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EDUCATION				
<ul> <li>University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business</li> <li>MBA – Finance &amp; Entrepreneurship</li> <li>Dean's Honor List   Provident Endowed Fellow   Union Bank Scholar</li> </ul>	Los Angeles, CA 2015			
<ul> <li>Drexel University</li> <li>Ph.D. – Chemical &amp; Biological Engineering</li> <li>Best Doctoral Dissertation Award in Engineering   George Hill Endowed Fellow</li> </ul>	Philadelphia, PA 2007			
<ul> <li>Amir Kabir University of Technology</li> <li>B.Sc. – Polymer Engineering</li> <li>Chair of Undergraduate Student Association</li> </ul>	Tehran, Iran 2002			
ACADEMIC CAREER CHRONOLOGY				
<b>University of South Carolina</b>	Columbia, SC			
Associate Professor & Director of Entrepreneurship, College of Engineering and Computing	2016 – Present			
<b>University of South Carolina</b>	Columbia, SC			
Assistant Professor of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering	2010 – 2016			
<b>California Institute of Technology</b>	Pasadena, CA			
Post-doctorate – Division of Engineering & Applied Sciences	2007 – 2010			
<b>Drexel University</b>	Philadelphia, PA			
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Chemical Engineering	2003 – 2007			

### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

### Stealth Mode Startup Company

Founder

A drug discovery company founded based on 5 provisional patents on the use of natural compounds in immune-oncology and regenerative medicine.

#### **Riverside Company**

**Consultant** 

A global private equity firm focused on acquiring growing businesses valued at up to \$300 million. Since its founding in 1988, Riverside has invested in more than 380 transactions. The firm's portfolio includes 75 companies.

#### Selected consulting projects

Analyzed 2 potential acquisitions in life sciences tools and services. Determined product demand, customer base, scalability, competition, financial performance, risks and exit outlook.

#### Pasadena Angels

#### Consultant

A nonprofit entity founded in 2000 with interest in early-stage start-up ventures in the Greater Los Angeles area. The group has invested more than \$30 M in 26 startups, from \$100 thousand up to \$1.5 million in early-stage and seed funding.

#### Selected consulting projects

Screened 8 potential investments, communicated screening information to the angel network, and performed due diligence on 3 recommended opportunities to facilitate capital allocation decisions.

Columbia, SC

2016 - Present

Los Angeles, CA

Summer 2014

Pasadena, CA

Spring 2014

# ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

# University of South Carolina

Director of Entrepreneurship, College of Engineering and Computing

- PI and Director for the University of South Carolina NSF I-Corps Site.
- Founding Director of MS degree program in Entrepreneurial Engineering for both engineering and non-engineering students.

# MENTORING & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# University of South Carolina

Postdoctoral scholars

- Sara Moghadam "Medicinal Plants in Wound Healing"
- Maria Yanez "The Use of Resveratrol to Control Inflammatory Response to Biomaterials"
- Marina Pryzhkova "Unravelling the Role of Cell Geometrical Cues in Regulation of Embryonic Stem Cell Differentiation"

# Doctoral students

- Wesley Taylor "The use of Medicinal Plants for Cancer Therapeutics"
- Maria Piroli "Culture and Maintenance of Embryonic Stem Cells at a Single Cell Level"
- Gregory Harris (currently a postdoc at Princeton University) "Parsing The Effects of Matrix Mechanical Properties on Stem Cell Lineage Specification"
- Katherine Rutledge (currently a scientist at Nephron Pharma) "Engineered 3D Microenvironments To Direct Osteogenic Differentiation and Modulate Inflammation"
- Qingsu Cheng (currently a postdoc at Lawrence Berkeley national Lab) "Carbon Nanotubes As Modulators of Extracellular and Transporters of Intracellular Cues"

# Undergraduate students

- Marc-Olivier Blais, "Carbon Nanotube Based Aligned Substrates for Cell Studies"
- James Cormany "Induction of Osteogenic Differentiation Using Hydroxyapatite"
- Jason Lauer "Micro-patterning Substrates for Control of Cell Spreading"
- Christopher Wu "Fabrication of Sponge Scaffolds for bone repair"
- Callie McCarty "Phytochemical analysis of medicinal plants for wound healing"

# Classes taught as a professor

- ENCP 460: Entrepreneurial Engineering (1 semester)
- BMEN 354: Biotransport (2 semesters)
- BMEN 389J: Stem Cell Engineering (3 semesters)
- BMEN 389H: Engineering Cancer Therapeutics (1 semester)
- ECHE 300: Introduction to Chemical Engineering Process Principles (3 semesters)
- BMEN 271: Introduction to Biomaterials (1 semester)

