

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Virginia Tech

Department of Chemistry, Associate Chair
Professor of Chemistry
Dr. AC Lilly Jr. Faculty Fellow of Nanoscience
Associate Professor of Chemistry
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Blacksburg, VA
2022-present
2021-present
2020-present
2018-2021
2012-2018

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Virginia Tech Department of Chemistry

Associate Department Chair
Director of Graduate Admissions

2022-present
2018-2022

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)

Division IV (Polymer Division) Titular Member (elected)
Division IV (Polymer Division) Associate Member (elected)
Division IV (Polymer Division) Titular Member (elected)
Secretary of Subcommittee on Polymer Terminology

2025-2026
2024-present
2020-2023
2020-present

American Chemical Society (ACS)

POLY Division Treasurer (elected)

2024-present

GlycoMIP (Glycomaterials Innovation Platform NSF program)

Glycomaterials Engineering Interest Group leader
Loop 1 co-leader

2024-present
2020-2024

EDUCATION and TRAINING

Northwestern University

Postdoctoral Fellow
Advisor: Samuel I. Stupp

Chicago, IL
2009-2012

California Institute of Technology

Ph.D. (defended Sept. 4, 2009; awarded June 10, 2010)
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Thesis: Applications and extensions of living ring-opening metathesis polymerization

Pasadena, CA
2004-2009

Washington University in St. Louis

A.B. (awarded May 10, 2004)
Majors: Chemistry and German
Summa Cum Laude
Research Advisor: Karen L. Wooley

St. Louis, MO
2000-2004

AWARDS/HONORS

Teaching Excellence Award (Virginia Tech College of Science)
Alan F. Clifford Faculty Service Award (Virginia Tech Department of Chemistry)
Materials Today *European Polymer Journal* Award
Dr. AC Lilly Jr. Faculty Fellowship in Nanoscience (Virginia Tech College of Science)
Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (Germany)

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John C. Schug Research Award (Virginia Tech Department of Chemistry)	2019
Thieme Chemistry Journal Award	2019
Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award	2018
ACS PMSE Division Young Investigator Award	2018
Virginia Tech nominee for SCHEV Rising Star Award (Commonwealth of Virginia)	2017
Jimmy W. Viers Teaching Award (Virginia Tech Department of Chemistry)	2016
NSF CAREER Award	2015
3M Non-Tenured Faculty Award	2015
Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award	2014
ACS Petroleum Research Fund Doctoral New Investigator Award	2014
NIH National Research Service Award (NRSA) Postdoctoral Fellowship	2011
Kemin Travel Award to ACS Meeting	2011
Baxter Early Career Development Fellowship Award in Bioengineering	2009
ACS POLY Division Excellence in Graduate Polymer Research Award	2009
NSF Travel Grant to NATO Advanced Study Institute	2008
Dow Travel Fellowship	2007

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

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As PI at Virginia Tech

In review/In revision

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119. Hiorns, R. C.*; Vohlidal, J.*; Boucher, R.; Chan, C. H.; Duhlev, R.; Fellows, C. M.; Hess, M.; Jones, R. G.; Kratochvíl P.; Luscombe, C. K.; **Matson, J. B.**; Moad, G.; Philippova, O.; Slomkowski, S.; Stingelin, N.; Théato, P.; Vairon, J. P.; Vert, M. "A Brief Guide to Polymer Terminology (IUPAC Technical Report)" *Pure Appl. Chem.*, **2025**, *accepted*.

In Press

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114. Verma, R.; Fu, M.; Arif, H. M.; Yang, G.; Sarkar, I.; Kaur, K. **Matson, J. B.**; Wu, L.*; Wang, R.* “Localized delivery and retention of hydrogen sulfide causing regional lipid accumulation in mouse adipose tissues in vivo” *Commun Biol.* **2025**, 8, 963. doi: 10.1038/s42003-025-08353-9
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**Selected as an *Angewandte Chemie* ‘Hot Paper’
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98. Cash, A.; de Jager, C.; Brickler, T.; Soliman, E.; Kaloss, A. M.; Zhu, Y.; Pridham, K. J.; Mills, J.; Ju, J.; Basso, E. K. G.; Chen, M.; Johnson, Z.; Sotiropoulos, Y.; Wang, X.; Xie, H.; **Matson, J. B.**; Theus, M. H.* “Endothelial-deletion of EPH receptor A4 alters single cell profile and Tie2/Akap12 signaling to preserve blood-brain barrier integrity” *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2023**, *120*, e2204700120. doi: 10.1073/pnas.2204700120
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**Highlighted as Editor’s pick
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**Invited review for Forum on Self-assembling Biomaterials from Proteins, Peptides, and DNA
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84. Bloesch, S. E.; Scannelli, S. J.; Alaboalirat, M.; **Matson, J. B.*** “Complex Polymer Architectures using Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization: Synthesis, Applications, and Practical Considerations” *Macromolecules*, **2022**, *55*, 4200-4227. doi: 10.1021/acs.macromol.2c00338
**Invited Perspective article
83. Bloesch, S. E.; Alaboalirat, M.; Eades, C. B.; Scannelli, S. J.; **Matson, J. B.*** “Solvent effects in grafting-through ring-opening metathesis polymerization” *Macromolecules*, **2022**, *55*, 3522-3532. doi: 10.1021/acs.macromol.2c00254
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81. Chan, C. H.; Chen, J.-T.; Farrell, W.; Fellows, C.; Keddie, D.; Luscombe, C.; **Matson, J.***; Merna, J.; Moad, G.; Russell, G.; Théato, P.; Topham, P. Sosa-Vargas, L. “Reconsidering Terms for Mechanisms of Polymer Growth: The ‘Step-Growth’ and ‘Chain-Growth’ Dilemma” **2022**, *13*, 2262-2270. doi: 10.1039/d2py00086e.
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**Selected as a *Polymer Chemistry* ‘Hot Paper’ in July 2022
***Polymer Chemistry* Most Popular 2022
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MENTORING

Postdoctoral scholars previously in the Matson group

3. Dr. Rajnish Kumar. 2021-2023. Current position: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2. Dr. Santu Sarkar. 2021-2023. Current position: Wake Forest University
1. Dr. Yin Wang. 2017-2020. Current position: Associate Professor of Pharmacy, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

