

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### *Tracy John Benson*

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 7/22 – present      Chair, Dan F. Smith Department of  
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering  
Jack Gill Endowed Chair  
Lamar University
- 9/22 – present      Full Professor  
Dan F. Smith Department of  
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering  
Lamar University
- 6/21 – 7/22          Interim Chair  
Dan F. Smith Department of  
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
- 9/15 – 8/22          Associate Professor (tenured)  
Dan F. Smith Department of Chemical Engineering  
Lamar University
- 9/19 – 10/20        Associate Director of Research  
Center for Midstream Management and Science  
Lamar University
- 8/09 – 8/15          Assistant Professor  
Dan F. Smith Department of Chemical Engineering  
Lamar University
- 2/08 – 8/09          Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering  
Mississippi State University
- 1/04 – 12/07        Ph.D. Candidate – Chemical Engineering, Mississippi State University
- 8/00 – 12/03        M.S. Student – Chemical Engineering, Mississippi State University
- 1/98 – 8/99          Co-op Engineer (1 year experience), G.E. Plastics, Bay St. Louis, MS

## **EDUCATION**

High School, 1993, Houston High School in Houston, MS

B.S. - Chemical Engineering, 2000, Mississippi State University

M.S. - Chemical Engineering, 2003, Mississippi State University

Ph.D. - Chemical Engineering, 2008, Mississippi State University

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

My research thrust is the minimization (or elimination) of industrial wastes, including hazardous materials, unwanted byproducts, and wasted energies by developing alternate chemical transformation pathways for lipid-based biofuels as well as Carbon Capture Utilization & Storage (CCUS) for the reduction of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- \* American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- \* American Chemical Society
- \* American Oil Chemists' Society

## **REFEREE FOR FOLLOWING JOURNALS**

Journal of Chemical Technology and Biotechnology  
Environmental Progress & Sustainable Energy  
Journal of Natural Gas Science & Engineering  
Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research  
ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering  
International Journal of Hydrogen Energy  
Energy Conversion and Management  
Journal of CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization  
RSC – Green Chemistry  
BioEnergy Research  
Biomass & Bioenergy  
Process Biochemistry  
Energy and Fuels  
RSC – Advances  
Energy

## **ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2023 – Reviewer American Chemistry Council Responsible Care Awards

2019 – 2022 – Member University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, LU

2018 - 2021 – Chair, Admissions Committee, LU

2018 – 2021 – Undergraduate Research Advisory Board, LU

2017 - 2020 – Jack Gill Distinguished Faculty Fellowship

2016 – 2019 – Member Graduate Council, LU

2015 – 2019 – Graduate Coordinator, Dan F. Smith Department of Chemical Engineering

2013 – 2019 – Chair, Unit Operations Laboratory Renovation and Modernization

2018 – 2019 – Coordinator, Graduate Programs, College of Engineering

2012 - Present – Faculty Advisor, AIChE Student Chapter

2010 – Present – ChemE Car Safety Coordinator, AIChE Southwest Student Region

2018 – Member F2.08 Faculty Annual Review Committee, College of Engineering

2018 – Chair, AIChE Student Chapters Committee

2018 – Faculty leader, Engineering Study Abroad in India

2018 – Chair, Search Committee Department Administrative Assistant

2017 – Chair, Faculty Search Committee

2017 – International Graduate Student Recruiter for Lamar University

2017 – Faculty Externship Motiva Enterprises Inc.

2017 – Vice Chair, AIChE Student Chapters Committee

2017 – Technical Advisor/Safety Consultant for AIChE Middle East Regional ChemE Car Competition in Bahrain

2017 – Co-Chair AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference Student Program Leadership

2017 – Chair AOCS Industrial Oil Products Poster Session

2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair AIChE Student Chapters Committee

2016 – Chair, Advances in Catalysis session at the AIChE spring conference in Houston, TX

2015 – Technical Advisor/Safety Consultant for AIChE Middle East Regional ChemE Car Competition in Bahrain

2015 – Chair, AIChE Sustainability Engineering Forum and area plenary session

2015 – Chair, Advances in Catalysis session at the AIChE spring conference in Austin, TX

2015 – Co-Chair, Chemical and Catalytic Conversions and Processes for Renewable Feedstocks session at the annual AIChE conference in Salt Lake City, UT

2014 – Lamar University Strategic Planning Committee

2014 – University Merit Award (Lamar University)

2014 – Co-Chair, AIChE Sustainability Engineering Forum

2014 – Chair, AOCS New Uses for Glycerol session

2013 – Chair, Integrated Thermo-Chemical and Biochemical Processing for Renewable Fuels and Chemicals session at the annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.

2013 – Co-Chair, Recovery of Value-Added Co-Products from Biorefinery Residuals and Effluents at the annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.

2012 – Chair, Southeast Texas AIChE local section

2012 – Co-Chair, Integrated Thermo-Chemical and Biochemical Processing for Renewable Fuels and Chemicals session at the annual AIChE conference in Pittsburgh, PA

2011 – Chair, New Uses for Glycerol session at the 102<sup>nd</sup> American Oil Chemists' Society conference in Cincinnati, OH

2010 – Co-Chair, Biorefinery – Biochemical Conversion and Biomass Recalcitrance session at the American Institute for Chemical Engineers annual conference held in Salt Lake City, UT

2010 – Co-Chair, New Uses for Glycerol session at the 101<sup>st</sup> American Oil Chemists' Society conference held in Phoenix, AR

2009 – Co-chair, Green Chemistry special session at the 100<sup>th</sup> annual American Oil Chemists' Society conference held in Orlando, FL

2008 – Industrial Oil Products Division Student Award for the American Oil Chemists' Society