# California Institute of Technology

• Mentor for undergraduate students Lily Li, Stella Hartono and Anne-Floor Velt

# **Drexel University**

### Teaching Assistant

• Mass Balance (1quarter), Process Modeling I (1 quarter), Process Fluid Mechanics (1 quarter), Process Thermodynamics (1 quarter), Chem. Eng. Lab I (1 quarter)

# JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 24. M. Yanez, J. O. Blanchette, and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Immunophysiological modulation of inflammatory response to biomaterials using natural products", *Current Pharmaceutical Design* (In Press).
- 23. W. F. Taylor and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "The Use of Natural Products to Target Cancer Stem Cells," *American Journal of Cancer Research* 7 (7), 1588 (2017).
- 22. K. E. Rutledge, Q. Cheng and E. Jabbarzadeh, "Modulation of inflammatory response and induction of bone formation based on combinatorial effects of resveratrol," *Journal of Nanomedicine and Nanotechnology* 7, 10 (2016).

Columbia, SC

Pasadena, CA

Philadelphia, PA

Columbia, SC 2016 – Present

- M. L. Skiles, B. Hanna, L. Rucker, A. Tripton, A. Brougham-Cook, E. Jabbarzadeh, and J. O. Blanchette, "ASC Spheroid Geometry and Culture Oxygenation Differentially Impact Induction of Preangiogenic Behaviors in Endothelial Cells," *Cell Transplantation* 24(11): 2323-35 (2015).
- 20. M. V. Pryzhkova, I. Aria, Q. Cheng, G. Harris, M. Gharib, and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Carbon nanotube based substrates for modulation of human pluripotent stem cells," *Biomaterials* 35(19): 5098-5109 (2014).
- 19. G. Harris, M. E. Piroli, and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Deconstructing the effects of matrix elasticity and geometry in mesenchymal stem cell lineage commitment," *Advanced Functional Materials* 14: 2396-2403 (2014).
- 18. K. Rutledge and E. Jabbarzadeh, "Nanoengineered Platforms to Guide Pluripotent Stem Cell Fate," *Journal of Nanomedicine and Nanotechnology* 5 (212): 2-8 (2014).
- 17. M. V. Pryzhkova, G. Harris, S. Ma, and E. Jabbarzadeh, "Patterning pluripotent stem cells at a single cell level," *Journal of Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering* 3(4): 461-71 (2014).
- K. Rutledge, Cheng G., M. V. Pryzhkova, Harris, and E. Jabbarzadeh, "Enhanced Differentiation of Human Embryonic Stem Cells on Extracellular Matrix-Containing Osteomimetic Scaffolds for Bone Tissue Engineering," *Tissue Engineering* 20(11): 865-874 (2014).
- 15. Q. Cheng G. Harris, S. Ma, Marc-Olivier Blais, Katy Rutledge and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Alignment of carbon nanotubes: An approach to modulate cell orientation and asymmetry," *NanoLife* 4(01) (2013).
- 14. G. Harris, T. Shazly, and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Deciphering the combinatorial roles of geometric, mechanical, and adhesion cues in regulation of cell spreading," *PloS One* 8(11) e81113 (2013).
- Q. Cheng, G. Harris, and E. Jabbarzadeh, "PLGA-Carbon Nanotube Conjugates for Intercellular Delivery of Caspase-3 into Osteosarcoma Cells," *PLoS One* 8(12) e81947 (2013).
- 12. G. Harris, K. Rutledge, and E. Jabbarzadeh, "Strategies to direct angiogenesis within scaffolds for bone tissue engineering," *Current Pharmaceutical Design* 19(19): 3456-65 (2013).
- 11. Q Cheng, K. Rutledge, E. Jabbarzadeh, "Carbon nanotube-poly(lactide-co-glycolide) composite scaffolds for bone tissue engineering applications," *Annals of Biomedical Engineering* 41(5) 904-16 (2013).
- 10. E. Jabbarzadeh, J. Blanchette, T. Shazly, A. Khademhosseini, G. Camci-Unal, and C. T. Laurencin, "Vascularization of biomaterials for bone tissue engineering: current approaches and major challenges," *Current Angiogenesis*, 1(3): 1-12 (2012).
- 9. E. Jabbarzadeh, M. Deng, Q. Lv, T. Jiang, Y. M. Khan, L. S. Nair, and C. T. Laurencin, "VEGF incorporated biomimetic poly(lactide-co-glyolide) sintered microsphere scaffolds for bone tissue engineering," *Journal of Biomedical Materials Part B*, 100(8):2187-96 (2012).
- T. Jiang, S. P. Nukavarapu, M. Deng, E. Jabbarzadeh, M. D. Kofron, S. B. Doty, W. I. Abdel-Fattah, C. T. Laurencin, "Chitosanpoly(lactide-co-glycolide) microsphere based scaffolds for bone tissue engineering: in vitro degradation and in vivo bone regeneration studies," *Acta Biomaterialia* 6(9):3457-70 (2010).
- E. Jabbarzadeh, T. Starnes, Y. M. Khan, T. Jiang, A. J. Wirtel, M. Deng, Q. Lv, L. S. Nair, S. B. Doty and C. T. Laurencin, "Induction of angiogenesis in tissue engineered scaffolds designed for bone repair: A combined gene therapy-cell transplantation approach," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 105:11099-11104 (2008).
- E. Jabbarzadeh, T. Jiang, M. Deng, L. S. Nair, Y. M. Khan and C. T. Laurencin, "Human endothelial cell growth and phenotypic expression on three dimensional poly(lactide-co-glycolide) sintered microsphere scaffolds for bone tissue engineering," *Biotechnology Bioengineering* 98:1094-1102 (2007) [Press Coverage].
- E. Jabbarzadeh, M. Deng, L. S. Nair, Y. M. Khan and C. T. Laurencin, "Apatite nano-crystalline surface modification of poly(lactide-co-glycolide) sintered microsphere scaffolds for bone tissue engineering," *Journal of Biomaterial Science Polymer Edition* 18:1141-1152 (2007).
- 4. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Strategies to enhance capillary formation inside biomaterials: A computational study," *Tissue Engineering* 13:2073-2086 (2007) [**Press Coverage**].
- 3. E. Jabbarzadeh and C. F. Abrams, "Simulation of chemotaxis and random motility in 2D random porous domains," *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology* 69:747-764 (2007).
- 2. E. Jabbarzadeh and C. F. Abrams, "Chemotaxis and random motility in unsteady chemoattractant fields: A computational study," *Journal of Theoretical Biology* 235:221-232 (2005).
- 1. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Fundamental limits on the efficacy of intercellular communication by diffusion," *Journal of the Physical Society of Japan* 74:1139-1141 (2005).

