

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

Institution	Field	Degree	Year
University of Kansas	Biology	B.Sc.	1977
University of California, Irvine	Dev. & Cell Biology	Ph.D.	1984

Positions:

Technical Lead for Gene Drive Research & Scientific Program Manager, 2017 –present
The Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland

Professor Emeritus, 2017 – present
Department of Entomology University of Maryland, College Park

Professor, 2009 - 2017
Department of Entomology & The Institute for Biological and Biotechnology Research,
University of Maryland, College Park
Research: 100% Instruction: 0% Extension: 0%

Head, 2009 – 2017, The Institute for Biological and Biotechnology Research's Insect Transformation Facility

Editor-in-Chief, 2006 – 2017, *Insect Molecular Biology*, Blackwell Publishing.

Professor, 2004 -2009
Center for Biosystems Research (formerly the Center for Agricultural Biotechnology),
University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute.
University of Maryland, College Park, Graduate Faculty
Member, Molecular and Cell Biology Graduate Program, College of Life Sciences,
University of Maryland, College Park
Research: 100% Instruction: 0% Extension: 0%

Head, 2006 - 2009, UMBI Insect Transformation Facility, Shady Grove.

Associate Professor, 1995 - 2004,

Associate Editor, 1992-2006, *Insect Molecular Biology*, Blackwell Publishing

Assistant Professor, 1989 - 1995

Center for Agricultural Biotechnology, University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute.
1992-1995 100% appointment; 1989-1992 51% appointment.
Department of Entomology, University of Maryland, College Park,
1989 – 1992 49% appointment.

University of Maryland, College Park, Graduate Faculty
Member, Molecular and Cell Biology Graduate Program, College of Life Sciences,
University of Maryland, College Park

Research: 100% Instruction: 0% Extension: 0%

Postdoctoral Fellow (GS-11), 1986-1989,

USDA-ARS, Insect Attractants Behavior and Basic Biology Laboratory, Gainesville, FL.

Laboratory of: Dr. Alfred M. Handler.

Research: 100% Instruction: 0% Extension: 0%

Postdoctoral Fellow, 1985-1986,

Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego.

Laboratory of: Dr. Donald R. Helinski.

Research: 100% Instruction: 0% Extension: 0%

Research and Teaching Assistant, 1979-1984,

Developmental and Cell Biology Department, University of California, Irvine.

Laboratory of: Dr. Peter J. Bryant.

Professional Memberships:

Genetics Society of America, member

Entomological Society of America, member

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, member

Publications (selected)

O'Brochta, D.A., Alford, R., Harrell, R., Aluvihare, C., Eappen, A.G., Li, T., Chakravarty, S., Sim, B.K.L., Hoffman, S.L., and Billingsley, P.F. (2019). Is Saglin a mosquito salivary gland receptor for Plasmodium falciparum? *Malaria Journal* 18.

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Häcker I, Harrell RA, Eichner G, Pilitt KL, **O'Brochta DA**, Handler AM, Schetelig MF. 2017 Cre/lox-Recombinase-Mediated Cassette Exchange for Reversible Site-Specific Genomic Targeting of the Disease Vector, Aedes aegypti. *Sci Rep.* 2017 Mar 7;7:43883. doi: 10.1038/srep43883

Riabinina O, Task D, Marr E, Lin CC, Alford R, **O'Brochta DA**, Potter CJ. 2016. Organization of olfactory centres in the malaria mosquito Anopheles gambiae. *Nat Commun.* 7:13010. doi: 10.1038/ncomms13010.

Criscione, F., O'Brochta, D. A., Reid, W., 2015 Genetic technologies for disease vectors. *Current Opinion in Insect Science* 10: 90-97doi: 10.1016/j.cois.2015.04.012.

Reid, W., O'Brochta, D. A., 2016 Applications of genome editing in insects. *Current Opinion in Insect Science* 13: 43-54doi: 10.1016/j.cois.2015.11.001.

- Xu, H. F., O'Brochta, D. A., 2015 Advanced technologies for genetically manipulating the silkworm *Bombyx mori*, a model Lepidopteran insect. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B-Biological Sciences* **282**: doi: 10.1098/rspb.2015.0487.
- O'Brochta DA, George K, Xu H (2014a) Transposon-based Technologies for Insects. In *Transgenic Insects: Techniques and Applications*, Benedict MQ (ed). Wallingford: CABI
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- Palavasam A, Esnault C, **O'Brochta DA** (2013) Post-integration silencing of piggyBac transposable elements in *Aedes aegypti*. PLoS ONE 8(7): e68454
- O'Brochta DA**, Pilitt KL, Harrell II RA, Aluvihare C, Alford RT (2012) Gal4-based enhancer-trapping in the malaria mosquito *Anopheles stephensi*. *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics* 2: 1305-1315.
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- O'Brochta, D. A., Subramanian, R. A., Orsetti, J., Peckham, E., Nolan, N., Arensburger, P., Atkinson, P. W. and J. D. Charlwood. (2006). *hAT* element population genetics in *Anopheles gambiae* s.l. in Mozambique. *Genetica.* 27:185-98.
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- Sundararajan, P., P. W. Atkinson and **D. A. O'Brochta**, (1999). Transposable element interactions in insects: Crossmobilization of *Hermes* and *hobo*. *Insect Molec. Biol.* 8:359-368.
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Consultant/Expert:

NIH grant review panel member and d hoc Reviewer
USDA Biotechnology Risk Assessment Program
NSF ad hoc grant reviewer
FAO/IAEA

Patents

Gene transformation system for insects. Inventors: **D. A. O'Brochta**, W. D. Warren, and P. W. Atkinson. Patent number 5614398.

Courses Taught

Eukaryote Molecular Genetics (graduate)
Insects in the 21st Century (graduate)

February 18, 2020

Principles of Genetics (undergraduate)

Bioethics (graduate)

Training

Visiting Scientists: Total of 14

Postdoctoral Fellows: Total of 15

Graduate Students: Total of 9

Thesis Committees: Total of 22

Undergraduate Research Mentored: Total of 45

High school Student Mentored: Total of 11