Molecular Medicine, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada	
28.	Department of Physics, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, USA	
29.	Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada	

30	Mologular Madigina The Hagnital for Sigly Children Toronto Canada	2017
	Molecular Medicine, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada	2017
	Department of Biology, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada	
32.	Center for Applied Mathematics in Bioscience and Medicine, Montreal, Canada	
33.	Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Miami, Miami, USA	
34.	Département de Biochimie, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada	2016
35.	Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada	
Train	nee presentations	
1.	McGuinness, B., The Ecological Society of America, Portland, US, talk	2023
2.	Baldini, L., International C. elegans Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, poster	
3.	Zdanovskis, S., International C. elegans Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, poster	
4.	Baldini, L., 2023 Québec <i>C. elegans</i> Meeting, Montréal, Canada, poster	
5.	$\underline{\text{McGuinness, B.}},$ Higher Order Interactions in Ecological Networks, Paris, France, talk	
6.	A, P., Workshop on Cellular Memory and Adaptation, Holetown, Barbados, talk	
7.	McGuinness, B., Department Day, Montreal, Canada, talk	
8.	Philipp, L., Department Day, Montreal, Canada, talk	
9.	Baldini, L., Molecular retreat, Montreal, Canada, poster	
10.	Zdanovskis, S., Montreal Area Worm Meeting, Montreal, Canada, talk	2022
11.	A, P., Ribosome Synthesis, EMBO Workshop, Engelberg, Switzerland, poster (The RNA Society Poster Award)	
12.	A, P., Interdisciplinary Origin of Life Meeting, Montreal, Canada, talk	
13.	Parmar, B. S., Single Molecule Approaches to Biology, Gordon Research Conference, Castelldefels, Spain, talk	
14.	Philipp, L., Workshop on Cellular Memory and Adaptation, Holetown, Barbados, talk	
15.	Philipp, L., Blue Sky Day, Montreal, Canada, poster	
16.	Parmar, B. S., Biophysical Society of Canada, Halifax, Canada, talk (Trainee Paper Award)	2021
17.	A, P., American Society for Cell Biology, International/remote, poster	2020
18.	Wall, J., American Society for Cell Biology, International/remote, poster	
19.	Parmar, B. S., Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Special Interest Group, International/remote, invited talk	

- 20. Couture, M., Departmental retreat, Montreal, Canada, poster
- 21. A, P., Departmental retreat, Montreal, Canada, poster
- 22. Parmar, B. S., Departmental retreat, Montreal, Canada, talk
- 23. Couture, M., Departmental retreat, Montreal, Canada, poster 2019
- 24. <u>Parmar, B. S.</u>, Montreal Area Phase Separation Symposium, Montreal, Canada, talk
- 25. <u>A, P.</u>, Innovation Incubator, Molecular and Cellular Biophysics Center, Montreal, Canada, talk
- 26. Parmar, B. S., Innovation Incubator, Molecular and Cellular Biophysics Center, Montreal, Canada, talk (Best Talk Award)
- 27. Mohapatra, L., American Physical Society, Boston, USA, poster
- 28. Parmar, B. S., Gordon Research Conference, Ventura, USA, poster
- 29. <u>Kim, A.</u>, Montreal Area Phase Separation Symposium, Montreal, Canada, poster (Best Poster Award)
- 30. <u>Parmar, B. S.</u>, Workshop on Cellular Memory and Adaptation, Holetown, Barbados, talk
- 31. Ladouceur, A.-M., Departmental retreat, Montreal, Canada, talk
- 32. Mohapatra, L., American Society for Cell Biology,
 Philadelphia, USA, poster
- 33. <u>Ladouceur, A.-M.</u>, American Society for Cell Biology, Philadelphia, USA, poster
- 34. Ladouceur, A.-M., Biophysical Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada, poster

Teaching

Undergraduate courses

Course	Role	Term	Enrollment	Hours
BIOL/BIEN 219	Instructor	F2022	97	14
Introduction to Physical Molecular	Coordinator	F2021	137	14
and Cellular Biology	Coordinator	F2020	135	13
	Coordinator	F2018	56	11
	Instructor	F2017	57	11

BIOL 313	Coordinator	W2023	55	39
Eukaryotic Cell Biology	Coordinator	W2022	53	39
	Coordinator	W2021	37	39
	Coordinator	W2020	44	39
	Coordinator	W2019	42	39
	Coordinator	W2018	33	39
	Instructor	W2017	41	20
BIOL 395	Guest Lecturer	F2022	49	1
Quantitative Biology Seminar	Guest Lecturer	F2021	37	1
	Guest Lecturer	F2020	74	1
	Guest Lecturer	F2018	55	1
	Guest Lecturer	F2017	16	1
	Guest Lecturer	F2016	13	1
BIOL 551	Guest Lecturer	W2020	18	1
Principles of Cellular Control	Guest Lecturer	W2018	15	1

