## James J. Hickman

Home Address 4004 Lake Mira Dri Orlando, FL 32817 Phone: (864)-710-8	University of Central Florida
Professional Intere	Functional <i>in vitro</i> systems, human-on-a-chip systems, interface and surface chemistry, nanoscience, biocompatibility, neuroscience, functional genomics, drug discovery, high-throughput screening, bioelectronics and biological information processing leading to artificial intelligence
Experience: 2004 – present	Professor of NanoScience Technology, Chemistry, Biomolecular Science, Physics and Electrical Engineering; Head, Hybrid Systems Laboratory, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
2020 – present	Professor of Biomedical Engineering, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
2017 – present	Adjunct Professor, College of Pharmacy, University of Florida, Lake Nona, FL
2014 – present	<b>Chief Scientist, Hesperos, Inc.</b> Company is developing human-on-a-chip systems for drug discovery and toxicological evaluation.
2010 - 2018	Adjunct Professor, The Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, Lake Nona, FL.
2002 - 2014	Member, Graduate Faculty, The Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.
2000 – 2014	<b>Director of Research, Hesperos, LLC.</b> Company developed high-throughput functional genomics platforms.
2008	<b>Special Advisor to the Director, NanoScience Technology Center,</b> University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
2004 – 2008	<b>Director, NanoScience Technology Center,</b> University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Responsible for the establishment of a new interdisciplinary center based on nanoscience and applications of nanoscience, including biotechnology, electronics, agriculture and materials.
2000 – 2004	<b>Hunter Endowed Chair of Biomaterials</b> and Associate Professor in the Department of Bioengineering, Head, Hybrid Systems Laboratory, Clemson University, Clemson, SC.
2002 – 2004	<b>Joint Appointment/Adjunct Professor of Genetics and Biochemistry</b> , Department of Genetics and Biochemistry, Clemson University, Clemson, SC.
2000 - 2002	Scientific Advisor to the Director, EIA/CISE/NSF, in the topic of Biological Computation.
1998 - 2000	<b>Associate Research Professor of Chemistry</b> , The George Washington University, Washington, DC. Research in biological interface design for biosensors, biological computation and biocompatibility. Consulted in the areas of biocomputing and nanotechnology.

1998 - 1999

**Consultant**, Information Technology Office at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). New research initiative in ultrascale computing with applications in biological information processing.

1994 - 1998

**Program Manager**, Biotechnology Research and Applications Division, Science Applications International Corporation, Rockville, MD. Manager and PI on contracts and grants for approximately \$6 million total funding during this time. These projects focused on using surface chemical modification and analysis for applications such as engineering biocompatibility for CNS implants, *in vitro* cell patterning, studying cell-surface interactions both *in vitro* and *in vivo*, the development of cell-based biosensors and novel neuroelectric hybrid devices, biocompatible MEMS, as well as function-based assays for drug discovery.

1992 - 1995

**Adjunct Professor of Chemistry**, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. Collaborated with faculty in the training of students and conducting research. Established joint laboratories for Chemistry and Cell Culture.

1990 - 1994

**Research Chemist**, Plasma Technology Division, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, VA. Research in the areas of surface chemistry and surface analysis, with related work in microelectronics, electrochemistry, and biological interfaces.

1979 - 1982

**Chemical Technician**, Catalyst Systems and Equipment Division, Research and Development Department, Johnson Matthey, Inc., Wayne, PA. Research and development for next generation automotive catalysts. Primarily responsible for a new catalyst formulation and process which increased JMI's U.S. market share in automotive catalysts from 16% to over 60%.

#### **Education:**

Ph.D. Degree:

#### Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Chemistry, 1990. Advisor: Professor Mark S. Wrighton; Thesis Title: "Selective Coordination Chemistry of Semiconductor and Patterned Metal Surfaces."

Studies of the interaction of functionalized monolayers with patterned surfaces and their characterization by electrochemical and surface analysis techniques. Engineered novel microsensors using these techniques that is considered some of the foundational research in nanoscience. Lab representative in the organization and start-up of the joint Harvard-MIT Surface Analysis Facility.

Teaching assistant for General Chemistry lecture and lab 1985-86.

Member of the MIT Graduate Student Council 1985-89.

Chairman: Committee on Housing and Community Affairs 1986-88.

Member of MIT Athletic Board 1987-89.

Consultant to MIT Housing and Food Services Department 1988-89.

M.S. Degree:

## The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Chemistry, 1985. Advisor: Professor Emeritus Philip S. Skell; Thesis Title: "A New Type of Heterogeneous Catalyst with Isolated Fe-Rh Diatomic Sites."

Synthesis of thermally unstable hetero-bimetallic compounds. Characterization of catalysts by activity measurements, chemisorption, and isotope labeling studies.

B.S. Degree:

## The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Chemistry, 1983. Emphasis in inorganic chemistry

2025	Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine of Florida (ASEMFL)
2022	BioFlorida, Researcher of the Year
2020	Elected as a Fellow, National Academy of Inventors (NAI)
2019	Elected as a Fellow, International Academy of Nanobiotechnology, Florida Association for
	Nanobiotechnology.
2018	GrowFL finalist for one of the 2018 Florida Companies to Watch
2018	JALA 20(2):107-126 (2015): SLAS Technology Authors Choice Award (reflecting
	popularity among authors by citations throughout 2017)
2017	JALA 20(2):107-126 (2015): SLAS Technology Authors Choice Award (reflecting
	popularity among authors by citations throughout 2016)
2017	JALA 20(2):107-126 (2015): SLAS Technology Readers Choice Award, (reflecting
	popularity among readers throughout 2016)
2016	Inaugural Member of the National Academy of Inventors, Office of Research and
	Commercialization, University of Central Florida
2016	Finalist for Cade Museum Prize for Innovation in State of Florida (\$50,000 cash prize)
2015	Lush Prize, Science Category, Supports Animal Free Testing (cash prize - \$37,000)
2009-2013	Elected Board of Director's, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
2007	Elected as a Fellow, American Vacuum Society
2004	Elected as a Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
2002	NSF Director's Award for Collaborative Integration for contributions to integrating biology
	and information technology research program
1995, 1994, 1993	SAIC Publication Award (\$2500 cash prize)
1995, 1993	Berman Award (Outstanding publication from the NRL)
1995	SAIC Technology Achievement Award (\$25,000 stock award)
1989	MIT Gold Award for community service.

## Professional Activities 2023 – present P

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2023 – present	President, International Microphysiological Systems Society (iMPSS)
2017 – present	Editorial Advisory Board, Microphysiological Systems
2011 – present	Honorary Advisory Board, Journal of Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering
2007 – present	Fellow, American Vacuum Society
2004 – present	Fellow, American Institute of Medical and Biomedical Engineers
2007 – present	Honorary Editorial Board, Nanotechnology, Science and Application
2012 – present	Editorial Board, Journal of Computational and Theoretical Nanoscience
2005 – present	Member, Florida Academy of Sciences
1994 – present	Member, New York Academy of Sciences
1993 – present	Member, Society for Neuroscience
1992 – present	Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science
1986 – present	Member, American Vacuum Society
1983 – present	Member, Sigma Xi
1980 – present	Member, American Chemical Society
2013 - 2019	Bioengineering Dept. External Advisory Board, Florida International University
2012 - 2018	Co-Chair AIMBE Workshops on Validation and Qualification of New In Vitro Tools and
	Models for The Pre-clinical Drug Discovery Process – 6 to date
2009 - 2013	Board Member, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
2007 - 2013	Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering
2010 - 2013	Editorial Board, Journal of Biotechnology & Biomaterials
2008 - 2012	Associate Editor, Journal of Nanoneuroscience
2008 - 2011	Fellow Selection Committee of the College of Fellows, Neuroscience, American Institute
	for Medical and Biological Engineering

2007 - 2012	Editorial Board, Journal of Bionanoscience
2007 - 2012 $2007 - 2011$	Editorial Review Board, Journal of Nano Education
2007 - 2011 $2006 - 2011$	Associate Editor, Journal of Computational and Theoretical Nanoscience
2009 - 2010	Scientific Advisory Board, TERMIS National Meeting
1993 – 2005, 08 -	Member, Society for Biomaterials
1997 – 2005, 00	Surface and Colloid Division's representative to the Biotechnology Secretariat for the
1777 2003	American Chemical Society
2000 - 2003	Member, Liaison Committee, Society for Biomaterials
2000 - 2005	Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Biomaterial Interfaces Technical Group for the
2000 2003	American Vacuum Society
1995 - 2000	Chair, Biomaterial Interfaces Technical Group for the American Vacuum Society
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<b>Recent Review Pan</b>	el Participation
2024	NIH ZAG1 ZIJ-03- U19 Review Committee, July 2, 2024
2022	Muscular Dystrophy UK, May 10, 2022.
2022	Member, 2022/08 ZRG1 BST-F (10) B SBIR Study Section, June 30-July 1, 2022.
2021	UCF Seed Funding Program, December 13, 2021
2021	NASA 3DTMPS Gut-Liver Panel, December 6, 2021
2021	Member, NIH Small Business: Cellular and Molecular Biology (IMST-15), November 16-
	17, 2021
2021	Chair, 202201 ZRG1 BST-M _55_ R, October 8, 2021
2021	W.OS21-02, Prinses Beatrix Spierfonds, Netherlands, July 7, 2021, International
2020	NIH Pitch Circle and Mentoring Program panelist
2019	ImmuneChip: Engineering Microphysiological Tissue Platforms (U01) SEP 2019-08 ZEB1
	OSR-D (A1), July 16, 2019
2019	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
	(JSPS), February 22, 2019.
2018	NIH/NIBIB 2019-01 ZEB1 OSR-D (J1) S /Special Emphasis T32 Training Award Review
	Meeting, October 30-31 2018.
2018	NIH ZRG1 BST-R (10) B, July 2-3, 2018.
2018	Charter Member, NIH Bioengineering of Neuroscience, Vision and Low Vision
	Technologies (BNVT) Study Section, February 22-23, 2018.
2018 - 2019	Member, NIH CMT 2018/05, February 6-7, 2018
2017	Neurological Foundation of New Zealand, May 16, 2017.
2017	Science Foundation of Ireland, February 17, 2017.
2016	NIH BST ZRG1 BST-W (90), November 4, 2016.
2016	Brain Canada – CQDM Focus on Brain Panel, Chair, May 26-27, 2016.
2016	Member, AriSLA International Scientific Committee (ISC), May 13, 2016.
2016	NIH/NINDS ZNS SRB N(11), March 17-18, 2016.
2016	Motor Neuron Disease Association, March 10, 2016.
2012 - 2015, 2018	Charter Member, NIH Bioengineering of Neuroscience, Vision and Low Vision
2015	Technologies (BNVT) Study Section, July 1, 2012.
2015	New York State Department of Health and the Spinal Cord Injury Research Board (SCIRB),
2015	May 7, 2015.  Many Knowledge with Feyner Animals Programme (MKMD) Common Federal Ministry of
2015	More Knowledge with Fewer Animals Programme (MKMD) German Federal Ministry of Education & Research (BMBF) and The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and
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2015	Development (ZonMw), April 3, 2015.  ZDK1 GPR M4 study panel National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney.
2013	ZDK1-GRB-M4 study panel, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), March 16, 2015.
2012 Sant	W.M. Keck Foundation, Medical Research, Science and Engineering Programs
2012, Sept.	NIH Director's Early Independence Award (DPS), April 6, 2012.
2012, Apr.	ETH Zurich proposal panel, April 30, 2011.
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2011, Apr. 2011, Feb.	NSF proposal panel, April 7, 2011. MND proposal panel, February 25, 2011.
2011 - 2013	NIH SBIR-STTR ZRG1 ETTN-G.
2010, Oct.	Member, NIH proposal panel, Drug Discovery, October 14-15, 2010.
2010, June	Member, NSF proposal panel, Program 1179, June 15-16, 2010.
2010, May	Member, International AFM 2010 proposal panel, May 14, 2010.
2009, July	Chair, NIEHS SBIR Review- ZES1 RAM-M(O1).
2009, June	Member, NIH Challenge grants: 2009/10 ZRG1 MDCN-A (58) R.
2009, June	Member, NIH Challenge grants: 2009/10 ZRG1 ETTN-A (58) R.
2009, Apr	Chair, SBIR-STTR panel review, ZRG1 BST-G(10).
2009	Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review, 2009/05 ZRG1 ETTN-F(03) M
2008 - 2012	Ad Hoc Member, Drug Discovery Committee panel, ZRG1 MNPS-C (09).
2008	Member, HHMI-NIBIB Phase 2 T32 Panel.
2007	Chair, Environmental Sensor Review ES-07-001, Special Emphasis Panel, ZES1 SET-A
	(R4) (1), June 12, 2007.
2007	Chair, Biosensor Review ES-06-011, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group
	2007/05 ZES1 RAM-D (U1) (R), March 22-23, 2007.
2006 - 2008	Ad Hoc Member, NIH Special Emphasis Panel on Neurotechnology/ Engineering ZRG-
	MDCN-K (50).
2005 - 2012	Member, NIH ZRG1 MDCN-C Neurotechnology (NT) proposal review panel.
2005	Ad Hoc Member, NIH Special Emphasis Panel on Neurotechnology/ Engineering ZRG-
	MDCN-K (54), November 3, 2005.
2005	Member, NIH Reverse Site Visit for the Center for Neural Communication Technology,
	Washington, DC, August 11-12, 2005.
2003	Member, NIH Site Visit Panel for the Center for Neural Communication Technology at the
	University of Michigan, December 10-11, 2003.
2003	Chair, NIH Special Emphasis Panel on Advanced Neurotechnology, ZRG1 MDCN-4,
	August 1, 2003.
2003	Member, NSF Quantitative Systems Biotechnology Panel in the Bioengineering and
	Environmental Systems Division, June 18-19, 2003.
2003	Chair, NIH Special Emphasis Panel on Bioengineering, ZRG1-MDCN-1, April 18, 2003.
2002	Member, NIH/NCI Innovative Technologies for the Molecular Analysis of Cancer Panel,
	November 4-5, 2002.
2002	Member, NIH/NCI Innovative Technologies for the Molecular Analysis of Cancer Panel,
	March 6-8, 2002.
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Academic Activities	University of Central Florida