- 2007 – First place Dave C Swalm School of Chemical Engineering student paper competition
- 2007 – Hearin Fellowship Recipient
- 2007 – Third place poster presentation award at the student poster competition for the 2007 Mississippi Academy of Sciences annual conference
- 2007 – Co-chair, Biorefineries session at the 98<sup>th</sup> annual American Oil Chemists' Society conference held in Quebec, Canada
- 2006 – Delegate at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Council for Chemical Research meeting. This delegation arose from an essay writing competition.
- 2005 – Search Committee member for the Director of the Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering at Mississippi State University

## **K – 12 OUTREACH**

- Lamar Intro To Engineering (LITE) – weeklong Junior High summer camp 2014 - current); sponsored by state and industrial grants
- Camp ChemE – weeklong High school summer camp (2023); sponsored by local chemical industry
- Project Engineer (formerly LITE Senior) – weeklong High School summer camp (120 students 2017/2018); sponsored by industrial support
- Introduce a Girl to Engineering – Annual daylong event with hands-on demonstrations; sponsored by ExxonMobil
- Discover Engineering – K-6<sup>th</sup> annual event (~400 students per year 2014 - 2023)
- College of Engineering STEM workshop – Teachers and Administrators (50 - 100 per year 2015 - 2023); sponsored by BASF
- Southeast Texas Career Expo – Demonstration to area high students (~3,400 students per year since 2016 - 2024)
- High School visits – Overview of Chemical Engineering/ demonstrate common ChemE unit operations (~500 students per year 2015 – 2024)
- Develop hands-on demonstration units – Distillation, Fluidized Catalytic Cracking, Enhanced Oil Recovery, Chocolate Production

## **COURSE TEACHINGS**

### Lamar University

- CHEN 4420 – Mass Transfer (Fall '09, '12 – '17)
- CHEN 3310 – Momentum Transfer (Fall '10 & '11, Summer '12 & '13)
- CHEN 4310 – Unit Operations Laboratory (Fall '11 – '21)
- CHEN 3330 – Thermodynamics II (Summer '12 – '14)

CHEN 6347 – Advanced Thermodynamics (Spring '12 – '17, Spring '19 – '21)  
CHEN 5301 – Industrial Chemical Catalysis (Spring '10 & '11, Summer '14)  
CHEN 1101 – Introduction to Chemical Engineering (Fall '17 – '24, Spring '19 – '24)  
CHEN 3340 – Process Analysis (Fall '21 – '22, Spring '22)  
ENGR 4301 – Carbon Capture Utilization & Storage (Fall '22)  
ENGR 4301 – Industrial Chemical Catalysis (Fall '23)

Mississippi State University

CHE 3223 – Mass Transfer (Spring '09)  
CHE 6000 – Bio-analytical Research Methods (Fall '08)  
CHE 3203 – Fluid Flow Operations (Fall '06)

**RESEARCH GRANTS (funded)**

“Biodiesel Production via Transmethylation of Triglycerides: A Glycerol-free Biofuel,” Project supported by the Texas Hazardous Waste Research Center, FY 2010 (\$15,000), FY 2011 (\$18,250) – PI.

“Temperature Programmed Desorption (TPD) Study for a CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Catalyst” Project supported by Lamar University REG, (\$5,000) – PI.

“Hydrotreating Phospholipids: Developing the Biorefinery for Microbial Oils” Project supported by the Texas Hazardous Waste Research Center, FY2013 (\$20,000) – PI.

“Heterogeneous Catalyst Development for the Conversion of Phospholipid-Containing Feedstocks to Renewable Transportation Fuels” Project supported by the Texas Hazardous Waste Research Center, FY2014 - 2015 (\$30,000) – PI.

“In Situ Raman Study for a Renewable Fuels Catalyst” Project supported by Lamar University REG, FY2014 (\$5,000) – PI.

“MRI: Acquisition of an LC/MS/MS System for Multidisciplinary Research and Educational Projects” Project supported by NSF – MRI, FY2014 – FY2016 (\$456,549) – Senior Personnel

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2014 (\$12,500) – PI.

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2015 (\$13,998) – PI.

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by ExxonMobil for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2015 (\$15,000) – PI.

“Direct Photocatalytic Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub>-Containing Flue Gases” Project supported by Texas Air Research Center, FY2017 – 2018, (\$33,450) – PI.

“Development and Testing of Amine-Type Scavengers for the Removal of H<sub>2</sub>S from Liquid Sour Crudes” Project Supported by Texas Hazardous Waste Research Center FY2016 – 2018, (\$23,000) – PI.

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2016 (\$12,900) – PI.

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by ExxonMobil for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2016 (\$15,000) – PI.

“Large Volume Carbon Dioxide Conversions Using Functionalized Visible Light Activated Photocatalytic Materials” Project funded by Center for Advances in Water and Air Quality, FY 2016, (\$25,000) – PI.

“MRI – Acquisition of Transmission Electron Microscope at Lamar University” Funded by NSF MRI (\$525,000) – coPI

“Distillation Requirements of Naphthenic Acids” Funded by SOCHEM Solutions (\$10,000) – PI

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2017 (\$14,266) – PI.

“Lamar Introduction to Engineering (LITE)” Project supported by ExxonMobil for junior high school engineering summer camp FY2017 (\$15,000) – PI.

“DOE CarbonSafe” Project supported by DOE, FY 2017 – 2018, (\$99,999) – coPI

“DOE GoMCarb” Project supported by DOE, FY 2018 – 2023, (\$306,246) – PI

“Texas Louisiana Carbon Management Community” DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, FY2024 – 2025, \$146,595, PI

“Houston Direct Air Capture (DAC) Hub for the Production of e-Fuels” DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, FY 2024 – 2026, \$74,956, PI

“Reaction of Isocyanates with H<sub>2</sub>S” BASF, FY2024, \$50,000, PI.

