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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Kadanoff-Rice Postdoctoral Fellow, The University of Chicago May 2018 - Present
Advisor: Prof. Steven J. Sibener, Department of Chemistry and The James Franck Institute

Ph.D. Loyola University Chicago 2018
Advisor: Prof. Dan Killelea, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Thesis: Structural and Chemical Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)

B.S. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 2013
Major: Chemistry

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Physical chemistry, interfacial science, metal oxides, heterogeneous catalysis, next-generation superconducting materials growth and characterization

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Chicago May 2018 - Present
Department of Chemistry and The James Franck Institute
Chicago Materials Research Center Kadanoff-Rice Postdoctoral Fellow, Advisor: Prof. Steven J. Sibener, Ph.D.

- Mechanistic studies of next-generation superconducting materials growth

Loyola University Chicago Spring 2014 - Spring 2018
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Graduate Researcher, Advisor: Dan Killelea, Ph.D.

- Elucidated chemical and physical properties of oxygenaceous phases on Rh and Ag surfaces

Case Western Reserve University Spring 2011 – Spring 2013
Department of Chemistry
Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Prof. James Burgess, Ph.D.

- Methods to increase myoglobin detection limits and fabrication of 10 μm carbon electrodes

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Chicago Materials Research Center Kadanoff-Rice Fellowship, The University of Chicago Postdoctoral Fellow 2018
- Anna Louise Hoffman Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Research, Iota Sigma Pi 2018
- The Dumbach Award for Excellence in Chemistry, Loyola University Chicago 2018
- Morton M. Traum Surface Science Student Award, AVS 64th International Symposium and Exhibition 2017
- Nellie Yeoh Whetten Award, AVS 64th International Symposium and Exhibition 2017
- Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship 2017
- Best Graduate Student Poster, Third place, AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- 1) **R. G. Farber**, S. A. Willson, A. Hire, R. Hennig, and S. J. Sibener, “Visualization of Sn Adsorption and Diffusion Pathways on Oxidized Nb(100)”, *In Preparation* (2021)
- 2) **R. G. Farber**, S. A. Willson, and S. J. Sibener, “Role of Nanoscale Surface Defects on Sn Adsorption and Diffusion Behavior on Oxidized Nb(100)”, *Submitted* (2021)
- 3) **R. G. Farber**, Z. Sun, N. Majernik, O. Chubenko, and R. Roussel, “Expanding Accelerator Capabilities with the Center for Bright Beams”, *APS Division of Physics of Beams Annual Newsletter*, 2021 (**Invited article**)
- 4) M. E. Turano, E. A. Jamka, M. Z. Gillum, K. D. Gibson, **R. G. Farber**, W. Walkosz, S. J. Sibener, R. A. Rosenberg, and D. R. Killelea, “Emergence of Subsurface Oxygen on Rh(111)”, *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* **2021**, *12*, 5844-5849
- 5) A. A. McMillan, J. D. Graham, S. A. Willson, **R. G. Farber**, C. J. Thompson, and S. J. Sibener, *Superconductor Science and Technology* **2020**, *33*, 105012