## Academic Activities, University of Central Florida Chair NanoScience Technology

2016	Chair, NanoScience Technology Center Promotion Committee
2010 - 2015	Member, NanoScience Technology Center Promotion and Tenure Committee
2007 - 2012	Member, Instrument Committee, NSTC
2008 - 2010	Chair, NanoScience Technology Center Promotion and Tenure Committee
2008 - 2010	Member, NanoScience Technology Center Fellowship Committee
2007 – present	Member, Seminar Committee, NSTC
2004 – present	Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chemistry
2005 - 2008	Member, BioOptics Chair Search Committee
2005 - 2008	Member, Tenure Promotion Committee, Biomolecular Science Center
2005 - 2007	Member, Provost's Promotion and Tenure Task Force Committee

## **Academic Activities, Clemson**

2002 - 2004	Alternate, Chaired and Titled Professors' Representative to President's Faculty Advisory
	Committee
2001 - 2004	Member, Graduate Recruitment Committee

2002 - 2003	Chairperson, Department Chair Search Committee (search cancelled – budget cuts)
2001 - 2003	Member, Ph.D. Qualifying Committee
2002 - 2003	Organized Departmental Seminar Series (academic year)
2000 - 2001	Organized Departmental Seminar Series (academic year)

#### **Academic Activities, Students Graduated**

#### Ph.D. students

Aakash Patel, Nanotechnology, PhD., 2025 (UCF) (Chair) (Postdoc, UCF)

Elizabeth Coln, CECS, Ph.D., 2023 (UCF) (Chair) (Engineer I, Hesperos, Inc.)

Kaveena Autar, Chemistry, Ph.D., 2022 (UCF) (Chair) (Scientist III, Hesperos, Inc)

Agnes Badu-Mensah, Biomedical Sciences, Ph.D., 2021 (UCF) (Chair) (Research Scientist, Eli Lilly)

Mark Schnepper, Materials Science and Engineering, Ph.D., 2020 (UCF) (Chair) (Software Engineer III, Box)

Alisha Colón, Biomedical Sciences, Ph.D., 2019 (UCF) (Chair) (Research Scientist II, Applied Genetics Laboratory)

Bonnie Berry, Biomolecular Sciences, Ph.D., 2015 (UCF) (Chair) (Director, Stem Cell and Tissue Engineering, CuriBio)

Christopher McAleer, Biomolecular Sciences, Ph.D., 2015 (UCF) (Chair) (Scientific Officer, AIM Immunotech)

Vaibhav Thakore, Physics, Ph.D., 2012 (UCF) (Chair) (Visiting Scientist, Aalto University)

Darin Edwards, Biomolecular Science, Ph.D., 2011 (UCF) (Chair) (Executive Director, Moderna)

Craig Finch, Modeling and Simulation, Ph.D., 2011 (UCF) (Chair) (Senior Pre-Sales Cloud Engineer/Solutions Architect, SADA)

Anupama Natarajan, Biomolecular Science, Ph.D., 2010 (UCF) (Chair) (Industry)

Hedvika Davis, Biomolecular Science, Ph.D., 2010 (UCF) (Chair) (UC Davis)

Kerry Wilson, Chemistry, Ph.D. 2009 (UCF) (Chair) (Industry)

John W. Rumsey, Biomolecular Sciences, Ph.D., 2009 (UCF) (Chair) (Hesperos, Inc)

Mainak Das, Biomolecular Science, Ph.D., 2008 (UCF) (Chair) (Professor, Indian Institute of Technology)

Kucku Varghese, PhD., 2008 (Medical University of South Carolina) (Co-Chair) (Sanofi)

#### **MS Students**

Kenneth Hawkins, Biomedical Sciences, MS, 2024 (UCF) (M1 MD/PhD student, University of Kentucky)

Aakash Patel, Nanotechnology, MS., 2020 (UCF) (Chair) (PhD Candidate, UCF)

Sarah Lindquist, Biomedical Sciences, MS., 2019, (UCF) (Management Consulting Senior Analyst, Accenture)

Trevor Sasserath, Biomedical Sciences, MS., 2019, (UCF) (Research Scientist, Sciperio)

Megan Aubin-Diaz, Materials Science, MS., 2017 (UCF) (Chair) (Postdoc, Sandia National Labs)

Gregg Legters, Materials Science, MS., 2016 (UCF) (Chair) (Lead Material Engineer, L3 Fuzing & Ordnance Systems)

Kristen Pirozzi D'Uva, Materials Science, MS., 2014 (UCF) (Chair) (R & D Lead Design Engineer, Ethicon)

Albert Leyte-Vidal, EECS, MS, 2010 (UCF) (Co-Chair) (Offshore SCADA Program Manager, Siemans Gamesa)

Abhijeet Bhalkikar, Electrical Engineering, MS., 2010 (UCF) (Chair) (Adjunct Professor, Valencia College)

Mona Rogers, 2014 (UCF) (Committee Member)

Prabhu Doss Mani, 2014 (UCF) (Committee Member)

Aditya Reddy Kolli, Chemistry, MS., 2014 (UCF) (Chair)

Amirhossein Jabalameli, MS., 2015 (UCF) (Committee Member)

Selected Other Students: Heather Canavan, George Washington University, Ph.D., (Associate Prof, University of New Mexico); Del Leistritz, Clemson University, M.S. Aug. 2004, (VaxDesign, Inc.); Dinesh Kumar Mohan, Clemson University, M.S. Aug 2004, (Agiltron, Inc.); Matt Poeta, Clemson University, M.S. Aug. 2003, (Cellicon); Tao Xu, Clemson University, Ph.D. Dec 2005, (now in China).

Current Postdoctoral Researchers: Belen Zylberman, NSTC, UCF; Gaurav Srivastava, NSTC, UCF; Kavitha Illath, NSTC, UCF, Paulina Villanueva, NSTC, UCF..

Selected Postdoctoral Researchers: Dr. Xiufang Guo (Research Professor, NSTC, UCF); Dr. Nesar Akanda (Scientist, NSTC, UCF); Dr. Virginia Smith, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Frank Sommerhage (Kaiser University and Hybrid Systems Lab, NSTC, UCF); Dr. Liyuan Ma (Northeastern); Dr. Catia Bernibini (NSTC, UCF; Dr. Feng Gao, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Alec Smith (University of Washington); Dr. Christopher Long (Hespseros, Inc); Dr. William McLamb (CASIS); Dr. Balaji Srinivasan (Cornell University); Dr. Peter Molnar (Assistant Prof, NSTC, UCF, Associate Prof, University of West Hungary); Dr. Jennifer Ayala (Sanford-Burnham); Dr. Xiaofeng Cui (Industry); Dr. Jung-Fong Kang (Polymer Chemist, Polygenetics Inc.); Dr. Melissa Kuchma (MD Anderson Cancer Center); Dr. Murugan Ramalingam (University of Strasbourg, France); Dr. Andrea Lavado: NSTC, UCF; Dr. Lee Kumanchik (Germany); Dr. Sandra Rothemund, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Carlota Oleaga Sancho, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Navaneetha Santhanam, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Carlos Moran, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Arindom Goswamim NSTC, UCF; Dr. Sophia Shafiei, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Alisha Colón, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Camilly Pestana Pires de Mello, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Julbert Caneus, NSTC, UCF; Dr. Hao Wang, NSTC, UCF; Suruchi Poddar, NSTC, UCF.

#### **Courses Developed and Taught**

## 1. **Tissue Engineering** (University of Central Florida)

Course co-developed by J. Hickman. Tissue engineering is an interdisciplinary field that applies the principles of engineering and life sciences for the development of therapeutic strategies aimed at the replacement, repair, maintenance, and/or enhancement of tissue function for clinical use. The goal of this course is threefold: 1) it will give an overview of the present status and future trends of tissue engineering with an emphasis on promising new applications, 2) provide a solid base to understand the complex interaction between living cells and engineered materials, 3) offer an introduction to biomaterials and the engineering methods used for creating them.

#### 2. Molecular Neuroscience (University of Central Florida)

This course addresses the aspects of the development, structure, and function of the nervous system to which molecular biology has made substantial contributions. Topics include the cellular structure of neurons and glia, neurogenesis, synaptogenesis, the molecular basis of neuronal transmission and memory, and the genetics of brain function. Special attention is paid to current issues such as stem cells, neuronal regeneration, and neurological disorders.

## 3. **Bioinstrumentation** (Clemson University, University of Central Florida)

This three-credit course with a lab explored and demonstrated the basics of instrumentation to study biological systems form the molecular to the human system level. Some of the techniques explored are Atomic Force Microscopy, Surface Plasmon Resonance, Ellipsometry, X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy, Electrocardiography and Electroencephalography Diagnostics and Positron Emission Tomography. The labs demonstrate the instrumentation use and provide hands on experience for students in the analysis of biological systems.

#### 4. Emerging Materials (University of Central Florida)

This three-credit hour course is comprised of classroom lectures and will include guest lectures from experts working in the field of advanced and emerging materials. Course objectives are: 1) Explain the importance of innovations in materials technology and their applications, 2) Obtain a knowledge of the methodology to develop new and advanced materials, 3) Learn about different advanced and emerging materials that are being developed, 4) Learn about new materials which will be used in technologies and processes in different industries, 5) Understand and appreciate the exceptional properties of these materials, 6) Appreciate the processing-structure-property relationships of these new-generation materials, and 7) Ability to use the knowledge gained for material selection, design and substitution in emerging engineering applications.

## 5. **Neurobioengineering** (Clemson University)

New graduate course developed by J. Hickman. The course focused on teaching the basics of neuroscience to engineers and modeling basic neuronal systems. It also highlighted the current literature in engineering controlled neuronal and cellular systems. It contained demonstrations of brain dissections, patch-clamp and

solid-state electrophysiology and neuronal cellular and circuit modeling. The goal was to give the students the ability to collect and understand current research in neuroscience and engineered neuronal systems.

## **Currently Funded Projects:**

# 1. Modulatory Role of Blood-Brain-Barrier and Enzymatic Activity in an Innovative Human Model of Anticholinergic Drug Induced Dementia

Funding Agency: Hesperos Inc/NIH/NIA

Role: PI

Description of work: We seek to use Hesperos' multi-organ functional systems to investigate drug induced dementia and Alzheimer's disease (AD) in terms of deficits in basic information processing in the presence of anticholinergic drugs in collaboration with GalenusRx GalenusRx has created algorithms that help quantitatively score the risk of adverse drug events to help decrease the risk in frail elderly patients, decrease hospitalizations, and reduce overall medical costs. The collaboration between Hesperos and GalenusRx will enable the production of experimentally derived information on how anticholinergics affect AD patients to better inform GalenusRx's models to predict risk for specific patients taking multiple drugs.

