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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Rochester , Rochester, NY	2022–present
Assistant Professor of Chemistry	
Levinson-Shapiro Faculty Scholar	
Faculty Member, Materials Science Program, Hajim School of Engineering	
Northwestern University , Evanston, IL	2019–2022
International Institute for Nanotechnology Postdoctoral Fellow	
Advisor: Chad A. Mirkin	

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania , Philadelphia, PA	2013–2018
HHMI International Student Research Fellow and Thouron Fellow	
Ph.D. in Chemistry; Certificate in College and University Teaching Advisor: Virgil Percec	
University of Oxford , Oxford, United Kingdom	2009–2013
M.Chem. (Undergraduate Masters) in Chemistry Advisor: Paul D. Beer	

AWARDS AND HONORS

Levinson-Shapiro Faculty Scholar, University of Rochester	2022–present
International Institute for Nanotechnology Outstanding Researcher Award	2021
International Institute for Nanotechnology Postdoctoral Fellowship	2019–2022
Branco Weiss Fellowship, ETH Zürich – Shortlisted (top 5% of 657 applicants)	2019
SETARAM Best Student Award, North American Thermal Analysis Society	2017
Student Travel Award, Thermal Analysis Forum of Delaware Valley	2017
International Student Research Fellowship, Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2015–2018
Outstanding Performance by a Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania	2014
Thouron Award, University of Pennsylvania	2013–2015
Inorganic Chemistry Part II Thesis Prize (<i>Proxime Accesserunt</i>), University of Oxford	2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

IIN Postdoctoral Fellow , Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	2019–2022
• Developed expertise in DNA and protein synthesis, protein crystallography and nanoparticle assembly	
• Elaborated a method to program protein crystal structure by design using DNA hybridization (<i>JACS 2021</i>)	
• Programmed the spatial location and relative interaction strength of DNA on a protein surface to define protein assembly along hierarchical multistep pathways (<i>PNAS 2021</i>)	
• Discovered design rules for the assembly of gold nanoparticles into crystals with defined valency (<i>Nat. Mater. 2022</i>) and controllable porosity (<i>Nature 2022</i>)	
• Led a team in the preparation of an NSF-BMAT proposal, from conception to submission and execution (\$525k)	
• Led Programmable Nanomaterials subgroup, with responsibility for overseeing ~20 students and postdocs	
Graduate Student , University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	2013–2018
• Investigated structure-property relationships in assemblies of perylene bisimides (<i>JACS 2015, 2019, 2020</i>)	
• Discovered a supramolecular epitaxy effect in condensed soft matter (<i>ACS Nano 2016, 2017</i>)	
• Developed expertise in organic synthesis, supramolecular assembly, fiber X-ray diffraction, circular dichroism/UV-vis spectroscopy, thermal analysis (differential scanning calorimetry)	
• Laboratory Safety Coordinator (2014–2018) responsible for leading in-lab safety efforts	

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Before University of Rochester:

