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Education

2005 Ph.D., Chemistry, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
1999 A.B., Chemistry, *magna cum laude*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Positions

2016–current Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering,
University of Colorado Boulder
2014–2015 Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Virginia
2014–2015 Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry (by courtesy), University of Virginia
2008–2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Virginia
2005–2008 NIH NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship, Columbia University (under Richard Friesner)
1999–2005 Graduate Research, Stanford University (under Vijay Pande)

Honors and Awards

2014 NSF CAREER Award
2012 American Chemical Society COMP OpenEye Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
2009 Oak Ridge Associated Universities Ralph E. Powe, Jr. Faculty Enhancement Award
2009 University of Virginia FEST Distinguished Young Investigator Award
2007 Sanibel Symposium IBM-Lowdin Fellowship
2005–2008 NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship
2004 ACS Chemical Computer Group Graduate Excellence Award
1999–2004 Fannie and John Hertz Graduate Fellowship
1999–2002 Paul Flory Fellowship (Stanford)
1999–2002 William R. and Sara Hart Kimball Stanford Graduate Fellowship
1999 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (declined)
1999 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (declined)
1999 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention

Refereed Publications ([Google Scholar Profile](#)):

1. N. S. Abraham and M. R. Shirts, "Adding anisotropy to the quasi-harmonic approximation fails to capture accurate organic crystal thermodynamics," *Cryst. Growth Des.* 19 (12), 6911-6924 (2019)
2. E. C. Dybeck, D. P. McMahon, G. M. Day, and M. R. Shirts, "Exploring the Multi-minima Behavior of Small Molecule Crystal Polymorphs at Finite Temperature" *Cryst. Growth Des.* 19(10), 5568–5580 (2019)

3. R. A. Messerly, M. S. Barhaghi, J. J. Potoff, and M. R. Shirts "Histogram-free reweighting with grand canonical Monte Carlo: Post-simulation optimization of non-bonded potentials for phase equilibria." *J. Chem. & Eng. Data*, 64(9), 3701–3717, (2019)
4. B. J. Coscia and M. R. Shirts, "Chemically Selective Transport in a Cross-Linked HII Phase Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membrane" *J. Phys. Chem. B*. 123(29), 6314–6330, (2019)
5. M. R. Shirts and N. P. Schieber, "Configurational Mapping Significantly Increases the Efficiency of Solid-Solid Phase Coexistence Calculations via Molecular Dynamics: Determining the FCC-HCP Coexistence Line of Lennard-Jones Particles," *J. Chem. Phys.* 150(16), 164112 (2019)
6. C. Zanette, C. C. Bannan, C. I. Bayly, J. Fass, M. K. Gilson, M. R. Shirts, J. D. Chodera, D. L. Mobley, "Toward Learned Chemical Perception of Force Field Typing Rules." *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 15(1), 402–423 (2019)
7. B. J. Coscia, J. Yelk, M. A. Glaser, D. L. Gin, X. Feng, and M. R. Shirts, "Understanding the Nanoscale Structure of Inverted Hexagonal Phase Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Polymer Membranes" *J. Phys. Chem. B*. 123(1), 289–309 (2019)
8. N. S. Abraham and M. R. Shirts, "An Improved Thermal Gradient Approach for the Quasi-Harmonic Approximation: Making Anisotropic Expansion Feasible," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 14(11) 5904–5919 (2018)
9. D. L. Mobley, C. C. Bannan, A. Rizzi, C. I Bayly, J. D Chodera, V. T Lim, N. M. Lim, K. A Beauchamp, M. R. Shirts, M. K. Gilson, P. K Eastman, "Open Force Field Consortium: Escaping atom types using direct chemical perception with SMIRNOFF v0. 1", *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 14(11) 6076–6092 (2018)
10. R. A. Messerly, M. R. Shirts, A. F. Kazakov, "Uncertainty quantification confirms unreliable extrapolation toward high pressures for united-atom Mie λ -6 force field" *J. Chem. Phys.* 149(11), 114109 (2018)
11. P. T. Merz and M. R. Shirts, "Testing for Physical Validity in Molecular Simulations", *PLoS ONE*, 13(9), e0202764 (2018)
12. N. P. Schieber, E. C. Dybeck, and M. R. Shirts, "Using reweighting and free energy surface interpolation to predict solid-solid phase diagrams," *J. Chem. Phys.* 148 (14), 144104 (2018)
13. R. A. Messerly, S. M. Razavi, M. R. Shirts, "Configuration-Sampling-Based Surrogate Models for Rapid Parameterization of Non-bonded Interactions" *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 14(6), 3144–3162 (2018)
14. J. E Basconi, G. Carta, M. R. Shirts, "Effects of Protein Properties on Adsorption and Transport in Polymer-grafted Ion Exchangers: A Multiscale Modeling Study" *AIChE J.* 63(10), 4564–4575 (2017)
15. G. D. Ramos Matos, D. Y. Kyu, H. H. Loeffler, J. D. Chodera, M. R. Shirts, and D. L. Mobley, "Approaches for Calculating Solvation Free Energies and Enthalpies Demonstrated with an Update of the FreeSolv Database", *J. Chem. Eng. Data*, 62(5), 1559–1569 (2017)
16. E. C. Dybeck, N. S. Abraham, N. P. Schieber, M. R. Shirts, "Capturing Entropic Contributions to Temperature-mediated Polymorphic Transformations Through Molecular Modeling," *Cryst. Growth. Des.* 17(4), 1775–1787 (2017)
17. M. R. Shirts, C. Klein, J. M. Swails, J. Yin, M. K. Gilson, D. L. Mobley, D. A. Case, E. D. Zhong, "Lessons learned from comparing molecular dynamics engines on the SAMPL5 dataset," *J. Comput. Aid. Mol. Des.* 31(1), 146–161 (2017)