Period of Performance: 08/01/2025 to 04/30/2027

## 2. Human Neuromuscular Junction Platform to Evaluate Botulinum Toxin Potency

Funding Agency: Hesperos Inc/NIH

Role: PI

Description of work: UCF will be assisting Hesperos with the differentiation of the human motoneurons and skeletal muscle as well as with all aspects of platform assembly and maintenance. UCF will also be working with Hesperos in the interpretation of the data and preparation of the validation report to the FDA, and the subsequent qualification application.

Period of Performance: 04/01/2024 to 03/31/2026

## 3. Investigating the role of Alzheimer's disease familial mutations in neuromuscular physiology

Funding Agency: NIH/NIA

Role: PI

Description of work: We propose constructing a two-organ microphysiological system composed of human cells for both sensory and motor segments of the reflex arc to study the effects of Alzheimer's disease on the peripheral nervous system. We will establish clinically relevent functional models for AD by treating healthy systems with  $A\beta_{42}$  and tau oligomers in addition to motor and sensory systems composed of AD mutant iPSC MN-based NMJ systems to better understand the effects beyond the well studied systems in the brain.

Period of Performance: 05/15/2022 to 04/30/2027

#### **Previously Funded Projects:**

## 1. Biodistribution and PK modeling of rat vs. human systems

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc./NIH/ NIEHS

Role: PI on sub-contract

Description of work: Work with Hesperos scientists to develop the surface modification and patterning protocols for the different cells on the chips for CNS and blood brain barrier components. They will also help apply the long-term potentiation and its integration into the final chip design as well as testing.

Period of Performance: 09/01/2020 to 02/28/2023

#### 2. Drug-drug interactions for antivirals with opioids and Narcan in a 5-organ human-on-a-chip model

Funding Agency: NIH/NCATS

Role: PI

Description of work: We seek to build multi-organ systems to evaluate the acute effects of the opioids and overdose treatment Naloxone, on toxicity for neuronal, cardiac, muscle, kidney and liver while co-administering repurposed drugs for COVID-19.

Period of Performance: 09/27/2019 to 07/31/2022

## 3. Multi-organ human-on-a-chip system to address overdose and acute and chronic efficacy and off-target toxicity.

Funding Agency: NIH/NCATS

Role: PI

Description of work: We seek to build overdose models in a multi-organ system and evaluate the acute and chronic effects of overdose treatments such as Naloxone on overdose recovery, efficacy as well as off-target toxicity for cardiac, muscle, kidney and liver. We will also investigate how the effects are amplified by the presence of diseased organs for cardiac and with a functional immune component and an infection model.

Period of Performance: 09/27/2019 to 07/31/2024

## 4. Human on a Chip System to Investigate Genetic Risk Factors in Alzheimer's Disease

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces, analytical capabilities and technical assistance for their project. Expertise in NMJ systems and multi-organ systems will be provided as well as engineering support

Period of Performance: 9/01/2018 to 5/31/2022

## 5. Human on a Chip Systems to Investigate Disease Comorbidities Common in The Aged Population

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project.

Period of Performance: 4/01/2018 to 4/30/2023

## 6. Development of an Integrated 4-Organ Animal Model

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for their project as well as with animal experiments required for the project.

Period of Performance: 09/17/2018 to 08/31/2023

## 7. Functional Integrated Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Alzheimer's Research

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc.

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project.

Period of Performance: 09/15/2017 to 10/31/2022

#### 8. An In Vitro Model of Stem Cell Innervation of Myotubes

Funding Agency: NIH **grant** Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Study synaptic communication development and reinnervation between

motoneurons and myotubes.

Period of performance: 6/23/2005 to 6/30/2011

Renewed

Description of work: Complete the development of the entire reflex arc in vitro using primary rat cells and then with cells derived from human stem cells. Initiate experiments to increase the throughput of first the motoneurons to muscle segment of the stretch reflex are and then for the entire reflex arc.

Period of performance: 3/01/2011 to 1/31/2017

#### Renewed

Description of work: This project will develop an in vitro model of the reflex arc utilizing human stem cells and utilize it to investigate functional models of ALS.

Period of performance: 9/26/2016 to 5/31/2022

#### 9. Surface Modification and Analysis

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: Hickman (PI)

Description of work: Fabrication of MEMs chips, surface modification and analysis of coverslips and

MEMs chips.

Period of performance: 9/24/2015 to 1/31/2023

## 10. Advanced Human on a Chip Systems for Drug Discovery

Funding Agency: NIH 1R44TR001326/Hesperos, Inc (Hickman multi-PI on grant; PI on subcontract

from Hesperos)

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project.

Period of performance: 9/01/2016 - 8/31/2022

## 11. RF- In Vitro Hybrid Neuronal Systems

Funding Agency: Unither Neurosciences grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Dr. Hickman's research support on programs focused on an in vitro hybrid neuronal

system for storage and retrieval of biological information.

Period of Performance: 4/16/2010 to 4/15/2023

#### 12. Unconventional Concepts

Funding Agency: Unconventional Concepts grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Period of Performance: unrestricted grant

## 13. Biodistribution and PK modeling of rat vs. human systems

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc./NIH/ NIEHS

Role: PI on sub-contract

Description of work: Work with Hesperos scientists to develop the surface modification and patterning protocols for the different cells on the chips for CNS and blood brain barrier components. They will also help apply the long-term potentiation and its integration into the final chip design as well as testing.

Period of Performance: 09/01/2020 to 02/28/2023

## 14. Drug-drug interactions for antivirals with opioids and Narcan in a 5-organ human-on-a-chip model

Funding Agency: NIH/NCATS

Role: PI

Description of work: We seek to build multi-organ systems to evaluate the acute effects of the opioids and overdose treatment Naloxone, on toxicity for neuronal, cardiac, muscle, kidney and liver while co-administering repurposed drugs for COVID-19.

Period of Performance: 09/27/2019 to 07/31/2022

# 15. Multi-organ human-on-a-chip system to address overdose and acute and chronic efficacy and off-target toxicity.

Funding Agency: NIH/NCATS

Role: PI

Description of work: We seek to build overdose models in a multi-organ system and evaluate the acute and chronic effects of overdose treatments such as Naloxone on overdose recovery, efficacy as well as off-target toxicity for cardiac, muscle, kidney and liver. We will also investigate how the effects are amplified by the presence of diseased organs for cardiac and with a functional immune component and an infection model.

Period of Performance: 09/27/2019 to 07/31/2024

#### 16. Human on a Chip System to Investigate Genetic Risk Factors in Alzheimer's Disease

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces, analytical capabilities and technical assistance for their project. Expertise in NMJ systems and multi-organ systems will be provided as well as engineering support

Period of Performance: 9/01/2018 to 5/31/2022

#### 17. Human on a Chip Systems to Investigate Disease Comorbidities Common in The Aged Population

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project.

Period of Performance: 4/01/2018 to 4/30/2023

## 18. Development of an Integrated 4-Organ Animal Model

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project as well as with animal experiments required for the project.

Period of Performance: 09/17/2018 to 08/31/2023

## 19. Functional Integrated Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Alzheimer's Research

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc.

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project.

Period of Performance: 09/15/2017 to 10/31/2022

#### 20. An In Vitro Model of Stem Cell Innervation of Myotubes

Funding Agency: NIH **grant** Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Study synaptic communication development and reinnervation between

motoneurons and myotubes.

Period of performance: 6/23/2005 to 6/30/2011

#### Renewed

Description of work: Complete the development of the entire reflex arc in vitro using primary rat cells and then with cells derived from human stem cells. Initiate experiments to increase the throughput of first the motoneurons to muscle segment of the stretch reflex are and then for the entire reflex arc.

Period of performance: 3/01/2011 to 1/31/2017

Renewed

Description of work: This project will develop an in vitro model of the reflex arc utilizing human stem cells and utilize it to investigate functional models of ALS.

Period of performance: 9/26/2016 to 5/31/2022

#### 21. Surface Modification and Analysis

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: Hickman (PI)

Description of work: Fabrication of MEMs chips, surface modification and analysis of coverslips and

MEMs chips.

Period of performance: 9/24/2015 to 1/31/2023

## 22. Advanced Human on a Chip Systems for Drug Discovery

Funding Agency: NIH 1R44TR001326/Hesperos, Inc (Hickman multi-PI on grant; PI on subcontract

from Hesperos)

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for

their project.

Period of performance: 9/01/2016 – 8/31/2022

#### 23. RF- In Vitro Hybrid Neuronal Systems

Funding Agency: Unither Neurosciences grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Dr. Hickman's research support on programs focused on an in vitro hybrid neuronal

system for storage and retrieval of biological information.

Period of Performance: 4/16/2010 to 4/15/2023

#### 24. Unconventional Concepts

Funding Agency: Unconventional Concepts grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Period of Performance: unrestricted grant

#### 25. HLS-Development of a Cardiac Ischemia Model in an Organ-on-a-Chip Platform

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: The major goal of this to develop the surface modification and patterning protocols for the cardiac cells on chips. This includes developing an ischemia protocol and applying that for

integration into the final chip design. Period of Performance: 9/01/2018 to 7/31/2021

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# 26. FHTCC: Surface Chemical Modification of Body-on-a-Chip Systems to Control Cell Placement on BioMEMS Devices and Minimize Drug Absorption in Housing.

Funding Agency: UCF/I-4 Florida High Tech Corridor

Role: PI

Description of work: In the Body-on-a-Chip systems that Hesperos is fabricating and testing with UCF, some compounds will absorb at a significant level onto the housing materials, which severely skews their concentration profiles in the device for calculating dose response.

Period of Performance: 07/0182016 to 01/31/2020

## 27. Integration of a Kidney Module into a 4-Organ Human-on-a-Chip System

Funding Agency: Hesperos, Inc

Role: PI

Description of work: Support Hesperos by providing modified surfaces and analytical capabilities for their project.

Period of Performance: 9/15/2017 to 08/31/2019

#### 28. Development of a Device for the Measurement of Axon Conduction Velocities of Motoneurons.

Funding Agency: UCF/I-4 Florida High Tech Corridor

Role: PI

Description of work: Develop a specific BioMEMs device that can measure the speed of information transport in the axons of individual motoneurons for several days or weeks with and without myelin insulation that could have application in various demyelinating diseases such as MS and for neuropathies.

Period of Performance: 09/01/2017 to 01/31/2019

## 29. Automated Sample Recovery and Data Recording from Human-on-a-Chip Systems

Funding Agency: UCF/I4 Florida High Tech Corridor

Role: PI

Description of work: Integration of automation in the chip based system.

Period of Performance: 09/01/2016 to 08/31/2018

# 30. Validation of an In Vitro Co-Culture Assay System Using Pharmacological References and Potential Active Compounds

Funding Agency: L'Oreal, contract

Role: PI

Description of Work: Co-cultures of human muscle and motoneurons will be established and neuromuscular connectivity between these cells will be used to assess pharmacological compounds.

Period of Performance: 6/03/2013 to 6/30/2018

## 31. Investigation of a Functional 4-Organ Body-on-a-Chip System with Common Serum Free Medium

Funding Agency: L'Oreal, contract

Role: PI

Description of Work:

Period of Performance: 9/09/2013 to 5/31/2018

## 32. Development of a Device for the Measurement of Axon Conduction Velocities of Motoneurons.

Funding Agency: Florida High Tech Corridor

Role: PI

Description of work: Develop a specific BioMEMs device that can measure the speed of information

transport in the axons of individual motoneurons. Period of Performance: 09/01/2017 to 01/31/2018

#### 33. Establishment of a Human-Based in Vitro Functional NMJ System for ALS Drug Screening

Funding Agency: DoD (CDMRP) grant

Role: PI

Description of Work: Develop an in vitro human-based functional NMJ model that utilizes human stem cells for therapeutic design and pre-clinical efficacy evaluation of compounds for ALS treatment.

Period of Performance: 9/1/14 to 8/31/16

## 34. Microphysiologial Systems and Low Cost Microfluidic Platform with Analytics

Funding Agency: NIH/NCATS grant

Role: Multiple PI Project PI with M. Shuler (Cornell)

Description of Work: Our overall strategy is to utilize microphysiological systems in combination with functional readouts to establish systems capable of sophisticated analysis of drug candidates during preclinical testing.