1. Li, Y.; Zhou, W.; Tanriover, I.; Hadibrata, W.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Lin, H.; Hu, X.; Lee, B.; Liu, J.; Dravid, V. P.; Aydin, K.; Mirkin, C. A. Open-Channel Metal Particle Superlattices. *Nature* **2022**, *611*, 695.
2. Wang, S.; Lee, S.; Du, J. S.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Cheng, H. F.; Zhou, W.; Dravid, V. P.; Lee, B.; Glotzer, S. C.; Mirkin, C. A. The Emergence of Valency in Colloidal Crystals through Electron Equivalents. *Nat. Mater.* **2022**, *21*, 580.
3. Sahoo, D.; Peterca, M.; Imam, M. R.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Xiao, Q.; Percec, V. Conformationally Flexible Dendronized Cyclotetraveratrylene (CTTV) Self-Organize a Large Diversity of Chiral Columnar, Frank-Kasper, and Quasicrystal Phases. *Giant* **2022**, *10*, 100096.
4. Percec, V.; Huang, N.; Xiao, Q.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Sahoo, D.; Imam, M. R.; Peterca, M.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H.-W.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G. Self-Organization of Rectangular Bipyramidal Helical Columns by Supramolecular Orientational Memory Epitaxially Nucleated from a Frank-Kasper σ Phase. *Giant* **2022**, *9*, 100084.
5. **Partridge, B. E.**; Winegar, P. H.; Han, Z.; Mirkin, C. A. Redefining Protein Interfaces within Protein Single Crystals with DNA. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 8925.
6. Hayes, O. G.[†]; **Partridge, B. E.**[†]; Mirkin, C. A. Encoding Hierarchical Assembly Pathways of Proteins with DNA. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2021**, *118*, e2106808118. ([†] denotes equal contribution)
7. Ebrahimi, S. B.; Samanta, D.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Kusmierz, C. D.; Cheng, H. F.; Grigorescu, A. A.; Chávez, J. L.; Mirau, P. A.; Mirkin, C. A. Programming Fluorogenic DNA Probes for Rapid Detection of Steroids. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 15260.
8. Percec, V.; Wang, S.; Huang, N.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Wang, X.; Sahoo, D.; Hoffman, D. J.; Malineni, J.; Peterca, M.; Jezorek, R. L.; Zhang, N.; Daud, H.; Sung, P. D.; McClure, E. R.; Song, S. L. An Accelerated Modular-Orthogonal Ni-Catalyzed Methodology to Symmetric and Nonsymmetric Constitutional Isomeric AB₂ to AB₃ Dendrons Exhibiting Unprecedented Self-Organizing Principles. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 17724.
9. Kostina, N. Y.; Soeder, D.; Haraszti, T.; Xiao, Q.; Rahimi, K.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Klein, M. L.; Percec, V.; Rodriguez-Emmenegger, C. Enhanced Concanavalin A Binding to Preorganized Mannose Nanoarrays in Glycodendrimersomes Revealed Multivalent Interactions. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 8352.
10. Wang, L.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Huang, N.; Olsen, J. T.; Sahoo, D.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Percec, V. Extraordinary Acceleration of Cogwheel Helical Self-Organization of Dendronized Perylene Bisimides by the Dendron Sequence Encoding their Tertiary Structure. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2020**, *142*, 9525.
11. Park, S. S.; Urbach, Z. J.; Brisbois, C. A.; Parker, K. E.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Oh, T.; Dravid, V. P.; Olvera de la Cruz, M.; Mirkin, C. A. DNA- and Field-Mediated Assembly of Magnetic Nanoparticles into High-Aspect Ratio Crystals. *Adv. Mater.* **2020**, *32*, 1906626.
12. Holerca, M. N.; Peterca, M.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Xiao, Q.; Lligadas, G.; Monteiro, M. J.; Percec, V. Monodisperse Macromolecules by Self-Interrupted Living Polymerization. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2020**, *142*, 15265.
13. Huang, N.; Imam, M. R.; Sienkowska, M. J.; Peterca, M.; Holerca, M. N.; Wilson, D. A.; Rosen, B. M.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Xiao, Q.; Percec, V. Supramolecular Spheres Assembled from Covalent and Supramolecular Dendritic Crowns Dictate the Supramolecular Orientational Memory Effect Mediated by Frank-Kasper Phases. *Giant* **2020**, *1*, 100001.
14. **Partridge, B. E.**; Wang, L.; Sahoo, D.; Olsen, J. T.; Leowanawat, P.; Roche, C.; Ferreira, H.; Reilly, K. J.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Heiney, P. A.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Percec, V. Sequence-Defined Dendrons Dictate Supramolecular Cogwheel Assembly of Dendronized Perylene Bisimides. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 15761.
15. Wilson, D. A.; Andreopoulou, K. A.; Peterca, M.; Leowanawat, P.; Sahoo, D.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Xiao, Q.; Huang, N.; Heiney, P. A.; Percec, V. Supramolecular Spheres Self-Assembled from Conical Dendrons are Chiral. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 6162.
16. Rodriguez-Emmenegger, C.; Xiao, Q.; Kostina, N. Y.; Sherman, S. E.; Rahimi, K.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Li, S.; Sahoo, D.; Reveron Perez, A. M.; Buzzacchera, I.; Han, H.; Kerzner, M.; Malhotra, I.; Möller, M.; Wilson, C. J.; Good, M. C.; Goulian, M.; Baumgart, T.; Klein, M. L.; Percec, V. Encoding Biological Recognition in a Bicomponent Cell-Membrane Mimic. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2019**, *116*, 5376.

