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## EDUCATION

- Dec 2016            **Doctor of Philosophy, Chemical Engineering**  
*University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA*  
Dissertation Title: Self-Assembly and Crystallization of Conjugated Block Copolymers
- May 2011            **Urban Education Teaching Credential**  
*Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA*
- June 2010           **Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering**  
Minors: Physics; Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Science  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA*

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2021 – present      **Assistant Professor, Chemical & Biological Eng., Princeton University**  
**Associated Faculty, Princeton Institute of Materials**  
**Associated Faculty, Andlinger Center for Energy & the Environment**
- 2017 – 2020        **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Lewis Lab, Harvard University**
- 2016 – 2017        **Postdoctoral Researcher, Segalman Lab, UC Santa Barbara**
- 2012 – 2016        **Graduate Researcher, Segalman Lab, UC Berkeley (2 yrs visiting scholar at UCSB)**
- 2010 – 2012        **High School Chemistry and Physics Teacher, Teach for America, Richmond High School (Richmond, CA)**
- 2008 – 2009        **Undergraduate Researcher, Gleason Lab, MIT**

## AWARDS, HONORS, WORKSHOPS

- 2022            DOE Early Career Award
- 2022            Invited to attend NSF workshop ‘Architected Metamaterials for Civil Infrastructure’
- 2022            Princeton SEAS ‘Project X’ Innovation Award
- 2019            Selected to attend the 2019 University of Delaware Future Faculty Workshop
- 2019            Young Professional Winner, Scientista ‘Born Seekers’ Fellowship
- 2017            Second place poster award, APS March Meeting, Division of Polymer Physics
- 2016            Best Talk, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual UCSB Clorox-Amgen Graduate Student Symposium
- 2015            Selected to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> National School on Neutron and X-ray Scattering
- 2015            International Research Fellowship Award through UCSB International Center for Materials Research