18. J. Yin, N. M. Hendriksen, D. R. Slochow, M. R. Shirts, M. W. Chiu, D. L. Mobley, M. K. Gilson, "Overview of the SAMPL5 host-guest challenge: Are we doing better?" *J. Comput. Aid. Mol. Des.* 31(1), 1–19 (2017)
19. C. C. Bannan, Kalistyn H. Burley, M. Chui, M. R. Shirts, M. K. Gilson, D. L. Mobley, "Blind prediction of cyclohexane-water distribution coefficients from the SAMPL5 challenge," *J. Comput. Aid. Mol. Des.* 30(11), 927–944 (2016)
20. E. C. Dybeck, N. P. Schieber, M. R. Shirts, "Effects of a More Accurate Polarizable Hamiltonian on Polymorph Free Energies Computed Efficiently by Reweighting Point-Charge Potentials," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 12, 3491–3505 (2016)
21. L. N. Naden and M. R. Shirts. "Rapid Computation of Thermodynamic Properties Over Multidimensional Nonbonded Parameter Spaces using Adaptive Multistate Reweighting," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 12(4), 1806–1823 (2016)
22. E. C. Dybeck, G. König, B. R. Brooks and M. R. Shirts, "A Comparison of Methods to Reweight from Classical Molecular Simulations to QM/MM Potentials," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 12(4), 1466–1480 (2016)
23. M. R. Slovin and M. R. Shirts, "Identifying Differences and Similarities in Static and Dynamic Contact Angles between Nanoscale and Microscale Textured Surfaces Using Molecular Dynamics Simulations," *Langmuir* 31(29), 7980–7990 (2015)
24. L. N. Naden and M. R. Shirts, "A Linear Basis Function Approach to Efficient Alchemical Free Energy Calculations. 2. Inserting and Deleting Charged Molecules," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 11(6), 2536–2549 (2015)
25. J. E. Basconi, G. Carta and M. R. Shirts, "Effects of polymer graft properties on protein adsorption and transport in ion exchange chromatography: a multi-scale modeling study," *Langmuir*. 31(14), 4176–4187 (2015)
26. P. V. Klimovich, M. R. Shirts and D. L. Mobley, "Guidelines for the analysis of free energy calculations," *J. Comput. Aid. Mol. Des.* 29(5), 397–411 (2015)
27. J. E. Basconi, G. Carta and M. R. Shirts, "Multi-scale modeling of protein adsorption and transport in macroporous and polymer-grafted ion exchangers," *AIChE J.* 60(11), 3888–3901 (2014)
28. J. I. Monroe and M. R. Shirts, "Converging free energies of binding in cucurbit[7]uril and octa-acid host-guest systems from SAMPL4 using expanded ensemble simulations," *J. Comput. Aid. Mol. Des.* 28(4), 401–415 (2014)
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31. J. I. Monroe, W. G. El-Nahal and M. R. Shirts, "Investigating the mutation resistance of non-nucleoside inhibitors of HIV-RT using multiple microsecond atomistic simulations," *Proteins* 82(1), 130–144 (2014)
32. C. M. Payne, W. Jiang, M. R. Shirts, M. E. Himmel, M. F. Crowley and G. T. Beckham, "Glycoside hydrolase processivity is directly related to oligosaccharide binding free energy," *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 135(50), 18831–18839 (2013)

33. K. Wang, Y. Yang, J. D. Chodera and M. R. Shirts, "Identifying ligand binding sites and poses using GPU-accelerated Hamiltonian replica exchange molecular dynamics," *J. Comput. Aid. Mol. Des.* 27 (12), 989–1007 (2013)
34. H. Paliwal and M. R. Shirts, "Using multistate reweighting to rapidly and efficiently explore molecular simulation parameters space for nonbonded interactions," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 9 (11), 4700–4717 (2013)
35. J. E. Basconi and M. R. Shirts, "Effects of temperature coupling algorithms on transport properties and kinetics in molecular dynamics simulations," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 9 (7), 2887–2899 (2013).
36. H. Paliwal and M. R. Shirts, "Multistate reweighting and configuration mapping together accelerate the efficiency of thermodynamic calculations as a function of molecular geometry by orders of magnitude," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 138 (15), 154108 (2013)
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40. J. C. Fuller, R. M. Jackson and M. R. Shirts, "Configurational preferences of arylamide α -helix mimetics via alchemical free energy calculations of relative binding affinities," *J. Phys. Chem. B*, 111 (35), 10856–10869 (2012)
41. J. C. Fuller, R. M. Jackson, A. Wilson, T. Edwards and M. R. Shirts, "Modeling of Arylamide Helix Mimetics in the p53 Peptide Binding Site of hDM2 Suggests Parallel and Anti-Parallel Conformations are Both Stable," *PLoS ONE*, 7 (8), e43253 (2012)
42. L. Bu, M. R. Nimlos, M. R. Shirts, J. Stahlberg, M. E. Himmel, M. F. Crowley and G. T. Beckham, "Product binding varies dramatically between processive and nonprocessive cellulase enzymes," *J. Biol. Chem.*, 287 (29), 24807–24813 (2012)
43. T. T. Pham and M. R. Shirts, "Optimal pairwise and non-pairwise alchemical pathways for free energy calculations of molecular transformation in solution phase," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 136 (12), 124120 (2012)
44. A. Zhang, S. K. Singh, M. R. Shirts, S. Kumar and E. J. Fernandez, "Distinct aggregation mechanisms of monoclonal antibody under thermal and freeze-thaw stresses revealed by hydrogen exchange," *Pharm. Res.*, 29 (1), 236–250 (2012)
45. H. Paliwal and M. R. Shirts, "A benchmark test set for alchemical free energy transformations and its use to quantify error in common free energy methods," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 7 (12), 4115–4134 (2011)
46. J. D. Chodera and M. R. Shirts, "Replica exchange and expanded ensemble simulations as Gibbs sampling: Simple improvements for enhanced mixing," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 135 (19), 194110 (2011)
47. T. T. Pham and M. R. Shirts, "Identifying Low Variance Pathways for Free Energy Calculations of Molecular Transformations in Solution Phase," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 135 (3), 034114 (2011)

48. J. D. Chodera, W. C. Swope, F. Noé, J.-H. Prinz, M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Dynamical reweighting: Improved estimates of dynamical properties from simulations at multiple temperatures," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 134 (24), 244107 (2011)
49. L. Bu, G. T. Beckham, M. R. Shirts, M. R. Nimlos, W. S. Adney, M. E. Himmel and M. F. Crowley, "Probing carbohydrate product expulsion from a processive cellulase with multiple absolute binding free energy methods," *J. Biol. Chem.*, 286, 18161–18169 (2011)
50. D. L. Mobley, C. I. Bayly, M. D. Cooper, M. R. Shirts and K. A. Dill, "Small molecule hydration free energies in explicit solvent: An extensive test of fixed-charge atomistic simulations," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 5 (2), 350–358 (2009)
51. M. R. Shirts and J. D. Chodera, "Statistically optimal analysis of multiple equilibrium simulations," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 129 (12), 124105 (2008)
52. K. Zhu, M. R. Shirts and R. A. Friesner, "Improved Methods for Side Chain and Loop Predictions via the Protein Local Optimization Program: Variable Dielectric Model for Implicitly Improving the Treatment of Polarization Effects," *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 3 (6), 2108–2119 (2007)
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55. G. Jayachandran, M. R. Shirts, S. Park and V. S. Pande, "Parallelized-over-parts computation of absolute binding free energy with docking and molecular dynamics," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 125 (8), 084901 (2006)
56. E. J. Sorin, Y. M. Rhee, M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "The Solvation Interface is a Determining Factor in Peptide Conformational Preferences," *J. Mol. Biol.*, 356 (1), 248–256 (2006)
57. H. Fujitani, Y. Tanida, M. Ito, G. Jayachandran, C. D. Snow, M. R. Shirts, E. J. Sorin and V. S. Pande, "Direct calculation of the binding free energies of FKBP ligands," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 123 (8), 084108 (2005)
58. M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Comparison of efficiency and bias of free energies computed by exponential averaging, the Bennett acceptance ratio, and thermodynamic integration," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 122 (14), 144107 (2005)
59. M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Solvation free energies of amino acid side chain analogs for common molecular mechanics water models," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 122 (13), 134508 (2005)
60. M. R. Shirts, E. Bair, G. Hooker and V. S. Pande, "Equilibrium free energies from nonequilibrium measurements using maximum likelihood methods," *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 91 (14), 140601 (2003)
61. M. R. Shirts, J. W. Pitera, W. C. Swope and V. S. Pande, "Extremely Precise Free Energy Calculations of Amino Acid Side Chain Analogs: Comparison of Common Molecular Mechanics Force Fields for Proteins," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 119 (11), 5740–5761 (2003)
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63. B. Zagrovic, C. D. Snow, M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Simulation of folding of a small alpha-helical protein in atomistic detail using worldwide-distributed computing," *J. Mol. Biol.*, 323 (5), 927–937 (2002)
64. B. Zagrovic, C. Snow, S. Khaliq, M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Native-like structure in the unfolded state of proteins," *J. Mol. Biol.*, 323 (1), 153–164 (2002)
65. R. B. Shirts and M. R. Shirts, "Deviations from the Boltzmann distribution in small microcanonical quantum systems: Two approximate one-particle energy distributions," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 117 (12), 5564–5575 (2002)
66. M. R. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Mathematical Analysis of Coupled Parallel Simulations," *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 86 (22), 4983–4987 (2001)