PhD students graduated from Matson group

17. Dr. Sarah Swilley, Defended PhD on Sep 25, **2024** (VT) and Mar 12 **2025** (U. Maastricht, the Netherlands) Current affiliation: Covestro
16. Dr. Abigail (Bratton) Chinn, Defended PhD on May 1, 2024. Current affiliation:
15. Dr. Zhao Li, Defended PhD on August 10, 2023. Current affiliation: InnoPep
14. Dr. Samantha Scannelli, Defended PhD on May 9, **2023**. Current affiliation: VB Cosmetics
13. Dr. Yumeng (Jackie) Zhu. Defended PhD on April 27, **2023**. Current affiliation: Arrowhead Pharma
12. Dr. Sarah Blossch. Defended PhD on July 7, **2022**. Current affiliation: AGC Chemicals Americas, Inc.
11. Dr. Mohammed Alaboalirat. Defended PhD on July 6, **2022**. Current affiliation: Saudi Aramco
10. Dr. Anastasia Arrington. Defended PhD on June 9, **2022**. Current affiliation: Intel Corp.
9. Dr. Kearsley Dillon. Defended PhD on July 7, **2021**. Current affiliation: Afton Chemical
8. Dr. Ryan Carrazzone. Defended PhD on Jun 9, **2021**. Current affiliation: Intel Corp.
7. Dr. Kuljeet Kaur. Defended PhD on Dec 3, **2019**. Current affiliation: Assistant Professor IIT Gandhinagar
6. Dr. Yun Qian. Defended PhD on May 13, **2019**. Current affiliation:
5. Dr. Mingjun Zhou. Defended PhD on Apr 30, **2019**. Current affiliation: Yantai University in China
4. Dr. Chad Powell. Defended PhD on Apr 25, **2019**. Current affiliation: Syensqo
3. Dr. Kyle Arrington. Defended PhD on Apr 30, **2018**. Current affiliation: Intel Corp.
2. Dr. Scott Radzinski. Defended PhD on Mar 23, **2017**. Current affiliation: Carlisle Weatherproofing Technologies
1. Dr. Jeffrey C. Foster. Defended PhD on Mar 22, **2017**. Current affiliation: Oak Ridge National Lab

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech

Organic Chemistry I for Majors (CHEM 2565)

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Organic Chemistry II for Majors (CHEM 2566)

Spring 2023

Organic Chemistry of Polymers (CHEM 4534)

Fall 2019, 2020

Synthesis and Reactions of Macromolecules (CHEM 5704 or 5705)

Fall 2012-2018

Advanced Macromolecular Chemistry (CHEM 6564 or 5706)

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Polymer Chemistry: Principles and Practice Short Course Instructor

2017-present

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Virginia Tech Department of Chemistry

4. Honorifics Committee Chair (2022-present)
3. Personnel Committee Member (2019, 2023-2025)
2. Associate Department Chair (2022-present)
1. Director of Graduate Admissions (2018-2022)

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Virginia Tech College of Science

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4. Titular Member of Division IV (Polymer Division) (2020-2023)
3. Secretary of Subcommittee on Polymer Terminology (SPT) in Division IV (Polymer Division) (2020-present)
2. Member of Subcommittee on Polymer Terminology (SPT) in Division IV (Polymer Division) (2017-present)
1. Young Observer for 2017 General Assembly (São Paulo, Brazil)

American Chemical Society

1. Associate Member of Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols (2024-present)
2. Treasurer of Polymer (POLY) Division (2024-present)

Editorial Advisory Boards

5. *Journal of Functional Biomaterials* (2021-2024)
4. *Polymer Chemistry* (2019-present)
3. *Journal of Polymer Science* (2019-present)
2. *Polymer International* (2017-present)
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Acta Biomater., *Angewandte Chemie*, *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces*, *ACS Biomater. Sci.*, *ACS Chem. Biol.*, *ACS Macro Lett.*, *Adv. Healthcare Mater.*, *Anal. Chem.*, *Antiox. & Redox Signaling*, *Bioconj. Chem.*, *Biomacromolecules*, *Biomaterials*, *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, *Carb. Polym.*, *Chem. Commun.*, *Chem. Sci.*, *Curr. Med. Chem.*, *Front. Mater.*, *Isr. J. Chem.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, *J. Mater. Chem. B*, *J. Org. Chem.*, *J. Poly Sci. Part B: Poly. Phys.*, *Langmuir*, *Macromolecules*, *Macromol. Theor. Sim.*, *Macromol. Rapid Comm.*, *Mol. Pharm.*, *Nature Comm.*, *Org. Lett.*, *Polymer*, *Polym. Chem.*, *Sci. Adv.*, *Science*, *Synlett*, among others.

Symposium organization

12. Co-organizer for *Pacificchem 2025* for symposium titled “Chemistry and Chemical Biology of Gasotransmitters (Nitric Oxide, Carbon Monoxide, and Hydrogen Sulfide)” Honolulu, HI, Dec 15-20, **2025**.
11. Co-organizer for *7th World Congress on Hydrogen Sulfide in Biology and Medicine* Baltimore, MD, June 4-6, **2024**.
10. Co-organizer for Spring 2024 *National Meeting of the American Chemical Society* for symposium titled “Structure to Function in Supramolecular Polymers” New Orleans, LA, March 17-21, **2024**.
9. Co-organizer for *Pacificchem 2021* for symposium titled “Nitric Oxide, Carbon Monoxide, and Hydrogen Sulfide as Potential Therapeutic Agents: The 4th American Gasotransmitter Symposium” Honolulu, HI, Dec 16-21, **2021**.
8. Co-organizer for *Pacificchem 2021* for symposium titled “Synthesis and Applications of Molecular Bottlebrush Polymers” Honolulu, HI, Dec 16-21, **2021**.
7. Co-organizer for *261st National Meeting of the American Chemical Society* for symposium titled “Structure to Function in Supramolecular Polymers” Atlanta, GA, August 22-26, **2021**.
6. Co-organizer for *2nd American Gasotransmitter Symposium* Eugene, OR, May 18-19, **2019**.
5. Co-organizer for *257th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society* for symposium titled “Synthesis and Properties of Densely Grafted Polymers” Orlando, FL, March 31-April 4, **2019**.
4. Co-organizer for *255th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society* for symposium titled “International Symposium on Biorelated Polymers: Innovation in Biomedical Polymers” New Orleans, LA, March 18-22, **2018**.
3. Co-organizer for *1st American Gasotransmitter Symposium* Atlanta, GA, April 22-23, **2017**.
2. Co-organizer for *253rd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society* for symposium titled “Structure to Function in Supramolecular Polymers and Materials” San Francisco, CA, April 2-6, **2017**.
1. Co-organizer for *251st National Meeting of the American Chemical Society* for symposium titled “Supramolecular Polymers: From Structure to Advanced Functionality” San Diego, CA, March 13-17, **2016**.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

5. Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center (2020-present)
4. Virginia Tech Center for Engineered Health (2016-present)
3. Virginia Tech Center for Drug Discovery (2015-present)
2. Virginia Tech Macromolecules Innovation Institute (2012-present)
1. American Chemical Society (2009-present)

ORAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (presenting author underlined)

111. Steele, A. S.; Matson, J. B. “Allylsulfone-mediated RAFT (AS-RAFT): Controlled Synthesis of Poly(olefin sulfones)” *Controlled Radical Polymerization 2025 Workshop*, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Nov 9-12, **2025**.
110. Sarkar, S.; Matson, J. B. “Polymer-based mitochondrial delivery of hydrogen sulfide donors” *American Chemical Society Fall 2025 National Meeting*, Washington DC, Aug 17-21, **2025**.
109. Samaniego Gonzalez, D.; Ward, A.; Scannelli, S.; Matson, J. B. “Linear Free Energy Relationships in Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization” *American Chemical Society Fall 2025 National Meeting*, Washington DC, Aug 17-21, **2025**.
108. Matson, J. B. “Synthesis and Depolymerization of Poly(olefin sulfones)” *American Chemical Society Fall 2025 National Meeting*, Washington DC, Aug 17-21, **2025**.
107. Matson, J. B. “Controlling the Synthesis of Poly(olefin sulfones)” *Advanced Polymers through Macromolecular Engineering (APME) 2025 Conference*, Catania, Sicily, Italy, May 5-8, **2025**.
106. Swilley, S.; Wu, H.; Tomasina, C.; Moroni, L.; Wieringa, P.; Baker, M. B.; Matson, J. B. “Materials Approaches to Controlled Delivery of Reactive Sulfur Species” *Virginia Tech 2025 Macromolecules Innovation Institute Technical Conference and Review* Blacksburg, VA, Apr. 7-9, **2025**.
105. Matson, J. B. “Linear free energy relationships in polymerizations: The case of the anchor group in ring-opening metathesis polymerization” *American Chemical Society Spring 2025 National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 23-27, **2025**.
104. Matson, J. B. “New biomedical materials from polysaccharides through side-chain and end group functionalization reactions” *American Chemical Society Spring 2025 National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 23-27, **2025**.

103. Matson, J. B. “Switch peptides enable cell-triggered increases in functionality in synthetic extracellular matrices” *American Chemical Society Spring 2025 National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 23-27, **2025**.
102. Zhu, Y.; Shmidov, Y.; Tetteh, M.; Eliraz, N.; Bitton, R.; Matson, J. B. “Cell-Responsive Materials Using Switch Peptides” *Peptide Materials Gordon Research Conference*, Pomona, VA, Jan. 19-23, **2025**.
101. Matson, J.B. “Synthesis, Self-Assembly, and Scattering of Amphiphilic Tapered Bottlebrush Block Copolymers” *2024 Southeast Regional Polymer Forum*, Oak Ridge, TN, Oct 7-9 **2024**.
100. Matson, J. B. “Beyond (Macro)molecules: Non-covalent interactions in covalent and supramolecular polymers” *American Chemical Society Fall 2024 National Meeting*, Denver, CO, Aug 18-22, **2024**.
99. Arrington, K.; Chinn, A. F.; Coutinho Trindade, I.; Moore, R. B.; Matson, J. B. “Polysaccharide-based block copolymers as materials and compatibilizers in polymer blends” *American Chemical Society Fall 2024 National Meeting*, Denver, CO, Aug 18-22, **2024**.
98. Matson, J. B. “From postdoc to professor: People, places, and polymers” *American Chemical Society Fall 2024 National Meeting*, Denver, CO, Aug 18-22, **2024**.
97. Matson, J. B. “Synthesis of complex polymer topologies using reversible-deactivation radical polymerization and ring-opening metathesis polymerization” *IUPAC MACRO2024*, Coventry, England, Jul 1-4, **2024**.
96. Matson, J. B. “Self-Assembly of Bottlebrush Polymer Amphiphiles” *Tosoh Polymer Congress*, Raleigh, NC, Jun 11-12, **2024**.
95. Matson, J. B. “Materials Approaches to Controlled Delivery of Reactive Sulfur Species” *7th World Congress on H₂S in Biology and Medicine* Baltimore, MD, Jun 4-6, **2024**.
94. Kethireddy, S.; Chinn, A. F.; Matson, J. B. “Synthesis of block copolymers of ethyl cellulose and poly(benzyl glutamate) for compatibilizing blends of ethyl cellulose and poly(ethylene terephthalate)” *American Chemical Society Spring 2024 National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 17-21, **2024**.
93. Zu, Y.; Shmidov, Y.; Tetteh, M.; Eliraz, N.; Bitton, R.; Matson, J. B. “Turning-on physical crosslinks in synthetic extracellular matrices using switch peptides” *American Chemical Society Spring 2024 National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 17-21, **2024**.
92. Matson, J. B. “Chemically recyclable thermoplastic elastomers using redox switchable polymerization catalysis” *American Chemical Society Spring 2024 National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 17-21, **2024**.
91. Matson, J. B. “Cellular Uptake and Antioxidant Activity of H₂S-Releasing Tetrapeptide Supramolecular Polymer Nanostructures” *Virginia Tech Center for Drug Discovery Winter Meeting*, Blacksburg, VA, Jan. 9, **2024**.
90. Matson, J. B. “Triggering Cytotoxicity using a Dual Enzyme-Responsive Peptide-Iron Complex” *Signaling and Biotechnology Annual Retreat*, Winston-Salem, NC, Nov 9, **2023**.
89. Yumeng Zhu, Yulia Shmidov, Ronit Bitton, Matson, J. B.; “Mimicking Native Cryptic Sites in Synthetic ECM Materials” *IUPAC-CHAINS 2023*, The Hague, the Netherlands, Aug 20-25, **2023**.
88. Chinn, A. F.; Matson, J. B. “Polysaccharide H₂S donors: Amylopectin N-(thiocarboxyanhydride) polymers via thiol-ene ‘click’ photochemistry” *American Chemical Society Spring 2023 National Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, Mar 26-30, **2023**.
87. Chinn, A. F.; Deshmukh, S.; Farzeen, P.; Li.; Matson, J. B. “Polysaccharide-*block*-polypeptide biodegradable block copolymers via polymerization-induced self-assembly in water” *American Chemical Society Spring 2023 National Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, Mar 26-30, **2023**.
86. Archer, W. R.; Matson, J. B.; Schulz, M. D.; Zhu, Y. “Enhancing enzyme-triggered H₂S-induced cytotoxicity in glioma via a supramolecular peptide-iron material” *American Chemical Society Spring 2023 National Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, Mar 26-30, **2023**.