- 25. E. Jabbarzadeh, K. E. Rutledge, and M. Yanez "Modulation of Inflammatory Response for Accelerated Tissue Vascularization and Bone Regeneration" American Chemical Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2016).
- 26. E. Jabbarzadeh, "Programming Stem Cell Fate in an Inflammatory Microenvironment," NIH National IDeA Symposium of Biomedical Research Excellence, Washington DC (2016).
- 23. K. E. Rutledge and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Resveratrol nanoparticle-incorporated scaffolds to modulate inflammation and promote osteogenesis," Society for Biomaterials Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC (2015).
- 22. G. Harris and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Parsing the role of cell asymmetric division in regulation of stem cell lineage specification" American Chemical Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2013).
- 21. G. Harris and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Dissecting the role of asymmetric division in control of stem cell lineage specification," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, San Francisco, CA (2013).
- 20. Q. Cheng and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Carbon nanotubes-PLGA conjugates for the delivery of pro-apoptotic transcription factors in osteosarcoma cells," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, San Francisco, CA (2013).
- 19. K. E. Rutledge, Q. Cheng and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Physiological programming of human embryonic stem cells in osteomimetic scaffolds," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, San Francisco, CA (2013).
- Q. Cheng and E. Jabbarzadeh, "Carbon nanotubes as protein/gene delivery carriers" American Chemical Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2013).
- 17. K. E. Rutledge, and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Osteomimetic scaffolds for bone repair" American Chemical Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2013).
- 16. M. Pryzkova and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Carbon nanotube-based substrates with tunable nanostructure and mechanics for the embryonic stem cell culture and differentiation," Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2012).
- 15. Q. Cheng and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Carbon nanotubes for no viral delivery of genes within cells," Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2012).
- 14. G. Harris and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Parsing the interplay between mechanical stiffness and cell shape in regulation of stem cell fate," Biomedical Engineering Society, Atlanta, GA (2012).
- 13. K. E. Rutledge and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "In-vitro evaluation of embryonic stem cell osteogenic differentiation on extracellular matrix coated three dimensional scaffolds for bone repair" Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2012).
- 12. G. Harris and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "Control of cell adhesion and migration using nanoengineered substrates," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Minneapolis, MN (2011).
- 11. Q. Cheng and **E. Jabbarzadeh**, "in-vitro evaluation of poly(lactide-coglycolide)/carbon nanotube scaffolds for bone tissue engineering," Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Society Annual Meeting, Houston, TX (2011).
- 10. E. Jabbarzadeh, I. Aria and M. Gharib, "Engineered carbon nanotube substrates for programming stem cell fate," Society for Biomaterials Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 21-24 (2010).
- 9. E. Jabbarzadeh and A. R. Asthagiri, "Quantitative analysis of fibroblast focal adhesions," Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, St. Louis, MO, 2008.
- 8. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. T. Laurencin, "Human endothelial cell growth and gene expression on three dimensional poly(lactic acidco-glycolic acid) sintered microsphere scaffold for bone tissue engineering," Annual Meeting of American Institute of Chemical Engineers, San Francisco, CA, 2006.
- 7. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Strategies to enhance capillary formation inside biomaterials: A computational study," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Cincinnati, OH, 2005.
- 6. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Capillary formation inside 2D porous domains: A computational study," Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2005.
- 5. E. Jabbarzadeh and C. F. Abrams, "Simulation of cell chemotaxis in 2D random porous domains," Gordon Research Conference on Gradient Sensing and Directed Cell Migration, Ventura, CA, 2005.
- 4. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Chemotaxis and random motility in unsteady chemoattractant fields: A computational study," Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Austin, TX, 2004.
- 3. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Chemotactic cell migration in inhomogeneous domains: A Computational Study," Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2004.