Graduate courses

Course	Role	Term	Enrollment Hours
BIOL 601	Guest Lecturer	F2022	36 2
Introduction to Graduate Studies	Guest Lecturer	F2021	35 1
in Biology			
BIOL 602	Guest Lecturer	W2023	17 1
Molecular Biology Research			
and Professional Skills			

Course development

BIOL/BIEN 219 Introduction to Physical Molecular and Cellular Biology

Created content for two learning modules (13 lectures)

Designed computational notebooks for tutorial

Developed new assessments, including quizzes, problem sets and case studies

BIOL 313 Eukaryotic Cell Biology

Redesigned 26 lectures by replacing textbook figures with primary data Developed literature assignments and peer assessments

BIOL 601 Introduction to Graduate Studies in Biology

Consulted on syllabus and course design

Created content on Networking and Supervision (2 lectures)

Research supervision

Undergraduates

Student	Position	Year(s)
Alyssa Wu	COMP 400 Project in Computer Science	2023
Ruby Wei	BIOL 396 Independent Research	2023
Julia Forestell	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2022
Anthony Miller-Smith	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2022
Brooke Baker	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2022
Cyril Haller	Undergraduate Research Trainee	2021-2022
Dylan Stermer	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2021
Sara Zdanovskis	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award,	2021-2022
	BIOL 479 Honours Research,	
	Science Undergraduate Research Award	
Bora Dirilgen	Casual Research Assistant	2021
Dawson Phan	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2021
Nathael Javorcik	BIOL 479 Honours Research	2020-2021
Lucas Philipp	Casual Research Assistant	2020
Krishiv Shah	BIOL 466 Independent Research,	2020
	co-supervised by Chris Barrett	
Maja Milinkovic	Work Study	2020
James Wall	Casual Research Assistant,	2019-2021
	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award	
Nitika Bikraj	Casual Research Assistant	2019-2021
Laura Wu	Volunteer	2019
Alyssa Trantino	BIOL 466 Independent Research	2019
Nester Nebesio	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2019
Philip Siekierski	PHYS 449 Independent Research	2018
George Perlman	Volunteer, BIOL 466 Independent Research	2018-2019
Furaha Damien	Work Study	2018
Alice Lambert	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2018
Matias Claus	Volunteer	2018-2019
Paul Pouzet	BIOL 413 Independent Reading	2017
Yichen He	BIOL 377 Independent Reading	2017
Hannah Burr	BIOL 468 Independent Research	2017
David Cohn	Science Undergraduate Research Award,	2017-2018
	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award	
James Goldberg	Volunteer, BIOL 396 Independent Research, NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award	2017-2018
Graydon Tope	Volunteer, BIOL 466 Independent Research	2016-2018
Albright Kim	Volunteer	2016-2018
Megan Couture	Volunteer, BIOL 468 Independent Research	2016-2018

Rotation students

Student	Program	Year
Lydia Hodgins	Quantitative Life Sciences	2023
Sean Moore	Quantitative Life Sciences	2023
Lucas Philipp	Quantitative Life Sciences	2022
Bianca Granato	Quantitative Life Sciences	2019
Brendon McGuinness	Quantitative Life Sciences	2018
Alex Diaz-Popkovich	Quantitative Life Sciences	2018

Graduate students

Student	Program	${f Years}$
Sara Zdanovskis	MSc, Biology	2022-present
Regulation of nucleola	r assembly in early embryos	
Lucas Philipp	PhD, Quantitative Life Sciences	2022-present
Chromosome structure	e in dinoflagellates	
Carina Doyle	PhD, Biology (withdrawn)	2021-2022
Regulation of nucleola	r assembly in dauer	
Shadi Rajab	PhD, Biology	2021-present
Function of bacterial I	$RNAP\ condensates$	
Brendon McGuinness	PhD, Quantitative Life Sciences	2019-present
$Intracellular\ proteomic$	c constraints on microbial communities	
Co-supervised by Fred	Guichard	
Peng A	PhD, Biology	2019-present
Structure of the nucleo	plus during post-embryonic development	
Megan Couture	MSc, Biology	2018-2020
Knockdown of the LIN	IC complex perturbs nucleolar assembly	
Current position: Clin	ical Research Coordinator,	
Jew	ish General Hospital	
Baljyot Parmar	MSc, Biology; PhD, Physics	2017-present
Single molecule analys	is of phase separation in bacteria	

