

## Rebecca Schulman

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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Johns Hopkins University** August 2011–  
Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering  
Computer Science by courtesy

**University of California, Berkeley** September 2008–August 2011  
Miller Fellow, Department of Physics  
Sponsor: Jan Liphardt

**California Institute of Technology** June 2007–September 2008  
Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Computer Science

### EDUCATION

**California Institute of Technology** May 2007  
PhD, Computation and Neural Systems  
Dissertation: “The Self-Replication and Evolution of DNA Crystals”  
Advisor: Erik Winfree

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** June 1999  
B.S., Mathematics  
B.S., Computer Science  
GPA 4.8/5.0

### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Dominic Scalise and Rebecca Schulman. Modular Reaction-Diffusion Programs for Complex Pattern Formation. Submitted.

Rebecca Schulman, Christina Wright and Erik Winfree. Increasing Redundancy Exponentially Reduces Error Rates During Algorithmic Self-Assembly. In revision.

Abdul Mohammed and Rebecca Schulman. Directing Self-Assembly of DNA Nanotubes Using Programmable Seeds. *Nano Letters*, 13 (9) 4006–4013, 2013.

Steve Whitelam, Rebecca Schulman and Lester O. Hedges. Self-assembly of multicomponent structures in and out of equilibrium. *Physical Review Letters*, 109, 265506, 2012.

Rebecca Schulman, Bernard Yurke and Erik Winfree. Robust Self-Replication of Combinatorial Information via Crystal Growth and Scission. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 109 (17) 6405–6410, 2012.

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. Simple Evolution of Complex Crystal Species. *Natural Computing*, 11 187–197, 2012.

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. Programmable control of nucleation for algorithmic self-assembly. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 39 (4) 1581–1616, 2009.

Robert Barish<sup>1</sup>, Rebecca Schulman<sup>1</sup>, Paul Rothmund and Erik Winfree. An Information-Bearing

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<sup>1</sup>These authors contributed equally to this work.

Seed for Algorithmic Self-Assembly. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 106 (15), 6054-6059, 2009.

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. How Crystals that Sense and Respond to Their Environments Could Evolve. *Natural Computing*, 7 (2) 219-237, 2008.

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. Synthesis of Crystals with a Programmable Kinetic Barrier to Nucleation, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*. 104 (39), 15236–15241, 2007.

Ho-Lin Chen<sup>1</sup>, Rebecca Schulman<sup>1</sup>, Ashish Goel and Erik Winfree. Reducing Facet Nucleation During Algorithmic Self-Assembly. *Nano Letters*, 7 (9), 2913–2919, 2007.

PEER-REVIEWED  
CONFERENCE  
PROCEEDINGS

Rebecca Schulman and Bernard Yurke. A Molecular Algorithm for Path Self-Assembly in 3 Dimensions. In Proceedings of Robotics: Science and Systems, 2010. (**<20% acceptance rate for submitted papers**)

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. Simple Evolution of Complex Crystal Species. In Proceedings of the 16th Annual Conference on DNA Computing and Molecular Programming, 2010.

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. Self-Replication and Evolution of DNA Crystals. In Proceedings of the VIIIth European Conference on Artificial Life, 2005. **Won Best Paper at Conference.**

Rebecca Schulman and Erik Winfree. Controlling nucleation rates in algorithmic self-assembly. In Proceedings of the 10th Annual Conference on DNA-Based Computation, 2004.

Rebecca Schulman, Shaun Lee, Nick Papadakis and Erik Winfree. One-dimensional boundaries for DNA tile self-assembly. In Proceedings of the 9th Annual Conference on DNA-Based Computation, 2003.

INVITED PAPERS

Dominic Scalise and Rebecca Schulman. Chemical reaction networks: Colour by number. *Nature Chemistry*, 5 986–987, 2013.

Rebecca Schulman. Beyond Biology: Designing a New Mechanism for Self-Replication and Evolution at the Nanoscale. In Proceedings of the Conference on Genetics and Evolutionary Computation (GECCO), 2011.