Review Papers and Editorial Matter

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68. J. D. Chodera, D. L. Mobley, M. R. Shirts, R. W Dixon, K. Branson and V. S. Pande, "Free energy methods in drug discovery and ligand design: Progress and challenges," *Curr. Opin. Struc. Biol.*, 21 (2), 150–160 (2011)
69. M. R. Shirts, D. L. Mobley and J. D. Chodera, "Alchemical free energy calculations: Ready for prime time?" *Ann. Rep. Comput. Chem.*, 3, 41–59 (2007)
70. M. Shirts and V. S. Pande, "Screen Savers of the World Unite!" *Science*, 290 (5498), 1903–1094 (2000)

Book Chapters

71. M. R. Shirts and D. L. Mobley, "An Introduction to Best Practices in Free Energy Calculations," in Eds. L. Monticelli and E. Salonen, *Biomolecular Simulations: Methods and Protocols*, New York: Humana Press, 2013
72. M. R. Shirts, "Best Practices in Free Energy Calculations for Drug Design," in Ed. R. Baron, *Computer Aided Drug Design*, New York: Humana Press, 2012
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Preprints and Papers in Review

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Software Development Projects

1. GROMACS (<https://www.gromacs.org>), 2008–current. GROMACS is the most popular classical molecular simulation code in the world (>8,000 Google Scholar paper citations since 2009). I am one of approximately 10 core developers and a co-writer for the integrator core and free energy calculation code. License: LGPL open source.
2. *pymbar* (<https://github.com/choderalab/pymbar>), 2008–current. *pymbar* is an analysis code for computing thermodynamic quantities for simulations from multiple thermodynamic states. I am one of two co-creators and co-developers. *pymbar* has been downloaded by approximately 500 unique users. License: GPL open source.
3. OpenMM (<http://www.simtk.org/OpenMM>), 2012–current. OpenMM is a molecular simulation API for performing simulations on a variety of platforms, especially GPU accelerated platforms. I am a contributing developer. License: MIT open source.
4. *physical_validation* (https://github.com/shirtsgroup/physical_validation), 2012–current. Previously known as *checkensemble*, *physical_validation* is an analysis tool that validates the statistical fit of simulations to NPT, NVT, and NV μ ensembles. I and my postdoc Pascal Merz are the main developers. License: GPL open source.

Community Websites

1. Alchemy.org (<http://www.alchemy.org>), co-maintainer, 2009–current. Community website with tutorials and information about statistical mechanical calculations for computing free energies.

Invited Talks

1. Center for Computational Biology Seminar, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, February 2020
2. Biological Physics Seminar, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2020
3. MolSSI Workshop on Molecular Dynamics Software Interoperability, New York, NY, November 2020
4. Cyberloop for Computational Bionanomaterials Design Workshop, "Molecular simulations infrastructure: GROMACS, OpenFF, and SCALE-MS", Boulder, CO, October 2019
5. Rational Solid Form Design Summit, Cambridge, MA, October 2019
6. Materials Genome Initiative Seminar, NIST, Gaithersburg MD, August 2019
7. CECAM workshop, “Open source software for enhanced-sampling simulations,” Lugano, Switzerland, July 2019
8. "Free energy calculations: Entering the fourth decade of adventures in Chemistry and Biophysics", Santa Fe, NM, June 2019
9. Computing@PNNL seminar, Pacific Northwest National Labs, Richland, WA, June 2019
10. ACS Spring National Meeting, “Sustainable Software for Computational Molecular Science” session, Orlando, FL, April 2019
11. ACS Spring National Meeting, “ACS Award for Computers in Chemical & Pharmaceutical Research in Honor of Arnie Hagler” session, Orlando, FL, April 2019

12. Physics Colloquium, Department of Physics, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, November 2018
13. Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY, November 2018
14. AIChE, November 2018, COMSEF Hands on with Molecular Simulation Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA 2018
15. Research Seminar, Pfizer Materials Science and Drug Product Design, Groton, CT, October 2018
16. Research Seminar, Bristol-Myers Squibb, New Brunswick, NJ, August 2018
17. FOMMS 2018, "Workshop on Simulation Reproducibility," Delavan, WI, July 2018
18. 20th Symposium on Thermophysical Properties, "Predicting Solid State Phase Diagrams Using Multi-state Reweighting and Coordinate Mapping" Boulder, CO, June 2018
19. Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, March 2018
20. Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, March 2018
21. Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemistry, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM, February 2018
22. AIChE National Meeting, "How to Recognize Garbage," COMSEF Hands on with Molecular Simulation Workshop, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017
23. Center for Computational Mathematics Colloquium, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO, March 2017
24. SIAM CSE2017, "Warp-bridge sampling to improve efficiency of calculations on physical chemistry", Atlanta, CA, February 2017
25. University of Washington, Department of Chemical Engineering Seminar, Seattle, WA, January, 2017.
26. Dassault Systèmes BIOVIA, ASTS Seminar, October 2016.
27. Basque Center for Applied Mathematics, Scientific Seminar, Bilbao, Spain, August 2016.
28. Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Life Sciences Seminar, Barcelona, Spain, July 2016.
29. University of California Irvine, Department of Chemistry Computational Chemistry Seminar, July 2016.
30. 2016 Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design: Targeting Cancer, Boston, MA, May 2016.
31. Syracuse University, Department of Biomedical and Chemical Engineering Seminar, Syracuse, NY, March 2016.
32. Physical Chemistry Seminar, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, November 2015.
33. Banff International Research Station, "Free Energies: A Mathematical Perspective" workshop, Oaxaca, Mexico, July 2015.
34. Snowmass Summer Biophysics Workshop, Snowmass, CO, July 2015.
35. NIST Computational Soft Materials Group seminar, Gaithersburg, MD, May 2015.
36. ACS National Meeting, "Modeling Complex Biomolecules" session, Denver, CO, March 2015.
37. University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Chemical Engineering Departmental Seminar, Boulder, CO, January 2015.
38. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Materials Science and Engineering Colloquium, Champaign, IL, December 2014.
39. Virginia Commonwealth University, Institute for Structural Biology & Drug Discovery, Richmond, VA, November 2014.