85. Bitton, R.; Matson, J. B.; Shmidov, Y.; Zhu, Y. “Enzyme-responsive polymeric hydrogels as ECM mimics” *American Chemical Society Spring 2023 National Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, Mar 26-30, **2023**.
84. Zhu, Y.; Li, Z.; Matson, J. B. “Supramolecular polymers as artificial enzymes: Nanostructures regulate enzymatic efficiency and selectivity” *American Chemical Society Spring 2023 National Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, Mar 26-30, **2023**.
83. Matson, J. B. “Livingness in ring-opening metathesis polymerization: The effect of the anchor group” *American Chemical Society Spring 2023 National Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, Mar 26-30, **2023**.
82. Matson, J. B. Zhu, Y.; Shmidov, Y.; Bitton, R. “Mimicking native cryptic sites in synthetic biomaterials: Polymer hydrogels with pendant switch peptides” *264th American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Chicago, IL, Aug 21-25, **2022**.
81. Matson, J. B. “Tapered bottlebrush polymers: Synthesis, SANS, and self-assembly” *264th American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Chicago, IL, Aug 21-25, **2022**.
80. Matson J. B. “Block Copolymers of Polysaccharides and Polyolefins As Compatibilizers in Blends of Bio-Derived Polymers” *MACRO2022*, Winnipeg, Canada, July 17-21, **2022**.
79. Matson J. B. “Reconsidering Terms for Mechanisms of Polymer Growth: The “Step-Growth” and “Chain-Growth” Dilemma” *MACRO2022*, Winnipeg, Canada, July 17-21, **2022**.
78. Matson J. B. “Enhancing Polymer Hydrogel Functionality Using Switch Peptides As Cryptic Site Mimics” *MACRO2022*, Winnipeg, Canada, July 17-21, **2022**.
77. Matson J. B. “Tapered Bottlebrush Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization, and Self-Assembly” *MACRO2022*, Winnipeg, Canada, July 17-21, **2022**.
76. Matson, J. B. “Practical considerations in ring-opening metathesis polymerization: Anchor group, solvent, and additives” *Bordeaux Polymer Conference 2022*, Bordeaux, France, Jun 13-16, **2022**.
75. Matson, J. B. “Optimizing ROMP grafting-through in bottlebrush polymer synthesis” *263rd American Chemical Society National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 20-24, **2022**.
74. Matson, J. B. “Self-Amplified Depolymerization of Polythiourethanes” *263rd American Chemical Society National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 20-24, **2022**.
73. Matson, J. B. “Tapered bottlebrush polymers: Synthesis, characterization, and self-assembly” *Virginia Tech 2022 Macromolecules Innovation Institute Technical Conference and Review* Blacksburg, VA, Mar. 1–3, **2022**.
72. Matson, J. B. “Supramolecular aromatic peptide amphiphile tetramers: Self-assembly, bioactivity, and catalysis” *Pacifichem 2021*, Virtual, Dec. 16-21, **2021**.
71. Matson, J. B. “Applications of RDRP for the Construction of Complex Polymer Topologies” *Pacifichem 2021*, Virtual, Dec. 16-21, **2021**.
70. Matson, J. B. “Tapered bottlebrush polymers: Synthesis, characterization, and self-assembly” *Pacifichem 2021*, Virtual, Dec. 16-21, **2021**.
69. Matson, J. B. “Triggered and Controlled Delivery of Reactive Sulfur Species: From Small Molecules to Materials” *Pacifichem 2021*, Virtual, Dec. 16-21, **2021**.
68. Matson, J. B. “Covalent and Supramolecular Materials for Delivery of Bioactive Gases” *Pacifichem 2021*, Virtual, Dec. 16-21, **2021**.
67. Matson, J. B. “Synthesis of Complex Polymer Topologies using Reversible-Deactivation Radical Polymerization Methods” *ACS POLY Division Controlled Radical Polymerization Workshop*, Charleston, SC, Nov. 14-17, **2021**.

