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Education

Saint Mary's College, South Bend, IN Chemistry and Math B.S., B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, 1999
University of Akron, Akron, OH Polymer Science Ph.D., 2003

Professional Experience

2007–present Research Staff Member, Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences,
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
2007 Principle Research Chemist, Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN
2003-2007 Senior Research Chemist, Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN
1999-2003 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Polymer Science, The University of Akron,
Akron, OH
1999 Pre-Doctoral Intern, Research & Product Development, Proctor and Gamble, Cincinnati, OH
1998 Summer Undergraduate Research Intern, Department of Chemistry, Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA
1997 Summer Undergraduate Research Intern, Department of Chemistry, The Ohio State
University, Columbus, OH

Professional Activities

2004–Present Membership Committee, Polymer Division of the American Chemical Society
1999–Present Member: American Chemical Society, American Society of Mass Spectrometry

Honors and Awards

2012 Significant Event Award, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
2011 External Advisory Board, NSF-IGERT Project Magnetic and Nanostructure Materials, Norfolk
State University, Norfolk, VA
2002 Eastman Chemical Company Enhancement Fellowship
2002 Hoyt F. and Merdith Wells Scholarship, Outstanding 3rd year graduate student
2002 ICI Student Award in Applied Polymer Science Finalist (invited lecture at ACS National
Meeting)
2000 Maurice Morton Award, Outstanding Performance in First Year Courses
1999 Demming Baker Scholarship, Outstanding recruit
1999 American Institute of Chemists Award, Saint Mary's College

Publications Full list follows CV

Research Interests

My current research interests involve three different areas: surface-characterization of polymer brushes utilizing MALDI-TOF MS, the effects of confinement on the structures of surface bound poly(amino acid)s, and how the micelle core structure impacts the stability, morphology, and diffusive properties of micelles. The last two areas focus on self-assembly, and how both chemical composition and confinement can alter the self-assembly behavior of macromolecular materials. The study of self-assembly requires well-defined polymeric materials. In this vein, I utilize both Anionic and Controlled Radical Polymerization Techniques to precisely synthesize the materials. The resulting materials are currently studied by Dynamic and Static Light Scattering and Fluorimetry, and in the future Neutrons will be utilized.

Collaborations Outside ORNL During Past Two Years: A. Karim (U. Akron), M. Hickner (Penn State), A. Vertes (GWU), J. Lu (UCMerced), G. Sakellariou (U. Athens), R. Verduzco (Rice)

Publications – Research Articles

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2. Hinestrosa, J. P.; Uhrig, D. W.; Pickel, D. L.; Mays, J. M.; Kilbey, S. M. II "Hydrodynamics of Polystyrene-Polyisoprene Miktoarm Star Copolymers in a Selective and a Non-Selective Solvent" *Soft Matter*, 2012, 8, 10061-10071.
3. Saito, T.; Brown, R. H.; Hunt, M. A.; Pickel, D. L.; Pickel, J. M.; Messman, J. M.; Baker, F. S.; Keller, M.; Naskar, A. K. "Turning Renewable Resources into Recyclable Polymer: Development of Lignin-Based Thermoplastic" *Green Chemistry*, 2012, 14, 3295-3303. Featured Front Cover December 2012.
4. Chen, J.; Yu, X.; Hong, K.; Messman, J. M.; Pickel, D. L.; Xiao, K.; Dadmun, M. D.; Mays, J. W.; Rondinone, A. J.; Sumpter, B.; Kilbey, S. M. II "Ternary Phase Behavior of P3HT/P3HT-b-PEO/PCBM: Manipulating Donor/Acceptor Nano-Phase Separation with a Conjugated Block Copolymer Compatibilizer" *J. Mater. Chem.*, 2012, 22, 13013-13022. Featured Inside Front Cover July 14, 2012.
5. Kochemba, W. M.; Kilbey, S. M., II; Pickel, D. L.; "End-group composition of poly(3-hexylthiophene)s prepared by *in situ* quenching of the GRIM polymerization: Influence of additives and reaction conditions" *J. Polym. Sci. Part A: Polym. Chem.*, 2012, 50, 2762-2769.
6. Messman, J. M.; Pickel, D. L.; Goswami, M.; Uhrig, D. W.; Sumpter, B. G.; Mays, J. W. "Combatting ionic aggregation using dielectric forces—combining modeling/simulation and experimental results to explain end-capping of primary amine functionalized polystyrene" *Polym. Chem.* 2011, 2(11), 2481-2489. Featured Cover November 2011 Issue.
7. Verduzco, R.; Botiz, I.; Pickel, D. L.; Kilbey, S. M. II; Hong, K. L.; Dimasi, E.; Darling, S. B.; "Polythiophene-block-polyfluorene and Polythiophene-block-poly(fluorene-co-benzothiadiazole): Insights into the Self-Assembly of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers" *Macromolecules*, 2011, 44(3), 530-539.
8. Driva, P.; Pickel, D. L.; Mays, J. W.; Baskaran, D. "A New Approach to the Living Anionic Polymerization of 4-Cyanostyrene" *Macromolecules*, 2010, 43(16), 6915-6918.
9. Walker, B. N.; Stolee, J. A.; Pickel, D. L.; Retterer, S. T.; Vertes, A. "Assessment of Laser-Induced Thermal Load on Silicon Nanostructures Based on Ion Desorption Yields" *Applied Physics A*, 2010, 101(3), 539-544.
10. Walker, B. N.; Stolee, J. A.; Pickel, D. L.; Retterer, S. T.; Vertes, A. "Tailored Silicon Nanopost Arrays for Resonant Nanophotonic Ion Production" *J. Phys. Chem. C.*, 2010, 114(11), 4385-4840. Featured Cover of March 25, 2010 Issue.
11. Pickel, D. L.; Politakos, N.; Avgeropoulos, A.; Messman, J. M. "A Mechanistic Study of α -Amino Acid-N-Carboxy Anhydride Polymerization: Comparing Initiation and Termination Events in High Vacuum and Traditional Polymerization Techniques" *Macromolecules*, 2009, 42(20), 7781-7788.
12. Zhang, X. H.; Berry, B. C.; Yager, K. G.; Kim, S.; Jones, R. L.; Satija, S.; Pickel, D. L.; Douglas, J. F.; Karim, A.; "Surface Morphology Diagram for Cylinder-Forming Block Copolymer Thin Films" *ACS Nano*, 2008, 2(11), 2331-2341.