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORED**

Tamara Frydson (Lamar)  
Samir Budhatoki (Lamar)  
Victoria Simon (Lamar)  
Jameson Roberts (Lamar)  
Neel Moore (Lamar)

Bradley Goins (Lamar)  
Bleinie Dickerson (Lamar)  
Emily Brown (Lamar)  
Biragi Kasali (Lamar)  
Peyton Lee (Lamar)

Austin Prince (Lamar)  
Jennifer Watters (Lamar)  
Estibi Azpilicueta (Lamar)  
Joanna Cardona (Lamar)  
John Bergeron (Lamar)

Maxine Jones (MSU)  
Katrina Parker (MSU)  
Britton Eyles (MSU)

Bethany Thompson (MSU)  
Jared Fisher (MSU)

Tray Achorn (MSU)  
Allison Forks (MSU)

### **GRADUATE STUDENTS and POST DOCTORATES MENTORED**

Rafiq Islam (PhD) – Dissertation Title “Hydrotalcite/Ligand Catalysts for the Formation of Glycerol-free Biodiesel from Lipid Oil Feedstocks Using Dimethyl Carbonate” (Graduated May 2013)

Yishan Zhang (PhD) – Dissertation Title “Synthesis of Novel Catalysts for the Trireforming Conversion of Carbon Dioxide” (Graduated Dec 2014)

Md. Erfan Raihan (PhD) “Comprehensive Paradigm for Converting Waste Carbon Dioxide to Value Added Chemicals” (Graduated May 2017)

Karishma Piler (PhD) “Synthesis and Material Characterization of TiO<sub>2</sub> – SWCNT Nanocomposites and Their Application in Photocatalytic Conversion of Carbon Dioxide to Useful Hydrocarbons” (Graduated Dec 2019)

Linh Doan (PhD) “Estimating Thermodynamic Properties for the Removal of H<sub>2</sub>S Using Amine and Ionic Liquid Absorbents for Midstream Processes” (Graduated Dec 2020)

Adhish Saketh Madugula “Performance of Economic Model Predictive Control on Absorption and Adsorption Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage Methods from Stationary Fuel Combustion Sources in Refineries” (Graduated Dec 2022)

Yogesh Kurlle (MS) – Thesis Title “Process Development for Triacylglycerol Conversion to a Glycerol-free Biofuel” (Graduated Dec 2011)

Thomas Zacharia (MS) – Thesis Title “Multi-metal Nanoparticle Catalyst Synthesis Using Reverse Micelle Technique” (Graduated Dec 2012)

Hayat Raza (MS) – Thesis Title “Aspen Simulation of Hydrothermal Liquefaction Process for the Conversion of Algae to Renewable Fuels and Chemicals” (Graduated May 2014)

Khaled Alamr (MS) – Thesis Title “Reactor Design and Optimization for Photocatalytic Conversion of Carbon Dioxide” (Graduated Aug 2014)

Joshua Borton (MS) – Thesis Title “Parametric Study fro Triazabicyclodecene Catalyzed Biofuel Using High Free Fatty Acid Feedstocks” (Graduated Dec 2014)

Keyvan Mollaeian (MS) – Thesis Title “Layered Double Hydroxide Catalyst for the Conversion of Crude Vegetable Oils to a Sustainable Biofuel” (Graduated May 2015)



Frank Lopez (MS) – “Kinetic Evaluation of Lipid Oil Conversion to Biofuel Using Layered Double Hydroxide Doped with Triazabicyclodecene Catalyst” (Graduated Dec 2016)

Mihir Kulkarni (MS) – “Synthesis and Characterization of Supported Nickel Nanoparticles on Titanium Dioxide Using Reverse Micelles” (Graduated May 2017)

Ashik Mahmud (MS) – “A Parametric Analysis for the Formation of Nano-particle Catalyst Sites Using Reverse Micelle Synthesis Techniques” (Graduated Dec 2017)

Adeniji Adetayo (MS) – “Evaluation of the Intraparticle Mobility of Group I, II, and VIIIIB Poisons in Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Catalysts Under Reaction Conditions” (Graduated Dec 2017)

Obakore Agbroko (MS) “Reactive Distillation for the Production of Propanediols from Glycerol” (expected graduation: May 2022)

Gautam Singh Thakur (MS) “Reactor Performance for Tri-Reforming Under Real Conditions” (expected graduation: Dec. 2021)

Juan Cruz (Post-Doctoral Research Associate) – Research included fundamental chemistries for the reverse micelle formation and subsequent use for nanoparticle, multi-metal catalysts.

Adhish Saketh Madugula (Post Doctoral Research Associate) – Research included synthesis and testing of ionic liquids for carbon capture

## **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

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2. **Benson, T.**, Hernandez, R., French, W.T., Alley, E.G., and Holmes, W.E. (2007) “Reactions of Fatty Acids in Superacid Media: Identification of Equilibrium Products,” *Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical*, 274, 173 – 178. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.molcata.2007.05.003>
3. **Benson, T.**, Holmes, W.E., White, M.G., French, W.T., Alley, E.G, Hernandez, R. (2007) “Development of a Heterogeneous Catalytic Cracking Reactor Utilizing Online Mass Spectrometry Analysis,” *Journal of Chromatography A*, 1172, 204 – 208. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0021967307016196>
4. **Benson, T.**, Holmes, W.E., White, M.G., French, W.T., Alley, E.G., and Hernandez, R. (2008) “Heterogeneous Cracking of an Unsaturated Fatty Acid and Reaction Intermediates on H<sup>+</sup>ZSM-5 Catalyst,” *Clean – Soil, Air, Water*, 36, 652 – 656. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/clen.200800050/abstract>