Period of Performance: 9/1/2012 to 6/30/2016

## 35. Functional In vitro CNS and PNS Myelination Model

Funding Agency: NIH **grant** Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Description of work: To utilize new developments in surface chemistry, Bio-MEMs fabrication and neuroscience to engineer a hybrid system chip to carry out functional analysis of myelination and

demyelination.

Period of performance: 4/01/2010 to 1/31/2015

#### 36. Towards Prevention of Muscle De-Training

Funding Agency: DoD/CDMRP grant

Role: SBMRI Sub-contract PI

Description of Work: We seek to identify candidates for new therapeutic approaches aimed at reducing detraining effects relevant to performance in the combat field and with prolonged travel in collaboration with

D. Kelly of the SBMRI.

Period of Performance: 09/15/2011 to 09/14/2013

## 37. A High Throughput Cell-Based Metabolic Analysis of Anticancer Drugs Using Nanostructure-Enhanced Mass Spectrometry

Funding Agency: FL Department of Health, Bankhead-Coley (NIR) grant

Role: Co- Principal Investigator, Mentor

Description of work: This new investigator research project that will develop a novel high throughput

technique to analyze the cellular level metabolic products of anticancer drugs.

Period of Performance: 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2013

#### 38. Non-linear Characterization of the Stretch Reflex Arc and its Neuromodulation

Funding Agency: NIH grant

Role: Co - Investigator

Description of Work: Establish a data true non-linear dynamic model of the SRA and examine the effects

of modulatory neurotransmission on the overall stability of the SRA.

Period of Performance: 4/01/2009 - 6/30/2012

#### 39. In vitro Models for Biodefense

Funding Agency: USAMRMC grant

Role: Co- Principal Investigator

Description of work: This proposal combines expanding tissue engineering methodology for the fabrication of complex functional tissues, with models of tissue level function derived from Magnetic

Resonance Images of normal and pathologic lungs. Period of Performance: 6/28/2010 to 7/27/2012

## 40. High-Throughput Electrophysiology for Pathway Identification

Funding Agency: NIH grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Creation of a new high through-put electrophysiological assay to determine a

compound's effect on a cell's function.

Period of Performance: 9/15/2006 to 8/31/2011

## 41. Nanocolumn-Supported Nanoparticle Array for Early Detection of Lung Cancer Biomarkers

Funding Agency: FL Department of Health, James & Ester King Biomedical Res Prog grant

Role: Co- Principal Investigator

Period of Performance: 7/1/2007 to 12/31/2010

#### 42. A Joint Romanian/ U.S. NanoScience Workshop

Funding Agency: NSF **grant** Role: Co- Principal Investigator

Period of Performance: 1/1/2009 to 6/30/2010

## 43. In Vitro LTP Circuits from AD Autopsy Tissue

Funding Agency: Johnnie B Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center & Research Institute grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Period of Performance: 7/1/2008 to 6/30/2010

## 44. Human In Vitro Lung Model for Infectious Disease

Funding Agency: USAMRMC **grant** Role: Co- Principal Investigator

Description of work: Develop a functional tissue equivalent of lung from human cells for assessing

infectious challenge.

Period of Performance: 11/18/06 to 2/15/2010

## 45. Engineered Neuronal Networks for Drug Screening

Funding Agency: NIH **grant**Role: Co - Investigator and Mentor

Description of Work: Mentored grant to teach Dr. Molnar, an electrophysiologist, surface chemistry

Period of performance: 4/01/2004 to 3/31/2010

#### 46. Skin to Metal

Funding Agency: Sciperio, Inc. grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Support Sciperio, Inc. in their attempt to demonstrate our concept for adherence of a

skin construct to a metal implant for the creation of a novel interface.

Period of Performance: 9/15/2006 to 9/14/2007

#### 47. Function-based Biosensors for Use in Hazardous Waste Remediation

Funding Agency: DOE/ Basis Energy Sciences grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Using networks of neurons to sense toxins in environmental effluents

Period of performance: 4/01/2002 to 3/31/2007, Third renewal of grant

## 48. Determining Extra-cellular Matrix Deposition Quantity and Composition from Cells in Response to Electronic Materials

Funding Agency: DARPA/AFOSR grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Address the composition and quantity of the extracellular matrix that is deposited by

the cells when placed in contact with electronic materials.

Period of performance: 6/10/2005 to 2/28/2007

## 49. Fuel-Specific SOFC Design & Control

Funding Agency: Clarkson University grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Period of performance: 1/16/06 to 12/31/06

## 50. Effect of Defined Surfaces on Cardiac Myocyte Physiology

Funding Agency: NIH NIBIB **grant** Role: Co-Principal Investigator Period of performance: 2003-2005

#### 51. Biocompatible MEMS

Funding Agency: NSF **grant** Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Determining the parameters that control protein denaturization in MEMS fluidic

systems

Period of performance: August 15, 2000 to August 14, 2004 (1 year no cost extension)

#### 52. Hybrid Biological/Non-Biological Constructs for Robotic Control Applications

Funding Agency: DARPA/Information Technology Office grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: building the reflex arc on a chip to develop new algorithms for biorobotic

applications

Period of performance: June 5, 2001 to June 4, 2004 (1 year no cost extension)

## 53. An In Vitro Model of the Reflex Arc as Applied to Spinal Cord Injury

Funding Agency: The Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund Board of SC grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: building the reflex arc on a chip to develop new paradigms in spinal cord repair and

development

Period of performance: July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003

#### 54. Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluidics Model

Funding Agency: DARPA/Microsystems Technology Office cooperative agreement

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: development and experimental verification of surface effects in a microfluidics

modeling program

Period of performance: June 26, 2001 to June 25, 2003 (will be extended by 6-12 months)

#### 55. Surface Modification and Analysis of MEMS Materials at George Washington University

Funding Agency: NIST grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: surface modification of polymeric materials used in microfluidic systems

Period of performance: 38 months

#### 56. IPA from NSF in Biocomputation

Funding Agency: NSF **grant** Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: develop new programs for NSF in biocomputation

Period of performance: 2 years

#### 57. Fabrication of a Novel Neuroelectric Computational Device

Funding Agency: DARPA/Information Technology Office grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Construction and testing of a hybrid neuronal/silicon device

Period of performance: 5 years

## 58. Surface Modification as an Enabling Technology for Biocompatible MEMS

Funding Agency: DARPA/Electronic Technology Office cooperative agreement

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Surface modification and subsequent analysis of microfluidics channels before and after biological fluid transport.

Period of performance: 2 years

#### 59. Feasibility Study for Transitioning a Cell-Based Sensor to Biological Toxin Detection

Involved Agencies: NRL, (DARPA) grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Development of new systems to build a prototype biosensor for chemical and

biological warfare agent detection. Period of performance: 3 years

#### 60. Surface Modification for Biocompatibility

Funding Agency: NIH/ NINDS contract

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Biocompatibility experiments for implanted cortical stimulating electrodes to

examine tissue-surface interactions. Period of performance: 3 years

## 61. Fabrication and Applications of Neuronal Networks

Involved Agencies: SAIC/ DoD internal competitive funds

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Basic electrophysiological recordings from two-cell circuits and development of new

assays for biological interfaces. Period of performance: 3 years

#### 62. Surface Studies for Genetic Analysis Systems

Customer: Perkin-Elmer Corporation contract

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Surface studies for micro-PCR devices

Period of performance: 1 year

## 63. Surface Modification of Implantable Electrodes

Funding Agency: NIH/ CHHD grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Biocompatibility of implantable cortical electrodes

Period of performance: 3 years

## 64. Support of NRL Micropatterning and Function-Based Microsensor Development

Funding Agency: NRL **grant** Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: Biosensor development using living neurons as sensor elements

Period of performance: 3 years

## 65. XPS Maintenance at George Washington University

Funding Agency: NRL purchase order

Role: Principal Investigator

Description of work: maintain the Fisons 220i Spectrometer at NRL

Period of performance: 1 year, renewable

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- S. Georgieva, J. Caneus, J.W. Rumsey, X. Guo, N. Akanda, M. Jackson, C.J. Long, F. Sommerhage, D. Morgan and **J.J. Hickman**, "Using hiPSCs and human-on-a-chip system to model AD in vitro," (Poster) UCF Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence, Orlando, FL, April 4, 2019.
- M.T. Schnepper, J. Roles and **J.J. Hickman**, "Inverse liquid-solid chromatography to characterize adsorption isotherms of drugs to polymeric materials used in human-on-a-chip systems for drug discovery," (Poster) UCF 2019 Graduate Research Forum, Orlando, FL, April 5, 2019.
- E. Coln and **J.J. Hickman**, "Novel piezoelectric microcantilever sensor for measurement of contracting muscle force generation," (Poster) UCF 2019 Graduate Research Forum, Orlando, FL, April 5, 2019.
- A. Badu-Mensah, X. Guo and **J.J. Hickman**, "Skeletal myotubes derived from ALS patient-sourced induced pluripotent cell (PS-iPSC) exhibit deficits in differentiation and function," (Poster) UCF 2019 Graduate Research Forum, Orlando, FL, April 5, 2019.
- E. Coln and **J.J. Hickman**, "Design and fabrication of a piezoelectric microcantilever sensor for measurement of cardiomyocyte and skeletal muscle force generation," (Poster) MRS Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, April 22-26, 2019.
- K. Autar, X. Guo, N. Akanda, A. Goswami, M. Jackson, J.W. Rumsey, C. Long and **J.J. Hickman**, "Differentiation and Characterization of Hipsc Cortical Neurons and Their Application to Drug Evaluation in CNS Disease Models," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 3, 2019. Presentation.
- C.P. Pires de Mello, C. McAleer, C. Carmona-Moran, C. Oleaga, A. Riu, R. Note, S. Teissier, J. Langer and **J.J. Hickman**, "Microphysiological Body-on-a-Chip System to Evaluate Transdermal Drug Delivery and Toxicity," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 3, 2019. Presentation.
- V. Slaughter, R. Boone, D. Malik, J.W. Rumsey, C. Long and **J.J. Hickman**, "A Human-on-a-Chip Inflammation Model to Understand Adipose-Liver Crosstalk in Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 2, 2019. Poster.
- A. Foster, X. Guo and **J.J. Hickman**, "Differentiation and Characterization of Wild-Type and SOD1 Mutant hiPSC-Astrocytes and Their Application to NMJ Models of ALS," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 2, 2019. Poster.
- J. Caneus, N. Akanda, J.W. Rumsey, X. Guo, M. Jackson, C.J. Long, F. Sommerhage, S. Georgieva, D. Morgan and **J.J. Hickman**, "Hipsc-Derived Cortical Neuron system to investigate Aβ- and tau-induced neurotoxicities to model Alzheimer's disease in vitro," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 2, 2019. Poster.