- 6) R. D. Veit*, **R. G. Farber***, N. S. Sitaraman, T. A. Arias, and S. J. Sibener, “Nano-Scale Characterization of Niobium Hydride Growth and Suppression Behaviors on Nb(100)”, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **2020**, *152*, 214703 (*Denotes dual authorship, **Invited article**)
- 7) M. E. Turano, **R.G. Farber**, G. Hildebrandt, and D. R. Killelea; “Temperature Dependence of CO Oxidation on Rh(111) by Adsorbed Oxygen”, *Surface Science* **2020**, *695*, 121573
- 8) M. E. Turano, **R. G. Farber**, E. C. N. Oskorep, R. A. Rosenberg, and D. R. Killelea; “Characterization of Oxygenaceous Species Formed by Exposure of Ag(111) to Atomic Oxygen”, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* **2020**, *124*, 1382-1389
- 9) N. S. Sitaraman, T. A. Arias, M. U. Liepe, J. T. Maniscalco, R. D. Veit, **R. G. Farber**, and S. J. Sibener, “Ab Initial Calculations on Impurity Doped Niobium and Niobium Surfaces, in *International Conference on RF Superconductivity (SRF) 2019, Dresden, Germany 2019*
- 10) R. D. Veit, N. A. Kautz, **R. G. Farber**, and S. J. Sibener, “Oxygen Dissolution and Surface Oxide Reconstructions on Nb(100)”, *Surface Science* **2019**, *688*, 63-68
- 11) **R. G. Farber**, M. E. Turano, and D. R. Killelea, “Identification of Surface Sites for Low-Temperature Heterogeneously Catalyzed CO Oxidation on Rh(111)”, *ACS Catalysis* **2018**, *8*, 11483-11490
- 12) **R. G. Farber**, M. E. Turano, E. C. N. Oskorep, N. T. Wands, E. V. Iski, and D. R. Killelea, “The Quest for Stability: Structural Dependence of Rh(111) on Oxygen Coverage at Elevated Temperature”, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* **2017**, *121*, 10470-10475
- 13) **R. G. Farber**, M. E. Turano, E. C. N. Oskorep, N. T. Wands, L. B. F. Juurlink, and D. R. Killelea, “Exposure of Pt(553) and Rh(111) to Atomic and Molecular Oxygen: Do Defects Enhance Subsurface Oxygen Formation?”, *Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter* **2017**, *29*, 164002
- 14) C. Badan, **R. G. Farber**, Y. Heyrich, M. T. M. Koper, D. R. Killelea, and L. B. F. Juurlink, “Step-Type Selective Oxidation of Pt Surfaces”, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* **2016**, *120*, 22927-22935
- 15) J. Derouin, **R. G. Farber**, M. E. Turano, E. V. Iski, and D. R. Killelea, “Thermally Selective Formation of Subsurface Oxygen in Ag(111) and Consequent Surface Structures”, *ACS Catalysis* **2016**, *6*, 4640-4646
- 16) M.J. Kolb, **R.G. Farber**, J. Derouin, C. Badan, F. Calle-Vallejo, L.B.F. Juurlink, D.R. Killelea, M.T.M. Koper; “Double Stranded Water on Stepped Platinum Surfaces” *Physical Review Letters* **2016**, *116*,136101 (**Cover**)
- 17) J. Derouin, **R.G. Farber**, S.L. Heslop, and D.R. Killelea; “Formation of Surface Oxides and Ag₂O Thin Films with Atomic Oxygen on Ag(111)”, *Surface Science* **2015**, *641*, L1-5 (**Cover**)

- 18) J. Derouin, **R.G. Farber**, and D.R. Killelea; “Combined STM and TPD Study of Rh(111) Under Conditions of High Oxygen Coverage”, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C* **2015**, *119*, 14748-14755
- 19) V.A. Valencia, A.A. Thaker, J. Derouin, D.N. Valencia, **R.G. Farber**, D.A. Gebel, and D.R. Killelea; “Preparation of Scanning Tunneling Microscopy Tips Using Pulsed Alternating Current Etching”, *Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology A* **2015**, *33*, 023001