5. **Benson, T.**, Hernandez, R., French, W.T., Alley, E.G., and Holmes, W.E. (2009) “Elucidation of the Catalytic Cracking Pathway for Unsaturated Mono-, Di-, and Triacylglycerides on H<sup>+</sup>ZSM-5 Catalyst,” *Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical*, 303, 117 – 123. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S138111690900020X>
6. Zhu, J., Gu, H., Rapole, S.B., Luo, Z, Pallavkar, S., Haldolaarachchige, N., **Benson, T.**, Ho, T.C., Hopper, J., Young, D.P., Wei, S., and Guo, Z. (2012) “Looped Carbon Capturing and Environmental Remediation: Case Study of Magnetic Polypropylene Nanocomposites,” *RSC Advances*, 2, 4844-4856. <http://pubs.rsc.org/en/Content/ArticleLanding/2012/RA/C2RA01150F#!divAbstract>
7. Revellame, E., **Benson, T.J.**, Forks, A.L., French, W., and Hernandez, R. (2012) “Parametric Study on the Production of Renewable Fuels and Chemical from Phospholipid-containing Biomass,” *Topics in Catalysis*, 55, 185 – 195. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11244-012-9787-1>
8. Revellame, E., Hernandez, R., French, W., Phan, P., **Benson, T.J.**, Forks, A., and Callahan, R. (2012) “Lipid Storage Compounds in Raw Activated Sludge Microorganisms for Biofuels and Oleochemicals Production,” *RSC Advances*, 2 (5), 2015 – 2031. <http://pubs.rsc.org/en/content/articlelanding/2012/ra/c2ra01078j#!divAbstract>
9. Islam, R.M., Kurle, Y.M., Gossage, J.L., **Benson, T.J.** (2013) “Kinetics of Triazabicyclodecene Catalyzed Triglycerides Conversion to Glycerol-free Biofuel Using Dimethyl Carbonate,” *Energy & Fuels*, 27, 1564 – 1569. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/ef400048v>
10. **Benson, T.J.**, Richmond, P.C., Leblanc, W. (2013) “Unit Operation Experiment Linking Classroom with Industrial Process,” *Chemical Engineering Education*, V47, 91-96.
11. Kurle, Y.M., Islam, M.R., and **Benson, T.J.** (2013) “Process Development and Simulation of Glycerol-free Biodiesel from Canola Oil and Dimethyl Carbonate,” *Fuel Processing Technology*, 114, 49-57. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.fuproc.2013.03.030>
12. Zhang, Y., Cruz, J., Zhang, S., Lou, H., **Benson, T.J.** (2013) “Process Simulation and Optimization of Methanol Production Coupled to Tri-reforming Process,” *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, 38, 13617 – 13630. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2013.08.009>
13. Islam, Md. R., Guo, J., Rutman, D., **Benson, T.J.** (2013) “Immobilization of Triazabicyclodecene in Surfactant Modified Mg/Al Layered Double Hydroxides,” *RSC – Advances*, 3, 24247 – 24255, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1039/C3RA43051K>
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29. Doan, L., Elgar, K., Rahman, A., **Benson, T.J.** “Evaluation of Infinite Dilution Activity Coefficients for Hydrogen Sulfide Absorption in Butyl-Methylimidazolium-Type Ionic Liquids” (in preparation)
30. Doan, L., Elgar, K., Rahman, A., **Benson, T.J.** “Towards the Structure-Property Relationship Between Hydrogen Sulfide and Butyl-Methylimidazolium-Type Ionic Liquids” (in preparation)

## **PATENTS**

U.S. PATENT #: 10,316,254 “Hydrothermal Synthesis of Alkali Promoted MoS<sub>2</sub>-based catalyst” (issued 11 June 2019)

## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. 20 April 2000 – “Batch Oxidation of White Phosphorus in Aqueous Solution in a Parr Bomb Reactor” – Presented at the AIChE Southern Regional Student Conference
2. 26 September 2001 – “Separation of Fermenter Effluents” – At the 2001 Gulf Coast Regional Environmental Conference, I presented this paper describing the use of biomass adsorbents, derived as by-products, to dehydrate ethanol.
3. 6 June 2002 – “Pilot Scale Peroxone Treatment of Groundwater Contamination with PCP” – At the 2002 Water Environment Federation Conference in Jackson, MS, I presented the results from a pilot plant project in south Mississippi

4. 26 June 2002 – “Innovative Adsorbents for the Dehydration of Ethanol” – Presented the results of master’s thesis project at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Fuel Ethanol Workshop and Tradeshow in Springfield, IL.
5. 25 March 2003 – “Separation of Ethanol from Fermenter Effluents” – Presented information on the process of distillation and dehydration of fermented ethanol at the 2003 Mississippi Biomass Conference in Jackson, Ms.
6. 19 November 2003 – “Development of New Adsorption Materials for the Dehydration of Ethanol” – Presented results from master’s thesis project at the 2003 Annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.
7. 9 November 2004 – “Producing Electric Power from Broiler Litter” – Presented at the 2004 Annual AIChE conference in Austin, TX.
8. 1 November 2005 – “Production of Biodiesel from Lipid-Rich Industrial Waste Streams” – Presented at the 2005 Annual AIChE conference in Cincinnati, OH.
9. 15 November 2006 – “Cracking of Lipid Molecules by a Superacid” – Presented at the 2006 Annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.
10. 28 March 2007 – “Product identification from the catalytic cracking of *cis*-9-octadecenoic acid” – Presented at the 233<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting and Exposition in Chicago, IL.
11. 14 May 2007 – “Online Mass Spectrometry Analysis of a Catalytic Cracking Reactor.” Presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual AOCS Meeting & Expo in Quebec City, QC.
12. 16 May 2007 – “Cracking of Fatty Acids Over H-ZSM-5 Catalyst: Elucidation of Reaction Mechanisms” – Presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual AOCS Meeting & Expo in Quebec City, QC.
13. 27 August 2007 – “Catalytically Cracking of Unsaturated Lipids of H-ZSM-5” – Presented at the 2007 Mississippi State University Biofuels Conference.
14. 9 November 2007 – “Identification of The Cracking Mechanism of Mono-, Di-, and Triglycerides Over H<sup>+</sup>Zsm-5 Catalyst” – Presented at the 2007 annual AIChE conference in Salt Lake City, UT.
15. 20 May 2008 – “Elucidation of Mechanism for the Cracking of Unsaturated Lipids Using a Benchmark Catalyst and Commercial Catalysts” Presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual AOCS Meeting & Expo in Seattle, WA.
16. 2 June 2008 – “Catalytic Cracking Reaction Pathway for Unsaturated Acylglycerides on a Benchmark Catalyst and Commercial Catalysts” Presented at the Clean Technology and Sustainable Industries Conference and Trade Show in Boston, MA.