- A. Patel and **J.J. Hickman**, "Novel human-human model of peripheral myelination using human Schwann cells and iPSC derived motoneurons," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 2, 2019. Poster.
- P. Valinski, A. Badu-Mensah, X. Guo and **J.J. Hickman**, "Effect Of Hyperglycemia On Myoblast Proliferation," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 3, 2019. Poster.
- S. Nimbalkar, X. Guo, N. Akanda, V. Smith and **J.J. Hickman**, "Quality Control of Human iPSC-Derived Motoneurons," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 4, 2019. Poster.
- A. Badu-Mensah, X. Guo and **J.J. Hickman**, "Skeletal Muscle Differentiated from ALS Patient-derived iPSCs Exhibit Defects in Muscle Differentiation, Contraction and Mitochondrial Function," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 4, 2019. Poster.
- V.M. Smith, H. Nyguen, J. Rumsey, C. Long and **J. Hickman**, "A Novel Human Disease Model of Autoimmune Myasthenia Gravis for the Development of Specialized Therapeutics," Keystone Symposium, January 2020. Poster.
- A. Badu-Mensah, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigation of Neuromuscular Pathology in ALS by Developing Patient iPSC-derived Phenotypic Model," NanoFlorida, virtual, September 25, 2020.
- K. Autar, X. Guo, N. Akanda, N.S. Narasimhan, M. Jackson, J.W. Rumsey, C. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "The Application of hiPSC-Cortical Neurons to Drug Evaluation in a Body-on-a-Chip System," NanoFlorida, virtual, September 25, 2020.
- X. Guo, V.M. Smith, M. Jackson, M. Tran, M. Thomas, A. Patel, E. Lorusso, S. Nimbalkar, Y. Cai, C.W. McAleer, Y. Wang, C.J. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "A Human-Based Functional NMJ System for Personalized ALS Modeling and Drug Testing," ePoster, ALS/MND conference, virtual, December 9-11, 2020.
- A. Badu-Mensah, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigating the Pathological Contribution of the Skeletal Muscle to Neuromuscular Junction Dysfunction in ALS, Using a Patient iPSC-derived Phenotypic Model," ePoster, ALS/MND conference, virtual, December 9-11, 2020.
- A. Badu-Mensah, **J.J. Hickman**, "Pathological Changes in Human ALS Skeletal Muscle Affect Neuromuscular Junction Integrity and Function," UCF Virtual BSBS Graduate Symposium, April 1, 2021.
- K. Autar, X. Guo, A. Goswami, M. Jackson, J.W. Rumsey, C. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "Application of hiPSC-Cortical Neurons to Drug Evaluation in a Body-on-a-Chip System," UCF Student Scholar Symposium, March 30 -April 1, 2021.
- M. Williams, A. Patel, J.W. Rumsey, C.J. Lorance, C.J. Long, B. Lee, **J.J. Hickman**, "A Serum-Free Human iPSC-Motoneuron-Human Schwann Cell Myelination Model," Brain Bee UCF, Spring 2021.
- A. Patel, **J.J. Hickman**, "Myelination and Node of Ranvier Formation in a Human Motoneuron-Schwann Cell Coculture," 2021 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Virtual Event Program: Webinars/Seminars, May 18, 2021
- J.W. Rumsey, C. Lorance, M. Jackson, T. Sasserath, C.W. McAleer, C.J. Long, A. Goswami, M.A. Russo, S.M. Raja, K. Gable, D. Emmett, L.D. Hobson-Webb, M. Chopra, J.F. Howard, Jr., J.T. Guptill, M. Alonso-Alonso, N. Atassi, S. Panicker, G. Parry, T. Hammond, J.J. Hickman, "CIDP Patient Serum Triggers Complement Activation and Functional Deficits in Motoneurons Blocked by Anti-C1s Therapeutic," 2021 PNS Annual Meeting, virtual, June 12-13 and June 25-27, 2021.

- R. Emmons, L. Gallo, S. Poddar, H. Wang, J. Gamarra, R. Brighton, A. Patel, N. Akanda, J. Roles, C. McAleer, C. Long, X. Guo, M.L. Shuler, **J.J. Hickman**, "Multi-organ human-on-a-chip system to address overdose and acute and chronic efficacy and off-target toxicity," NIH HEAL Initiative Investigators Meeting, April 11-12, 2022.
- K. Autar, J. Caneus, X. Guo, N. Akanda, M. Jackson, C.J. Lon<sup>2</sup>, M. Grillo, S. Lindquist, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a Functional Long Term Potential Model Utilizing Human iPSC-Cortical Neurons for Alzheimer's Drug Testing," 2022 ASNTR Annual Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL, April 28 May 1, 2022.
- I. Cox, K. Autar, S. Lindquist, M. Foreman, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Characterization of Rat iPSC-Cortical Neurons and its Comparison with Human iPSC-Cortical Neurons," 2022 ASNTR Annual Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL, April 28 May 1, 2022.
- H. Powell, K. Autar, I. Cox, N. Akanda, M. Grillo, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigation of AD pathology in iPSC-cortical neurons carrying PSEN1 and APP mutations," 2022 ASNTR Annual Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL, April 28 May 1, 2022.
- K. Autar, J. Caneus, X. Guo, N. Akanda, M. Jackson, C. Long, M. Grillo, S. Lindquist, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a Functional Human iPSC-Cortical Neuron-MEA Model for Long Term Potentiation Analysis and Alzheimer's Drug Testing," MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- N. Barakat, A. Badu-Mensah, H. Jangir, C.W. McAleer, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Maximizing Skeletal Muscle Adhesion to Enhance Human Neuromuscular Junction Integrity and Function," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- R. Brighton, C.J. Long, N.N. Sriram, C.W. McAleer, C. Carmona-Moran, C. Oleaga, M.L. Shuler, **J.J. Hickman**, "Chronic vs Acute Drug Evaluation in a Multi-Organ Human-On-A Chip Preclinical Toxicity Testing Platform," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- M. Brooks, C.P. Pires de Mello, C. Carmona-Moran, C.W. McAleer, J. Perez, E.A. Coln, C.J. Long, C. Oleaga, **J.J. Hickman**, "Microphysiological Heart Liver Human-on-a-Chip System with a Skin Mimic for Evaluating Topical Drug Delivery," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- B. Comiter, A. Patel, N.S. Narasimhan, C.J. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "Precision Printing Multi-Cell Structures on Chemically Patterned Microelectrode Arrays for Human-on-a-Chip," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- I. Cox, K. Autar, S. Lindquist, M. Foreman, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Analysis of Rat iPSC-Cortical Neurons for Comparison with Human iPSC-Cortical Neurons," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- R. Emmons, T. Sasserath, C.W. McAleer, M.L. Shuler, **J.J. Hickman**, "Differential Monocyte Actuation in a Three-Organ Functional Innate Immune System-on-a-Chip," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- X. Guo, A. Badu-Mensah, V. Smith, N. Santhanam, L. Kumanchik, M. Jackson, Y. Cai, C.J. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "Human-Based Neuromuscular System for Personalized ALS Modeling and Drug Testing," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- X. Guo, N. Akanda, G. Fiorino, S. Nimbalkar, R. Brighton, C.J. Long, A. Colon, A. Patel, P.J. Tighe, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a Multi-Organ Opiate Overdose and Recovery Platform by Differentiation of preBötC Neurons and Nociceptors from iPSCs," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.

- H. Jangir, L. Gallo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a Functional Sarcopenia Model on a Micro-Cantilever Platform for Drug Development Efficacy Evaluation," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- C. Long, N.S. Narasimhan, M.L. Shuler, **J.J. Hickman**, "Computational Modeling of Fluid Dynamics and Pharmacokinetics as an Engineering Tool Body-on-a Chip System Design," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- A. Manalo, A. Badu-Mensah, A. Patel, H. Persaud, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Integration of Schwann Cells to Construct a Tripartite NMJ Model for Personalized Medicine," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- C. McAleer, J.W. Rumsey, T. Sasserath, C.J. Long, M. Alonso-Alonso, N. Atassi, T. Hammond, **J.J. Hickman**, "Classical Complement Pathway Inhibition in a 'Human-on-a-Chip' Model of Autoimmune Demyelinating Neuropathies," MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- H. Parsaud, A. Badu-Mensah, P. Valinski, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigate the Effect of Hyperglycemia on Muscle Development and Function Utilizing Human iPSC-Derived Model," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- A. Patel, J.W. Rumsey, C.J. Lorance, C.J. Long, B. Lee, L. Tetard, M. Williams, S. Lambert, **J.J. Hickman**, "Myelination and Node of Ranvier Formation in a Human Motoneuron–Schwann Cell Serum-Free Coculture," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- H. Powell, K. Autar, I. Cox, N. Akanda, M. Grillo, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigation of AD Pathology in iPSC-Cortical Neurons Carrying PSEN1 and APP Mutations," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- M.J. Ruper, T. Sasserath, E. Smith, B. Comiter, N. Sriram, C.J. Long, C.W. McAleer, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a Human Malaria-on-a-Chip Disease Model for Drug Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity Evaluation," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- V. Smith, **J.J. Hickman**, "Clinically Relevant Testing of Diseased Neuromuscular Junctions for Evaluation and Therapeutic Recovery of Functional Deficits," MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- V. Smith, S. Baver, Y. Li, D. Eyerman, A. Robertson, L. Lenkiu, H. Cannon, D. Martinez, H. Hanson, **J.J. Hickman**, "The Role of C3 Inhibition in an iPSC Neuromuscular Junction Model of Neuroinflammation," Poster. MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- N. Sriram, **J.J. Hickman**, "Applications of mathematical modeling in design and translation of microfluidic human-on-a-chip systems," MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022.
- L.H. Gallo, N. Akanda, K. Autar, A. Patel, Ian Cox, Haley A. Powell, Marcella Grillo, Natali Barakat, Dave Morgan, Xiufang Guo, **James J. Hickman** "Utilizing Microphysiological Systems to Model Major Hallmarks of Amyloid b-Driven Neuronal Aging and Assess Drug Applications in Alzheimer's Disease," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.
- M.J. Rupar, S. Rogers, H. Hanson, B. Botlick, N. Sriram, J. Zuniga, S. Trimmer, R. Emmons, C.J. Long, P. Favuzza, P. Lowe, N. Gobeauand **J.J. Hickman**, "Implementation of a Human Cell-Based Malaria-on-a-Chip Phenotypic Disease Model for Drug Efficacy Evaluation," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.

- A. Patel, M. Williams, K. Hawkins, L. Gallo, M. Grillo, N. Akanda, X. Guo, S. Lambert, **J.J. Hickman**, "Establishment of a Serum Free Human iPSC-Derived Model of Peripheral Myelination," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.
- E.A. Coln, C.J. Long, N.S. Narasimhan, S. Trimmer, M.L. Schuler, **J.J. Hickman**, "Design and Fabrication of a Piezoresistive Microcantilever Strain Sensor for Measurement of Contractile Muscle Force Generation," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.
- H. Powell, K. Autar, I. Cox, N. Akanda, **J. Hickman**, X. Guo, "Investigation of Glial-Neuron Contributions Towards Alzheimer's Pathogenesis in an hiPSC-CN Derived Triculture Model," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.
- N. Barakat, L. Gallo, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Inhibition of metalloproteinases extends longevity and function of in vitro aged human iPSC- skeletal muscle," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.
- S. Lang, A. Patel, S. Podder, H. Wang, D. Nierenberg, M. Grillo, J. Roles, J. Klion, C. Long, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigation of the Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity of an Acute Methadone Overdose and Naloxone Treatment in Multiorgan Human-on-a-Chip Systems," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023.
- D. Nash and **J.J. Hickman**, "Investigation Into the Effect of APOE4 iPSC Derived Astrocytes on the Blood Brain Barrier Through in Vitro models.," UCF Student Scholar Symposium, March 26 –March 27, 2024.
- K. Hawkins, R. Aiken, N. Akanda, A. Patel, R. Lopez, L. Gallo, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Utilization of Patient-Derived iPSC CMT2s Motoneurons for Pathogenic Analysis and Drug Development," UCF Student Scholar Symposium, March 26 –March 27, 2024.
- A. Patel, PCRM 2024 Summer Immersion Program on Innovative Approaches in Sciences, chosen participant with the ERA21 travel award of \$1500. May 30-June 2, 2024, Bethesda, Maryland
- A. Patel, Panelist, Educational Session "Track 1 Hands-On Experience (three 40-minute sessions)," MPS World Summit, June 10-14, 2024, Seattle, Washington.
- A. Patel, Co-chair, Panel 4.2b MPS and Space, MPS World Summit, June 10-14, 2024, Seattle, Washington.
- Z. Liu, Co-chair, Panel 2.4 Bioconvergence: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and MPS, MPS World Summit, June 10-14, 2024, Seattle, Washington.
- K. Hawkins, Co-chair, Panel 4.8 MPS to Model Neurodegeneration, MPS World Summit, June 10-14, 2024, Seattle, Washington.
- X. Guo, A. Badu-Mensah, S. Nimbalkar, H. Parsaud, C. McAleer, J. Rumsey, C. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of human iPSC-skeletal muscle ALS model for pathogenesis study and therapeutic testing," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- K. Autar, M. Grisales, C. Honore, M. Grillo, N.S. Narasimhan, W. Bogen, C. Long, X Guo, D. Morgan, J. Turgeon, V. Michaud, **J.J. Hickman**, "The Investigation of Drug-Induced Dementia in an hiPSC-Central Nervous System Assessing Deficits in Long-Term Potentiation from Anticholinergic Burden." MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.