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Oral Presentations

- 1) AVS 67th International Symposium and Exhibition, Charlotte, NC, 2021 “Towards a Mechanistic Understanding of Next-Generation Particle Accelerator Materials Growth: Nb Hydride Growth and Suppression and Nb₃Sn Formation on (3×1)-O Nb(100)”
- 2) Virtual MN-AVS Annual Fall Symposium, 2021, “Leadership, Development, and Career Opportunities for AVS Student and Early Career Professional Members”
- 3) Loyola University Chicago, Department Seminar (Virtual), Chicago, IL 2020 “Understanding the Surface Chemistry of Next-Generation Particle Accelerator Materials: Oxidized Nb(100) as a Model System”
- 4) Gordon Research Conference, Dynamics at Surfaces, Newport, RI, 2019 “STM Studies of the Growth and Suppression Mechanisms of Niobium Hydrides for Next Generation Superconducting RF Accelerators and Light Sources”
- 5) Center for Bright Beams Annual Meeting, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2019 “STM Studies of the Growth and Suppression Mechanisms of Niobium Hydrides for Next Generation Superconducting RF Accelerators and Light Sources”
- 6) JFI Postdoctoral Seminar, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019 “Atomic-Scale Growth Mechanism of Niobium Hydrides on Hydrogen Infused Nb(100)”
- 7) Iota Sigma Pi – Aurum Iota Initiation, DePaul University, Chicago, IL 2019 “Understanding Surface Mediated Chemistry at the Atomic Scale: From Heterogeneous Catalysis to Particle Accelerator Technology”
- 8) Technical University of Vienna, Surface Physics, Austria, 2018 “Structural and Chemical Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 9) Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany 2018 “Structural and Chemical Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 10) Loyola University Chicago, Department Seminar, Chicago, IL 2017 “Structural and Chemical Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 11) Leiden Institute of Chemistry, Catalysis and Surface Chemistry, The Netherlands 2017 “High Oxygen Coverages on Ag(111) and Rh(111): Surface Structures and Reactivity”

Oral Presentations

- 1) International Workshop on Nb₃Sn SRF '20, Virtual Workshop, 2020 “Spatially Resolved Adsorption Structures and Diffusion Dynamics of Sn on (3×1)-O Nb(100)”
- 2) AVS 66th International Symposium and Exhibition, Columbus, OH, 2019 “Atomic-Scale Growth Mechanisms of Niobium Hydrides on Hydrogen Infused Nb(100)”
- 3) 2019 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 2019 “Nano-Scale Characterization of the Growth and Suppression Behavior of Niobium Hydrides for Next Generation Superconducting RF Accelerators and Light Sources”
- 4) Catalysis Club of Chicago 2018 Spring Symposium, Naperville, IL, 2018 “Structural and Chemical Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 5) AVS 64th International Symposium and Exhibition, Tampa, FL, 2017 “Structural Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”

- 6) 2017 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Milwaukee, WI, 2017 “Structural Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 7) AVS 63rd International Symposium and Exhibition, Nashville, TN, 2016 “Step-Type Selective Oxidation on Pt Surfaces”
- 8) AVS 62nd International Symposium and Exhibition, San Jose, CA, 2015 “Submonolayer Water Adsorption on Stepped and Planar Pt Surfaces”
- 9) American Chemical Society Regional Conference. Grand Rapids, MI, 2015 “Atomic Oxygen on Ag(111) and Rh(111)”

Poster Presentations

- 1) 2021 International Conference on RF Superconductivity, Virtual Meeting, 2021 “Visualization of Sn Adsorption Behavior and Thermally Driven Diffusion Pathways on (3×1)-O Nb(100)”
- 2) Gordon Research Seminar, Dynamics at Surfaces, Newport, RI, 2019 “STM Studies of the Growth and Suppression Mechanisms of Niobium Hydrides for Next Generation Superconducting RF Accelerators and Light Sources”
- 3) AVS 65th International Symposium and Exhibition, Long Beach, CA, 2018; “Oxidation of Nb(100) and Kinetics of Surface to Bulk Transport and Extension to Nb₃Sn”
- 4) 2018 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Chicago, IL, 2018 “Oxygen Dissolution on Nb(100) and *In Situ* Nb₃Sn Growth Mechanisms”
- 5) AVS 64th International Symposium and Exhibition, Tampa, FL, 2017 “Structural Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 6) 2017 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Milwaukee, WI, 2017 “Structural Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 7) Gordon Research Conference, Dynamics at Surfaces, Newport, RI, 2017 “Structural and Chemical Consequences of High Oxygen Coverages on Rh(111)”
- 8) Gordon Research Conference and Seminar, Chemical Reactions at Surfaces, Lucca, Italy, 2017 “Structural Consequences of Increased Oxygen Incorporation in Rh Surfaces”
- 9) 2016 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Chicago, IL, 2016 “Step-Type Selective Oxidation on Pt Surfaces”
- 10) 2015 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Notre Dame, IN, 2015 “Water Structures Formed on Pt(111) and Pt(553) Surfaces”
- 11) Gordon Research Conference and Seminar, Dynamics at Surfaces, Newport, RI, 2015 “Water Structures Formed on Pt(111) and Pt(553) Surfaces”
- 12) 2014 AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Chicago, IL, 2014 “Water Structures on Pt(111)”
- 13) 74th Physical Electronics Conference, La Crosse, WI, 2014 “Water Structures on Pt(111)”