17. 14 August 2008 – “Renewable Diesel: Production Chemistry and Economics” Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Biofuels Conference at Mississippi State University.
18. 19 August 2008 – “Proposed Teaching, Research, and Service Philosophy at Florida A&M” Invited Speaker. Presented to the Department of Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering at Florida A&M University.
19. 25 August 2008 – “Determination of reaction pathway for the Heterogeneous Catalytic Cracking of Unsaturated Acylglycerides” Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Chemical and Process Engineering in Prague, Czech Republic.
20. 18 November 2008 – “Renewable Diesel: Production Chemistry and Economics” Presented at the 2008 annual AIChE conference in Philadelphia, PA.
21. 20 November 2008 – “Product Distribution for Heterogeneous Catalytic Cracking of Acylglycerides on Commercial Catalysts” Presented at the 2008 annual AIChE conference in Philadelphia, PA.
22. 20 November 2008 – “Identification of Metals Found In Biofuel Lipids Using Inductively Coupled Plasma/mass Spectrometry” Presented at the 2008 annual AIChE conference in Philadelphia, PA.
23. 31 March 2009 – “Conversion of Lipid Feedstocks to Renewable Fuels: Production of Renewable Diesel” Invited Seminar. Presented to the Department of Chemical Engineering at Lamar University.
24. 6 April 2009 – “Production of Green Fuels from Lipids: In Search of Reaction Pathways” Invited Seminar. Presented to the Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering at Mississippi State University.
25. 27 April 2009 – “Conversion of Lipid Feedstocks to Renewable Fuels: Production of Renewable Diesel” Invited Seminar. Presented to the Department of Chemical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic University.
26. 6 May 2009 – “Heterogeneous Catalytic Cracking of Phospholipids to Renewable Fuels” Invited Seminar. Presented at the 2009 annual AOCS conference in Orlando, FL.
27. 4 Nov 2009 – “Conversions of Phospholipids to Renewable Diesel: Reaction Pathways and Effects on Hydrotreating Catalysts” Presented at the 2009 annual AIChE conference in Nashville, TN.
28. 19 May 2010 – “Production of Biodiesel Using Dimethyl Carbonate as the Methylating Agent: A Glycerol-free Biofuel.” Presented by graduate student, Michael Miguez, at the annual AOCS conference in Phoenix, AZ.

29. 15 June 2010 – “Development of an Ideal Hydrotreating Catalyst for the Conversion of Phospholipids to Biofuels.” Presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Symposium for Chemical Reaction Engineering in Philadelphia, PA.
30. 9 Nov 2010 – “Production of Biodiesel Using Dimethyl Carbonate as the Methylating Agent: A Glycerol-free Biofuel” Presented by graduate student Michael Miguez at the 2010 annual AIChE conference in Salt Lake City, UT.
31. 3 May 2011 – “Alternate Methylating Agent in Producing Glycerol-free Biofuel” Presented at the 102<sup>nd</sup> annual AOCS conference in Cincinnati, OH.
32. 18 Oct 2011 – “In situ FTIR Study for Tri-Reforming Reaction” Presented by graduate student Yishan Zhang at the annual AIChE conference in Minneapolis, MN.
33. 19 Oct 2011 – “Development of Nanoparticle Catalyst for the Trireforming of CO<sub>2</sub>-Rich Flue Gases” Presented at the annual AIChE conference in Minneapolis, MN.
34. 19 Oct 2011 – “Unique Processing Considerations for the Trireforming of CO<sub>2</sub> to Syngas” Presented at the annual AIChE conference in Minneapolis, MN.
35. 28 Mar 2012 – “From Nano-Catalyst to Trireforming Process: Engineered CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion” Presented at the ACS Annual Spring conference in San Diego, CA.
36. 1 Apr 2012 – “Reviving a Dormant Section: A Case Study” Presented at the AIChE Local Section Leadership Workshop in Houston, TX.
37. 23 Aug 2012 – “Catalytic and Process Development for Glycerol-free Biofuel from Acylglyceride Lipids” Presented at the ACS Annual Fall conference in Philadelphia, PA.
38. 23 Aug 2012 – “In situ FTIR Spectroscopy for the Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> to Syngas via Trireforming” Presented at the ACS Annual Fall conference in Philadelphia, PA.
39. 29 Oct 2012 – “Reverse Micelle Synthesis and Characterization of Nanoparticle Catalysts for Tri-Reforming of CO<sub>2</sub>” Presented at annual AIChE conference in Pittsburg, PA by (Presented by Yishan Zhang-PhD student)
40. 29 Oct 2012 – “Biodiesel Production Without Glycerol Byproduct: Dimethyl Carbonate As Replacement for Methanol” Presented at annual AIChE conference in Pittsburg, PA by (Presented by Tamara Frydson-undergraduate paper competition)
41. 30 Oct 2012 – “A Distillation Experiment Linking Classroom with Industrial Processing” Presented at annual AIChE conference in Pittsburg, PA as part of the ChE Curriculum symposium.