## PUBLICATIONS (\* denotes equal contributions)

20. J.J. Bown, S. Mooraj, J.A. Goodman, S. Peng, D.P. Street, B. Roman-Manso, **E.C. Davidson**, K.L. Martin, L. M. Rueschhoff, S. N. Schiffres, W. Chen, J.A. Lewis, M.B. Dickerson, “Hierarchically Porous Ceramics via Direct Writing of Preceramic Polymer-Triblock Copolymer Inks,” *Accepted, Materials Today*, **2022**.
19. C.L.C. Chan, J.M. Taylor, **E.C. Davidson**, “Design of Soft Matter for Additive Processing,” *Accepted, Nature Synthesis*, **2022**.
18. A.J. DeStefano, R.A. Segalman, **E.C. Davidson**, “Where Biology and Traditional Polymers Meet: The Potential of Associating Sequence-Defined Polymers for Materials Science,” *JACS Au*, **2021**, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1021/jacsau.1c00297>
17. G.C. Faria, D.T. Duong, G.P da Cunha, P. Selter, L.A. Strassø, **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman, M.R. Hansen, E.R. deAzevedo, A. Salleo, “On the growth, structure and dynamics of P3EHT crystals,” *J. of Materials Chemistry C*, **2020**, DOI: 10.1039/d0tc00704h
16. A.L. Patterson, B. Yu, S. Danielsen, **E.C. Davidson**, G.H. Fredrickson, R.A. Segalman, “Monomer sequence effects on interfacial width and mixing in self-assembled diblock copolymers,” *Macromolecules*, **2020**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.9b02426
15. **E.C. Davidson**, A. Kotikian, S. Li, J. Aizenberg, J.A. Lewis, “3D Printable and Reconfigurable Liquid Crystal Elastomers with Light-Induced Shape Memory via Dynamic Bond Exchange,” *Advanced Materials*, **2019**, DOI: 10.1002/adma.201905682 *Featured in the Women in Materials Science Virtual Issue, January 2021*
14. A. Kotikian,\* C. McMahan,\* **E.C. Davidson**, J.M. Muhammad, R.D. Weeks, C. Daraio, J.A. Lewis, “Untethered Soft Robotic Matter with Passive Control of Shape Morphing and Propulsion,” *Science Robotics*, **2019**, DOI: 10.1126/scirobotics.aax7044
13. S.P.O. Danielsen, **E.C. Davidson**, G.H. Fredrickson, R.A. Segalman, “Absence of Electrostatic Rigidity in Conjugated Polyelectrolytes with Pendant Charges,” *ACS Macro Letters*, **2019**, DOI: 10.1021/acsmacrolett.9b00551
12. B. Yu, S.P.O. Danielsen, A.L. Patterson, **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman, “Effects of Helical Chain Shape on Lamellae-Forming Block Copolymer Self-Assembly,” *Macromolecules*, **2019**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.9b00211
11. A.L. Patterson, S.P.O. Danielsen, B. Yu, **E.C. Davidson**, G.H. Fredrickson, R.A. Segalman, “Sequence Effects on Block Copolymer Self-Assembly through Tuning Chain Conformation and Segregation Strength Utilizing Sequence-Defined Polypeptoids,” *Macromolecules*, **2019**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.8b02298
10. M. Barry,\* **E.C. Davidson**,\* C. Zhang, A.L. Patterson, B. Yu, A.K. Leonardi, N. Duzen, K. Malaviya, J.L. Clarke, J.A. Finlay, A.S. Clare, Z. Chen, C.K. Ober, R.A. Segalman, “The Role of Hydrogen Bonding in Peptoid-based Marine Antifouling Coatings,” *Macromolecules*, **2019**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.8b02390 **\*Contributed equally**
9. E.M. Thomas, **E.C. Davidson**, R. Katsumata, R.A. Segalman, M.L. Chabinyk, “Branched Side Chains Govern Counterion Position and Doping Mechanism in Conjugated Polythiophenes,” *ACS Macro Letters*, **2018**, DOI: 10.1021/acsmacrolett.8b00778
8. A.R. Chew, R. Ghosh, V. Pakhnyuk, J. Onorato, **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman, C.K. Luscombe, F.C. Spano, A. Salleo, “Unraveling the Effect of Conformational and Electronic Disorder in the

Charge Transport Processes of Semiconducting Polymers,” *Advanced Functional Materials*, **2018**, DOI: 10.1002/adfm.201804142

7. **E.C. Davidson**,\* A.M. Rosales,\* A.L. Patterson, B. Russ, B.Yu, R.N. Zuckermann, R.A. Segalman, “Impact of Helical Chain Shape in Sequence-Defined Polymers on Polypeptoid Block Copolymer Self-Assembly,” *Macromolecules*, **2018**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.8b00055 **\*Contributed equally**
6. J. Martin, **E.C. Davidson**, C. Greco, W. Xu, J. Bannock, A. Agirre, J.D. de Mello, R.A. Segalman, N. Stingelin, K. Daoulas, “Temperature-dependence of persistence length affects phenomenological descriptions of aligning interactions in nematic semiconducting polymers,” *Chemistry of Materials*, **2018**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.7b04194
5. **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman, “Thermal Control of Confined Crystallization within P3EHT Block Copolymer Microdomains,” *Macromolecules*, **2017**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.7b01616
4. **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman, “Confined Crystallization within Cylindrical P3EHT Block Copolymer Microdomains,” *Macromolecules*, **2017**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.7b01323
3. L. Yu, **E.C. Davidson**, M.R. Andersson, R.A. Segalman, C. Müller, “Isothermal Crystallization Kinetics and Time-Temperature-Transformation of the Conjugated Polymer: Poly(3-(2'-ethyl)hexylthiophene),” *Chemistry of Materials*, **2017**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.7b01393
2. **E.C. Davidson**, B.S. Beckingham, V. Ho, R.A. Segalman, “Confined Crystallization in Lamellae Forming Poly(3-(2'-ethyl)hexylthiophene) (P3EHT) Block Copolymers,” *J. of Polymer Science Part B: Polymer Physics*, **2015**, DOI: 10.1002/polb.23904 **Edward Kramer Memorial Issue**
1. E.S. Cho, C.M. Evans, **E.C. Davidson**, M.L. Hoarfrost, M.A. Modestino, R.A. Segalman, J.J. Urban. “Enhanced Water Vapor Blocking in Transparent Hybrid Polymer-Nanocrystal Films,” *ACS Macro Letters*, **2015**, DOI: 10.1021/mz500765y

