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M.S. Microbial Engineering

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B.S. Biochemistry magna cum laude

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Montana State University, Bozeman

Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering

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Montana State University, Bozeman

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering

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Montana State University, Bozeman

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, P. Stewart Laboratory

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Center for Biofilm Engineering, Montana State University, Bozeman

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Graduate Research Assistant, Ph.D./M.S., F. Srienc Laboratory

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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Fermentation/Bioreactor Technician, BioTechnology Institute Pilot Plant

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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

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- MSU President's Excellence in Teaching Award, student nomination: 2009, 2014.

**Research Activities:****Publications, peer-reviewed and invited submissions (49 total)**

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2. Carlson, R.P., Oshota, O., Shipman, M., Caserta, J.A., Hu, P., Saunders, C.W., Xu, J., Reeder, N., Richards, A., Pettigrew, C., Peyton, B.M. (2016) Integrated molecular, physiological and in silico characterization of two *Halomonas* isolates from industrial brine. *Extremophiles*. In press.
3. Phalak, P., Chen, J., Carlson, R.P., Henson, M.A. (2016) Metabolic Modeling of a Chronic Wound Biofilm Consortium Predicts Spatial Partitioning of Bacterial Species. Phalak, P., Chen, J., Carlson, R.P., Henson, M.A. *BMC Systems Biology*. In press.
4. Beck, A., Hunt, K.A., Bernstein, H.C., Carlson, R.P. (2016) Interpreting and designing microbial communities for bioprocess applications, from components to interactions to emergent properties. *Biotechnologies for Biofuel Production and Optimization*. 1: 407-432.
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7. Folsom, J.P., Parker, A., Carlson, R.P. (2014) Physiological and Proteomic Analysis of *Escherichia coli* Iron-Limited Chemostat Growth. *Journal of Bacteriology*. 196: 2748-2763.
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15. Bhardwaj, C., Cui, Y., Hofstetter, T., Liu, S.Y., Bernstein, H.C., Carlson, R.P., Ahmed, M., Hanley, L. (2013) Differentiation of microbial species and strains in coculture biofilms by multivariate analysis of laser desorption postionization mass spectra. *Analyst*. 138: 6844-6851.
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- Accumulation in the Marine Diatom *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. *Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology*. 97: 3625-3642.
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  22. Mallette, N., Knighton, W.B., Strobel, G.A., Carlson, R.P., Peyton B.M. (2012) Resolution of volatile fuel compound profiles from *Ascochyne sarcoides*: a comparison by proton transfer reaction-mass spectrometry and solid phase microextraction gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. *AMB Express*. 2:23.
  23. Valenzuela, J., Mazurie, A., Carlson, R.P., Gerlach, R., Cooksey, K., Peyton, B.M., Fields, M.W. (2012) Potential role of multiple carbon fixation pathways during lipid accumulation in *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. *Biotechnology for Biofuels* 5:40.
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43. Vijayasankaran, N., Carlson, R., Srienc, F. (2005) Synthesis of Poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyric acid] in the Cytoplasm of *Pichia pastoris* under Oxygen Limitation. *Biomacromolecules*. 6(2): 604-611.
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