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**Education:**

<u>Ph.D. Chemical Engineering</u>	2003
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
<u>M.S. Microbial Engineering</u>	1998
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
<u>B.S. Biochemistry <i>magna cum laude</i></u>	1996
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**Professional Positions:**

<u>Professor</u> , Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering Montana State University, Bozeman	2016-
<u>Associate Professor</u> , Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering Montana State University, Bozeman	2011-2016
<u>Assistant Professor</u> , Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering Montana State University, Bozeman	2005-2011

**Awards:**

- MSU College of Engineering Award for Excellence in Teaching: 2015.
- Center for Biofilm Engineering Researcher of the Year: 2012.
- MSU Merit Award: 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.
- MSU Award for Excellence: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2021.
- MSU College of Engineering Award for Excellence in Research: 2010.
- MSU President's Excellence in Teaching Award, student nomination: 2009, 2014.

**Mentored personnel, graduate researchers: 14**

**Mentored personnel, undergraduate researchers: 26**

**Mentored personnel, post-doctoral researchers and research staff: 9**

**Courses Taught:**

- EChem 328 Chemical Reactor Kinetics, 3 credits.
- EChem 407 Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics II, 2 credits.
- EChem 411 Senior Design I, 2 credits.
- EChem 412 Senior Design II, 2 credits.
- EBio 438 Bioprocess Engineering, 3 credits.
- EBio 591 Quantitative Metabolic Systems Biology and Engineering, 3 credits.

- EGen 694 Graduate Proposal Writing, 2 credits.
- DGED 610 Geobiological Systems Science I: Foundations, 3 credits.
- DGED 611 Geobiological Systems Science II: Applications, 3 credits.

### Research Activities:

**(Google Scholar Metrics (7/13/21): 3340 citations, H-index = 33, i10-index = 54)**

1. Hunt, K.A. Mallette, N., Peyton, B.M., Carlson, R.P. (2021) *In silico* analysis of functionalized hydrocarbon production using Ehrlich pathway and fatty acid derivatives in an endophytic fungus. *Journal of Fungi*. In press.
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3. Pulukkody, A. C., Yung, Y.P., Donnarumma, F., Murray, K.K., Carlson, R.P., Hanley, L. (2021) Spatially resolved analysis of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilm proteomes measured by laser ablation sample transfer. *PLOS One*, in press.
4. Patel, A., Carlson, R.P., Henson, M.A. (2021) *In silico* Analysis of Synthetic Multispecies Biofilms for Cellobiose-to-Isobutanol Conversion Reveals Design Principles for Stable and Productive Communities. *Biochemical Engineering Journal*. In press.
5. Hammarlund, S.P., Gedeon, T., Carlson, R.P., Harcombe, W. (2021) Limitation by a shared mutualist promotes coexistence of multiple competing partners. *Nature Communications*. 12, 619. doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-20922-0.
6. McGill, S.L., Yung, Y., Hunt, K.A., Henson, M.A., Hanley, L., Carlson, R.P. (2021) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* reverse diauxie is a multidimensional, optimized, resource utilization strategy. *Scientific Reports*. 11, 1457. doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-80522-8
7. Park, H., Patel, A., Hunt, K.A., Henson, M.A., Carlson, R. P. 2020. Artificial consortium demonstrates emergent properties of enhanced cellulosic-sugar degradation and biofuel synthesis. *npj Biofilms Microbiomes*. 6, 59 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41522-020-00170-8>
8. Mahout, M., Carlson, R.P., Peres, S. (2020) Answer Set Programming for computing constraints-based elementary flux. *Processes*. 8(12) 1649, doi.org/10.3390/pr8121649.
9. Hulkova, M., Soulkupova, J., Carlson, R.P., Marsalek, B. (2020) Interspecies interactions can enhance *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* tolerance to surfaces functionalized with silver nanoparticles. in *Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces*. 192: 111027. doi.org/10.1016/j.colsurfb.2020.111027
10. Zhang, T. Parker, A., Carlson, R.P., Stewart, P.S., Klapper, I. (2020) Flux-Balance Based Modeling of Biofilm Communities. *Processes*. *Multiscale Model. Simul.* 18(2), 1025-1052. doi.org/10.1137/18M1234096
11. Jay, Z.J., Hunt, K.A. Chou, K.J., Schut, G.J., Maness, P.C., Adams, M.W.W., Carlson, R.P. (2020) Integrated thermodynamic analysis of electron bifurcating [FeFe]-hydrogenase to inform anaerobic metabolism and H<sub>2</sub> production. *Biochimica Biophysica Acta Bioenergetics*. 1861; 148087. 10.1016/j.bbabi.2019.148087
12. Park, H., McGill, S.L., Arnold, A. D., Carlson, R.P. (2020) Pseudomonad reverse carbon catabolite repression, interspecies metabolite exchange, and consortial division of labor. *Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences*. 77, 395-413. 10.1007/s00018-019-03377-x
13. Yung, Y., McGill, S.L., Chen, H., Carlson, R.P., Hanley, L. (2019) Reverse Diauxie Phenotype in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Biofilm Revealed by Exometabolomics and Label-Free Proteomics. *npj Biofilms and Microbiomes*. 5, 31. 10.1038/s41522-019-0104-7

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18. Beck, A.E., Hunt, K.A., Carlson, R.P. (2018) Measuring Cellular Biomass Composition for Computational Biology Applications. *Processes* 6(5), 38. 10.3390/pr6050038
19. Hunt, K.A., Jennings, R. deM. Inskeep, W.P., Carlson, R. P. (2018) Multiscale analysis of autotroph-heterotroph interactions in a high-temperature microbial community. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 14(9):e1006431. 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1006431
20. Gumulya, Y., Boxall, N.J., Khaleque, H.N., Santala, V., Carlson, R.P., Kaksonen, A.H. (2018) In a Quest for Engineering Acidophiles for Biomining Applications: Challenges and Opportunities. *Genes*, 9(2), 116. 10.3390/genes9020116
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22. Beck, A.E., Bernstein, H.C., Carlson, R.P. (2017) Stoichiometric network analysis of cyanobacterial acclimation to photosynthesis-associated stresses identifies heterotrophic niches. *Processes* 5 (2), 32. 10.3390/pr5020032
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25. Schepens, D., Beck, A.E., Heys, J.J., Gedeon, T., Carlson, R.P. (2017) The Benefits of Resource Partitioning and Division of Labor in Microbial Consortia. *Advances in Systems and Synthetic Biology* (editors P. Amar, F. Kepes, V. Norris). EDP Sciences Publishing. pp 137-148. ISBN 978-2-7598-2116-7
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