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

2. A. Epstein, J. Easton, R. Murthy, **E.C. Davidson**, J. de Bruijn, T. Hayse, E. Hens, M. Lloyd. “Helping engineering and science students find their voice: Radio production as a way to enhance students’ communication skills and their competence at placing engineering and science in a broader societal context,” *Proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference*, 2010.
1. A. Epstein, B. Mire, T. Ramsey, K. Gareis, **E.C. Davidson**, E. Jones, M. Slosberg, R. Bras. “Terrascope Youth Radio: Engaging urban teens in a unique university-community partnership,” *Proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference*, 2010.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

1. A. Epstein, E. Chambers, **E. Davidson**, J. Fujimori, A. Gururaj, E. Moberg, B. Wang. “When an Engineer Tells a Story...” in *Extraordinary Partnerships: How the Arts and Humanities are Transforming America*. Christine Henseler, Editor. May 2020, Lever Press. <https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.11649046>

## PATENTS

2. N.L. Black, **E.C. Davidson**, A.K. Remenschneider, E.D. Kozin, and J.A. Lewis. “Melt-extrudable 3D Printing Inks,” PCT-US20-64627. Filed December 2020.

1. N.L. Black, R. Friedman, **E.C. Davidson**, and J.A. Lewis. "Composite Melt-extrudable Ink for 3D Printing of Bony Implants," Harvard University Office of Technology Development, HU 7859. Filed June 2019

## PRESENTATIONS

28. "Molecular design and directed self-assembly via additive manufacturing for locally programmed, responsive liquid crystal elastomer architectures," American Chemical Society Spring Meeting, March 2022. *Invited talk*
27. "Soft actuators featuring light-induced shape memory via molecular design and additive manufacturing," Northeast Complex Fluids and Soft Matter Workshop, January 2022. *Invited virtual talk*
26. "Molecular Design and Directed Self-Assembly via Additive Manufacturing for Locally Programmed, Responsive Polymer Architectures," ExxonMobil Corporate Strategic Research, October 2021. *Invited virtual talk*
25. "Hierarchical Control over Polymer Assembly for Functional, Responsive Polymer Architectures," Princeton University, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, October 2021. *Invited talk*
24. "Hierarchical Control over Polymer Assembly for Functional, Responsive Polymer Architectures," University of Leeds, Soft Matter Physics Group, June 2021. *Invited virtual talk*
23. "Hierarchical Control over 3D Polymer Assembly for Functional Polymer Architectures," Lawrence Berkeley National Labs Molecular Foundry Winter Seminar Series, March 2021. *Invited virtual talk*
22. "Hierarchical Control over 3D Polymer Assembly for Functional Polymer Architectures," North Carolina State University, Early Career Lecture Series in Materials Science and Engineering, October 2020. *Invited virtual talk*
21. "Light-Induced Shape Memory via 3D Printing of Bond-Exchangeable Liquid Crystal Elastomers," Advanced Light Source, April 2020. *Invited virtual talk*
- 11-20. "Hierarchical Control over 3D Polymer Assembly for Functional Polymer Architectures," *Invited talks, Junior Faculty Candidate Seminars*
  - NJIT, Dept. of Chemical & Materials Engineering, December 2019
  - Georgia Tech, Dept. of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, January 2020
  - Princeton U., Dept. of Chemical & Biological Engineering, January 2020
  - Northwestern U., Dept. of Chemical & Biological Engineering, January 2020
  - U. of Wisconsin, Dept. of Chemical & Biological Engineering, January 2020
  - U. of Delaware, Dept. of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, January 2020
  - Cornell U., Dept. of Materials Science & Engineering, February 2020
  - U. of Michigan, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, February 2020
  - U. of Washington, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, February 2020
  - Northwestern U., Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, March 2020
10. "Light-Induced Shape Memory Materials via 3DP of Liquid Crystal Elastomers containing Dynamic-Covalent Bonds," **E.C. Davidson**, A. Kotikian, S. Li, J. Aizenberg, J.A. Lewis. GRS on Liquid Crystals, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH, July 2019. *Selected for oral presentation*. Poster Presentation at accompanying GRC.

