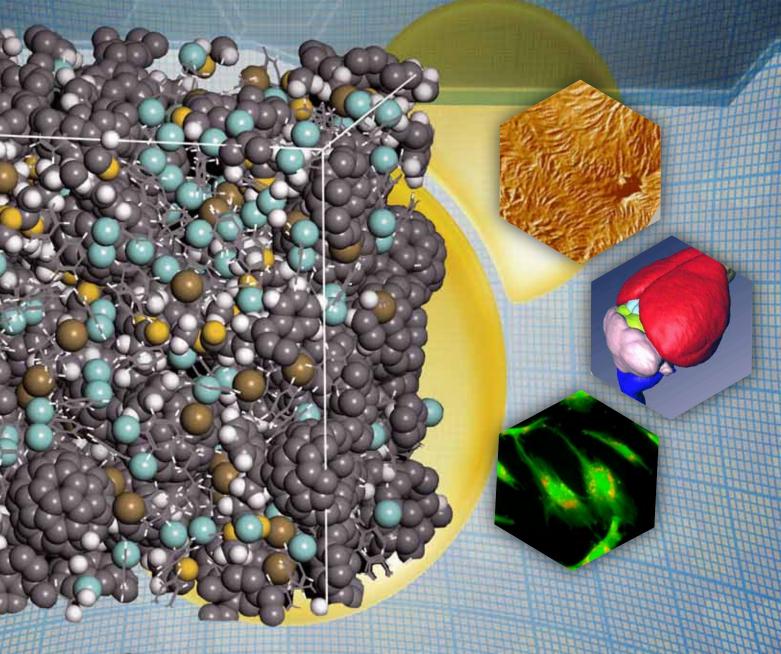


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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Joel R. Fried, Professor and Chair



Dr. Joel R. Fried

On August 8, 2013, I became Chair of the Department of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering replacing the Interim Chair, John Collier, who provided a seamless transition for which I am very grateful.

Prior to my arriving in Tallahassee, I had been the Wright Brothers Endowed Chair in Nanomaterials at the University of Dayton. I began my academic career at the University of Cincinnati and served in a variety of positions from Assistant Professor to Professor and Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and dual Professor of Medicine in Genomics. I became Professor Emeritus on September 1, 2010, at the time I moved to Dayton. The opportunity to join an outstanding department of distinguished faculty in both chemical and

biomedical engineering with excellent facilities and opportunities for collaborations made my move from Ohio an easy decision. I look forward to working with our students and faculty to help our programs grow to new levels of excellence.

Our Department continues to grow with the appointment of Biwu Ma as Associate Professor, also this August. Biwu comes to us from Lawrence-Berkeley National Laboratory as one of three recent university-wide hires through a new strategic initiative in energy and materials. He earned MS and PhD degrees in Materials Science from the University of Southern California. Biwu's research focuses on the development of new types of functional materials that can be used for solar energy conversion and energy storage.

I am pleased to congratulate Professor Sam Grant on his recent promotion to Associate Professor with tenure and Professor Rufina Alamo, the Simon Ostrach Professor of Engineering, on her appointment as an FSU Distinguished Research Professor. Professor John Telotte has been recognized by the Florida Eta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi as the Outstanding Teacher in the Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Department. Professor Subramanian Ramakrishnan returned this summer from Summer Fellow positions at both Wright Patterson AFB and Argonne National Laboratory.

Our research productivity continues to grow with new major research funding from several agencies. Professor Ramakrishnan has received significant new funding from the Department of Defense, NASA and NSF. Stem cell research in our Biomedical Engineering program has been a focus of extensive grant funds from several agencies. These include a recent BRIGE award from the National Science Foundation and a GAP award from the FSU Research Foundation to Professor Yan Li, and two separate awards from the James King Biomedical Research Program (Florida Department of Health) — one to Professor Teng Ma and a second to Teng Ma in collaboration with Professor Sam Grant. Professor Grant also has won a subcontract on a recently awarded National Institutes of Health R01 grant to pursue the use of magnetic resonance imaging to map electrical pathways and activation in nervous tissue. In addition, Professor Jingjiao Guan has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to integrate polyelectrolyte contact printing and aryldiazonium chemistry for nanopatterning.

All told, the 20 CBE faculty have generated over 10 patents, \$6 million in funding, 6 books or book chapters and numerous awards and honors just over the last five years.