- A. Kargazhanov, R. Aiken, K. Hawkins, R. Lopez, A. Nawaz, C. Long, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Evaluating the neuromuscular pathology in Alzheimer's disease from familial mutations by utilizing a human iPSC-derived in vitro functional NMJ model," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- Z. Liu, A. Patel, S. Trimmer, C. Miller, B. Jones, E. Coln, C.J. Long, **J.J. Hickman**, "High Precision and High Throughput Neuronal Circuits Printing for Organ-on-A-Chip Devices," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- M.F. Grisales, R. Aiken, R. Cristofoletti, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a Human-Based Cortical Neuron Model for Down Syndrome," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- M. Malik, N. Sriram, K. Autar, I. Mossiah, S. Richard, M. DeLuna, M, Grisales, B. Botlick, C. Honore, C.J. Long, R.M. Ammar, **J.J. Hickman**, "Toxicity and efficacy testing of a novel stress reliever in a multi-organ microphysiological system," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- S. Lang, H Jangir, A. Patel, G. Srivastava, R. Emmons, T. Molden, **J.J. Hickman**, "Development of a human multiorgan microphysiological comorbidities model to investigate geriatric diseases," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- J. Ciurca, C. Long, N. Narasimhan, M. Shuler, **J.J. Hickman**, "Applications of translational QSP modeling for the interpretation of human-on-a-chip systems," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- K. Hawkins, R. Aiken, N. Akanda, A. Patel, L. Gallo, R. Lopez, X. Guo, **J.J. Hickman**, "Human iPSC-CMT2s motoneuron model for characterization and drug development," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- G. Kaatz, N. Deva, M Rupar, H. Hanson, S. Rogers, B. Botlick, R. Brighton, C. Long, C. McAleer, J. Carlin, **J.J. Hickman**, M. Malik, "Differential metabolism in microphysiological systems for evaluation of efficacy and off-target toxicity for the NK-1 antagonist tradipitant," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.

  A. Kargzhanov Oral Presentation, Track 1: MPS for (patho)physiology
  "Evaluating the neuromuscular pathology in Alzheimer's disease from familial mutations by utilizing a human iPSC-derived in vitro functional NMJ model." MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- W. Bogen Oral Presentation, Track 2.4: Bioconvergence: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and MPS, "Design and implementation of a custom machine learning model for segmentation of electrophysiological cardiomyocyte responses in organ-on-a-chip applications," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- W. Hagan Oral Presentation, Track 1.4: MPS for Rare Diseases, "A Human-on-a-Chip® CMT2S model for the evaluation of personalized medicine," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- A. Patel Oral Presentation, Track 4.5: In vitro clinical trials and precision medicine: real, digital and MPS twins, "A multi-organ human-on-a-chip system modeling chronic opioid overdose rescue efficacy and off-target toxicity," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- J. Rupar Oral Presentation, Track 1.8: MPS for Immune Responses and Diseases, "Implementation of a Human Cell-Based Malaria-on-a-Chip Phenotypic Disease Model for Drug Efficacy Evaluation," MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.
- D. Nash Oral Presentation, Track 4.8: MPS to Model Neurodegeneration, "Investigation into the effect of APOE4 iPSC derived astrocytes on the blood brain barrier through in vitro models." MPS World Summit, Seattle, WA, June 10 14, 2024.

## **Selected Oral Presentations:**

- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory acceptance of human on a chip systems for efficacy and safety," 2025 (IUTOX) 17th International Congress of Toxicology, Beijing, China, October 16-18, 2025. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory acceptance of human on a chip systems for efficacy and safety," 2025 International Symposium on Microphysiological Systems (MPS 2025), Sanya, Hainan, China, October 18-20, 2025. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory Acceptance of Human-on-a-Chip Platforms," Cambridge Healthtech Institute 23rd Annual Discovery on Target Conference 3D Models & NAMs in Drug Development, Boston, MA, September 22-23, 2025. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilization of human on a chip systems for rare disease regulatory submissions." Session on Accelerating rare disease therapeutics via adoption of human biology-based non-clinical drug development in global north and global south countries." 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress: 3Rs Integrating 3 Worlds. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. August 31- September 4, 2025. **Invited**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip systems for determining therapeutic index in pre-clinical drug discovery" American Chemical Society Fall 2025, Innovations in Chemistry, August 17, 2025. Washington, DC. **Invited**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory Acceptance of Human on a Chip Systems for Efficacy, Safety and DMPK Studies" Gordon Research Conference on Drug Metabolism Bridging Modern Technologies With Foundational DMPK Principles to Develop Improved Therapeutics, June 6-11, 2025, Holderness, NH. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman "Multi-Organ Platforms Containing Human Cardiac, Neuronal, Liver and Other Organ Mimics for Efficacy and Safety Evaluation of Therapeutics" Frontiers in Cardiovascular Science Seminar, Stanford University Cardiovascular Institute, May 20, 2025. **Invited**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-organ human-on-a-chip system to address overdose and recovery for efficacy and off-target toxicity for evaluations of therapeutics," NIAID Advances in Developing Medical Countermeasures Against Opioids and Drug-Induced Respiratory Depression Meeting Drug Development Tools and Models Session, December 17-18, 2024, Rockville, Maryland. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip systems as pre-clinical models for efficacy and off target toxic for neurological disease, oncology and rare diseases" OYC Symposium 2024 Challenges in the Elucidation of Human Disease Mechanisms with in vitro Assay Systems, Tokyo, Japan, December 10, 2024. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, 25th Annual NIH Tissue Chip Consortium, Bethesda, MD, December 5-6, 2024. Invited.
- J.J. Hickman, Track A: Growth Company Spotlights | Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals, BioFlorida 2024, Orlando, FL, November 18-21, 2024. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip Systems as Pre-clinical Models for Neurological Diseases and Disorders," 5th Global Virtual Summit on Pharmaceutical and Novel Drug Delivery Systems, November 18, 2024. **Invited.**