- 2. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Computational Studies of Cell Migration," 30th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference, Springfield, MA, 2004.
- 1. **E. Jabbarzadeh** and C. F. Abrams, "Computational Studies of Cell Migration," 17th Annual Mid-Atlantic Biochemical Engineering Meeting, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD, 2004.

## **INVITED SEMINARS**

- University of California Irvine, Department of Mechanical Engineering (2015)
- NC State University, Department of Chemical Engineering (2015)
- Ege University, Turkey, Department of Bioengineering (2013)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bioengineering Program (2012)
- Drexel University, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering (2010)
- University of California, Merced, School of Engineering (2009)
- Polytechnic Institute of NYU, Department of Chemical Engineering (2009)
- Texas A&M University, Department of Chemical Engineering (2009)

## **FUNDED RESEARCH**

•	Title: EAGER: Modulation of the Inflamma Role: PI	atory Response for Accelerated Tissue Vascularization and Bo Sponsor: NSF	ne Regeneration 7/1/2016 to 9/1/2017
•	Title: Unraveling the Role of Asymmetric I Role: PI	Division in Lineage Specification of Stem Cells Sponsor: NIAMS/NIH	7/1/2015 to 9/1/2018
•	Title: Programming stem cells in an inflam Role: COBRE Target Faculty	natory microenvironment Sponsor: NIGMS/NIH	8/1/2015 to 8/1/2017
•	Title: Unravelling the Effect of Microgravit Role: PI	y on Bone Formation Sponsor: SC Space Grant Consortium/NASA	9/1/2012 to 9/1/2015
•	Title: Programming Stem Cells in an Inflan Role: COBRE Pilot Grant Faculty	nmatory Microenvironment Sponsor: NIGMS/NIH	7/1/2013 to 7/1/2015
•	Title: Unravelling the Effects of Micrograv Role: PI	ity on Bone Formation Sponsor: SC Space Grant Consortium	9/1/2014 to 9/1/2015
•	Title: Identity the Molecular Basis for Stem Role: PI	Cell Spheroid Fusion and Vascular Maturation Sponsor: SC EPSCoR/IDeA Program/NSF	10/1/2012 to 7/1/2013
•	Title: The Utility of the Carbon Nanotube f Role: Sub-Contract	or Modulating Matrices in the Microenvironment n Sponsor: Lawrence Berkeley Labs	9/1/2013 to 12/1/2013
•	Title: Nanoengineering stem cell cardiogen Role: PI	ic lineage commitment Sponsor: USC-ASPIRE	6/1/2012 to 6/1/2013

# **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### Proposal reviewer

- NSF SBIR-Regenerative Medicine (2016-2017)
- NIH Bioengineering Research Partnership (BRP) study section (2015)
- NIH Musculoskeletal Tissue Engineering (MTE) study section (2012-2013)
- NIH Biomaterials and Biointerfaces study section (2012)
- NSF Biomechanics and Mechanobiology review panel (2012)
- NSF Engineering Research Centers (ERC) review panel (2011)

### Reviewer for scientific journals

• Tissue Engineering; Acta Biomaterialia; Langmuir; Biotechnology & Bioengineering; Regenerative Engineering; Biomaterials; Nature Communications; Biomaterials Science Polymer Ed; Advanced Functional Materials; ACS Nano

### University service

• Member of the University Committee for Academic Responsibility; Member of the Academic Integrity Committee, College of Engineering; Member of the Graduate Research Committee, Department of Chemical Engineering