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- Biomedical Imaging (Drs. Sam Grant, Teng Ma and Anant Paravastu)
- Cellular & Tissue Engineering (Drs. Sam Grant, Jingjiao Guan, Yan Li and Teng Ma)
- Multi-Scale Theory, Modeling & Simulations (Drs. Ravindran Chella and Joel Fried)
- Nanoscale Science & Engineering (Drs. Ravindran Chella, Joel Fried, Sam Grant, Jingjiao Guan, Daniel Hallinan, Egwu Kalu, Biwu Ma, Subramanian Ramakrishnan and Theo Siegrist)
- Plasma Reaction & Electrochemical Engineering (Drs Eric Kalu and Bruce Locke; Mr. Wright Finney)
- Polymers & Complex Fluids (Drs. Rufina Alamo, Ravindran Chella, John Collier, Joel Fried, Daniel Hallinan, Anant Paravastu and Subramanian Ramakrishnan)
- Renewable & Advanced Power Production (Drs. John Collier, Joel Fried, Daniel Hallinan, Egwu Kalu, Bruce Locke, Biwu Ma, Subramanian Ramakrishnan, John Telotte and Yaw Yeboah)

### **MISSION**

The vision of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering is to serve the state and nation by becoming a leading educational and research program in chemical and biomedical engineering. We aim to capitalize on the fundamental strengths of chemical engineering in the study and application of multi-component, multiphase transport and reaction processes to make innovative and creative advances to solving pressing societal problems in human health, environment, and industry. The Department's mission statement follows:

The Mission of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering is to provide a high quality and modern education in the fundamental principles and practices of chemical and biomedical engineering. The fundamental unifying theme of chemical engineering is the study and application of multi-component, multiphase systems from the molecular to the macroscopic scales, with particular emphasis on molecular transport processes with chemical transformation, e.g., chemical or biochemical reactions. The biomedical engineering emphasis in the Department builds upon this chemical engineering strength, and is focused on cellular and biochemical transformations in natural and synthetic environments. An integral part of the education process involves faculty and students conducting groundbreaking and innovative research in areas of critical importance to our society. The Department seeks to prepare students for academic and professional work through classroom and laboratory instruction and research with modern experimental, mathematical, and computational tools.

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### RUFINA ALAMO NAMED FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

By Engineering News

Congratulations to Rufina Alamo, professor in chemical and biomedical engineering at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, on being elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society (APS).

Alan Chodos, associate executive officer of the American Physics Society, made the official announcement to Alamo: "I have the honor of informing you that the Council of the American Physical Society at its November 2012 meeting acted favorably on your nomination for Fellowship in the Society upon the recommendation of the Division of Polymer Physics. As you may know, election to Fellowship in the American Physical Society is limited to no more than one half of one percent of the membership. Election to APS Fellowship is recognition by your peers of your outstanding contributions to physics."

Alamo's Fellowship Certificate citation reads as follows:

"For her use of well-characterized materials and performance of carefully designed experiments to address structure-property relationships in polyolefins."

Alamo works with polyolefins that are simple large plastic molecules able to adopt a large variety of shapes. Unbranched, short-branched, long-branched, star-like, pom-



Dr. Rufina Alamo, Professor

pom like, comb-like and other types of polyolefins are feasible via relatively easy and inexpensive synthetic paths.

Used almost everywhere, the short and long-branched polyolefins cover about 80% of the total worldwide production of plastics. The two major types, polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP) are often considered first for use in any application because of their excellent cost/performance value such as low density, easy recyclability, and processability.

Polyolefins are easy to fabricate into useful products (film wraps, green houses, carpeting, automobile parts, hospital gowns and hoses...) and have increasing design capability. Many, many products are made from them with targeted product applications matched to polyolefin branching and structure. For example, with few or no branches, the long molecules fold many times and pack in symmetric strong arrays with uses often geared to special applications, such as bullet-proof protective wear and orthopedic implants. Conversely, highly branched polyolefins cannot easily pack in symmetric arrays because the branches are in the way. The result is a softer, more elastic material such as film wraps, plastic bags, clothing and more. Alamo studies how these molecules fold to understand the performance of polyolefin materials.

Alamo's name and Fellowship citation appears in the March 2013 publication issue of APS News and on the Fellowship Page of the America Physics Society home page.

Bruce Locke, professor in chemical and biomedical engineering and previous chair of the department, upon learning of Alamo's nomination announced to the College at-large, "Please join me in congratulating Dr. Alamo for her Fellowship in the American Physical Society. Great work!"

### ENGINEERING FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES TOP RESEARCH AWARD

By Barry Ray, FSU News



Dr. Anant Paravastu

Anant K. Paravastu, an assistant professor of chemical and biomedical engineering, has won a five-year NSF Faculty Early Career Development Award, also known as a CAREER Award, totaling \$404,992 to advance his research into "designer" proteins, an area of study that could contribute to breakthroughs in the emerging fields of regenerative medicine and nanotechnology.

NSF CAREER Awards are designated for scientists who are still in the early stages of their academic careers and are intended to help them build upon previous accomplishments in their areas of research.

