

# Frank A. Ferrone

## EDUCATION

1969	BS in Physics, Manhattan College, Bronx, New York
1971	MA in Physics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
1974	PhD in Physics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey <i>Thesis:</i> Transient Circular Dichroism in Hemoglobin <i>Advisor:</i> Professor John J. Hopfield

## EMPLOYMENT

2006-2013	Senior Associate Vice Provost for Research, Drexel University
1992-2003	Associate Department Head, Department of Physics, Drexel University
1990-present	Professor, Department of Physics, Drexel University
1986-1990	Associate Professor, Department of Physics & Atmospheric Science, Drexel University
1980-1986	Assistant Professor, Department of Physics & Atmospheric Science, Drexel University
1976-1980	Staff Fellow, Laboratory of Chemical Physics, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland
1975-1976	Visiting Fellow (NIH Research Service Award), Physics Department, Princeton University
1974-1975	Instructor, Physics Department, Princeton University
1972-1974	Research Assistant, Physics Department, Princeton University
1970-1972	Assistant in Instruction, Physics Department, Princeton University
1969-1970	NASA Trainee, Physics Department, Princeton University
1969	Research Assistant, Physics Department, Princeton University
1969	Instructor in Physics, Academy of the Sacred Heart High School, New York
1966-1968	Teaching Assistant, Physics Department, Manhattan College

## FUNDING HISTORY

### *sole Principal Investigator:*

- Conformational Kinetics of Biological Molecules, funded by NIH (NIDDKD) 1982 -- 1993
- Photolysis Studies of Sickle Hemoglobin Polymerization, funded by NIH (NHLBI) 1982 — 1996
- Heterogeneous Nucleation in Sickle Cell Disease funded by NIH (NHLBI) 1996 — 2012

### *Principal Investigator, with collaborators:*

- Diode Array Spectrophotometer, funded by NIH small instrument program
- Computation/Graphics Facility, NIH shared instrumentation grant
- Structure, Mechanism & Pathophysiology in Sickle Cell Disease part of a Program Project Grant funded by the NIH, 1997-2007
- The Implications of Multiple Axial Contacts in Sickle Hemoglobin Polymers, CURE grant from Commonwealth of PA 2016-2018
- Biophysics of Increasing Fetal Hemoglobin as Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease, funding from NIDDK 2021-2022

### *Non-principal investigator:*

- NIH small instrument program, (Prof. Davis, Chemistry, PI)

## PHD STUDENTS

- Anthony J. Martino, *Allosteric Kinetics of Hemoglobin Probed by Modulated Excitation with Fluorescence Detection*, 1988 --staff in Engineering Physics Department, DuPont
- Huan Xiang Zhou, *Numerical Simulations of the Glucagon Self-Association Dynamics*, 1988  
postdoc at NIH; Asst Prof Hong Kong Univ of Science & Technology;
- Michael R. Cho, *Diffusion of Monomers in Polymer Domains in Sickle Hemoglobin*, 1990  
instructor at Harvard Medical School
- Mingdi Zhao, *Allosteric and Protonation Kinetics in Triliganded Hemoglobin*, 1993  
postdoctoral position at University of Pennsylvania
- Jie Jiang, *Effect of Water on the Allosteric Equilibrium and Kinetics of Hemoglobin*, 1993  
postdoctoral position at Boston Biomedical Research Institute
- Zhiqi Cao, *Stochastic Studies on Nucleation in Sickle Hemoglobin* 1995  
post graduation maternity leave
- Dan Liao, *Kinetic Micomethod for Measuring the Solubility of Native and Mutant Sickle Hemoglobin* 1997 systems programmer
- Rossen Mirchev, *Heterogeneous Nucleation of Sickle Hemoglobin* 1999, postdoc at Harvard Medical School
- Weijun Weng, *Universal Metastability of Sickle Hemoglobin Polymerization* 2007  
MBA at NYU
- Mikhail Zakharov, *A Microrheological Study of Sickle Hemoglobin Polymerization* 2009  
Postdoc at Boston University
- Zenghui Liu, *Fundamental Studies in Sickle Hemoglobin Polymerization*, 2011 PhD in Economics, Drexel University
- Yihua Wang, *Light Scattering Studies of Hemoglobin Association* 2011 Postdoc at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
- Donna Yosmanovich, *A Study of Partially Liganded Sickle Hemoglobin Polymerization Kinetics* 2012, Johnson & Johnson part time, + post graduation maternity leave
- Christopher Brown, *The Flow of Sickle Blood Through Glass Capillaries and Its Diagnostic Implications*, 2018, Visiting Assistant Professor at Villanova University
- Eli Worth, PhD expected 2022
- Mark Fugate, PhD expected 2024

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Physical Society (Fellow)  
Biophysical Society