9. “3D Printed Reconfigurable Liquid Crystal Elastomer Architectures via Dynamic-Covalent Bonds,” **E.C. Davidson**, A. Kotikian, S. Li, J. Aizenberg, J.A. Lewis. Condensed Matter Seminar series, Tufts University. February 2019. *Invited talk*
8. “3D Printed Reconfigurable Liquid Crystal Elastomer Architectures via Dynamic-Covalent Bonds,” **E.C. Davidson**, A. Kotikian, S. Li, J. Aizenberg, J.A. Lewis. GRC on Complex Active and Adaptive Material Systems, Ventura, CA, January 2019. Poster Presentation.
7. “Impact of Sequence-Level Control on Block Copolymer Self-Assembly,” **E.C. Davidson**, A.M. Rosales, A.L Patterson, B.Yu, R.N Zuckermann, R.A. Segalman. APS March Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 15, 2017. Poster Presentation. *2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poster Award, Division of Polymer Physics.*
6. “Self-Assembly and Crystallization of P3EHT Containing Block Copolymers Controlled via Thermal Processing,” **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman. UCSB, Materials Research Opportunities Program, Santa Barbara, CA, February 1, 2017. Poster Presentation.
5. “Structure of Poly(3-(2'-ethyl)hexylthiophene) (P3EHT) Containing Diblock Copolymers Controlled via Thermal Processing,” **E.C. Davidson**, R.A. Segalman. APS March Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 18, 2016.
4. “Self-Assembly and Crystallization of P3EHT Containing Block Copolymers” UCSB Clorox-Amgen Graduate Student Symposium, October 2016. *Best Talk Award.*
3. “Confined Crystallization in Lamellae Forming Poly(3-(2'-ethyl)hexylthiophene) (P3EHT) Block Copolymers,” **E.C. Davidson**, V. Ho, B.S. Beckingham, R.A. Segalman. APS March Meeting, San Antonio TX, March 4, 2015.
2. “Confined Crystallization in Lamellae Forming Poly(3-(2'-ethyl)hexylthiophene) (P3EHT) Block Copolymers,” **E.C. Davidson**, V. Ho, B.S. Beckingham, R.A. Segalman. UCSB, Materials Research Opportunities Program, Santa Barbara, CA, February 4, 2015. Poster Presentation.
1. “Crystallization in Poly(3-alkylthiophene) Containing Block Copolymers,” **E.C. Davidson**, V. Ho, B.S. Beckingham, R.A. Segalman. APS March Meeting, Denver CO, March 5, 2014. Poster Presentation.