Paravastu's project, titled "Solid State NMR Characterization Of Molecular Structure And Self-Assembly Of Protein Nanofiber Matrices," involves evaluating at the molecular level the self-assembly and self-healing

processes, among other properties, of certain protein structures. The knowledge gained from his research could help lead to the development of a biologically inspired, "bottom-up" approach to nanomaterial construction with applications in regenerative medicine and nanotechnology.

"Recently, scientists have used insights gained from decades of studying the structural biology of naturally occurring proteins to engineer 'designer' proteins capable of forming nanofiber matrices, or tissue scaffolds," Paravastu said. "These scaffolds show great promise in regenerative medicine; for example, recent reports indicate that they have the ability to support the healing of damaged neurons or the encapsulation of transplanted stem cells.

"Particularly interesting properties of these proteins include their ability to adapt their structures to environmental stimuli and regenerate their nanostructures following damage," he added. "Through the full characterization of molecular structures and formation pathways for designer-protein tissue scaffolds, we seek to achieve unprecedented control of the biological, physical and chemical properties."

In conducting his research, Paravastu employs an incredibly powerful analytical technique known as solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy using tools located at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. With this technique, he utilizes high magnetic fields to measure the strengths, directions and temporary fluctuations of magnetic interactions between the atoms within a protein.)

Paravastu began his academic career at Florida State in 2008 after earning a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also completed graduate work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, CA, and postdoctoral research at the National Institute of Diabetes & Kidney Diseases in Bethesda, Md. Yet despite all of his success, Paravastu remains modest about his CAREER Award.

"As much as I love my work, I am well aware that there is a great deal of excellent science being done by young professors in the United States," he said. "The message I get from this success is that I benefited from strong support from FSU and effectively justified my project in terms that are consistent with the NSF review process. I am humbled by this honor and look forward to delivering on my promises."

### ONE STEP CLOSER TO 'MARKET' - INVENTION ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG TESTING RECEIVES TECH TRANSFER FUNDS

By Tom Butler, University Communications, FSU

Four innovative research projects were awarded a total of \$158,000 by the Florida State University Research Foundation to help move them from the laboratory to the marketplace.

The projects range in scope from a web-based autism detection and treatment system to new biosensors designed to quickly and accurately detect diseases such as cancer. Selected in the latest round of awards from Florida State's biannual \$250,000 Grant Assistance Program (GAP), the awards are intended to help each project reach new milestones on the road to real-world implementation. The winners of the GAP awards are researchers or teams of researchers who can most clearly identify the commercial viability of a product, process or license that will come from their efforts.

"Our latest GAP winners present some truly unique and tremendously beneficial technologies that could have a significant impact on society," said Vice President for Research Gary K. Ostrander. "Although they are still in the proof-of-concept phase, they help prove that the GAP competition is an excellent opportunity for our researchers to pitch their product ideas and seek out funding that is not often available at this stage of development."

#### Yan Li — Faster drug discovery using living tissue test environments — \$43,000.

Li, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, is developing a new tissue-based testing method that would enhance the ability of researchers to test the effects of pharmaceutical drugs and their ability to help treat and cure diseases. Using the GAP award, Li will be able to hire the necessary staff and purchase the equipment needed to move the project to its next stage of development.

For more information about GAP, visit www.research.fsu.edu/foundation.gap



Dr. Yan Li, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

Video link - http://cdn.thinkcreative.com/previews/cuGEivbX-vxqzr7dM

### **FACULTY HONORS**

- Rufina Alamo was awarded the Mettler-Toledo Award for outstanding achievement by the North American Thermal Analysis Society.
- Rufina Alamo has been named to the Fellowship of the American Physical Society "for her use of well-characterized materials and performance of carefully designed experiments to address structure-property relationships in polyolefins."
- Rufina Alamo was selected as one of the 2013 FSU Distinguished Research Professors.
- Egwu Kalu was awarded a 2010 Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research and educational activities in Nigeria.
- Bruce R. Locke was named a 2010 FSU Distinguished Research Professor.
- Subramanian Ramakrishnan was one of five FAMU faculty researchers recognized for "research excellence with caring" at the 2011 Florida A&M University Principal Investigator Appreciation and Researcher of the Year Awards.
- Theo Siegrist was awarded a 2008 Alexander von Humbolt Fellowship to conduct research in Germany and to continue collaborative work in the synthesis and analysis of a variety of inorganic materials including iron based superconductors and alkaline earth metal oxides.