40. Georgia Tech University, Department of Chemical Engineering Seminar, Atlanta, GA, August 2014.
41. Telluride Summer Research Center, "Molecular Recognition," Telluride, CO, August 2014.
42. 6th US-Poland Workshop on the Thermodynamics of Complex Fluids and Interfaces, Warsaw, Poland, June 2014.
43. 2014 Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design, Boston, MA, May 2014.
44. Max F. Perutz Laboratories, Biophysical Sciences Seminar, Vienna, Austria, June 2014.
45. University of Pennsylvania, Penn Institute for Computational Science Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, April 2014.
46. "Uncertainty Quantification in Materials Modeling" Workshop, Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, December 2013.
47. Vanderbilt University, Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Nashville, TN, November 2013.
48. George Mason University, Computational Materials Science Center Colloquium, Fairfax, VA, November 2013.
49. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Madison, WI, October 2013.
50. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Theoretical Chemistry Institute Seminar, Madison, WI, October 2013.
51. National Institute of Standards and Technology Workshop on Atomistic Simulations for Industrial Needs, Gaithersburg, MD, August 2013.
52. Snowmass Summer Biophysics Workshop, "Free Energy Calculations: Three Decades of Adventure in Chemistry and Biophysics," Snowmass, CO, July 2013.
53. National Institute of Standards and Technology, Chemical Sciences Division Seminar, Gaithersburg, MD, February 2013.
54. University of California, Riverside, Department of Chemistry, Physical Chemistry Seminar, Riverside, CA, January 2013.
55. University of Pittsburgh, Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical Engineering, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2012.
56. University of Virginia, Department Colloquium, Department of Statistics, Charlottesville, VA, August 2012.
57. FOMMS 2012, Plenary Session, "Workshop on Benchmarking and Validation," Mt. Hood, OR, July 2012.
58. ETH-Zürich, Physical Chemistry Colloquium, Zürich, Switzerland, June 2012.
59. CECAM Workshop, "Free Energy Calculations: From Theory to Applications," Paris, France, June 2012.
60. ACS 2012 Middle Atlantic Region Meeting, "Frontiers in the Application of Computational Chemistry to Biological Systems," Baltimore, MD, May 2012.
61. Second Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design: Going the Last Mile, Boston, MA, May 2012.
62. University of Virginia, Big Data Summit, "Algorithms and Analytics" Session, May 2012.
63. University of Delaware, Departmental Lecture, Department of Physics, Newark, DE, March 2012.
64. 52nd Sanibel Symposium, St. Simon's Island, GA, February 2012.
65. University of Tennessee, Genome Science and Technology Program, Knoxville, TN, February 2012.

66. Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Center for Molecular Biophysics, Oak Ridge, TN, February 2012.
67. University of Maryland, Chem-Phys/Phys-Chem Seminar Series, College Park, MD, November 2011.
68. Telluride Summer Research Center, "Free Energy Simulation: From academic research to industrial application," Telluride, CO, July 2011.
69. Brigham Young University, Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemical Engineering, Provo, UT, March 2011.
70. University of Virginia, NIH Biotechnology Training Program, Faculty Lecture Series, Charlottesville, VA, September 2010.
71. Shanghai International Conference on Biophysics and Molecular Biology Society, Shanghai-Jiashan, China, August 2010.
72. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Departmental Seminar, Department of Chemistry, Hong Kong, August 2010.
73. Telluride Summer Research Center: Algorithmic Developments in Advanced Sampling, Telluride, CO, June 2010.
74. National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Biomolecular Sciences Group Seminar, Golden, CO, October 2009.
75. Drexel University, Chemistry Department Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, November 2008.
76. University of Virginia, Chemistry Department Seminar, Charlottesville, VA, October 2008.
77. GROMACS User Group Workshop, Göttingen, Germany, September 2008.
78. ACS National Meeting, "Free Energy Methods in Academia and Industry," Philadelphia, PA, August 2008.
79. 47th Sanibel Symposium, St. Simons Island, GA, February 2007.
80. National Institute of Standards and Technology, "Validating modeling and experimental methods to enable drug discovery," Gaithersburg, MD, April 2006.
81. CUP VII, OpenEye Scientific Software, Santa Fe, NM, March 2006.
82. Gordon Conference, Computer-assisted Drug Design, "Mini-talk," Tilton, NH, August 2005.
83. Brigham Young University, Physical Chemistry Seminar, Provo, UT, December 2004.
84. Gordon Conference in Computational Chemistry, July 2002 (invited to talk based on poster).
85. Stanford University, Biomedical Computation at Stanford (BCATS), Stanford, CA, October 2000.

Contributed Conference Presentations

1. ACS Spring National Meeting, "No more histograms: Variational and Bayesian approaches to estimating potentials of mean force", "Molecular Mechanics" session, Orlando, FL, April 2019
2. AIChE National Meeting, "No More Histograms: Variational and Bayesian Approaches to Estimating Potentials of Mean Force", Pittsburgh, PA, October 2018
3. AIChE National Meeting, "The Living Journal of Computational Molecular Science: Improving Community Use of Molecular Simulation Methods through a New Publishing Model", Pittsburgh, PA, November 2018
4. AIChE National Meeting, "Automated Tests for Physical Validity in Molecular Dynamics and Monte Carlo Simulations", Minneapolis, MN, November 2017
5. AIChE National Meeting, "Capturing the Role of Temperature and the Sensitivity to Energy Function Complexity in Crystal Polymorph Stability Using Molecular Modeling," Minneapolis, MN, October 2017

6. ACS National Meeting, "Understanding the molecular details of protein adsorption in polymer-grafted ion exchangers," BIOT: Downstream Processes session, San Francisco, CA, April 2017
7. ACS National Meeting, "Capturing the role of temperature in crystal polymorph stability using molecular modeling," COMP: Material Science session, San Francisco, CA, April 2017
8. ACS National Meeting, "Understanding and applying multistate reweighting in a broad molecular simulation context," COMP: Molecular Mechanics session, San Francisco, CA, April 2017
9. AIChE National Meeting, "Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods," "Molecular Simulation of Protein Adsorption and Molecular Recognition Processes" and "Thermophysical Properties of Biological Systems" sessions, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2015
10. ACS National Meeting, "Molecular Mechanics" session, Denver, CO, March 2015.
11. AIChE National Meeting, "COMSEF Plenary Session" and "Software Engineering in and for the Molecular Sciences" sessions, Atlanta, GA, November 2014.
12. ACS National Meeting, "Drug Design," "Molecular Mechanics" and "Computational Studies of Water" sessions, Dallas, TX, March 2014.
13. AIChE National Meeting, "Recent Advanced in Molecular Simulation Methods," San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
14. Folding@Home Developers Meeting, Stanford, CA, August 2013.
15. AIChE National Meeting, "COMSEF Plenary Session," Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
16. ACS National Meeting, "Molecular Mechanics" sessions, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.
17. AIChE National Meeting, "Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods" and "Beyond Standard Hardware: GPUs, Cloud Computing, and Crowdsourcing" session, Minneapolis, MN, October 2011.
18. ACS National Meeting, "Drug Discovery" session, Denver, CO, September 2011.
19. SAMPL3: Free Energy Calculation Method Blind Challenge, Stanford, CA, August 2011.
20. ACS National Meeting, "Computers in Chemistry: Molecular Mechanics" sessions, Anaheim, CA, March 2011.
21. AIChE National Meeting, "Molecular Modeling and Simulation of Complex Molecules" session, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2010.
22. ACS National Meeting, "Computers in Chemistry: Molecular Mechanics" session, San Francisco, CA, March 2010.
23. AIChE National Meeting, "Thermophysical Properties of Biological Systems" and "Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods" sessions, Nashville, TN, November 2009.
24. ACS National Meeting, "Computers in Chemistry: Molecular Mechanics" sessions, Washington, DC, August 2009.
25. ACS National Meeting, "Computers in Chemistry: Molecular Mechanics" session, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2009.
26. AIChE National Meeting, "Molecular Modeling of Biophysical Processes" and "Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods" sessions, Philadelphia, PA, November 2008.
27. AIChE National Meeting, "Molecular Modeling of Biophysical Processes" and "Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods" sessions, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2007.
28. ACS National Meeting, "Computers and Chemistry: Drug Discovery" and "Computers and Chemistry: Current Techniques in Molecular Simulation of Biological Processes" sessions, Boston, MA, August 2007.