66. Li, Z.; Matson, J. B. “Supramolecular hybrid materials: Templatation of helical Ag nanoparticle arrays using supramolecular polymers based on peptides” *262nd American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, Aug 22-26, **2021**.
65. Matson, J. B. “Helical supramolecular polymers: Self-assembly, bioactivity, and catalysis” *262nd American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, Aug 22-26, **2021**.
64. Carrazzone, R. J.; Matson, J. B. “Harnessing core chain mobility in tuning small molecule release rates from polymer micelles” *261st American Chemical Society National Meeting*, virtual, Apr 5-16, **2021**.
63. Matson, J. B. “Supramolecular nanohelices for drug delivery, ion-transport, and sensing” *260th American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Virtual, Aug 17-20, **2020**.
62. Matson, J. B. “Macromolecular and Supramolecular Materials for Signaling Gas Delivery” *Virginia Tech 2019 Macromolecules Innovation Institute Technical Conference and Review* Blacksburg, VA, Nov. 4-6, **2019**.
61. Matson, J. B. “Delivering Reactive Sulfur Species: From Small Molecules to Materials” *VI International Workshop on Nitric Oxide in Cancer and Beyond*, New York, NY, Sep 20-22, **2019**.
60. Matson, J. B. “Self-assembling peptide-based materials for therapeutic H₂S delivery” *47th IUPAC World Chemistry Congress*, Paris, France, Jul 5-12, **2019**.
59. Matson, J. B. “New materials by blending commodity polymers with polysaccharides” *47th IUPAC World Chemistry Congress*, Paris, France, Jul 5-12, **2019**.
58. Matson, J. B. “Macromolecular and Supramolecular Materials for Signaling Gas Delivery” *Polymers Gordon Research Conference*, South Hadley, MA Jun 9-14, **2019**.
57. Matson, J. B. “Chemical Tools for Delivery of Reactive Sulfur Species: Small Molecules to Materials” *2nd American Gasotransmitter Symposium*, Eugene, OR May 18-19, **2019**.
56. Matson, J. B. “Self-assembled tetrapeptide nanocoils for delivery of hydrogen sulfide” *257th American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Orlando, FL Mar 31-Apr 4, **2019**.
55. Matson, J. B. “Block copolymers of polysaccharides and conventional polymers as compatibilizers in blends of bio-derived polymers” *257th American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Orlando, FL Mar 31-Apr 4, **2019**.
54. Matson, J. B. “Aqueous self-assembly of amphiphilic cylindrical and cone-shaped (tapered) bottlebrush polymers prepared by sequential-addition of macromonomers ring-opening metathesis polymerization (SAM-ROMP)” *257th American Chemical Society National Meeting*, Orlando, FL Mar 31-Apr 4, **2019**.
53. Matson, J. B. “Tapered bottlebrush polymers: Cone-shaped polymers prepared by sequential addition of macromonomers ring-opening metathesis polymerization (SAM-ROMP)” *Macro 2018 World Polymer Congress*, Cairns, Australia, Jul 1-5, **2018**.
52. Matson, J. B. “Tuning release of signaling gases by controlling mobility in a micelle core” *Macro 2018 World Polymer Congress*, Cairns, Australia, Jul 1-5, **2018**.
51. Matson, J. B. “Well-Defined Polysaccharide Block, Segmented, and Graft Copolymers as Compatibilizers in Blends of Bio-Derived Polymers” *Macro 2018 World Polymer Congress*, Cairns, Australia, Jul 1-5, **2018**.
50. Matson, J. B. “Non-centrosymmetric nanostructures: Tapered (cone-shaped) bottlebrush polymers by sequential-addition of macromonomers ring-opening metathesis polymerization (SAM-ROMP)” *4th Fusion Functional Polymeric Materials Conference*, Nassau, Bahamas, Jun 5-8, **2018**.
49. Matson, J. B. “Chemical Tools for Delivery of H₂S and Related Species: Small Molecules, Polymers, and Hydrogels” *5th World Congress on H₂S Biology and Medicine*, Toronto, Canada, May 31-June 3, **2018**.

48. Matson, J. B.; Foster, J. C.; Radzinski, S. C. "Tapered (Cone-Shaped) Polymers by Sequential-Addition of Macromonomers Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization (SAM-ROMP)" *255th ACS National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 18-22, **2018**.
47. Powell, C. R.; Foster, J. C.; Okyere, B.; Theus, M.; Matson, J. B. "Polymeric Systems for the Release of COS and H₂S" *255th ACS National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 18-22, **2018**.
46. Matson, J. B.; Arrington, K. J. "Making and Breaking Polymers with Light: Blue-Light-Mediated Photoiniferter Polymerization and Polyketone Degradation" *255th ACS National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 18-22, **2018**.
45. Arrington, K. J.; Chen, J.; Mondschein, R. J.; Long, T. E.; Edgar, K. J.; Matson, J. B.; "Synthesis of Polysaccharide ABA Triblock Copolymers by One-Pot Cross-Metathesis Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization" *255th ACS National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 18-22, **2018**.
44. Matson, J. B.; Foster, J. C. "Tuning Release of Signaling Molecules by Controlling Mobility in a Micelle Core" *255th ACS National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Mar 18-22, **2018**.
43. Zhou, M.; Matson, J. B. "Thermoresponsive Dendritic Elastin-Like Peptides" *254th ACS National Meeting*, Washington, D.C., Aug 20-24, **2017**.
42. Arrington, K. J.; Matson, J. B. "Compatibilizing Methylcellulose and Polyethylene for Sustainable Materials" *254th ACS National Meeting*, Washington, D.C., Aug 20-24, **2017**.
41. Kaur, K.; Qian, Y.; Foster, J. C.; Matson, J. "Thiooxime Containing H₂S Releasing Peptide Hydrogels: An Insight into Stability and Self-Assembly" *254th ACS National Meeting*, Washington, D.C., Aug 20-24, **2017**.
40. Qian, Y.; Kaur, K.; Foster, J.; Matson, J. "Self-assembled Aromatic Peptide Hydrogels with Controlled H₂S Release" *254th ACS National Meeting*, Washington, D.C., Aug 20-24, **2017**.
39. Powell, C. R.; Foster, J. C.; Okyere, B.; Theus, M.; Matson, J. "Synthesis and Properties of COS Releasing Polymeric Systems" *254th ACS National Meeting*, Washington, D.C., Aug 20-24, **2017**.
38. Matson, J. B.; Radzinski, S. C. "Synthesis of Tapered Bottlebrush Polymers using Sequential Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization" *254th ACS National Meeting*, Washington, D.C., Aug 20-24, **2017**.
37. Matson, J. B. "The Transfer-To Method in Bottlebrush Polymer Synthesis" *46th IUPAC World Chemistry Congress*, São Paulo, Brazil, Jul 9-14, **2017**.
36. Matson, J. B. "Materials for H₂S Delivery: Polymer micelles and peptide-based gels" *1st American Gasotransmitter Symposium*, Atlanta, GA, Apr 21-22, **2017**.
35. Arrington, K. J.; Waugh, J.; Radzinski, S.; Matson, J. B. "Design and study of biodegradable and photodegradable thermoplastic elastomers" *253rd ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Apr 2-6, **2017**.
34. Radzinski, S. C.; Foster, J. C.; Chapleski, R.; Troya, D.; Matson, J. B. "Synthesis and characterization of bottlebrush polymers: The importance of the anchor group" *253rd ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Apr 2-6, **2017**.
33. Radzinski, S. C.; Foster, J. C.; Matson, J. B. "Synthesis of bottlebrush polymers using the transfer-to approach" *253rd ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Apr 2-6, **2017**.
32. Matson, J. B.; Qian Y.; Kaur, K. "Supramolecular gels for delivery of hydrogen sulfide" *253rd ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Apr 2-6, **2017**.
31. Matson, J. B. Foster, J. C. "Polymeric materials for delivery of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), a biologically relevant signaling gas" *253rd ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Apr 2-6, **2017**.
30. Matson, J. B.; Arrington, K. J. "Photo- and biodegradable thermoplastic elastomers containing cellulose and polylactide" *253rd ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Apr 2-6, **2017**.