#### **FACULTY GRANTS**

- Samuel C. Grant has been awarded a National Science Foundation, grant of \$1,843,363 for "MRI-R2: Development of an NMR Console for the 36 T Series Hybrid," (PI: W. Brey, Co-PI: S.C. Grant).
- Samuel C. Grant has been awarded an NSF-NHMFL UCGP, of \$180,000 for "MR Imaging in the Far Field: Holographic Interferometry & Spatial Encoding at High Field."
- Jingjao Guan (PI), Tai Liu. Integration of Polyelectrolyte Contact Printing and Aryldiazonium Chemistry for Nanopatterning. Funded by the National Science Foundation. Total Award \$399,801.
- I Jingjiao Guan has been awarded the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program's, New Investigator Research (NIR) Grant for "Array-Based Fiber FISH for Genetic Analysis of Lung Cancer," with \$391,496 in research funding.
- Jingjiao Guan has receive a Technology Transfer Feasibility Grant of \$100,000 from Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program.
- Yan Li. BRIGE: Engineering a BioMatrix Library Derived from Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells. Funded by National Science Foundation. Total award \$174,737.
- Yan Li (PI) & Teng Ma. Decellularized Microspheres from Pluripotent Stem Cell Aggregates. Funded by FSU Research Foundation GAP Program. Total award \$43,000.

- Yan Li (Co-Pl). Improving Time and Resource Efficiency with Capillary Nanofluidic Protein Detection. Funded by Florida State University, Equipment and Infrastructure Enhancement Grant (EIEG). Total award \$40,000.
- Yan Li (PI), Ravi Chella & Teng Ma. Introduction to current good manufacturing practices (cGMP) for future process engineers. Funded by Florida State University, Student Technology Committee. Total award \$32,009.
- Bruce R. Locke, Farrukh Alvi, Igor Alabugin, "Reaction Processes in Organic Droplet Spray Plasma Reactors," The National Science Foundation, \$351,999.
- Bruce R. Locke, National Science Foundation, Reaction Processes in Organic Droplet Spray Plasma Reactors, (P.I., co-P.I. Dr. Igor Alabugin, co-P.I. Dr. Farrukh Alvi), \$352,000.
- Teng Ma, James King Biomedical Research Program, Florida Department of Health, "Development of a Bioreactor Strategy for Scalable Expansion of Human Mesenchymal Stem Cell Aggregates for Heart Disease (3KF05)".
- Teng Ma (PI), Samuel C. Grant (co-PI), James King Biomedical Research Program, Florida Department of Health, "Translation of human mesenchymal stem cell therapy for stroke treatment: bioreactor expansion, functional activation, and intranasal delivery (4KB09)." \$400,000.
- Anant K. Paravastu has won a National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award, also known as a CAREER Award, totaling \$404,992 to advance his research into "designer" proteins.
- Subramanian Ramakrishnan, Ultra-light Weight Hybrids, Foams and Green Bodies: Structure-Property Relationships in Novel Polymer Grafted Magnetic Nanoparticles, NASA, \$120,000.
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- Subramanian Ramakrishnan, Connecting Nanoscale Structure and Dynamics to Rheology and Flow of Glassy Nanocolloidal Suspensions, National Science Foundation, Pl: R. Leheny, Co-Pl: S. Ramakrishnan, Amount: \$349,771.
- Subramanian Ramakrishnan, Research Initiation Award Grant Colloidal Mixtures: Microstructure and Mechanics, NSF, Principal Investigator: Subramanian Ramakrishnan, Amount: \$199,871.
- Theo Siegrist, US Department of Energy, DE-SC0008832, "Discovery and Crystal Growth of new Oxide Phases from Metal Fluxes," \$600,000.

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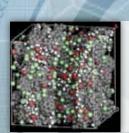
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### **AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS**

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- Samuel Grant, SM IEEE, IEEE Tallahassee Area Section Chair and Sections Congress Representative
- Samuel Grant, Director of MRI User Program, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory and Associate Director, FSU Center for Advancing Exercise & Nutrition Research on Aging
- Samuel Grant, Organizing Chair, 42nd Southeastern Magnetic Resonance Conference, 2013
- Yan Li, Exceptional speaker award, Society for Biological Engineering (2012)
- Yan Li, First Year Assistant Professor Award, Florida State University (2012)
- Subramanian Ramakrishnan, Air Force Summer Fellowship, WPAFB, Towards Ultra-light Weight Hybrids, Foams and Green Bodies: Structure-Property Relationships in novel Polymer grafted nanoparticles.
- Subramanian Ramakrishnan, Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Argonne National Labs, Structure and Dynamics of Nanoparticle Suspensions and Gels.

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Large figure on cover: "Molecular simulation of a mixture of PCMB [6,6-phenyl- $C_{61}$ -butyric acid methyl ester) and an organic solvent (chlorobenzene) and iodinecontaining organic dopant. PCBM is a chemically-modified fullerene (bucky ball) that serves as an electron acceptor. A plastic solar cell is formed by adding the polymer to the PCBM/solvent mixture and casting a thin film that is then dried to remove the solvent," J. R. Fried.



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