29. ACS National Meeting, "Computers and Chemistry: Free Energy Computations in Drug Discovery" session, San Francisco, CA, September 2006.
30. ACS National Meeting, "Computers and Chemistry: Structure-Based Drug Design" session, Washington, DC, September 2005.
31. ACS National Meeting, "Computers and Chemistry: General Contributions" session, Philadelphia, PA, August 2004.
32. ACS National Meeting, "Computers and Chemistry: General Contributions" and "Computers and Chemistry: Rational Drug Design" sessions, Anaheim, CA, March 2004.
33. CECAM Workshop on "Component Architecture, Open Standards, and Parallel Algorithms," Lyon, France, October 2003.

Conference Presentations by Students (presenter underlined)

1. Nathan S. Abraham and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Building Computational Tools to Help Guide Experimentalists in the Discovery of New Solid Phases of Organic Materials," AIChE National Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 2019
2. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts, "Chemically Dependent Transport of Small Polar Solutes in a Cross-Linked HII Phase Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membrane," AIChE National Meeting, Membrane Modeling and Simulation session, Orlando, FL, November 2019
3. Nathan S. Abraham and Michael R. Shirts, "Probing the Sensitivity of Point Charge Potentials in an Attempt to Improve Their Ability to Rank the Stability of Pharmaceutical Polymorphs," AIChE National Meeting, Computational Solid State Pharmaceutics session, Orlando, FL, November 2019
4. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Transport Mechanisms of Polar Solutes in a Cross-Linked HII Phase Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membrane," AIChE National Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 2019
5. Owen Madin, Richard Messerly and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "A Bayesian Approach to Model Selection and Parameterization for Non-Bonded Interactions," AIChE National Meeting, Computational Molecular Science and Engineering Forum Poster session, Orlando, FL, November 2019
6. Pascal Merz, Mark Abraham, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "New integrator framework for GROMACS", ACS Fall 2019 National Meeting, COMP Session, San Diego, CA 2019
7. Owen Madin and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Force field complexity assessed via Bayesian inference and reversible jump Monte Carlo sampling", ACS Fall 2019 National Meeting, COMP and Sci-Mix Sessions, San Diego, CA 2019
8. Pascal Merz and Michael R. Shirts, "Physical validity in molecular simulations," ACS Fall 2019 National Meeting, Molecular Mechanics session, San Diego, CA, August 2019
9. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Transport Mechanisms of Polar Solutes in a Cross-Linked HII Phase Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membrane," AIChE National Meeting, Computational Molecular Science and Engineering Forum Poster Session, Orlando, FL, November 2019
10. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts (presenter), "Chemically Dependent Transport of Small Polar Solutes in a Cross-Linked HII Phase Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membrane," AIChE National Meeting, Membrane Modeling and Simulation, Orlando, FL, November 2019
11. Benjamin Coscia, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), " Understanding Transport of Small Solutes in the Pores of a Nanostructured Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membrane," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2018

12. Nathan S. Abraham, Eric C. Dybeck, Natalie P. Schieber and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Understanding the Effect of Changing Complexities of Potential Energy Functions on the Entropic Contribution to Free Energy Differences of Organic Polymorphs," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2018
13. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "The Influence of Pore Structure on Transport in Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membranes," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2018
14. Nathan S. Abraham, Eric C. Dybeck, and Michael R. Shirts (poster) "Challenging Statistical Mechanics Approximations in Organic Crystal Thermodynamics," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2018
15. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Understanding the Effect of Nanoscopic Pore Structure on Transport in Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membranes," FOMMS, Delavan, WI, July 2018
16. Nate Abraham and Michael. R. Shirts (oral), "Improved Thermal Gradient Quasiharmonic Approximations for Thermodynamic Properties of Organic Crystals with the Inclusion of Anisotropy," Gordon Research Seminar on Crystal Engineering, Newry, ME, June 2018
17. Nate Abraham and Michael. R. Shirts (poster), "Improved Thermal Gradient Quasiharmonic Approximations for Thermodynamic Properties of Organic Crystals with the Inclusion of Anisotropy," Gordon Research Conference on Crystal Engineering, Newry, ME, June 2018
18. Benjamin Coscia, Xunda Feng, Joe Yelk, Matthew Glaser, Douglas L. Gin, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Understanding the Effect of Nanoscopic Pore Structure on Transport in Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membranes," AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 2017,
19. Eric C. Dybeck and Michael R. Shirts (oral)AIChE National Meeting, , "Exploring the Multi-Minima Behavior of Organic Crystal Polymorphs at Finite-Temperature," Minneapolis, MN, October 2017
20. Natalie P. Schieber and Michael R. Shirts (oral) "Prediction of Solid State Phase Diagrams Using Multistate Reweighting and Jacobian Mapping." AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017
21. Benjamin Coscia, Xunda Feng, Joe Yelk, Matthew Glaser, Doug Gin, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Understanding the Nanoscopic Structure of Lyotropic Liquid Crystal Membranes Using Molecular Dynamics Simulations," AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017
22. Nathan S. Abraham and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Improved Thermal Gradient Quasiharmonic Approximations for Thermodynamic Properties of Organic Crystals with the Inclusion of Anisotropy", AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017,
23. Natalie P. Schieber, Nathan S. Abraham, Eric C. Dybeck, and Michael R. Shirts (poster) "Differences in Relative Free Energy Versus Temperature Curves for Small Organic Molecules between Quantum Mechanical and Classical Potentials," AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017, "
24. Nathan S. Abraham, Eric C. Dybeck and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Can Lattice Dynamics with Anisotropic and Isotropic Thermal Expansion Accurately Estimate Thermodynamic Properties of Crystals Pharmaceuticals Compared to Molecular Dynamics?" AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2017,
25. Nathan S. Abraham and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Evaluation of anisotropic, isotropic, and no thermal expansion in the (quasi-)harmonic approximation to accurately calculate thermodynamic properties of organic crystals," ACS National Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2017