29. Arrington, K. J.; Matson, J. B. "Synthesis of a Bio- and Photodegradable Thermoplastic Elastomer" *Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS*, Columbia, SC, Oct 23-27, **2016**.
28. Radzinski, S. C.; Matson, J. B. "Synthesis and Characterization of Bottlebrush Polymers: The Importance of the Anchor Group" *Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS*, Columbia, SC, Oct 23-27, **2016**
27. Powell, C. R.; Matson, J. B. "Therapeutic Delivery of H₂S via COS: Small Molecule and Polymeric Donors with Benign Byproducts" *Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS*, Columbia, SC, Oct 23-27, **2016**.
26. Matson, J. B.; Arrington, K. J. "Synthesis of Aliphatic Polyketones using Ring-opening Metathesis Polymerization and Their Use in Photodegradable Thermoplastic Elastomers" *2016 Macromolecules Innovation Institute Technical Conference and Review*, Blacksburg, VA, Oct 10-12, **2016**.
25. Matson, J. B.; Gandour, R. D. "Flipping Organic Chemistry: A Broadly Applicable Method for Flipping a Large Science Class" *Conference on Teaching Large Classes*, Blacksburg, VA, Jul 21, **2016**.
24. Foster, J. C.; Matson, J. B. "Morphological Control of the Release Profile of H₂S-Releasing Micelles" *251st ACS National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 13-17, **2016**.
23. Matson, J. B. "Thiol-Triggered Hydrogen Sulfide-Releasing Gels" *251st ACS National Meeting*, San Diego, CA, Mar 13-17, **2016**.
22. Matson, J. B. "The Transfer-To Approach to Bottlebrush Polymer Synthesis" *2nd Fusion Functional Polymeric Materials Conference*, Ascot, England, Aug 5-8, **2015**.
21. Matson, J. B.; "Materials for Therapeutic Delivery of Hydrogen Sulfide" *Nanoparticles at the Interface between Biology and the Materials World*, Rehovot, Israel, Jul 5-6, **2015**.
20. Matson, J. B.; Carter, J. M. "Self-Assembling Peptide Materials for Hydrogen Sulfide Delivery" *249th ACS National Meeting*, Denver, CO, Mar 22-26, **2015**.
19. Matson, J. B.; Foster, J. C. "Triggered Delivery of Therapeutic Hydrogen Sulfide from Macromolecular and Supramolecular Carriers" *249th ACS National Meeting*, Denver, CO, Mar 22-26, **2015**.
18. Meng, X.; Matson, J. B.; Edgar, K. J. "Olefin Cross-metathesis, a Mild, Modular Approach to Functionalized Cellulose Esters" *249th ACS National Meeting*, Denver, CO, Mar 22-26, **2015**.
17. Matson, J. B. "Materials for Therapeutic Delivery of H₂S" *4th Zing Polymer Chemistry Conference*, Cancun, Mexico, Dec 10-13, **2014**.
16. Foster, J. C.; Matson, J. B. "Polymer Functionalization with Thiooximes: A Facile Route to H₂S-Releasing Polymers" *248th ACS National Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, Aug 10-14, **2014**.
15. Edgar, K. J.; Meng, X.; Matson, J. B.; Liu, H. Y. "Versatile Design and Synthesis of Cellulose Derivatives for Amorphous Solid Dispersions" *247th ACS National Meeting*, Dallas, TX, Mar 16-20, **2014**.
14. Meng, X.; Matson, J. B.; Edgar, K. J. "Olefin Cross-Metathesis as a Source of Novel Polysaccharide Derivatives" *247th ACS National Meeting*, Dallas, TX, Mar 16-20, **2014**.
13. Matson, J. B.; Foster, J. C. "Materials for Therapeutic Signaling Gas Delivery" *Functional Polymeric Materials*, Cancun, Mexico, Feb 10-13, **2014**.
12. Matson, J. B.; Radzinski, S. C. "Self-Assembled and Covalent Nanoobjects for Drug Delivery and Regenerative Medicine" *Macromolecules and Interfaces Institute Technical Conference and Review*, Blacksburg, VA, Oct 28-30, **2013**.
11. Ortony, J. H.; Matson, J. B.; Palmer, L. C.; Newcomb, C. J.; Doan, P. E.; Hoffman, B. M.; Stupp, S. I. "Direct measurement of internal dynamics in a self-assembled nanofiber" *245th ACS National Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Apr 7-11, **2013**.

10. Matson, J. B.; Webber, M. J.; Weber, B.; Tamboli, V. K.; Stupp, S. I. "Signaling Gas Delivery from Supramolecular Polymers" *IUPAC MACRO2012 World Polymer Congress*, Blacksburg, VA, Jun 24-29, **2012**.
9. Matson, J. B.; Webber, M. J.; Tamboli, V.; Stupp, S. I. "Release of Soluble Signaling Molecules from Peptide-Amphiphile Supramolecular Polymers" *22nd American Peptide Symposium*, San Diego, CA, Jun 25-30, **2011**.
8. Matson, J. B.; Stupp, S. I. "Tunable Small-Molecule Drug Release from Peptide-Amphiphile Supramolecular Polymers" *241st ACS National Meeting*, Anaheim, CA, Mar 27-31, **2011**.
7. Virgil, S.C.; Kuhn, K. M.; Matson, J. B.; Golisz, S. R.; Hazari, N.; Grubbs, R. H.; Bercaw, J. E.; Stoltz, B. M. "Automation and robotics in an academic organometallic chemistry research" *240th ACS National Meeting*, Boston, MA, Aug 22-26, **2010**.
6. Matson, J. B.; Virgil, S. C.; Grubbs, R. H. "Polynorbornenes prepared by Pulsed-Addition Ring Opening Metathesis Polymerization" *237th ACS National Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT, Mar 22-26, **2009**. (Excellence in Graduate Polymer Research Award talk)
5. Matson, J. B.; Virgil, S. C.; Grubbs, R. H. "ROMP-ATRP Block Copolymers and Pulsed-Addition ROMP" *NATO Advanced Study Institute for New Smart Materials via Metal Mediated Macromolecular Engineering: From Complex to Nano Structures*, Antalya, Turkey, Sep 1-12, **2008**.
4. Matson, J. B.; Grubbs, R. H. "Synthesis of Fluorine-18 Functionalized Nanoparticles as in vivo Molecular Imaging Agents" *NATO Advanced Study Institute for New Smart Materials via Metal Mediated Macromolecular Engineering: From Complex to Nano Structures*, Antalya, Turkey, Sep 1-12, **2008**.
3. Matson, J. B.; Grubbs, R. H. "Synthesis of Fluorine-18 Functionalized Nanoparticles as in vivo Molecular Imaging Agents" *International Symposium on Olefin Metathesis XVII*, Pasadena, CA, Jul 29-Aug 3 **2007**.
2. Joralemon, M. J.; Nugent, A. K.; Matson, J. B.; O'Reilly, R. K.; Hawker, C. J.; Wooley, K. L. "Clicking Together Dendritic Macromolecules Divergently" *228th ACS National Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, Aug 22-26, **2004**.
1. O'Reilly, R. K.; Joralemon, M. J.; Nugent, A. K.; Matson, J. B.; Hawker, C. J.; Wooley, K. L. "A Novel Approach to Regioselectively-functionalized Amphiphilic Block Copolymers and Nanoparticles" *228th ACS National Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, Aug 22-26, **2004**.