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

- NSF CAREER Award, 2012
- Turing Centenary Scholar Award, 2012
- Miller Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2008
- Sherwood Chang Award for Student Excellence in the Origin of Life, 2008
- Excellent Student Paper Award, DNA Computing 12, 2006
- Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO) Scholar, 2006
- Best Paper Award, VIIIth European Conference on Artificial Life (out of 94 papers), 2005
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (Scientific Computing), 1999
- Exceptional Student Researcher Award, National Institutes of Health, 1995

SELECTED INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**Origins 2013**

Dresden, Germany, July 2013

Max Planck Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology

**Workshop on the Programmable Self-Assembly of Matter** New York, NY, June–July 2013

**Computability in Europe**

Milan, Italy, June 2013

Mind, Mechanism and Mathematics Workshop in Honor of Alan Turing

**Gordon Conference on Liquid Crystals** Bidderford, Maine, June 2013

**Princeton University** Princeton New Jersey, May 2013  
Workshop on Algorithms and the Natural Sciences

**Ecole Fédérale Polytechnique de Lausanne (EPFL)** Lausanne, Switzerland, March 2013  
CECAM Workshop on Self-Assembly

**Johns Hopkins School of Medicine** Baltimore, Maryland, November 2012  
Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics

**University of Maryland** College Park, Maryland, May 2012  
Department of Computer Science

**Johns Hopkins University** Baltimore, Maryland, April 2012  
Department of Computer Science

**Johns Hopkins University** Baltimore, Maryland, February 2012  
Laboratory for Computational Sensing and Robotics

**Johns Hopkins University** Baltimore, Maryland, February 2012  
Nanoscience Group, Environmental Engineering

**Johns Hopkins University** Baltimore, Maryland, October 2011  
Condensed Matter Physics

**University of Maryland** College Park, Maryland, September 2011  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference** Dublin, Ireland, July 2011  
Keynote Lecture

**Molecular Programming Project Workshop** Friday Harbor, Washington, June 2011

**Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems** Stuttgart, Germany, March 2011

**Columbia University** New York, NY, March 2011  
Special Joint Chemistry and Electrical Engineering Seminar

**University of Pennsylvania** Philadelphia, PA, February 2011  
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering / Electrical and Systems Engineering

**University of Southern California** Los Angeles, CA, February 2011  
Computer Science

**University of California, Santa Barbara** Santa Barbara, CA, January 2011  
Mechanical Engineering

**Golden Gate Polymer Forum** Mountain View, CA, October 2010

**Molecular Foundry User Meeting** Berkeley, CA, October 2010

<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> Electrical and Computer Engineering	Pittsburgh, PA, September 2010
<b>University of Southern California</b> Joint Engineering Seminar	Los Angeles, CA, September 2010
<b>Gordon Conference on Nanofabrication</b>	Tilton, New Hampshire, July 2010
<b>California Institute of Technology</b> Chemical Engineering	Pasadena, CA, March 2010
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Condensed Matter Physics	Philadelphia, PA, March 2010
<b>Columbia University</b> Electrical Engineering	New York, NY, March 2010
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	Baltimore, MD, February 2010
<b>Chemical Emergence 2.0</b>	Anchorage, AK, June 2009
<b>University of Washington, Seattle</b> Computer Science	Seattle, February 2008
<b>Workshop on Embodied Evolution</b>	Venice, Italy, May 2007
<b>Weizmann Institute</b>	Rehovot Israel, July 2005
<b>American Institute of Chemical Engineers 2013 Meeting</b>	San Francisco, November 2013
<b>American Institute of Chemical Engineers 2012 Meeting</b>	Pittsburgh, October 2012
<b>ACS National Meeting</b>	Philadelphia, August 2012
<b>ACS Colloids and Surface Science Meeting</b>	Baltimore, June 2012
<b>Materials Research Society</b> Presentation time doubled by the organizers, who were extremely interested in the topic.	San Francisco, April 2012
<b>Robotics: Science and Systems, 2010</b>	Zaragoza, Spain, June 2010
<b>DNA Computing 16</b>	Hong Kong, China, June 2010
<b>Foundations of Nanoscience</b>	Alta, Utah, April 2009
<b>Meeting of the American Chemical Society</b>	Boston, Massachusetts, August 2007
<b>DNA Computing 12</b>	Seoul, Korea, June 2006
<b>VIIth European Conference on Artificial Life</b>	Canterbury, UK, September 2005
<b>DNA Computing 10</b>	Milan, Italy, June 2004

SELECTED  
CONTRIBUTED  
ORAL CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

**Conference on Modern Materials and Technologies**

Acireale, Italy, June 2004

TEACHING

**Professor**

September - December 2013

540.305 Modeling and Data Analysis for Chemical and Biomolecular Engineers, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

**Professor**

January - May 2013

540.405/605 Design of Biomolecular Systems, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

**Professor**

August - December 2011

540.449/649 Logic and Decision Making in Biomolecular Systems, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

**Teaching Assistant**

October - December 2004

Neural Computation, California Institute of Technology

**Recitation Instructor and Head Teaching Assistant**

September - December 2003

Introduction to Computer Science, California Institute of Technology

**Recitation Instructor and Head Teaching Assistant**

September - December 2002

Introduction to Computer Science, California Institute of Technology