26. Nathan S. Abraham and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Improved isotropic and anisotropic thermal gradient approaches for the quasiharmonic approximation to predict thermodynamic properties of organic crystals," ACS National Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2017
27. Benjamin Coscia and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Understanding the microscopic structure of lyotropic liquid crystal membranes using molecular dynamics simulations", Presenter: (Poster) ACS National Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2017
28. Pascal Merz and Michael R. Shirts (oral) "Testing for physical validity in molecular dynamics", ACS National Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2017
29. Natalie P. Schieber, Eric C. Dybeck, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), Predicting relative polymorph stability using multistate reweighting methods and Jacobian mapping, ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2017
30. Eric C. Dybeck, Nathan S. Abraham, Natalie P. Schieber, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Polymorphic Transformations at Ambient Conditions Elucidated with Molecular Dynamics," AIChE National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2016
31. Drew Biedermann, Geoffrey M. Geise, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Molecular Dynamics Modeling of Water and NaCl Transport in Sulfonated Poly(arylene ether sulfone) Desalination Membranes", AIChE Student National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2016
32. Eric C. Dybeck, Natalie P. Schieber, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Effects of polarization and entropy on crystal polymorph free energies," ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016
33. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Rapid Computation of Thermodynamic Properties over a Large Multidimensional Space of Nonbonded Parameters," 2016 Meeting on Free Energy Calculations in Drug Design: Targeting Cancer, Boston, MA, May 2016
34. Eric C. Dybeck, Brittany Z. Bruns, Natalie P. Schieber, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Exploring Polymorph Free Energy Landscapes with Hamiltonian Reweighted Molecular Dynamics," AIChE National Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2015
35. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Rapid Computation of Thermodynamic Properties over a Large Multidimensional Space of Nonbonded Parameters," AIChE National Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2015
36. Drew Biedermann, Geoffrey M. Geise, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Effect of Sulfonate Functional Groups on Transport and Sorption Behavior of NaCl in Disulfonated Poly(Arylene Ether Sulfone) Membranes", AIChE Student National Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2015
37. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Rapid computation of thermodynamic properties over a large multidimensional space of nonbonded parameters," ACS National Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2015.
38. Eric C. Dybeck, Brittany Z. Bruns, Natalie P. Schieber, Gerhard Koenig and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Exploring polymorph free energy landscapes with Hamiltonian reweighted molecular dynamics," ACS National Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2015.
39. Eric C. Dybeck, Natalie P. Schieber, Brittany Z. Bruns, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), Reweighting to Expensive Hamiltonians to Explore Polymorph Free Energy Landscapes With High Accuracy. FOMMS 2015, Mt. Hood, OR, July 2015.
40. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Extending a Linear Basis Function Approach to Achemically Solvating Charged Particles and Changing Atomic Identity," AIChE National Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2014.

41. Brittany Zimmerman and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Improved Approaches for Optimizing Force Fields Using Multistate Reweighting and Diverse Data Sources," AIChE National Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2014.
42. Joseph. E. Basconi, Giorgio Carta, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Multi-scale modeling of protein adsorption and transport in macroporous and polymer-grafted ion exchangers," PREP: International Symposium on Preparative and Process Chromatography, July 2014.
43. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "A linear basis function approach to efficient alchemical free energy calculations," Washington DC Molecular Theory and Computation Symposium, Rockville, MD, June 2014.
44. Joseph. E. Basconi, Giorgio Carta, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Multi-scale modeling of protein adsorption and transport in macroporous and polymer-grafted ion exchangers," Washington DC Molecular Theory and Computation Symposium, Rockville, MD, June 2014.
45. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "A linear basis function approach to efficient alchemical free energy calculations," ACS National Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 2014.
46. Joseph. E. Basconi, Giorgio Carta, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Elucidating the Details of Protein Transport in Polymer-Grafted Ion Exchangers Through Multi-Scale Modeling," AIChE National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
47. Levi N. Naden and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "A Linear Basis Function Approach to Efficient Molecular Transformation Free Energy Calculations," AIChE National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
48. Ellen D. Zhong and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Modeling Protein Conformational Stability On Chromatography Media With a Gō-Like Model," AIChE National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
49. Himanshu Paliwal and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Accelerating Screening of Simulation Parameter Spaces By Orders of Magnitude Using Reweighting and Configuration Space Mapping Algorithms," AIChE National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
50. Kai Wang, Yanzhi Yang, John D. Chodera, and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Identifying Ligand Binding Sites and Poses Using Hamiltonian Replica Exchange Molecular Dynamics: Model Systems and a Validation Study Using the Astex Diverse Set," AIChE National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
51. Jacob I. Monroe and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Converged Free Energies of Binding in Cucurbit[7]Urils and Octa-Acid Host Systems from Expanded Ensemble Simulations", AIChE National Student Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2013.
52. Joseph E Basconi, "Molecular Modeling of Protein Transport in Polymer-Grafted Ion Exchangers," University of Virginia Engineering Research Symposium, Charlottesville, VA, April 2013.
53. Kai Wang, John D. Chodera and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Identifying Drug Binding Locations and Poses Using Hamiltonian Replica Exchange Molecular Dynamics," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
54. Himanshu Paliwal and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Using Multistate Reweighting to Rapidly Explore Molecular Parameter Space," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
55. Joseph E. Basconi, Giorgio Carta and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Molecular Modeling of Protein Transport in Polymer-Grafted Ion Exchangers," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.

56. Ellen D. Zhong and Michael R. Shirts (poster, 1st prize in student competition, computing and process control section), "Modeling Protein Conformational Stability on Chromatography Media with a Gō-Like Model," AIChE Student National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
57. Arjan C. Kool, Himanshu Paliwal, John D. Chodera, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Efficient Thermodynamic Property Computation Using Molecular Simulation Over Thousands and Millions of Thermodynamic States," AIChE Student National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
58. Jacob I. Monroe, Walid G. El-Nahal and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Microsecond-Scale Simulations to Determine NNRTI Function Upon Drug Resistant Mutations in HIV-RT," AIChE Student National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
59. Levi N. Naden, Tri T. Pham and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Linear Basis Function Approaches to Efficient Free Energy Calculations," AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
60. Joseph E. Basconi and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Modeling protein transport in charged chromatographic gels using coarse-grained molecular dynamics simulation," ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.
61. Kai Wang and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Identifying drug binding locations and poses using Hamiltonian replica exchange molecular dynamics," ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.
62. Levi N. Naden, Tri T. Pham and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Linear basis function approaches to efficient free energy calculations," ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.
63. Kai Wang, John D. Chodera, and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "Applications of GPU-accelerated replica exchange molecular dynamic simulations of proteins," ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.
64. Himanshu Paliwal and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Validation of free energy calculation methods: Thermodynamic sampling of large parameter spaces using multistate reweighting methods," ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.
65. Tri T. Pham and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Reducing the Statistical Error of Free Energy Calculations Through Functional Optimization of Pair Potential Pathways," AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2011.
66. Himanshu Paliwal and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "A Benchmark Test Set for Free Energy Methods and Its Use to Test Free Energy Estimators and Dependence on Molecular Simulation Parameters," AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2011.
67. Tri T. Pham and Michael R. Shirts (oral), "Identifying low variance pathways of intermediates for free energy calculations," ACS National Meeting, Denver, CO, August 2011.
68. Walid G. El-Nahal and Michael R. Shirts (poster), "A Molecular Dynamics Simulation Study of HIV-RT Inhibitor Susceptibility to Mutation," (3rd place in student competition, computing and process control section), AIChE National Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2010.

Sponsored Research

2018

Agency: DOE Basic Energy Sciences

Project Title: What are the principles controlling biomimetic polymer secondary structure?