- J.J. Hickman, "Human Neuromuscular Junction model for botulinum toxin evaluation for toxicity as well as therapeutic applications" CDC 60th Interagency Botulism Research Coordinating Committee Meeting Basic Science II: Detection and Countermeasures Session, Atlanta, GA, November 17-20, 2024. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Organ-On-Chip & MPS Systems For Neurodegenerative Disease," Oxford Global Discovery US 2024 Novel Models for ADME-TOX Research & Disease Modelling, Cambridge, MA, November 7-8, 2024. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory Acceptance of Human on a Chip System for Efficacy and Safety," 2024 International Symposium on Microphysiological Systems (MPS 2024), Sanya, Hainan, China, October 18-20, 2024. **Keynote Speaker.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Investigations of neurological diseases and disorders utilizing phenotypic human-on-a-chip platforms," Cambridge Healthtech Institute 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Discovery on Target Conference Physiologically Relevant Translation Models, Boston, MA, September 30-October 3, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman "Human on a chip system to enable regulatory submission for efficacy," CIVM Qualification Framework Workshop Critical Path Institute's (C-Path) Predictive Safety Testing Consortium (PSTC). Bethesda, MD. September 26-27, 2024. **Invited**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip systems for use in therapeutic index determination and systemic toxicity in preclinical drug discovery applications" LabRoots 2024 Cell Biology Virtual Event. September 18, 2024. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and the role that chemically patterned microchips play to enable real-time, non-invasive monitoring of organ activity to detect minute changes to function over time." LIFE at UCF Monthly Seminar Series. September 10, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Utilization of human-on-a-chip systems for regulatory submissions for neurological conditions" NURA Webinar 2024 Webinar on Validation, Qualification, and Regulatory Acceptance of New Approach Methodologies: An ICCVAM Report. September 10, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip systems for use in neurological disease and aging research," MPS World Summit 2024 NIA Symposium on Human In Vitro Systems for Aging Research, Seattle, Washington, June 11, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organ System for the Evaluation of Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity of Anticancer Therapeutics," Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine Summer Immersion Program, Washington, DC, May 31, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurological Disease Modeling and Therapeutic Evaluation," Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine Summer Immersion Program, Washington, DC, May 31, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Enabling development of therapeutics for rare diseases using Microphysiological systems," NJABR Webinar 2024, May 10, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-On-A-Chip Systems as Pre-Clinical Models for Neurological Diseases & Disorders," Organ Modelling & 3D Cell Culture 2024, London, UK March 19, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Microphysiological Systems as Applied for Rare Diseases Therapeutic Development," NIH Rare Disease Day, Bethesda, MD, February 29, 2024. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "How Does Replacing or Augmenting Animal Studies with Microphysiological Systems Differ Between Efficacy and Safety?," NIH Toxicology Forum, Pentagon City, VA, January 21-24, 2024. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Investigations of neurological diseases and disorders utilizing phenotypic human-on-a-chip platforms," Discovery US, Cambridge, MA, November 1-2, 2023. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Construction of Integrated Human-On-Chip Systems for Drug Development for Aging-Related Conditions," NIA DGCG Translational Aging Workshop, Bethesda, MD, October 23 -24, 2023. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "New Breakthroughs in Medical Device, Drug Delivery and Preclinical Testing," BioFlorida Biotrends Track, Ponte Vedra, FL, October 12, 2023. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Malaria-on-a-Chip," MMV Malaria PKPD Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, October 11-12, 2023. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurodegenerative and rare diseases investigations utilizing human-on-a-chip systems," MPS World Summit, Berlin, Germany, June 26 30, 2023. **Invited, Organizer**
- J.J. Hickman, "In Vitro Approaches to Study Rare Disorders in the CNS," 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 3D Tissue Models Summit, Boston, MA, May 16-18, 2023. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip systems the next generation research tool of rare disease therapeutic development," Organ Modelling: In-Person Congress, London, UK, April 17-18, 2023. **Invited, Chair**
- J.J. Hickman, "How to use Human on a Chip Systems to Predict PK/PD In Vitro and In Vivo," Lake Nona Leadership Council, Lake Nona, FL, March 27-28, 2023. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Body on a Chip A New Way of Discovery," Mayo Clinic Lunch and Learn, February 16, 2023. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Benefits and Limitations of Alternatives to Animals in Research," Panelist, Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, November 12-14, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-organ systems to investigate metabolic diseases," International Federation for Adipose Therapeutics and Science (IFATS), Fort Lauderdale, FL, November 4 6, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a chip systems applied to neurodegenerative and rare diseases," SelectBio Bioengineering For Building Microphysiological Systems, Rotterdam, Netherlands, October 24-25, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-organ human on a chip systems for preclinical efficacy and toxicity evaluations," Labroots, Virtual, September 21, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organ Human-on-a-Chip Model to Test Alzheimer's Disease Drugs," Annual Drug Discovery for Neurodegeneration, Conference, Virtual, June 6, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, -"Human on a Chip Systems Applied to Neurodegenerative and Rare Diseases," MPS World Summit, New Orleans, LA, May 30 June 3, 2022. **Invited, Organizer**
- J.J. Hickman, "Panel Discussion: Biomaterials standards: using them, teaching them, and getting involved," Society For Biomaterials 2022 Annual Meeting & Exposition, Baltimore, MD, April 27 30, 2022. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Panel Discussion: Biomaterials Battle: Are In Vitro Models Worth It?," Society For Biomaterials 2022 Annual Meeting & Exposition, Baltimore, MD, April 27 30, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional Human-On-A-Chip Systems To Investigate Alzheimer's, ALS, Myasthenia Gravis And Other Diseases," 2nd Annual Organ Modelling Congress, London, UK, virtual, April 21-22, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a Chip System for Preclinical Drug Discovery," UCF Technology Venture Symposium (UTVS) 2022, Orlando, FL, virtual, February 17, 2022. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organ Systems for the Evaluation of Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity of Anti-Cancer Therapeutics," 3D Cell Culture Virtual Symposium, 2nd December 2, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Efficacy and Toxicity Determination in Cancer and Rare Disease Drug Discovery Applications," 6th World Congress of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS 2021), Maastricht, The Netherlands and virtual, November 15-19, 2021. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Drug Efficacy and Safety Determination in Drug-Dosed Human-on-a-Chip Systems," SLAS 2021 Building Biology in 3D Hybrid Symposium, La Jola, CA and virtual, October 26-27, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Advanced Human on a Chip Systems for Drug Discovery," PharmD-2021, virtual, September 20-22, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Drug Efficacy and Safety Determination in Drug-Dosed Human-on-a-Chip Systems," Symposium on Microsystems Technologies for Addiction, Orlando, FL, August 20, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Understanding Protein Adsorption on Polymer and Other Surfaces," The 8th Global Conference on Polymer and Composite Materials (PCM 2021), Macau, China, virtual, August 16-19, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilizing Multi-Organ Human on a Chip Systems to Predict In Vivo Outcomes for Efficacy and Toxicity," 3rd Edition of Webinar on Nanotechnology, virtual, August 2-3, 2021. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human Models of the Reflex Arc for Use in Efficacy Investigations in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery for Applications in Neurological Diseases," "2<sup>nd</sup> Biomedical Engineering and Instrumentation Summit (BEIS-2021), Boston, MA, April 19-21, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Body on a Chip: Human Microscale Models for Drug Development," SelectBIO: 3D-Culture, Organoids and Organs-on-Chips 2021, Boston, MA, March 22-23, 2021. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-chip Systems for Use in Therapeutic Index Determination and Systemic Toxicity in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery," AAPS 2020 PHARMSCI 360, virtual, October 26–November 5, 2020. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Hesperos Overview," Florida Simulations Summit, virtual, October 28, 2020.
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organ System for the Evaluation of Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity of Anticancer Therapeutics," NCI-NIH, virtual, October 27-28, 2020. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Pre-Conference Workshop on Multi-Organ-on-Chip Systems: Benefits, Challenges, Opportunities," Predict: 3D Oncology & Tissue Models Conference, virtual, September 30 October 1, 2020. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Therapeutic Index Determination & Systemic Toxicity in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery Application," Predict: 3D Oncology & Tissue Models Conference, virtual, September 30 October 1, 2020. **Invited**
- X. Guo, N. Akanda, C. McAleer, C. Long, C.P.P. DeMello, A. Colón, M.L. Shuler, J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organ Human-on-a-Chip System to Address Overdose and Acute and Chronic Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity," 17th NIH Tissue Chip Consortium Meeting, virtual, September 22-23, 2020.
- J.J. Hickman, "Pioneering a Multidisciplinary Approach to Drive the Development of Advanced Multi-Organ Human In Vitro Models," Blood-Brain Barrier Summit, August 31–September 2, 2020. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Body on a Chip: Human Microscale Models for Drug Development," SelectBio: 2D-to-3D Culture and Organoids, Boston, MA, August 19-20, 2020. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organs-on-Chip for Risk Assessment- Neuromuscular Junction," FDA and M-CERSI Collaborative Workshop, virtual, August 14, 2020. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi Organ Human on a Chip Systems to Address Overdose and Acute and Chronic Efficacy and Off Target Toxicity," College on Problems of Drug Dependence, virtual, June 22-24, 2020. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Therapeutic Index Determination and Systemic Toxicity in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery Applications," Genentech, 2020.
- J.J. Hickman, T. Sasserath, A. Colón, M.L. Shuler "Multi-Organ Human-on-a-Chip System to Address Overdose and Acute and Chronic Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity," 16th NIH Tissue Chip Consortium Meeting, virtual, March 26-27, 2020.
- X. Guo, J.W. Rumsey, S. Schmidt, L. McMahon, P. Tighe, M.L. Shuler and J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems to Address Opioid Overdose," HEAL Investigators Meeting, Bethesda, MD, Jan. 16-17, 2020.
- J.J. Hickman, "Phenotypic Human-On-A-Chip Systems for Toxicity Testing and Drug Efficacy and Safety Determination in Drug-Dosed Human-on-a-Chip Systems," Defense Threat Reduction Agency, January 8, 2020. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Drug Efficacy and Safety Determination in Drug-Dosed Human-on-a-Chip Systems," TERMIS Americas, Orlando, FL, December 2 -5, 2019.
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," International MicroNanoConference 2019, Utrecht, Netherlands, December 10-11, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," 12<sup>th</sup> Annual NanoFlorida International Conference, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, November 15 -17, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Multi-Organ Human-On-A-Chip System to Address Overdose and Acute and Chronic Efficacy and Off-Target Toxicity," Opioid Crisis: Central Florida Responds, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, November 6, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilizing Multi-Organ Human-on-a-Chip Systems to Predict In Vivo Outcomes for Efficacy and Toxicity," University of South Florida College of Pharmacy Graduate Programs Seminars, Tampa, FL, October 30, 2019. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Fabrication Principles of Human-on-a-Chip Devices and Their Applications for Drug Discovery", International Workshop on "Engineering and Manufacture of Living Systems," Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, October 9-11, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Efficacy and Toxicological Investigations in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery for Applications in Neurological Diseases," 16th International Symposium on Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering and the 4th Conference on Imaging and Visualization (CMBBE 2019), Columbia University, New York City, August 14-19, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Therapeutic Index Determination and Systemic Toxicity in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery Applications," TU Dortmund at Max Plank, Dortmund, Germany, June 25, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Efficacy and Toxicological Investigations for Applications in Neurological Diseases," Organ-on-a-Chip Europe 2019, Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 18-19, 2019. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilizing Multi-Organ Human on a Chip Systems to Predict in Vivo Outcomes for Efficacy and Toxicity," Organ-on-a-Chip Europe 2019, Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 13-14, 2019. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Building Human-on-a-Chip Phenotypic Models to Predict in Vivo Outcomes for Efficacy and Toxicity for Rare Diseases," RE(ACT) Congress AMERICA 2019, Totonto, Canada, May 8-10, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery for Alzheimer's Disease," ASNTR 2019 Conference, Clearwater, FL, April 25-27, 2019. **Invited.**
- Long, C. McAleer, C. Oleaga, J. Rumsey, A. Goswami, X. Guo, M.L. Shuler and J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," ACS National Meeting & Expo, Orlando, FL, March 31-April 4, 2019.
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems Applied to Rare Disease Investigations for Efficacy and Toxicity," OPT Congress: Oligonucleotide & Precision Therapeutics, Cambridge, MA, March 26-28, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Therapeutic Index Determination and Systemic Toxicity in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery Application," NIH/NCATS, Washington, DC, February 28–March 1, 2019. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilizing Multi-Organ Human on a Chip Systems to Predict In Vivo Outcomes for Efficacy and Toxicity," "State of the Science" Interagency workshop on 3D Tissues and Microphysiological Systems (MPS), Washington, DC, December 4, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Concurrent Toxicity and Efficacy Evaluations of Lead Compounds Utilizing Multi-Organ Functional Human-on-a-Chip Systems," World Preclinical Congress Europe, Lisbon, Portugal, November 28-29, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Building Phenotypic Body-on-a-Chip Models for Preclinical Toxicological and Efficacy Evaluations Utilizing Stem Cell Derived Disease Models," World Preclinical Congress Europe, Lisbon, Portugal, November 27, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Origins and Basis for Organ and Human on a Chip Systems," Organ-on-a-Chip Short Course, World Preclinical Congress Europe, Lisbon, Portugal, November 27, 2018. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," University of Minho, Guimarães, Portugal, November 21, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Tissue Engineering Human on a Chip Systems Using Advanced Manufacturing Techniques," Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 17-20, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Hesperos The Human on a Chip Company" BIOBUSINESS: Spotlight on Innovation, BioFlorida Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, October 14-16, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Efficacy and Toxicological Investigations in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery Utilizing Stem Cell Derived Disease Models," SELECTBIO Stem Cells in Drug Discovery and Toxicity Screening 2018 Conference, San Diego, CA, October 4-5, 2018. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a Chip Systems as a Better Alternative to Determining Toxicity and Efficacy of Compounds Than Animal," Pan American Conference for Alternative Methods, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 23-24, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Accurate Prediction of Clinical Parameters Utilizing Multi-Organ Human Systems," World Preclinical Congress, Boston, MA, June 18-21, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Concurrent Toxicity and Efficacy Evaluations in Multi-Organ Functional Human-on-a-Chip Systems," Organ-on-a-Chip, Tissue-on-a-Chip Europe, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, June 5-6, 2018. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery," First International Conference on Biomaterials and Chemical Biology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, May 10-12th, 2018. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery," Distinguished Seminar Series, Natural Science Department, Florida Polytechnic University, April 19, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Stem Cell Derived Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Use in Efficacy and Toxicological Investigations in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery," Stem Cell Summit, Boston, MA, April 12-13, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Tufts University, Boston, MA, April 9, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems Applied to Rare Disease Investigations for Efficacy and Toxicity," Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Oligonucleotide & Peptide Therapeutics from March 26-28, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Concurrent Toxicity and Efficacy Evaluation for Pre-Clinical Application," Select Biosciences BioEngineering 2018, Boston, MA, March 26-27, 2018. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for use in Efficacy and Toxicological Investigations in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery," 2018 Regenerative Medicine Workshop, Charleston, SC, March 21-24, 2018.
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Concurrent Efficacy and Toxicity Determination in Drug Discovery," Pittcon 2018, Orlando, FL, February 26-March 1, 2018.
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Precision Medicine Applications," Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference, San Francisco, CA, February 11 16, 2018. **Chair, Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Stem Cell Derived Human-on-a-Chip Systems for use in Efficacy and Toxicological Investigations in Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery," CDER Manufacturing and Innovation COE Seminar, February 7, 2018. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Body-on-a-Chip Models to Evaluate Efficacy in Drug Discovery and Development," 3D Cell Models Congress, Berlin, Germany, January 24-25, 2018. **Invited**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Evaluation of Lead Optimization and Toxicity Risk Assessment with Human-on-a-Chip Systems," World Preclinical Congress Europe, Lisboa, Portugal, November 15-17, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional Multi-Organ Human Models for Preclinical Efficacy and Toxicity Evaluations of Therapeutic Candidates," Body-on-a-Chip at 3D Models and Screening Conference, Boston, MA, November 6-8, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neuroscience Organ on a Chip Design for Rapid Phase I Drug Discovery," Global Impact of Neuroscience Disorders and Opportunities for Convergence Discoveries, Atlanta, GA, October 24, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, October 19, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Building Phenotypic Body-on-a-chip Models for Toxicological and Efficacy Evaluations in Drug Discovery as well as Precision Medicine," Bioprinting and 3D-Printing in the Life Sciences Europe, Cambridge, UK, October 17-18, 2017. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory Aspects of Functional Organ-on-a-Chip Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Organ-on-a-Chip World Congress & 3D-Culture 2017, Boston, MA, July 10-11, 2017. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "A Human Model of Neuromuscular Junction Activity for Investigating ALS and Other Neurological Diseases," New Tools for Disease Modeling, Part of the 16th Annual World Preclinical Congress, Boston, MA, June 12, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a Chip Systems as Phenotypic Models for Drug Toxicity and Efficacy Evaluation," Drug Toxicity, Part of the 16th Annual World Preclinical Congress, Boston, MA, June 13, 2017. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Understanding Neurological Diseases and Deficits as well as for Drug Discovery," NGR seminars series, Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, May 4, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Albany NY, April 26-27, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "A Human-Analog Platform for the Study of Drug Effects on the CNS and PNS Across the Blood-Brain Barrier," Blood-Brain Penetrant Inhibitors/Drug Discovery Chemistry meeting, San Diego, CA, April 23 27, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Mechanistic Toxicology Investigations," Society of Toxicology's 56th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 13-16, 2017. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a Chip Systems as Phenotypic Models for Drug Toxicity and Efficacy Evaluation UF Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology LNLC Meeting, Lake Nona, FL, March 12-14, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of CNS and PNS Cellular Components with BioMems Systems for Drug Discover and Toxicology," Pittcon, Chicago, IL, March 5-9, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Engineering Robust Neural Interfaces: Progress and Challenges" panel, 7<sup>th</sup> PERSH Workshop, The Interface Between Materials and Biology, Alexandria, VA, February 7-9, 2017. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Systemic Toxicity Using Human-on-a-Chip Systems," L'Oreal, Aulnay, Paris, France, November 16-20, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a Chip Systems as Phenotypic Models for Drug Toxicity and Efficacy Evaluation," World Preclinical Congress-Europe, Lisbon, Portugal, November 14-16, 2016. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Challenge in Building Phenotype Body-on-a-Chip Models for Toxicological and Efficacy Evaluations in Drug Discovery as well as Precision Medicine," Select Biosciences Lab-on-a-Chip and Microfluidics World Congress, San Diego, CA, September 26-28, 2016. **Keynote**
- J.J Hickman, "Utilization of Human-on-a-Ship Systems for Efficacy and Toxicity Evaluation in the Therapeutic Development Process," pRED Pharmaceutical Sciences 'Organs on a chip is the end of animal testing near?' Symposium, Basel, Switzerland, September 9, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for the Development of Functional Organ-on-a-Chip Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Organ-on-a-Chip World Congress & 3D-Culture 2016, Boston, MA, July 6-8, 2016. **Keynote**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilization of iPSCs in Developing Human-on-a-chip Systems for Phenotypic Screening Applications," Cambridge Healthtech Institute's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual New Approaches for Predicting Drug Toxicity, Boston, MA, June 15-16, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory Issues for Validation and Qualification for New Organ-on-a-Chip Systems for Mechanistic Toxicology," Fetal Bovine Serum, Neubiberg, Germany, June 2-3, 2016. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Defined Systems for In Vitro Evaluation of Compounds and Drugs" Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, München, Germany, June 1, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Hesperos Overview," Cade Museum Prize presentation, Gainesville, FL, April 30, 2016.
- J.J. Hickman, "Therapeutic Development and Disease Modeling Creation Utilizing Body-on-a-Chip Systems Derived from Human Stem Cells," Stem Cell Summit, Boston, MA, April 25-27, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Department of Biomedical Engineering Texas A&M Seminar Series, College Station, TX, April 20-21, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of CNS and PNS Components with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering for Neuronal Mapping Applications," PITTCON Conference & Expo 2016, Atlanta, GA, March 6-10, 2016. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human on a Chip Systems," Abbvie, December 4, 2015. Keynote