## HONORS

- NIH Hercules Lecture, 2007  
Fellow of the American Physical Society, 1997  
Drexel University Research Achievement Award, 1991  
Member: Sigma Xi  
Member: Sigma Pi Sigma  
Woodrow Wilson Fellow 1969-1970  
Radford Medal in Physics 1969 (Manhattan College)

## INVITED PARTICIPANT:

(\*contribution published)

Biophysical Discussions, Airlie, Virginia, 1978  
 Frontiers of Biological Energetics Symposium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1978\*  
 Symposium on Biological Recognition and Assembly, Keystone, Colorado, 1979.  
 Symposium on the Molecular Basis of Mutant Hemoglobin Dysfunction, Chicago, Illinois, 1980\*  
 Symposium on the Interaction between Iron and Proteins, Airlie, Virginia, 1980\*.  
 Biophysical Discussions, Airlie, Virginia, 1980\*  
 Conference on Rheological Aspects of Sickle Cell Disease, Airlie, Virginia, 1981.  
 Workshop on Development of Therapeutic Agents for Sickle Cell Disease, Bethesda, Maryland, 1983.  
 Biophysical Discussions, Airlie, Virginia, 1985  
 Annual NIH Investigators meeting on Sickle Cell Disease, Bethesda, Maryland, 1985-1993  
 Approaches to the Therapy of Sickle Cell Anemia, Pointe-a-Pitre, Gaudeloupe, 1985\*  
 Pathophysiological Aspects of Sickle Cell Vasooclusion, Tarrytown, NY, 1986\*  
 Workshop on the Structure and Dynamics of Proteins, Paris, France, 1986.  
 Sickle Cell Disease in the Next Decade: Innovative Therapeutic Approaches, Washington, DC, 1987  
 Sickle Cell Disease: the state of the art (NY Acad. of Sciences) Bethesda, Maryland 1988\*.  
 Symposium on Oxygen Binding Heme Proteins, Asilomar, California, 1988.  
 Conference on the Dynamics and Kinetics of Myoglobin and Hemoglobin, Bethesda, Maryland, 1990  
 European Conference on Clinical Haemorheology, Southampton, England, 1991\*  
 FASEB Conference on Amyloid & Other Abnormal Protein Assembly Processes, Copper Mtn, CO), 1995  
 Workshop on Phase Transformation Occurring in Solutions of Biological Molecules, MIT, 1997  
 Golden Jubilee Symposium on Trends in Cellular and Molecular Biophysics, Calcutta, India, 2000  
 Materials Research Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2001  
 Faraday Society, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2002  
 EMBO conference on Crowding, Avila, Spain 2003  
 Protein Aggregation Workshop, Breckenridge, CO, 2006  
 Conference on Protein Stability, Breckenridge, CO, 2007  
 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of National Sickle Cell Disease Program, Washington, DC 2007  
 New Challenges in Protein Science, Parma, Italy, 2008  
 Conference on Crowding, Telluride, CO, 2009  
 Carolina Biophysics Symposium, Raleigh-Durham, NC, 2010  
 Conference on Protein Stability, Breckenridge, CO, 2011  
 Conference on Crowding, Telluride, CO, 2011  
 National Fluorescence Workshop (FCS 2012), Kolkata, India 2012  
 Protein Folding and Diseases, New Delhi, India 2012\*  
 Conference on Protein Stability, Breckenridge, CO, 2015

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1. F. A. Ferrone, Transient Circular Dichroism Studies of Hemoglobin (1974), thesis
2. F. A. Ferrone, J.J. Hopfield, & S. E. Schnatterly, "The Measurement of Transient Circular Dichroism: A New Kinetic Technique", *Rev. Sci. Instrum.*, **45**, 1392-1396 (1974)
3. F. A. Ferrone & W. C. Topp, "Circular Dichroism and Raman Studies of the Allosteric Transition in Methemoglobin," *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.*, **66**, 444- 450 (1975)
4. F. A. Ferrone & J. J. Hopfield, "Rate of Quaternary Structure Change in Hemoglobin," *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. (USA)*, **73**, 4497-4502 (1976)
5. F. A. Ferrone, J. Hofrichter & W.A.Eaton, "Hemoglobin S Polymerization in the Photostationary State," in Frontiers of Biological Energetics, Vol. II (P.L. Dutton, J. Leigh & A. Scarpa, eds.) Academic Press, New York, pp. 1085-1092 (1978)
6. H.R.Sunshine, F. A. Ferrone, J. Hofrichter & W. A. Eaton, "Gelation Assays and the Evaluation of Therapeutic Inhibitors," in Development of Therapeutic Agents for Sickle Cell Disease, INSERM Symposium No. 9 (J. Rosa, Y., Beuzard & J. Hercules, eds.), Elsevier/North Holland, pp. 31-46 (1979)
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- Sickle Cell Hemoglobin," in Proceedings of the Symposium on the Molecular Basis of Mutant Hemoglobin Dysfunction (P. B. Sigler, ed.), Elsevier, North Holland, pp. 225-237 (1981).
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## TEACHING:

### Courses developed:

Physics for Business Students: (3 credit lecture course, ~100 students) This was a 2 quarter course taken by students in the School of Business. Conventional conceptual physics courses, colloquially known as “Physics for Poets” maintain a more liberal-arts flavor, while algebra based courses focus on Pre-meds, and calculus based courses focus on Engineers and Physicists. The Business students had their own unique interests, mainly differing from the “poets” course in being highly numerate. I developed an approach to this cohort, and with Prof. Lane subsequently composed a text which we used for several years.