INVITED SEMINARS at DEPARTMENTS, COMPANIES, and ORGANIZATIONS

64. Stellenbosch University (*South Africa*), Department of Chemistry and Polymer Science, Nov 14, **2025**.
63. Politecnico di Milano (*Italy*), Department of Chemistry, May 9, **2025**.
62. GlycoMIP Scientists on Screen (with Michael Schulz), virtual, September 18, **2024**.
61. 716th Meeting of the Virginia Blue Ridge Section of the ACS, Lynchburg, VA September 17, **2024**.
60. Waters | Wyatt Virginia Tech Macromolecule Characterization Symposium, Virginia Tech, August 22, **2024**.
59. University of Texas at Austin, Department of Chemistry, April 12, **2024**.
58. Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Chemistry, Oct 12, **2023**.
57. Murray State University, Department of Chemistry, Oct 11, **2023**.
57. Concord University, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, Oct 9, **2023**.
56. University of Ghent (*Belgium*), Department of Organic and Macromolecular Chemistry, Aug 18, **2023**.
55. 3M Non-tenured faculty award symposium (virtual), Sep 27, **2022**.
54. University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Chemistry, Sep 16, **2022**.
53. University of Strasbourg (*France*), Charles Sadron Institute, Jun 7, **2022**.
52. Universiteit Leiden (*the Netherlands*) Leiden Institute of Chemistry, Jun 2, **2022**.
51. École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) (*Switzerland*) Institute of Materials, May 25, **2022**.
50. University of Fribourg (*Switzerland*), Department of Chemistry, May 24, **2022**.
49. Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz (*Germany*), Institute for Organic Chemistry, May 3, **2022**.
48. Hasselt University (*Belgium*), Institute for Materials Research, Apr. 8, **2022**.
47. Wake Forest University Department of Chemistry, Feb 23, **2022**.
46. Carilion Clinic Neurosurgery (Roanoke), Neurosurgeons Academic Session, Feb 1, **2022**.
45. North Carolina A&T and UNC Greensboro Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, Dec. 3, **2021**.

44. Appalachian State University Department of Chemistry and Fermentation Sciences, Oct. 15, **2021**.
43. Wyatt Technology Webinar (virtual), Jan 27, **2021**.
42. Maastricht University (*The Netherlands*) Inst. for Technology-Inspired Regenerative Med. (MERLN), Feb. 6, **2020**.
41. Eindhoven University of Technology (*The Netherlands*) Institute for Complex Molecular Systems, Feb. 5, **2020**.
40. Carnegie Mellon University Department of Chemistry, Oct 30, **2019**.
39. Radford University Department of Chemistry, Sep 27, **2019**.
38. Ben Gurion University (*Israel*), Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science & Technology, Jul 3, **2019**.
37. Virginia Tech, Department of Biochemistry, Apr 15, **2019**.
36. Arizona State University, School of Molecular Sciences, Mar 1, **2019**.
35. Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN, Feb 25, **2019**.
34. Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz (*Germany*), Institute for Organic Chemistry, Nov19, **2018**.
33. Boston College, Department of Chemistry, Nov 7, **2018**.
32. University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Department of Chemistry, Oct 1, **2018**.
31. University of Akron, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, Sep 21, **2018**.
30. Carleton College, Department of Chemistry, Sep 29, **2017**.
29. St. Olaf College, Department of Chemistry, Sep 28, **2017**.
28. University of the Republic (*Uruguay*), Center for Free Radical and Biomedical Research, Jul 14, **2017**.
27. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Dept. of Chemistry, Mar 30, **2017**.
26. Virginia Tech, Dept. of Chemistry Highlands Seminar Series, Mar 24, **2017**.
25. University of South Carolina, Dept. of Chemistry, Mar 16, **2017**.
24. University of Southern Mississippi, School of High Performance Polymers, Mar 8, **2017**.
23. Florida State University, Dept. of Chemistry, Feb 23, **2017**.
22. University of Florida, Dept. of Chemistry, Feb 21, **2017**.
21. Stanford University, Dept. of Chemistry, Feb 8, **2017**.
20. University of Arizona, Dept. of Chemistry, Feb 6, **2017**.
19. East Carolina University, Dept. of Chemistry, Nov 18, **2016**.
18. Case Western Reserve University, Dept. of Macromolecular Science, Sep 23, **2016**.
17. University of North Carolina, Dept. of Chemistry, Sep 8, **2016**.
16. University of Oregon, Dept. of Chemistry, Mar 11, **2016**.
15. University of Washington, Dept. of Chemistry, Mar 9, **2016**.
14. Washington State University, Dept. of Chemistry, Mar 7, **2016**.
13. Western Carolina University, Department of Chemistry and Physics, Jan 29, **2016**.
12. University of California, San Diego, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Jan 11, **2016**.
11. University of Virginia, Department of Chemistry, Oct 16, **2015**.
10. James Madison University, Department of Chemistry, Sep 25, **2015**.
9. Delaware University, Department of Materials Science, Sep 23, **2015**.
8. East Tennessee State University, Department of Chemistry, Sep 4, **2015**.
7. University of Warwick (*England*), Department of Chemistry, Aug 4, **2015**.
6. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Department of Chemistry, May 14, **2015**.
5. College of Charleston, Department of Chemistry, Nov 6, **2014**.
4. Virginia Tech BioBased Materials Center, Mar 28, **2014**.
3. Winthrop University, Department of Chemistry, Geology and Physics, Mar 13, **2014**.
2. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Department of Chemistry, Feb 28, **2014**.
1. Norfolk State University, Department of Chemistry, Feb 27, **2013**.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

As PI/co-PI at Virginia Tech

Current

IRES: Polymer Science Advancing Biologically-inspired Research Opportunities Across Disciplines (Poly-ABROAD)