## TEACHING

Fall 2021	<b>Professor, CBE250</b> , Princeton University <i>Course:</i> Separations in Chemical Engineering
Fall 2020	<b>Guest Lecturer, AP 225</b> , Harvard University <i>Course:</i> Introduction to Soft Matter <i>Lectures:</i> Polymer Physics I; Polymer Physics II; Chemistry, Processing, and Applications of Block Copolymers
Fall 2018	<b>Guest Lecturer, AP 225</b> , Harvard University <i>Course:</i> Introduction to Soft Matter <i>Lecture:</i> Chemistry, Processing, and Applications of Block Copolymers
Fall 2013	<b>Teaching Assistant, Chemical Engineering 185</b> , UC Berkeley <i>Course:</i> Technical Communication for Chemical Engineers
Fall 2012	<b>Teaching Assistant, Chemical Engineering 140</b> , UC Berkeley <i>Course:</i> Introduction to Chemical Process Analysis

- 2010 – 2012 **High School Chemistry, AP Physics Teacher**, Richmond, CA  
*West Contra Costa Unified School District, Richmond High School*  
 Selected by Teach for America for a two-year commitment.
- Summers 2010, 2011 **Computer Science Instructor and Mentor**, Jerusalem  
*Middle East Education through Technology, with MIT-MISTI*
- 2008 – 2010 **Undergraduate Teaching Fellow, MIT Terrascope**, Cambridge, MA  
 Mentored teams of MIT freshmen to develop and communicate engineering solutions to complex world problems involving earth systems.
- 2008 – 2010 **Youth Radio Instructor, City of Cambridge**, Cambridge, MA
- 2007 – 2010 **Associate Advisor, MIT**  
 Collaborated with a faculty advisor to support MIT freshmen.

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORED

- 2022 *Princeton University HMEI Summer Intern* Callie Zheng  
*Project: Crystallinity and mechanical properties of poly(divinyloligocyclobutane)*
- 2022 *Princeton University Summer Researcher* Lawrence Azzariti  
*Project: Synthesis and development of host-guest cement rheology modifiers*
- 2021-22 *Princeton University* Ben Gorse, Jonathan Pollock, Abdullah Ramadan, Daniel Simone  
*Project: Design and integration of custom extrusion equipment with an Aerotech 3D printer*
- 2021-22 *Princeton University Senior Thesis* Derek Poletti  
*Thesis Title: Embedded 3D printing of liquid crystal elastomers*
- 2021-22 *Princeton University Senior Thesis* Anahi Ambrosio  
*Thesis Title: Impact of crosslinking density on the properties of liquid crystal elastomers*
- 2019-20 *Harvard University Senior Thesis* Michelle Walsh  
*Thesis Title: Development of a viscoelastic, conductive hydrogel for cardiac patch treatment of myocardial infarction*  
*Honorable Mention, Dean's Award for Best Bioengineering Senior Thesis*
- 2018 *Harvard REU student, Southern University* Jalilah Muhammad  
*Project: Development of liquid crystalline elastomers with tunable nematic-isotropic transition temperatures*
- 2016-17 *UCSB Undergraduate Researcher* Ketaki Malaviya  
*Project: Synthesis and characterization of densely grafted sequence-defined polypeptoid surfaces for marine antifouling*
- 2015-16 *RISE UCSB Intern* Christian Gomez  
*Project: Design and development of equipment for controlled annealing and alignment of conjugated polymers*

### SERVICE and OUTREACH

- Reviewer for Journals:** *ACS Macro Letters, Macromolecules, Physical Review Materials, ACS Nano Materials, Science Advances, Chemical Reviews,*

*Nature Reviews Materials, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, MRS  
Communications, Advanced Science*

- 2021 – 2022 Princeton advisor to engineering freshman in Whitman College.  
2021 – 2022 Co-chair of the January 2022 Northeast Complex Fluids & Soft Matter  
Workshop at Princeton  
2021 Co-chair with Dr. Marianne Prévôt of the 2021 (delayed to 2023) Liquid  
Crystals Gordon Research Seminar  
2020 Served on Loyola Marymount University panel “Grad + Professional School  
Networking Event”  
2014 – 2017 Volunteer, Family Ultimate Science Exploration (FUSE)  
2014 – 2017 Member, UCSB Graduate Students for Diversity in Science  
2012 – 2013 Volunteer, Students for Environmental Energy Development (SEED)  
2007 Bike and Build (bicycled from FL to CA to benefit affordable housing)