17. Holerca, M. N.; Sahoo, D.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Peterca, M.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Heiney, P. A.; Percec, V. Dendronized Poly(2-Oxazoline) Displays Within Only Five Monomer Repeat Units Liquid Quasicrystal, A15 and σ Frank-Kasper Phases. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2018**, *140*, 16941.
18. Sahoo, D.; Imam, M. R.; Peterca, M.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Wilson, D. A.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Heiney, P. A.; Percec, V. Hierarchical Self-Organization of Chiral Columns from Chiral Supramolecular Spheres. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2018**, *140*, 13478.
19. Sahoo, D.; Peterca, M.; Aqad, E.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Klein, M. L.; Percec, V. Losing Supramolecular Orientational Memory via Self-Organization of a Misfolded Secondary Structure. *Polym. Chem.* **2018**, *9*, 2370.
20. Andreopoulou, K. A.; Peterca, M.; Wilson, D. A.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Heiney, P. A.; Percec, V. Demonstrating the 8_1 -Helicity and Nanomechanical Function of Self-Organizable Dendronized Polymethacrylates and Polyacrylates. *Macromolecules* **2017**, *50*, 5271.
21. Sahoo, D.; Peterca, M.; Aqad, E.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Heiney, P. A.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Percec, V. Tetrahedral Arrangements of Perylene Bisimide Columns via Supramolecular Orientational Memory. *ACS Nano* **2017**, *11*, 983.
22. Holerca, M. N.; Sahoo, D.; Peterca, M.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Heiney, P. A.; Percec, V. A Tetragonal Phase Self-Organized from Unimolecular Spheres Assembled from a Substituted Poly(2-Oxazoline). *Macromolecules* **2017**, *50*, 375.
23. Ho, M.-S.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Sun, H.-J.; Sahoo, D.; Leowanawat, P.; Peterca, M.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Heiney, P. A.; Hsu, C.-S.; Percec, V. Screening Libraries of Semifluorinated Arylene Bisimides to Discover and Predict Thermodynamically Controlled Helical Crystallization. *ACS Comb. Sci.* **2016**, *18*, 723.
24. Peterca, M.; Imam, M. R.; Hudson, S. D.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Sahoo, D.; Heiney, P. A.; Klein, M. L.; Percec, V. Complex Arrangement of Orthogonal Nanoscale Columns via a Supramolecular Orientational Memory Effect. *ACS Nano* **2016**, *10*, 10480.
25. Sahoo, D.; Peterca, M.; Aqad, E.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Heiney, P. A.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Percec, V. Hierarchical Self-Organization of Perylene Bisimides into Supramolecular Spheres and Periodic Arrays Thereof. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2016**, *138*, 14798.
26. Roche, C.; Sun, H.-J.; Leowanawat, P.; Araoka, F.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Peterca, M.; Wilson, D. A.; Prendergast, M. E.; Heiney, P. A.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Percec, V. A Supramolecular Helix that Disregards Chirality. *Nat. Chem.* **2016**, *8*, 80.
27. Guerra, S.; Iehl, J.; Holler, M.; Peterca, M.; Wilson, D. A.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Zhang, S.; Deschenaux, R.; Nierengarten, J.-F.; Percec, V. Self-Organisation of Dodeca-Dendronized Fullerene into Supramolecular Discs and Helical Columns Containing a Nanowire-Like Core. *Chem. Sci.* **2015**, *6*, 3393.
28. **Partridge, B. E.**; Leowanawat, P.; Aqad, E.; Imam, M. R.; Sun, H.-J.; Peterca, M.; Heiney, P. A.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Percec, V. Increasing 3D Supramolecular Order by Decreasing Molecular Order: A Comparative Study of Helical Assemblies of Dendronized Non-Chlorinated and Tetrachlorinated Perylene Bisimides. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 5210.
29. Wu, Y.-C.; Leowanawat, P.; Sun, H.-J.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Peterca, M.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Hsu, C.-S.; Heiney, P. A.; Percec, V. Complex Columnar Hexagonal Polymorphism in Supramolecular Assemblies of a Semifluorinated Electron-Accepting Naphthalene Bisimide. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 807.
30. Roche, C.; Sun, H.-J.; Prendergast, M. E.; Leowanawat, P.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Heiney, P. A.; Araoka, F.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Zeng, X.; Ungar, G.; Percec, V. Homochiral Columns Constructed by Chiral Self-Sorting During Supramolecular Helical Organization of Hat-Shaped Molecules. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 7169.
31. Mullaney, B. R.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Beer, P. D. A Halogen-Bonding Bis-Triazolium Rotaxane for Halide Selective Anion Recognition. *Chem.—Eur. J.* **2014**, *21*, 1660.
32. Noonan, G. M.; Hayter, B. R.; Campbell, A. D.; Gorman, T. W.; **Partridge, B. E.**; Lamont, G. M. Expanding the Scope of Silane-Mediated Hydrodehalogenation Reactions. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2013**, *54*, 4518.