National Science Foundation

PI: Matson, co-PI: Michael Schulz

\$450,000 8/2025-7/2028

Research Agreement

Saudi Aramco

PI: Matson

\$140,000 7/2025 – 6/2026

Rigid Polynorbornenes Prepared by Vinyl Addition Polymerization for Gas Separation Membranes
US Department of Energy
PIs: Matson, Deskmukh, Martin
\$1,073,000 8/2024 – 2/2027

Vinyl Addition Polymerization of Norbornene-Benzoladderenes
American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund New Directions Award
PI: Matson
\$125,000 9/2024 – 8/2026

Light responsive poly(olefin sulfone)s for PFAS-free photoresists with dry development and stripping
Semiconductor Research Corporation
PI: Matson
\$315,000 1/2024 – 12/2026 (reduced to \$210,000 and ended 12/2025 due to re-organization of SRC)

Activating physical crosslinking in synthetic extracellular matrices by switch peptides
Binational Science Foundation (2022044)
PIs: Matson, Ronit Bitton (Ben Gurion University, Israel)
\$207,600, 10/2023 – 9/2027

Developing enhanced sealants for neurosurgery
Commonwealth Health Research Board
PI: Michael Schulz (VT); co-PI: Matson
\$200,000, 8/2023 – 7/2025

MIP: Glyco-MIP
National Science Foundation (DMR-1933525)
PIs: Maren Roman (VT), several others
\$22,900,000, 8/2020 – 7/2026

Self-Amplified Depolymerizable Polymers
National Science Foundation, Division of Chemistry, MSN Program (CHE-2003662)
\$450,000; 7/2020 – 12/2025

Previous

NSF-BSF: Tapered Bottlebrush Block Copolymers: Synthesis, Solution Self-Assembly, and Simulations
National Science Foundation, Binational Science Foundation, Polymers Program (DMR-2104602)
PIs: Matson, Ronit Bitton (Ben Gurion University, Israel); co-PI: Rana Ashkar (VT)
\$441,459, 6/2021 – 5/2025

Novel Cellular and Molecular Regulation of Collateral Remodeling in Ischemic Stroke
Delivery of H₂S: Supramolecular and Enzyme-Triggered Strategies for Controlled Release
NIH – National Institute of General Medical Sciences (R01GM123508)
PI: Matson; co-PI: Prof. Khosrow Kashfi (City College of New York)
\$1,485,899; 4/2017 – 1/2024

NIH – National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (R01NS112541)
PI: Prof. Micelle Theus (VT); co-PIs: Matson, Prof. Hehuang Xie (VT)
\$1,733,852; 7/2020 – 6/2023

Functional Bioactive Materials for Gasotransmitter Delivery and Tissue Engineering
Dreyfus Foundation (TC-18-039)
\$75,000; 5/2018 – 4/2023

R&D Contract

Pharmaceutical Company
\$339,865; 6/2020 – 12/2022

Administrative Supplement for Purchase of a Helium Recovery System
National Institutes of Health
PIs: Matson, Webster Santos (VT)
\$151,153; 7/2020 – 6/2021

Mimicking Native Cryptic Sites
Binational Science Foundation (2016096)
PI: Matson; Co-PI: Prof. Ronit Bitton (Ben Gurion University, Israel)
\$198,000; 9/2017 – 8/2021

CAREER: Self-Assembled, H₂S-Releasing Gels for Promoting Angiogenesis
National Science Foundation, Division of Materials Research, Biomaterials Program (DMR-1454754)
\$530,000; 4/2015 – 03/2021

Self-Assembling Peptide Nanocoils as Templates to Form Chiral Plasmonic Nanoparticles
Virginia Tech Dean's Discovery Fund
PI: Matson; co-PI: Guoliang "Greg" Liu (Virginia Tech)
\$18,115; 7/2019 – 6/2020

Tapered Bottlebrush Polymers for Templating Gold and Silver Nanoparticles with Shape Asymmetry
Army Research Office (74464-CH-II)
PI: Matson; co-PI: Guoliang "Greg" Liu (Virginia Tech)
\$60,000; 6/2019 – 3/2020

Administrative Supplement for Purchase of a Size Exclusion Chromatography System
National Institutes of Health
\$111,000; 8/2018 – 7/2019

Tapered Bottlebrush Polymers: A New Polymer Topology
ACS Petroleum Research Fund, Doctoral New Investigator Grant (54884-DNI7)
\$110,000; 9/2015 – 8/2018

pH Responsive-Nanoprobes: A novel therapeutic approach for brain injury
Virginia Tech Institute for Critical Technologies and Applied Science (JFC12-256)
PI: Prof. Michelle Theus (Virginia Tech); co-Is: Matson, Prof. Abby Whittington (Virginia Tech)
\$120,000; 7/2016 – 6/2018

H₂S-Releasing Materials for Wound Healing
3M Non-Tenured Faculty Award (14548087)
\$45,000; 4/2015 – 3/2018

Traumatic Brain Injury and Regeneration: A Novel Therapeutic Platform for Drug Delivery
Virginia Tech Center for Drug Discovery
PI: Prof. Abby Whittington; co-PIs: Matson, Michelle Theus (Virginia Tech)
\$5,000; 1/2016 – 6/2016

Thermoresponsive Peptide Dendrimers
Binational Science Foundation (2012126)
PI: Matson; Co-PI: Prof. Ronit Bitton (Ben Gurion University, Israel)
\$150,000; 10/2013 – 9/2015

Tapered Bottlebrush Polymers: A New Polymer Architecture
Army Research Office (W911NF-14-1-0322)
\$50,000; 8/2014 – 5/2015

One-Pot Bottlebrush Polymers

Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award
\$10,000; 6/2014 – 5/2015

H₂S-Releasing Micelles for Cancer Therapy
Virginia Tech Institute for Critical Technologies and Applied Science (JFC12-256)
PI: Matson; Co-PI: Prof. Carla Finkielstein (Virginia Tech)
\$120,000; 7/2013 – 6/2015

As Postdoc

3D Differentiation of Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Peptide Amphiphile Matrices
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (1F32AR061955-01)
\$48,000; 11/2011 – 8/2012

Development of Hyaluronic Acid-Peptide Amphiphile Nanosacs for Systemic Delivery of Drugs, Proteins, and Signals
IBNAM-Baxter Early Career Development Award in Bioengineering
\$110,000; 11/2009 – 10/2011