42. 1 Nov 2012 – “In Situ FTIR Identification of the Reactive Sites of a Ni/TiO<sub>2</sub> Steam Reforming Catalyst” Presented at annual AIChE conference in Pittsburg, PA by (Presented by Yishan Zhang-PhD student)
43. 1 Nov 2012 – “Simulation and Heat-Integration of Glycerol-Free Biodiesel Plant from Canola Oil with Dimethyl Carbonate” Presented at annual AIChE conference in Pittsburg, PA by (Presented by Mohammad Rafiqul Islam-PhD student)
44. 25 Sept 2013 – “Catalytic and Process Development for Glycerol-free Biofuel from Lipids” Presented to Renewable Biofuels, Inc. (invited talk)
45. 3 Nov 2013 – “Kinetic Evaluation and Reactor Modeling for Transesterification of Lipids with Dimethyl Carbonate Using the Homogeneous Catalyst Triazabicyclodecene” Presented at annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.
46. 4 Nov 2013 – “Experience Using Inexpensive Water Overflow Experiment to Demonstrate SIS Concepts” Presented at annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA. (Presented by colleague Dr. Peyton Richmond)
47. 7 Nov 2013 – “Development of a Heterogeneous Guanidine Base Catalyst for the Conversion of Lipids to a Sustainable Biofuel” Presented at annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.
48. 7 Nov 2013 – “Process Simulation and Optimization of Methanol Production Coupled to Tri-Reforming Process” Presented at annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA. (Presented by Yishan Zhang-PhD student)
49. 31 Mar 2014 – “Kinetic and Thermodynamic Aspects for CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion to Methanol via Tri-reforming” Presented at the annual AIChE spring conference in New Orleans, LA.
50. 6 May 2014 – “Overview: What’s Around the Corner for the Glycerol Market?” Presented at the annual AOCS Conference in San Antonio, TX.
51. 27 April 2015 – “Photocatalyst Development and Reactor Design for the Conversion of Carbon Dioxide and Water to Syngas” Presented AIChE Spring Conference in Austin, TX (Presented by Md. Erfan Raihan-PhD student)
52. 2 Oct 2015 – “Carbon Dioxide Conversion Through Tri-Reforming: Reactor/Process Design and Optimization” Presented at the AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference in Galveston, TX - Won Best Speaker Award
53. 9 Nov 2015 – “Optimized Annular Reactor Modeling and Performance for Photocatalytic Carbon Dioxide Conversion” Presented at AIChE annual conference in Salt Lake City, UT (Presented by Md. Erfan Raihan-PhD student)



54. 9 Nov 2015 – “Carbon Dioxide Conversion: Catalyzing the Reaction and Society’s Interest” Presented at the Area Plenary session of Health, Safety & Environmental Sustainability at AIChE annual conference in Salt Lake City, UT
55. 11 Nov 2015 – “A Parametric Study for the Conversion of High Free Fatty Acid Lipid Feedstocks to Biofuel Using Triazabicyclodecene Catalyst” Presented at AIChE annual conference in Salt Lake City, UT (Presented by Obakore Agbroko-PhD student)
56. 26 Aug 2016 – “Carbon Dioxide Conversion Through Tri-Reforming: Reactor/Process Design and Optimization” Presented at the Southeast Symposium on Contemporary Engineering Topics in Jackson, MS
57. 15 Nov 2016 – “Development and Testing of Amine-Type Scavengers for the Removal of H<sub>2</sub>S from Liquid Sour Crudes” Presented at AIChE annual conference in San Francisco, CA (Presented by Obakore Agbroko-PhD Student)
58. 17 Nov 2016 – “In Situ Analysis for the Production of Biofuel Using a Heterogeneous Layered Double Hydroxide Catalyst” Presented at AIChE annual conference in San Francisco, CA (Presented by Obakore Agbroko-PhD Student)
59. 3 May 2017 – “Reactive Distillation: Exploring Process Intensification Routes for the Oil Products Industry” Presented at the AOCS Conference in Orlando, FL
60. 25 Oct 2017 – “Conversion of Crude Glycerol to Propanediols Using Reactive Distillation” Presented at the LAGCOE Conference in Lafayette, LA
61. 31 Oct 2017 – “Advances in Process Intensification: Using Reactive Distillation for the Conversion of Crude Glycerol” Presented at the AIChE annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN (Presented by Obakore Agbroko-PhD Student)
62. 1 Nov 2017 – “The Effects of Dispersion Surfactants on the Photocatalytic Properties of Titanium Dioxide – Single Walled Carbon NanoTubes” Presented at the AIChE annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN (Presented by Karishma Piler-PhD Student)
63. 25 April 2018 – “Medium Chain Alcohol Production Using Alkali-Promoted Mo-Sulfide Fischer – Tropsch Catalysts,” Presented at the AIChE Spring Conference in Orlando, FL.
64. 2 April 2019 – “Development of Thermodynamic Parameters for Amine-Containing H<sub>2</sub>S Scavengers,” Presented at the AIChE Spring Conference in New Orleans, LA (Presented by Linh Doan-PhD Student)
65. 4 April 2019 – “Process & Economic Considerations for the Hydrothermal Liquefaction of Algae to Fuels and Chemicals,” Presented at the IEEE GreenTech Conference in Lafayette, LA.