PATENTS

“Encoding Hierarchical Assembly Pathways of Proteins with DNA”. Mirkin, C. A.; Hayes, O. G.; Partridge, B. E. U.S. Patent Application; US 2022/0372062 A1; published November 24, 2022, provisionally filed May 24, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

4 th International Conference on Chemistry, Lahore Garrison University, Lahore, Pakistan (keynote)	March 2023
American Chemical Society Northeast Regional Meeting, Rochester, NY (oral)	October 2022
RSC Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry Young Scientist Series, Virtual (oral)	June 2022
Gordon Research Conference on Bioinspired Materials, Les Diablerets, Switzerland (poster)	June 2022
Gordon Research Symposium on Bioinspired Materials, Les Diablerets, Switzerland (oral)	June 2022
International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies (Pacificchem), Virtual Meeting (oral)	December 2021
Wesleyan University, Chemistry Department Colloquium, Middletown, CT (invited, oral)	October 2021
American Chemical Society National Meeting, Virtual Meeting (oral)	April 2021
American Chemical Society National Meeting, Boston, MA (poster, selected for Sci-Mix)	August 2018
North American Thermal Analysis Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (plenary lecture)	August 2018
North American Thermal Analysis Society Annual Meeting, Newark, DE (award lecture)	August 2017
American Chemical Society National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (talk)	August 2016

RESEARCH PERSONNEL SUPERVISED

Graduate Students:	(current) Elizabeth Piedmont (G2), Hannah Claus (G1), Parbhak Kumar (G1), Abhishek Roy (G1)
Undergraduate Students:	(current) Ubanni Opashi ('25), Camden Parker ('23), Grace van der Meer ('25), Aiden Ward ('25), Marvin Wu ('26)
Visiting International Students:	(former) Áron Adorján (Hungary)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor , University of Rochester CHEM 433 Advanced Organic Chemistry I	Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant , University of Pennsylvania CHEM 241 Organic Chemistry II	Spring 2017
CHEM 054 General Chemistry II Laboratory	Spring 2014
CHEM 053 General Chemistry I Laboratory	Fall 2013

LEADERSHIP, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE (SELECTED)

Chair , Natural Sciences Panel, Sproull and Provost Fellowship Committee, U. Rochester	2023
Member , <i>Protein Science</i> Early Career Reviewer Board	2023–present
Member , Dept. of Chemistry Graduate Recruiting Committee, University of Rochester	2022–present
Member , Dept. of Chemistry Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Outreach Committee, U. Rochester	2022–present
Session Chair , 2022 ACS Northeast Regional Meeting, Rochester, NY	October 2022
<i>Session: Organic Chemistry</i>	
Poster Judge , 2022 ACS Northeast Regional Meeting, Rochester, NY	October 2022
Leader , Programmable Nanomaterials Subgroup, Mirkin Group, Northwestern University	2020–2022
Member , Women in Chemistry Professional Advancement Committee, U. Pennsylvania	2016–2018
Session Organizer , 2016 ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	August 2016
<i>Session: From Bench-to-Bench and Beyond: Engaging People with High Impact Chemistry (GSSPC initiative)</i>	
Graduate Chair , International Student Advisory Board, U. Pennsylvania	2014–2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)	2008–present
American Chemical Society (ACS)	2013–present
Divisions: <i>Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS)</i> , <i>Colloids (COLL)</i> , <i>Organic (ORGN)</i> , <i>Polymers (POLY)</i>	
North American Thermal Analysis Society (NATAS)	2017–present
Protein Society	2019–present