13. Quirk, R. P.; Pickel, D. L.; Hasegawa, H. "Anionic Polymerization Chemistry of Epoxides: Electron-Transfer Processes" *Macromol. Symp.* 2005, 226, 69-77.
14. Quirk, R. P.; Hasegawa, H.; Gomochak (Pickel), D. L.; Wesdemiotis, C.; Wollyung, K. "Functionalization of Poly(styryl)lithium with Styrene Oxide" *Macromolecules* 2004, 37(19), 7146-7155.
15. Quirk, R. P.; Gomochak (Pickel), D. L.; Bhatia, R. S.; Wesdemiotis, C.; Arnould, M. A.; Wollyung, K. "Synthesis of diene-functionalized macromonomers via functionalization with hexa-1,3,5-triene" *Macromol. Chem. Phys.* 2003, 204(18), 2183-2196.
16. Quirk, R. P.; Gomochak (Pickel), D. L. "Recent advances in anionic synthesis of chain-end functionalized elastomers using epoxides and related compounds" *Rubber Chem. Tech.* 2003, 76(4), 812-831.
17. Quirk, R. P.; Cheong, T.-H.; Jiang, K.; Gomochak (Pickel), D. L.; Yoo, T.; Andes, K. T.; Mathers, R. T. "Recent advances in the anionic synthesis of chain-end functionalized polymers" *Macromol. Symp.* 2003, 195, 69-74.
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Works In Preparation

Smith, K. A.; Lin, Y.-H.; Dement, D. B.; Strzalka, J. W.; Darling, S. B.; Pickel, D. L.; Verduzco, R. "Synthesis and Crystallinity of All-Conjugated Block Copolymers prepared by Click Chemistry" *Macromolecules*, To be submitted.

Uhrig, D.; Morar, G. C.; Kilbey, S. M.; Sumpter, B.; Goswami, M.; Pickel, D. L. "Uncovering heterogeneities of well-defined branched polymers by 2D Chromatography" In preparation.

Chen, H.; Chen, J.; Yin, W.; Yu, X.; Shao, M.; Xiao, K.; Hong, K.; Pickel, D. L.; Kochemba, W. M.; Kilbey, S. M., II; Dadmun, M. "Correlation of Polymeric Compatibilizer Structure to its Impact on the Morphology and Function of P3HT:PCBM Bulk Heterojunctions" In preparation.

Alonso, J.; Kochemba, W. M.; Pickel, D. L.; Ramanathan, M.; Sumpter, B. G.; Heller, W. T.; Kilbey, S. M., II "Novel Organic Photovoltaic Buffer Layers Based on Poly(3-hexylthiophene) (P3HT) Brushes", In preparation.

Book Chapters

Quirk, R. P.; Pickel, D. L. "Polymerization: Elastomer Synthesis" in Science and Technology of Rubber Eds. Mark, J. E.; Erman, B. 4th Ed., Ch. 2, Submitted.

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Patents

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Other Written Contributions

Authored or co-authored 18 internal technical reports, contributor on 10 internal technical reports, and author of one invention report.