Physics for Life Sciences: (4.5 credit lecture course, today ~200 students) When I first became involved with this course, it had been deemed unnecessary for Biology majors to take more than 2 quarters of physics, and thus a 3 quarter sequence taken by the other sciences was abruptly truncated after 2 quarters with no regard to what might have been cut. I reorganized the course to cover a full survey of introductory physics. While I was engaged in administration the course was revised to be a full 3 quarter course, and I was asked to rebuild the curriculum to appropriate division among the quarters. When I returned from administrative duties, the course had grown in numbers and now had a laboratory component. My philosophy was to use the labs as exemplary of the week’s material, so that I needed one lab per week. The suite of labs available as part of the Engineering course was designed to use 4 labs per quarter, whereas I needed 10, and thus I had to construct a large number of labs from scratch.

Introduction to Experimental Physics: (3 credit lecture course, ~20 students) This course is taken by first year Physics majors in their first quarter. When I took over this course, it had just been moved from a second-year course. The labs done were taken from existing labs in the Engineering sequence. There was a significant challenge because the students' knowledge of Physics was dependent on their high school preparation in the main (which had not been a problem when it was a sophomore course). I developed two new labs from scratch, revised several others, and rewrote all the writeups to be appropriate to a group of Physics students taking the sequence. In place of conventional lab reports, I made the students report their work in the style of a scientific publication. To facilitate learning how to present posters, we used a projector to generate "virtual posters" for one week.

Misc. Biophysics special topics courses: these were given for several years until the hiring of junior faculty in this field led me to hand the course over so they would have better access to graduate students.

### **Curricular Innovations:**

1. Use of spreadsheets in the Business Physics course. This corresponded to the introduction of the Macintosh to Drexel. The spreadsheets permitted calculations that would normally need calculus.
2. Development of Peer Instruction: This corresponded to my work with the Biology course. The Bio majors asked why they did no group work in Physics, but did group work in all their other courses, so I began to have them work in groups in class. This concept, later developed by Eric Mazur at Harvard, is known as Peer Instruction.
3. Course Website: While this is *de rigueur* today, at the time it was sufficiently novel that I had one student excitedly remark that she'd never had a course with a website before. This stood in contrast to my colleagues who were posting solutions to exams on bulletin boards at the time versus uploading them as I was.
4. MCAT form exams: Since most of the Bio majors are pre-med, I realized that using a paragraph with questions model would provide career-appropriate training for them while still providing the ability to assess students' performance. In addition, by providing the past exams on our course website, the questions become a vehicle for providing content that might not be covered (e.g. how lightning works).
5. Partial-credit multiple choice: In response to students' concerns that multiple choice questions had no partial credit option, I introduced a system whereby students can enter two choices if they feel uncertain about an answer. The second choice is worth less, and even the first choice is slightly lowered in value because of their "admitted" uncertainty.
6. Integration of on-line and face-to-face content for Bio-major Intro Course. Following our accommodations to the pandemic I realized that we had remarkable success with our on-line lecture that required students to watch in groups and create a blog that maintained our peer-instruction model. As a result, we have retained the on-line lecture format since it actually provided *more* student participation than the in-person lecture format had done. We also used our recorded solutions to tailor recitation sections to student needs, which received spontaneous favorable comments in student evaluations.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:**

Serving in a half-time position as Associate Vice-Provost for Research I oversaw (and overhauled) University-wide research day, which engaged over 600 posters judged by two impartial but appropriate judges. I also oversaw all internal competitions, and was the Research



Integrity Officer, in which capacity I was involved in several allegations of research misconduct. Activities also included interfacing with Good Shepherd Rehab, and oversight of the Neuroengineering Initiative that had been funded by the University, liaison with the College of Medicine, overseeing the construction of the University Research Computing Center.

I also served as Graduate Advisor (now called Associate Department Head for Graduate Studies), in which capacity I oversaw recruitment and selection of graduate students, as well as the construction and administration of the annual Departmental Qualifying Exam. I reorganized the position to use a second faculty member as Advisor to the pre-qualifying students to allow closer liaison with them as they began their careers.

COMMITTEES at various times:

Franklin Institute Committee on Science and the Arts (ongoing)  
COAS Tenure and Promotion Committee  
Departmental Space Committee  
Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Departmental Hiring Committee  
Departmental T&P Committee  
University Committee on Institutional Effectiveness