LEADERSHIP AND OUTREACH

Conference and Scientific Community Leadership

Chair and Co-Chair

- *Invited organizer*, AVS 67th International Symposium and Exhibition, Panel Discussion with the Leaders in Energy and the Environment Focus Topic 2021
- *Nominated co-chair*, AVS 66th International Symposium and Exhibition, Energy Transition Leaders Focus Topic 2018-2019
- *Elected Chair*, 2017 Gordon Research Seminar, Dynamics at Surfaces 2015-2017

Scientific Organization and Community

- *Co-chair*, AVS Early Career Professionals Committee Summer 2019-present
- *Guest Editor and Special Topic Organizer* January 2021-present

- *JVST A* Special Topic Collection: Celebrating the Early Career Professionals Contributing to the Advancement of Thin Films, Surfaces, Interfaces, and Plasmas
- *Committee member*, Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP), University of Chicago 2019-2020

Discussion Leader and Moderator

- Virtual International Workshop on Nb₃Sn SRF Science, Technology, and Applications (Nb₃SnSRF'20) 2020
- AVS 67 Virtual Showcase, Professional Development Session 2020
- Gordon Research Seminar, Dynamics at Surface, Newport, RI 2019
- AVS Prairie Chapter Symposium, Chicago, IL 2018
- Gordon Research Seminar, Chemical Reactions at Surfaces, Lucca, Italy 2017
- Gordon Research Seminar, Dynamics at Surface, Newport, RI 2015

Seminar Committee Member

- Center for Bright Beams Seminar Committee Spring 2019-Present
- James Franck Institute Women in Science, University of Chicago Fall 2018-Present

Community Outreach

The University of Chicago

- Physics with a Bang lab demonstration Winter 2018
- Physics with a Bang lab demonstration Winter 2019

Loyola University Chicago

- Emerging Scientists Workshop Fall 2017
- Emerging Scientists Workshop Fall 2014

Chicago Public School System

- Senn High School; In-class chemistry lab support Spring 2015, 2016, 2017
- Murray Language Academy; scientific demonstration Fall 2019

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

The University of Chicago

May 2018 – Present

- Co-mentoring a graduate student at Cornell University through the Center for Bright Beams regarding materials chemistry and Nb₃Sn growth procedures
- Mentored 2 graduate students and 1 undergraduate student on scanning tunneling microscopy techniques, ultra-high vacuum science and technology, and data processing techniques
- Assisted 1 graduate student in their Ph.D. candidacy preparation including research proposal revisions and oral presentation guidance

Loyola University Chicago

Fall 2013 - Fall 2016

- Teaching assistant for General Chemistry Laboratory (majors and non-majors) and Physical Chemistry Laboratory courses
- Guest lecturer for Physical Chemistry (Thermodynamics) in Fall 2014, 2015, and 2016
- Directly mentored 1 junior graduate student and 2 undergraduate students whose lab contributions resulted in authorship on peer reviewed journal articles

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- AVS 2014-Present

- Iota Sigma Pi – National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry

2018-Present