PIs: Michael Shirts (Joel Kaar co-I)

Amount: \$782,171

Dates: 6/1/2018-5/31/2021

Agency: NSF OCI

Project Title: Collaborative Research: NCSI Framework: Software: SCALE-MS - Scalable Adaptive Large Ensembles of Molecular Simulations, NSF OCI-1835720

PIs: Michael Shirts, Peter Kasson (U. Virginia), Matteo Turilli (Rutgers), Kristen Fichthorn (Penn State),

Amount: \$286,504 (CU portion)

Dates: 1/1/2019-12/31/2021

Agency: ACS Petroleum Research Fund

Project Title: Engineering molecular selectivity in self--assembled nanostructured membranes

PIs: Michael Shirts, PRF# 59814-ND7

Amount: \$110,000

Dates: 1/1/19-8/31/21

Agency: NSF XSEDE Supercomputing Program

Agency: DOE Basic Energy Sciences

Project Title: Understanding organic crystal polymorph stability, transport in charged polymeric membranes, and peptide binding ensembles using molecular dynamics

PIs: Michael Shirts

Amount: 3.38 million CPU compute units and 56K GPU compute units. estimated value of these awarded resources provided by XSEDE is \$96,511.10

Dates: 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

2017

Agency: NSF

Project Title: "D3SC: EAGER: Collaborative Research: A probabilistic framework for automated force field parameterization from experimental datasets", NSF CHE- 1738975

PIs: Michael Shirts and John Chodera

Amount: \$298,825

Dates: 8/1/2017 to 7/31/2019

Agency: NSF XSEDE Supercomputing Program

Project Title: "Understanding organic crystal polymorph stability, transport in charged polymeric membranes, and peptide binding ensembles using molecular dynamics simulations", NSF TG-MCB130021

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: 2.95 million CPU hours, 95K GPU hours

Dates: 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

2016

Agency: National Institutes of Health, NIGMS

Project Title: "Hardening and Development of the GROMACS Molecular Simulation Engine," R01GM115790

PIs: Peter Kasson and Michael R. Shirts

Amount: \$1,074,131

Dates: 5/1/2016-4/30/2020

Agency: University of Colorado Boulder Innovative Seed Grant Program

Project Title: "Understanding the Molecular Details of Protein Binding Plasticity Through Atomistic Computer Simulation"

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: \$49,806

Dates: 7/1/2016-12/31/2017

Agency: NSF XSEDE Supercomputing Program

Project Title: "Understanding polymorph stability in organic crystals and transport in charged polymeric membranes using molecular dynamics simulation", NSF TG-MCB130021

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: 3.53 million SU (compute units).

Dates: 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

2014

Agency: Jeffress Trust Awards Program in Interdisciplinary Research

Project Title: "Understanding and Predicting Pharmaceutical Binding to Blood Plasma Proteins"

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: \$100,000

Dates: 6/30/2014 to 12/31/2015

Agency: NSF Division of Engineering, CBET program

Project Title: "CAREER: Understanding the thermodynamics of crystalline materials using advanced molecular simulation sampling methods," NSF-CBET 1351635

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: \$449,976

Dates: 5/1/2014 to 4/30/2019

2012

Agency: NSF XSEDE Supercomputing Program

Project Title: "Modeling biological macromolecules in chromatography and drug design," NSF TG-MCB130021

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: Allocation of 250K supercomputer hours on NICS Keeneland GPU cluster, 2.8 million hours on Kraken supercomputer

Dates: 1/1/2013 to 7/30/2014

Agency: NSF Division of Chemistry, Theory, Models and Computational Methods Program

Project Title: "Highly multidimensional thermodynamic property prediction for chemical design using atomistic simulations," NSF CHE-1152786

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: \$413,961

Dates: 5/15/2012 to 4/30/2015

2011

Agency: NSF Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems

Project Title: "Integrated Program for Conformational Effects in Protein Chromatography," NSF CBET-1134256

PI: Erik J. Fernandez (replaced by Giorgio Carta), Co-PIs: Michael R. Shirts, John P. O'Connell

Amount: \$300,000

Dates: 9/1/2011 to 8/31/2014

Agency: NSF Teragrid Supercomputing Program

Project Title: "GPU-accelerated calculation of ligand binding affinities to biological macromolecules," TG-MCB100015

PI: John D. Chodera (UC-Berkeley), Co-PIs: Michael R. Shirts, David L. Mobley (University of New Orleans)

Amount: Allocation of 1.27 million supercomputer hours on NCSA Lincoln GPU cluster (shared between PIs)

Dates: 4/1/2011 to 9/30/2012

Agency: NRBSC Anton Specialized Supercomputer Program

Project Title: "The effects of nonnucleoside inhibitors on the structure and dynamics of HIV wild type reverse transcriptase and drug resistant mutants," PSCA10097P

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: 50,000 hours on the Anton supercomputer, National Resource for Biomedical Supercomputing

Dates: 11/1/2011 to 5/31/2012

2010

Agency: NSF Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems

Project Title: "Nanoscope Understanding of Protein Transport and Structure Dynamics in Charged Gels for Protein Chromatography," NSF CBET-1032727

PI: Giorgio Carta, Co-PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: \$303,000

Dates: Dates: 8/15/2010 to 7/31/2013 (extended to 7/31/2014)

Agency: NSF NRCA Supercomputer Program

Project Title: "Comparison of molecular dynamics and 2D-IR spectroscopy for HIV-RT ligand binding"

PI: Michael R. Shirts

Amount: Allocation of 200,000 supercomputer hours on NCSA Kraken Cray cluster

2009

Agency: NSF NRCA Supercomputer Program

Project Title: “GPU-accelerated calculation of ligand binding affinities to biological macromolecules”
PI: John Chodera, co-PIs: Michael Shirts, David Mobley
Amount: Allocation of 250,000 supercomputer hours on NCSA Lincoln GPU cluster (shared between PIs)

Agency: University of Virginia FEST Distinguished Young Investigator Award
Project Title: “Fighting drug resistance through *in silico* counter-evolution”
PI: Michael Shirts
Amount: \$50,000

Agency: Oak Ridge Associated Universities Ralph E. Powe, Jr. Faculty Enhancement Award
Project Title: “Constructing and validating a robust benchmark set for solution phase molecular design using free energy calculations”
PI: Michael R. Shirts
Amount: \$10,000 (\$5,000 in match by U.Va.)

Teaching Experience

Colorado (2016–Present):

Spring 2019 Instructor, CHEN 4838/5838: Special Topics: Advanced Statistical Methods
Fall 2016-2018 Instructor, CHEN 1211, Chemistry for Engineers
Spring 2016 Instructor, CHEN 5750, Numerical Methods in Chemical Engineering

Virginia (2008–2015):

Fall 2014 Instructor, ChE 6665, Techniques for Chemical Engineering Analysis and Design
Spr. 2009–15 Instructor, ChE 2216, Modeling and Simulation in Chemical Engineering
Fall 2009–13 Instructor, ChE 6615, Advanced Thermodynamics

Ph.D. Students Mentored

University of Colorado (2015-Present)

1. Natalie Schieber, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Awarded, 2018
2. Nathan Abraham, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2015–current.
3. Ben Coscia, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2015–current.
4. Bryce Manubay, Chemical Engineering M.S. Awarded 2018
5. Travis Jensen, Chemical Engineering M.S. Awarded 2018
6. Owen Madin, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2017-current
7. Wei-Tse Hsu, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2018-current
8. Theodore (Lenny) Fobe, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2018-current

University of Virginia (2008-2016)

9. Himanshu Paliwal, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2008–2014. Masters degree awarded August 2011. Ph.D. awarded April 2014.

