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Education:

- 1985 The University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712
Postdoctoral Research Associate with Dr. Peter J. Rossky
Research: Theoretical Studies in Statistical Mechanics; Development of Interaction Site integral equation theory for molecular fluids such as water.
- 1984 Brown University, Providence, RI 02912
Ph.D., Physical Chemistry
Graduate Research: Theoretical Studies in Statistical Mechanics
Thesis Advisor: Professor Richard M. Stratt, Department of Chemistry, Brown
- 1980 Clark University, Worcester, MA 01610
B.A., Chemistry and Philosophy, *Magna Cum Laude*
Undergraduate Research: Computer modeling of the dynamics of dissolved polycarbonates, with emphasis on understanding the observed impact resistance of the polycarbonate Lexan
Research Advisor: Professor Alan A. Jones, Department of Chemistry, Clark

Professional Positions:

- 2013-2019 Chair, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Washington & Lee University
- 2008-present Professor of Chemistry
Washington and Lee University
- 2001-2006 Head, Department of Chemistry
Washington & Lee University
- 1998-2001 Associate Dean of the College
Washington & Lee University
- 1993-2008 Associate Professor of Chemistry
Washington & Lee University
- 1988, 1987 Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Summer, Brown University
- 1985-86 Lecturer, The University of Texas
Primary instructor for General Chemistry (CH301)
Lectured in Physical Chemistry (CH354)
- 1980-82 Teaching Assistant, Brown University

Professional Societies

Member, American Chemistry Society

Selected Publications:

Marium G. Holland, Veronica E. Griffith, Marcia B. France, and Steven G. Desjardins, "Kinetics of the Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization of a 7-Oxanorbornene Derivative by Grubbs' Catalyst", *Journal of Polymer Science: Part A: Polymer Chemistry*, **41**, 2125-2131 (2003)

E. Knapp, S. Desjardins, and M. Pleva, "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching Chemistry to Geology Students", *Journal of Geoscience Education*, November, 2003

Williams, H. T.; Goodwin, L.; Desjardins, S. G.; Billings, F. T. "Two-dimensional Growth Models", *Phys. Lett. A* **1998**, 250, 105.

S. Desjardins, "An Interdisciplinary Course in Chemical Dynamics", *J. Chem.Ed.*, **85** (2008) 1078

Courses Taught:

Chemistry 106	Disorder and Chaos
Chemistry 110	General Chemistry
Chemistry 112	Aqueous Inorganic Quantitative Chemistry
Chemistry 260	Physical Chemistry of Biological Systems
Chemistry 261	Physical Chemistry I
Chemistry 365	Advanced Physical Chemistry

Recent Presentations at Professional Meetings:

American Chemical Society Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. August 2012. Presented a poster with Alex Finnegan, "Simulating the Muscle Fiber as a Molecular Ratchet"

American Chemical Society meeting in Washington, August 2009. Presented a poster with Dessie Otachliska, "Dynamics of the Krebs Tricycle".

Grants Awarded:

Associated Colleges of the South, Kyle Friend, Sara Sprenkle, Steve Desjardins, and Kasandra Riley (Rollins College). \$8,250. Development of the ChemTutor software package that is designed to help entering first-years with their first college chemistry course.

Associated Colleges of the South, Development of an online interdisciplinary course in complexity

W. M. Keck Foundation, *Washington and Lee University's Interdisciplinary Program in Nonlinear Dynamics*, 2001, \$500,000 (Corporate grant with other faculty).

Dr. Scholl Foundation, *Fast Track Teaching in the Sciences*, 1999, \$25,000 (Corporate grant with other faculty).

NSF, *High-Field Multinuclear NMR in Undergraduate Education at Washington and Lee University*, 1996, \$99,500 (with Erich Uffelman, Marcia France, and Lisa Alty).

C. B. Fleet Company, Inc., *Kinetics Studies of the Hydrolysis of Bisacodyl*, 2004, \$41,000 (with Marcia France); Renewed, 2005, \$35,460 (with Marcia France).