Postdoctoral fellows

Postdoc	Years
Omid Gholamalamdari, Ph.D.	2023-present
The role of nucleolar sub-compartmentalization in ribosome biogenes	sis
Laeya Baldini, Ph.D.	2021-present
The nucleolus in aging and dormant worms	
Pinaki Swain, Ph.D.	2020-2021
Molecular dynamics simulations of biomolecular condensates	

Stefan Biedzinski, Ph.D. 2019-2021

Bacterial RNA polymerase condensates under acid stress

Anne-Marie Ladouceur, Ph.D. 2016-2019

Phase separation of RNA polymerase in E. coli

Current position: Assistant Director of Training & Education,

Advanced BioImaging Facility, McGill University

Graduate student supervisory committees

Student	Program	Years
Anthony Miller-Smith	Experimental Medicine, McGill	2023-present
Bao-An Chau	Microbiology and Immunology, McGill	2023-present
Cécilia Brancheriau	Biology, Concordia University	2023-present
Michelle Gut	Biozentrum, Universität Basel	2023-present
Larsen Iorgovits	Parasitology, McGill	2023-present
Nikolai Ho	Biology, McGill	2023-present
Ali Shariat-Panahi	Biochemistry, McGill	2022-present
Benjamin Rudski	Quantitative Life Sciences, McGill	2022-present
Priscila Medrano	Biology, McGill	2022-present
Nour Halaby	Biology, McGill	2022-present
Silma Subah	Biology, McGill	2022-present
Wendy Morgado-Gamero	Biology, McGill	2022-present
Maria Orozco	Biology, Concordia	2022-2023
Nada El Baba	Biology, McGill	2022-present
Hazel Shields	Biology, McGill	2022-present
Manolya Sag	Biochemistry, McGill	2022-present
Sonny Panichnantakul	Experimental Medicine, McGill	2021-present
Alexandra Paquette	Biology, McGill	2021-present
Tim Gemeinhardt	Experimental Medicine, McGill	2021-present
Madeline Shred	Biology, McGill	2020-present
Ibani Kapur	Experimental Medicine, McGill	2020-2022
Lisa Hanna	Biology, McGill	2020-present
Imge Ozugergin	Biology, Concordia University	2020-2022
Victoria Glynn	Biology, McGill	2020-present
Lucas Fisher	Biology, McGill	2020-2022
Siwei Chu	Physiology, McGill	2020-present
Celia Lopez	Biology, McGill	2019-present
Sofia Cruz Tetlalmatzi	Biomedical Engineering, McGill	2019-present
Aurelie Guisnet	Biology, McGill	2019-2022
Shannon Sim	Biology, McGill	2018-present
Weina Wang	Biology, McGill	2018-present

Claire Edrington	Biology, McGill	2017-2022
Bijan Gakieh	Biology, McGill	2019-2021
Conrad Hall	Biology, McGill	2018-2019
Muhammad Tabassum	Biology, McGill	2018-2019
Brandon Payliss	Biomedical Engineering, McGill	2017-2018
Ryan Dawson	Biology, McGill	2017-2018

Ph.D. qualifying exams

Student	Program	Year
Katherine Morelli	Biology, McGill	2022
Sebastian Wittekindt	Integrated Program in Neuroscience,	2022
	McGill	
Alison Kem-Seng	Biology, McGill	2022
Lidice Gonzalez	Biochimie, Université de Montréal	2018
Srivasthan Adivarahan	Biochimie, Université de Montréal	2017
Nitin Kapadia	Biology, McGill	2016
David Rozema	Biology, McGill	2016

Ph.D. thesis evaluations

Student	Program	Year
Nicolas Jolivet	Sciences de la Biologie, Institut National	2023
	de la Recherche Scientifique	
Felix Proulx-Giraldeau	Physics, McGill	2023
Lidice Gonzalez	Biochimie, Université de Montréal	2022
James Dhaliwal	Biology, Concordia	2021
Stephanie Yee	Biology, McGill	2019
Kristian Shulist	Biology, McGill	2018

Ph.D. thesis defenses

Student	Program	Year
William Brothers	Experimental Medicine, McGill	2023
Matthew Frick	Physics, McGill	2023
Imge Ozugergin	Biology, Concordia	2022
Arjuna Rajakumar	Biology, McGill	2022
Yuki Kitahara	Microbiologie, Université de Montréal	2021
Sreeparna Pradhan	Integrated Program in Neuroscience,	2020
	McGill	
Yony Bresler	Physics, McGill	2019
Kristine Bernard	Biology, McGill	2019