10. Joseph Basconi, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2011–2015. Ph.D. awarded May 2015.
11. Kai Wang, Chemical Engineering M.S. awarded, 2016.
12. Levi Naden, Chemical Engineering, Ph.D. Candidate, 2011–2016. Ph.D. awarded August 2016.
13. Brittany Bruns, Chemical Engineering, Ph.D. Candidate 2012–2015 (transferred to UC Berkeley law school).
14. Eric Dybeck, Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate, 2014–2016. Ph.D. awarded December 2016.
15. Tyler Prillaman, Chemical Engineering M.S. awarded May 2016.

Undergraduate Students Mentored

University of Colorado Boulder (2016-current)

1. Norma Langdon (B.S. 2018), 2016-2018
2. Marcus Hock (B.S. 2019), 2017-2019
3. Tanner Bobak (B.S. 2020), 2017-2018
4. Megan Becker (B.S. 2020), 2017
5. Jenna Trost (B.S. 2021), 2018-current
6. Thomas Schoderbek (B.S. 2021), 2019
7. Erast Davidjuk (B.S. 2021), 2019-current
8. Conner Vogel (B. S. 2022), 2019-current
9. Peter Dvorak (B. S. 2023), 2019-current
10. Antonia Lim (B.S. 2023), 2020-current

University of Virginia (2008-2016)

11. Walid El-Nahal, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2011), 2009–2011
12. Michael Zhu, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2011), 2009–2011
13. Karan Mehra, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2012), 2010–2011
14. Christopher Lee, Chemistry and Computer Science (B.S. 2011), 2010–2011
15. Christoph Klein, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2012), 2010–2012
16. Arjan Kool, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2013), 2011–
17. Ellen Zhong, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2014), 2011–2014
18. Yanzhi Yang, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2014), 2012–2014
19. Jacob Monroe, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2014), 2012–2014
20. Kelly Glitzos, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2015), 2012 (REU summer student).
21. Hari Devanathan, Computer Science (B.S. 2015), 2012–2013.
22. Mitch Slovin, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2015), 2013–2015
23. Jacob Rosenthal, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2015), 2014–2015.
24. Alex Yang, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2016), 2013–2016
25. Andrew Beidermann, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2017), 2014–2017
26. Saehee Jung, Chemical Engineering (B.S. 2018), 2014–2015

Postdoctoral Researchers Mentored

University of Colorado Boulder (2016-current)

1. Pascal Merz, Ph.D. 2017 (ETH Zurich), 2017-current
2. Garrett Meek, Ph.D 2016 (Michigan State), 2018-2019
3. Simon Boothroyd, Ph.D 2018 (University of Lancaster), 2019-

University of Virginia (2008-2015)

4. Tri Pham, Ph.D. 2009, Monash University, (Australia), 2009–2011

Visitors Mentored

University of Virginia (2008-2015)

1. Jonathan Fuller, University of Leeds, (U.K.), Ph.D. 2010, summer visitor, 2009 (currently postdoc in the lab of Rebecca Wade at the Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies, Heidelberg, Germany).

University of Colorado Boulder (2016)

2. Can Pervane, University of Southampton (U.K), semester visitor 2017

Conference Organization

1. Chair and organizer, “Making Molecular Simulation a Mainstream Chemical Engineering Tool: Reproducibility, Robustness, and Usability”, Orlando, FL, November 2019.
2. Chair and organizer, “Making Molecular Simulation a Mainstream Chemical Engineering Tool: Reproducibility, Robustness, and Usability”, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2018.
3. Organizer, “Developing community best practices for molecular simulation software”, NIST Gaithersburg, MD, August 2017
4. Chair and organizer, “Making Molecular Simulation a Mainstream Chemical Engineering Tool: Reproducibility, Robustness, and Usability”, San Francisco, CA, November 2016.
5. Co-organizer, “2016 Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design: Going the Last Mile,” Boston, MA, May 2016.
6. Chair and Organizer, “3rd Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design,” Boston, MA, May 2014.
7. Chair and Organizer, 2013 GROMACS USA Workshop, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September 2013 (in charge of conference organization and logistics, including writing NSF proposal for support).
8. Co-chair, “Development of Intermolecular Force Fields,” AIChE National Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.
9. Co-organizer, “2nd Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design: Going the Last Mile,” Boston, MA, May 2012.
10. Chair, “Model Development for Complex Biological Systems,” and Co-chair, “Development of Intermolecular Force Fields,” AIChE National Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 2011.
11. Co-chair, “Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods,” AIChE National Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2010.
12. Co-organizer, “2010 Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design: Going the Last Mile,” Boston, MA, May 2010.

13. Chair, “Recent Advances in Molecular Simulation Methods,” AIChE National Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2009.

National Service

- Founder and Managing Editor, *Living Journal of Computational Molecular Science*, 2018-current
- Organizing committee member, Symposium on Thermophysical Properties, 2018-current
- AIChE COMSEF Liaison Director (2014-2017)
- Participant, DARPA Ideation Technology Exchange Workshop, January 2014. A DARPA-run workshop to brainstorm technologies to invest in over the next 10–20 years.

University Service:

University of Colorado Boulder (2016-current)

- Founder, PULSE (Public Policy for Undergraduates Learning Science and Engineering), public policy program for science and engineering undergraduates at CU (2017-current)
- Faculty Member, IQ Biology program, 2016–Present

University of Virginia (2008-2015)

- Member, U.Va. Computational Science Advisory Council, 2008–2014.
- Campus Liaison for Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Student Summer Program, 2010.
- Reviewer, Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, 2011, 2013–15

College Service:

University of Virginia (2008-2015)

- Discussion Group Leader, Undergraduate Common Reading Experience, 2008–2013.
- Journal Club Coordinator, NIH Biotechnology Training Program, 2009–2011.
- Organizer, “Pharmaceutical Industry: In the Trenches” seminar series, brought five lecturers to speak on aspects of pharmaceutical development to a group of Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Chemistry undergrads, 2011.

Departmental Service

University of Colorado Boulder (2016-2017)

- Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2016–2017)
- Member, Leadership Committee (2016–2017)
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2016, 2017-current)

University of Virginia (2008-2016)

- Department Website and Social Media Coordinator, 2009–2015.
- Department Newsletter Editor, 2011–2015.
- Department Seminar Coordinator, 2009–2012, 2014.
- Class of 2013 Advisor (30 students), 2010–2013.
- Class of 2017 Advisor (30 students), 2014-2015.
- Departmental Contact for Center for Diversity, 2012–2015.

- Faculty Search Committee, 2013–2015.
- Departmental Chair Search Committee, 2014–2015.
- Departmental Faculty Representative, Society of Women Engineers, 2010–2014.

Consulting

- Consultant, Silicon Therapeutics (2017-current)
- Schrödinger, Inc.: Assisted in the design of protein structure prediction software (2006).
- D.E. Shaw Research and Development: Assisted in the design of computer hardware specialized for biomolecular simulations (2003).

Society Memberships

American Chemical Society

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

American Society for Engineering Education

Peer Reviewer for Journals

Biochemistry

Biophysical Journal

Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry

European Journal of Biophysics

Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research

Fluid Phase Equilibria

Journal of the American Chemical Society

Journal of Biological Chemistry

Journal of Chemical Physics

Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation

Journal of Computational Chemistry

Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics

Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design

Journal of Computational Physics

Journal of Medicinal Chemistry

Journal of Physical Chemistry B

Journal of the Royal Society Interface

Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics

Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA

PLoS Computational Biology

PLoS ONE