66. 18 July 2019 – “Exploring the Gulf of Mexico Sub-Sea Floor as a Sink for Waste CO<sub>2</sub>,” Presented at the Carbon Management Conference in Houston, TX.
67. 12 Nov 2019 – “Unique Preparation of TiO<sub>2</sub> – SWCNT Nanocomposites for the Photocatalytic Conversion of Carbon Dioxide,” Presented at the AIChE Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.
68. 14 Nov 2019 – “Analysis of Pyrolysis Oil Model Compounds Using in-Situ Raman” Presented at the AIChE Annual Conference in Orlando, FL (Presented by Adhish Madugula – PhD Student)
69. 14 Nov 2019 – “Relationship of Solubility and Thermodynamic Parameters for Amine-Containing Non-Regenerative H<sub>2</sub>S Scavengers,” Presented at the AIChE Annual Conference in Orlando, FL (Presented by Linh Doan – PhD Student)
70. 16 Nov 2020 – “New Insights for the Thermodynamic Behavior of H<sub>2</sub>S and Ionic Liquid Mixtures,” Presented virtually at the AIChE Annual Conference (Presented by Linh Doan – PhD student)
71. 16 Nov 2020 – “Optimization and Transport of CO<sub>2</sub> from Refineries in Southeast Texas for Offshore Subsea Storage,” Presented virtually at the AIChE Annual Conference (Presented by Adhish Chandra Saketh Madugula – PhD Student)
72. 16 Nov 2020 – “Latest Advancements in Midstream Technologies,” Presented virtually at the AIChE Annual Conference.
73. 11 Jan 2021 – “A Look at the Sustainable Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> to Useful Fuels and Chemicals” Invited talk presented at webinar for CO<sub>2</sub> Research Group at PDPU - Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
74. 13 Nov 2022 – “Evaluation of Aprotic Heterocyclic Anion Ionic Liquids for Post Combustion Carbon Capture” Presented at the AIChE Annual Conference (Presented by Adhish Chandra Saketh Madugula – PhD Student)
75. 26 Oct. 2023 – “Technology Development for Carbon Capture and Conversion” Presented at BASF Houston, TX
76. 26 Oct. 2023 – “Thermodynamic Properties of Amine-Type and Ionic Liquid H<sub>2</sub>S Scavengers” Presented at BASF, Houston, TX
77. 6 Nov. 2023 – “Estimation of Environmental Impacts of [P2228][2-CN<sub>2</sub>Pyr] and its Monoethanolamine Based Hybrid Solvent Using LCA Methodology” Presented at the AIChE Annual Conference (Presented by Adhish Chandra Saketh Madugula – Post Doctoral Research Associate)

78. 27 Mar. 2024 – “Role of Nonaqueous Amines for Potential CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Solvents” Presented at the AIChE Spring Conference (Presented by Aishwarya Roy – MS Student).

## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

1. Jones, M., Benson, T., and George, C. (2002) “Ethanol: Fuel for the New Millennium.” Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual E-Week poster competition at Mississippi State University.
2. Smith, T., Benson, T., and George, C. (2003) “Ethanol Dehydration Using Biomass Adsorbents.” Presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual E-Week poster competition at Mississippi State University.
3. Benson, T., Zappi, M., and French, T. (2004) “Preliminary Assessment of the Technical and Economic Viability of Producing Biogas at MS Broiler Poultry Raising Operations.” Presented at the Southern Bio-Products Conference in Biloxi, MS.
4. Benson, T. and George, C. (2004) “Cellulose Based Adsorbent Materials for the Dehydration of Ethanol Using Thermal Swing Adsorption.” Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Fundamentals of Adsorption in Sedona, AZ.
5. Hartenbower, B., Benson, T., and Zappi, M. (2005) “Methane Generation from Broiler Chicken Litter for the Production of Electrical Energy.” Presented at the Southern Bio-Products Conference in Jackson, MS.
6. Benson, T., Hernandez, R., French, T., and Zappi, M. (2006) “Using Lipids from Industrial Waste Sources to Produce Biodiesel.” Presented at the Southern Bio-Products Conference in Choctaw, MS.
7. Benson, T., Holmes, W.E., White, M.G., French, W.T., Alley, E.G, Hernandez, R., (2007) “Development of a Laboratory Scale Catalytic Cracking Reactor.” Presented at the 2007 annual AIChE conference in Salt Lake City, UT.
8. Benson, T., Holmes, W.E., Hernandez, R., French, W.T., White, M.G., and Alley, E.G. (2008) “Development of a Laboratory Scale Catalytic Cracking Reactor” – Presented at the Pittcon Conference and Expo 2008 in New Orleans, LA.
9. Forks, A., Benson, T.J., Holmes, W.E., French, W.T., and Hernandez, R. (2009) “Reaction Kinetics for the Homogeneous Catalytic Cracking of a Saturated Triglyceride” – Presented at the 2009 annual AOCS conference in Orlando, FL.
10. Benson, T., Cruz, J., Lou, H., Zhang, Y., Gangadharan, P. (2012) “From Nano-Catalyst to Trireforming Process: Engineered CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion” Presented at the ACS Annual Spring conference SciMix in San Diego, CA.