Pratik Kadekar	Biology, McGill	2018
Michelle Kowanda	Biology, McGill	2016

Service

Service to the department and faculty

Departmental committees

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Working to advance a departmental climate that is fair, open, diverse and equitable	2022-present
Graduate Experience Task Force Consulting with students and faculty to improve the recruitment, training and funding of Biology graduate students	2020-present
Biology Teaching Task Force Developed resources for remote teaching and provided support to faculty during the COVID-19 pandemic	2020-2022
Curriculum Revision Task Force Developed recommendations for changes to the content and organization of the Biology undergraduate curriculum	2018-2020
Graduate Training Committee Chaired qualifying exam committees; allocated prizes and awards; revised graduate program website	2017-2018

Faculty committees

Faculty of Science Inclusive Teaching Initiative Worked with a small group of instructors to learn and develop strategies to promote inclusive and anti-racist classroom environments	2022-2023
Canada Excellence Research Chair Search Committee Transient Astrophysics	2022
Fall 2020 Planning Committee Contributed to discussions and planning for remote delivery and assessment during the COVID-19 pandemic	2020

Non-committee service

McGill Biology Student Union Sympos	sium 2021
Served as an invited speaker	
McGill Physics Hackathon	2020
Served as a project judge	

Ada Lovelace Day Brunch Served as an invited panelist for a discussion on women in STEM, sponsored by McGill Women in Physics and McGill Women in Computer Science	2019
Department Day	2019
Served as a poster judge for this student-organized research symposium	
Beer with a Prof Met with undergraduate students for a casual conversation as part of the McGill Biology Student Union's Career Week	2018
Scientists Talk about Research for Staff (STARS) Presented a research talk to McGill support staff	2018
Molecular Biology Student Symposium Served as a judge for posters and talks	2016, 2017
Soup and Science Presented a research talk and answered questions from undergraduate students	2016, 2021
Service to the University	
University committees	
Quantitative Life Sciences (QLS) Steering Committee Contributing to discussions on the long-term vision of the interdisciplinary PhD program	2019-present
Molecular and Cellular Biophysics Center Executive Committee Organizing events to foster interactions among researchers and to spur interdisciplinary collaborations	2018-present
QLS Fellowships and Awards Committee Reviewed and ranked student applications	2017-2018
Non-committee service	
Living Library, Office of Science Education Participated in a discussion on Strategies for the First Day of Class	2020
Education Champions, Faculty of Medicine Served as a guest speaker on creating whiteboard animations for remote delivery	2020
Pro-dean for Ph.D. thesis defenses Emily Grise, Urban Planning Prabakaran Balasubramanian, Mechanical Engineering	2019
Breakfast with female graduate students Participated in a networking event organized by students in the Quantitative Life Sciences program	2018

Molecular Cell (2)
Nature Physics (1)

Science (1) Science Advances (1) Soft Matter (1) The EMBO Journal (1) Trends in Biochemical Sciences (1) Trends in Cell Biology (1)	
Faculty Opinions	
Faculty Member, Cellular Biological Physics Section	2020-present
Editorial work	
Co-guest editor for the <i>Journal of Molecular Biology</i> Special issue on Viruses and Phase Separation, with Andrew Mouland, Leslie Parent and Alex Holehouse	2022
Co-guest editor for <i>Cells</i> Special issue on the Nucleolus in Health and Disease, with Ursula Stoc	2019 haj
Conference organization	
BactoMontréal Co-organized a local half-day meeting dedicated to research on the mechanisms of bacterial life	2022
Bacterial Cell Organization Created and co-organized a special interest subgroup at the American Society for Cell Biology's Annual Meeting; Recruited and mentored early career scientists to run the subgroup in subsequent years	2019-2021
Building the Cell Co-organized a special interest subgroup at the American Society for Cell Biology's Annual Meeting	2017
Montreal Area Phase Separation Seminar and Discussion Series Co-created a local meeting for investigators and trainees to share and discuss recent advances in the field	2017-present
Mentorship and outreach	
Win4Science Serving as a mentor to female graduate students and postdocs	2022-present
Physics Matters Lecture Series Served as an invited speaker for a public lecture	2022

STEMNet Serving as a mentor to undergraduate students	2021-present
The Soft Matter Show Served as an invited guest on a podcast featuring conversations with soft matter scientists	2021
Dialogue on Droplets Served as an invited speaker for a public lecture sponsored by the Center for Physics of Biological Function, a joint effort between the City University of New York and Princeton University	2020
Canadian Society for Molecular Biosciences Served as an invited panelist for a career workshop	2019
Science Literacy Week Served as a mentor to female undergraduates in STEM fields	2017-2019
Career Discussion and Mentoring Roundtables Served as a table leader at the American Society for Cell Biology's Annual Meeting, on the topics of Teaching and Research in PUIs and Applying for an Academic Faculty Position	2015, 2017