11. Benson, T.J. and Islam, Md. R. (2013) "Synthesis and Characterization of Guanidine Base-Functionalized Mg/Al Layered Double Hydroxides" Presented the North American Symposium on Chemical Reaction Engineering in Houston, TX.
12. Zhang, Y., Cruz, J., Benson, T.J. (2013) "Development of a Reverse Micelle Catalyst Synthesis Method for Producing Multi-Metal Nano-Structures on a TiO<sub>2</sub> Anatase Support" Presented at the 2013 annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.
13. Benson, T., Raza, H., Roberts, G.W., Fortier, M.O., Stagg-Williams, S.M., Sturm, B.S.M (2013) "Aspen Simulation for the Hydrothermal Liquefaction of Algae to Generate Fuels and Chemicals" Presented at the 2013 annual AIChE conference in San Francisco, CA.
14. Raihan, Md. E. and Benson, T. (2015) "Reactor Simulation of Photocatalytic Carbon Dioxide Conversion By Saturated Steam over TiO<sub>2</sub>" Presented at the 2015 annual AIChE conference in Salt Lake City (Presented by Md. Erfan Raihan-PhD Student)
15. Agbroko, O., Mollaeian, K., Holmes, W., Benson, T.J. (2015) "Online Raman Spectroscopy Analysis Technique for Monitoring Biofuel Reaction Using Heterogeneous Layered Double Hydroxide Catalyst" Presented at the 2015 annual AIChE conference in Salt Lake City (Presented by Obokore Agbroko-PhD Student)
16. Piler, K., Bernnazzani, P., Bahrim, C., Benson, T.J. (2016) "Novel Catalysts for Photocatalytic Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> Systems to Syngas" (Presented by Karishma Piler-PhD Student)
17. Doan, L., Benson, T.J. (2017) "Investigating the Drug Delivery Effect for Anti-Cancer Compounds Using Graphene Oxide Nanoparticles" Presented at the AIChE annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN (Presented by Linh Doan-PhD Student)
18. Agbroko, O., Piler, K., Benson, T.J. (2017) "Investigation on Chemical Absorbents for the Effective Removal of H<sub>2</sub>S from Crude Oils" Presented at the AIChE annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN (Presented by Obakore Agbroko-PhD Student)
19. Agbroko, O. and Benson T.J. (2017) Process Intensification Using Reactive Distillation: Conversion of Crude Glycerol to Propanediol" Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference in Galveston, TX (Presented by Obakore Agbroko-PhD Student)
20. Piler, K. and Benson, T.J. (2017) "Development and Testing of Amine-Type Scavengers for Elimination of H<sub>2</sub>S from Liquid Sour Crudes" Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference in Galveston, TX (Presented by Karishma Piler-PhD Student)

21. Piler, K. and Benson, T.J. (2018) “Self-Assembly of Specific Nanonstructures on Catalytic Supports Using Reverse Micelles” Presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference in Galveston, TX (Presented by Karishma Piler-PhD Student)
22. Roy, Aishwarya, Madugula, A.C.S., and Benson, T.J. (2024) “Identification of Non-Aqueous Solvents for Pairing with Amine-type CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Systems” International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Beaumont, TX (Presented by Aishwarya Roy – MS Student)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH**

Roxanne Padlan (MS) “Synthesis and Characterization of Layered Double Hydroxides”  
Defended 2010

Charlene Taylor (MS) “Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopic Characterization of Carbon Coated Sulfonated Polytetra-Fluoroethylene Based Ion Conductor” Defended 2010

Emre Atabey (MS) “Fluorescent Electrospun Polyvinyl Alcohol Nanocomposite Fibers with CdSe@ZnS Quantum Dots” Defended 2011

Juri Selig (PhD) “Combustion Synthesis of Thermoelectric Oxides” Defended 2012

Aisha Leh (PhD) “Study Parameters Controlling Drop Adhesion to Surfaces” Defended May 2012

Jiahua Zhu (PhD) “Integrated Nanocomposites Toward Electrochemical Energy Storage and Environmental Remediation” Defended 2013

Preeti Gangadharan (PhD) “Sustainability of Syngas Conversion Technologies” Defended May 2013

Kai Liang Zheng (PhD) “Incorporating Sustainability into the Early Design Stage of Chemical Process-Reaction Pathway Selection” Defended May 2013

Sruthi Tadakamalla (MS) “Polyaniline Stabilized Magnetic Nanoparticles Reinforced Epoxy Nanocomposites and Flame Retardant Epoxy Resin Nanocomposites” Defended Aug 2013

Babak Rafie Nia (MS) “Gas Separator Mist Eliminator Wires-Liquid Adhesion Using the Centrifugal Adhesion Balance” Defended Dec 2013

Belinda Molina (MS) “Alkali Promoted Molybdenum Disulfide Based Catalysts, Development and Characterization for Alcohol Synthesis from Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen” Defended Dec 2013

Tsai-Nan Mai (MS) “A Modeling and Experimental Study of the Kinetics of Intracellular Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles Using Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii” Defended June 2017

Monique Wilburn (PhD) “Methane Oxidation Over, and Sulfur Interactions with, Pd/Pt Bimetallic Catalysts” Defended Dec 2017 (University of Houston)

Melanie Hazlett (PhD) “Kinetic and Mechanistic Study of CO and Hydrocarbon Oxidation, and NO<sub>x</sub> Oxidation and Reduction Over Pt-Pd Catalysts” Defended Dec 2017 (University of Houston)

Yan Fang (PhD) “Process Safety Applications of Plant DCS Data and Operating Procedure Analysis with Risk Assessment” Defended Aug 2018

Adarsh Bafana (PhD) “Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Sustainability, and Applications” Defended Aug 2019

Shishir Kumar (PhD) “Sustainable Microwave Synthesis of Inorganic Nanoparticles and Their Application” Defended Aug 2019

Ashigur Rahman (PhD) “Biosynthetic Conversion of Ag<sup>+</sup> to Colloidally Stable Ag<sup>0</sup> Nanoparticles by *Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii*: A Mechanistic View of the Light-Induced Synthesis Process and the Impact of the Extracellular Polymeric Substances on the Stability of the Nanoparticles” Defended Dec 2019

Aniket Khade “Condition Monitoring with Magnetic Sensors for Prognosis and Reduced Mechanism Development for Ammonia-Natural Gas Co-Firing” Defended May 2021