- J.J. Hickman, "Organ on a Chip Systems for Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Novartis, November 6, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "PB/PK Modeling for a Chronic Exposure," L'Oreal, Aulnay, France, November 3-5, 2015. Invited
- J.J. Hickman, "Results on Skin Integration into the System," L'Oreal, Aulnay, France, November 3-5, 2015. Invited
- J.J. Hickman, "Prediction of Repeat-Dose Systemic Toxicity: Multi Organ on a Chip Based Models Status form a US Regulatory Aspect," L'Oreal, Aulnay, France, November 3-5, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Applications for Drug Discovery and Regenerative Medicine," BioFlorida, Orlando, FL, October 11-13, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, X. Guo, A.S.T. Smith, C.J. Long, A. Colon, "Development of an In Vitro Model of the Human Reflex Arc for Understanding Disease and Injury in the Spinal Cord," BMES 2015 Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 7-10, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integrated Functional in Vitro Systems for Toxicology and Drug Discovery Applications, Lab-on-a-Chip, Microfluidics & Microarrays World Congress, San Diego, CA, September 29-30, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery," Department of Chemical Engineering Distinguished Seminar Speaker, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, September 11, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regulatory Issues for Validation and Qualification for New Human-On-A-Chip Systems," 5th International Conference and Exhibition on Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs, Orlando, FL, August 03-05, 2015. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human-on-a-Chip Systems to Direct or Possible Augment Clinical Trials," International Conference on Clinical Trials, Orlando, FL, July 27-29, 2015. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery," Select Biosciences Organ-on-a-Chip and 3D Printing in the Life Sciences Conference, Boston, MA, July 8-9, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Utilizing a WGM Sensor System to Understand Protein Adsorption and Denaturation on Modified Surfaces and How it Affects Subsequent Cell Culture," FL AVS, Orlando, FL, March 9-10, 2015. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Body-on-a-Chip Systems for Toxicological Evaluations," Organotypic Culture Models for Toxicology, Boston, MA, November 17-19, 2014. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Basics of Integrating Cells with Microfluidic Devices for Long-Term Cell Survival and Function in Organ-on-a-Chip Devices," Short course on microfluidics and cell culture chips, Organotypic Culture Models for Toxicology, Boston, MA, November 17-19, 2014. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology Applications," Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Cornell University, September 4, 2014. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Functional CNS and PNS In Vitro Models Composed of Human Cells," Florida Brain Project Symposium, Tallahassee, FL, July 28-29, 2014. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Body-on-a-Chip Systems Utilizing CDI Cells," CDI User Meeting, Boston, MA, August 11-13, 2014. **Invited**.
- Kelley and J.J. Hickman, "Validation and Qualification of New In Vitro Technologies for Drug Development," 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences (WC9), Prague, Czech Republic, August 24-28, 2014. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human Stem Cell Derived Body-on-a-Chip Systems for Drug Discovery and Toxicology," Stem Cell Research & Regenerative Medicine Conference, Cambridge, MA, April 23-25, 2014. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Microphysiological Systems and Low Cost Microfluidic Platform with Analytics" DARPA-NIH MPS meeting, Bethesda, MD., January 29-31, 2014.
- J.J. Hickman, "Replacing Animals with Human Body-on-a-chip Systems for Drug Discovery and Toxicology Applications" USF College of Engineering, Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Department Seminar Series, January 10, 2014. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman and M.L. Shuler, "Low Cost Microphysiological System with Analytics," TERMIS-AM 2013, Atlanta, GA, November 10-13, 2013.
- J.J. Hickman and M.L. Shuler, "Low Cost Microphysiological Systems with Analytics," BMES 2013 Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, September 25-28, 2013.
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of CDI Neurons and Cardiac Cells in Functional Modules for Body-on-a Chip Applications" CDI User Meeting, Madison, WI., August 26-28, 2013. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Grand Challenges in Mapping the Human Brain: NSF Workshop Report" NSF Workshop on Mapping and Engineering the Brain panel participant, Arlington, VA., August 13-14, 2013.
- J.J. Hickman, "Small Molecule Induction of Human Umbilical Stem Cells into Functional Oligodendrocytes and Astrocytes" Medicinal Chemistry Conference, Napa, CA., July 17-20, 2013. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery and Toxicology Applications" L'Oreal, Paris, France. June 22-29, 2013. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Design and Construction of Cognitive Function Test Beds Using Experimental and Simulation Based Approaches" ACS FAME conference, Clearwater, FL., May 9-11, 2013. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Systems for Preclinical Drug Discovery Applications" University of California, Berkeley, February 8, 2013. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Microphysiological Systems and Low Cost Microfluidic Platform with Analytics" DARPA-NIH MPS meeting, Bethesda, MD., January 30-February 1, 2013.
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems Derived from Human Stem Cells for Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery" 9th Stem Cell Research & Therapeutics Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 24-26, 2012.

- J.J. Hickman, "Microphysiological Systems and Low Cost Microfluidic Platform with Analytics" DARPA-NIH MPS meeting, Bethesda, MD., October 1-2, 2012.
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with silicon Devices Via Surface Microengineering for the Creation of Functional In Vitro Systems" University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, September 3, 2012. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems for Toxicology and Drug Discovery Applications" September 5-8, 2012, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (TERMIS) conference, Vienna, Austria. Co-organizer, **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Hybrid Biological/Non-Biological Actuation System to Enable Direct Integration of a Prosthetic to an Amputation Site" February 22-23, 2012, Neuroprosthetics 2012, Worcester, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Is 3D Always Necessary for Recapitulating Function for In Vitro Tissue Engineered Systems?" November 17-19, 2011, CHI's Predictive Functional Human Tissue Models Conference, Boston, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems for the Development of Therapeutics and Counter Measures" November 14-18, 2011, Chemical & Biological Defense Science & Technology Conference, Las Vegas, NV. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Remyelination Systems and MS" October 22, 2011, NMSS FLC 2011 Research Symposium and Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Quantification and Structure Evaluation of Protein Adsorbed at Defined Interfaces Utilizing a Whispering Gallery Mode Sensor" September 29, 2011, NanoFlorida, Miami, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems" September 8-10, 2011, GE, Albany, NY. Invited
- K.A. Wilson, C.A. Finch, P. Anderson, F. Vollmer and J.J. Hickman, "Quantification and Structure Evaluation of Protein Adsorbed at Defined Interfaces and its Effect on Subsequent Cell Culture" June 20-22, 2011, 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Polymer Surface Modification: Relevance to Adhesion, Danbury, CT. **Invited**.
- J.J. Hickman, "Engineered Functional In Vitro Systems as a Next Generation of Drug Discovery Tools and Models", Jan. 24, 2011, University of Florida, Joseph & Leila Applebaum Visiting Professorship Lecture in Health Sciences, Gainesville, FL. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Neuronal and Cardiac Systems for Drug Discovery Applications," Jan 21, 2011, Scripps Florida, Jupiter, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "In Vitro Model Systems for NMJ Formation Utilizing Motoneurons from ADULT RAT, MOUSE and SOD1 Transgenic Mouse," Dec 11-13, 2010, ALS/MND, Orlando, FL.
- J.J. Hickman, "Engineering a Functional In Vitro Model of the Spinal Stretch Reflex Arc," Dec 5-8, 2010, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society-North America, Orlando, FL. **Invited**/ Session Chair
- J.J. Hickman, "AIMBE Plan for Facilitating the Validation and Qualification of New Technologies in the FDA Approval Process by Leveraging the NIH, FDA Joint Initiative in Regulatory Science to Include Engineering," Oct 7, 2010, BMES, Austin, TX. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In vitro Tissue Engineering of Functional Neuronal and Cardiac Systems," Sept 17, 2010, FIU Lecture Series, Florida International University. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Plan for Facilitating Validation/Qualification of New Technologies in FDA Approval Process by Leveraging NIH/FDA Joint Initiative in Regulatory Science and Engineering," June 2, 2010, FDA Public Meeting, Washington, DC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regeneration of Adult Rat, Mouse and Human Neurons in a Defined In Vitro System," Feb 28-Mar 3, 2010, 7th GCNN Annual Meeting, Radisson Blu Arlandia Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, ""Functional In vitro Systems as Models for the Next Generation of Systems Biology Research and Applications," Feb 23 -26, 2010, Unither Nanomedical & Telemedical Technology Conference, Quebec, CDN. **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems as Models for Neurological Diseases, Neuroregeneration, and Novel High Information Content Screens," November 19, 2009, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Engineering Functional In Vitro Systems from Human Cells Opportunities for Novel Assay Development," November 9-10, 2009, National Institutes of Health, MLPCN Steering Committee Meeting, Boston, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems as Models for the Next Generation of Systems Biology Research and Applications," August 19, 2009, Burnham Institute, La Jolla, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development of Hybrid Biological/Non-Biological Systems as the Next Generation Fieldable Tissue Based Sensors for Application in CBW Detection and Medical Diagnostics," August 18, 2009, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Albuquerque, NM. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "In Vitro Models for Biodefense," July 28, 2009, Product Line Review (TATRC), Fredricksburg, MD.
- J.J. Hickman, "Nanoscale Interface Design to Enable Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for In Vitro Tissue Engineering Applications," June 2-5, 2009, Co-Director and U.S. Scientific Committee, NanoRomania, Iasi, Romania. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for Neuronal Tissue Engineering Applications," May 7, 2009, Harvard University, Boston, MA, **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems as Models for Neurological and Cardiac Diseases and Deficits in High-Content, High-Throughput Screens," May 6, 2009, Genzyme, Boston, MA, **Invited.**
- J.J. Hickman, "Engineered Networks of Cultured Neurons from Embryonic and Adult Rodent as well as Human Brain for Understanding Neurodegenerative Disorders," March 24, 2009, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices for Neuronal Tissue Engineering Applications," January 30, 2009, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering to Create Functional in vitro Systems as Models for Neurological and Cardiac Diseases and Deficits," January 14, 2009, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems as Models for Neurological and Cardiac Diseases and Deficits," December 19, 2008, Burnham Institute, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Systems as Models for Neurological and Cardiac Diseases and Deficits," December 7, 2008, Burnham Institute, La Jolla, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Temporal Neurotransmitter Conditioning and Neuroprotection by Ceria Nanoparticles Enables Adult Rat Spinal Cord Neuron Regeneration," December 7-10, 2008, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) North America (NA), La Jolla, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "New In Vitro Model Systems for Alzheimer's Disease," Nov 21-22, 2008, UK-US Alzheimer's Disease Symposium, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Miami, FL.
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering for the Creation of Functional In Vitro Systems," November 7, 2008, MMAE, UCF, Orlando, FL.
- J.J. Hickman, "Cell Based Systems for Diagnostics and Therapeutic Applications," October 17, 2008, FCoE-BITT Symposium on Detection, Diagnostics and Therapeutics, Tampa, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biomedical Science and Technology Applications Utilizing Nanotechnology, Specifically in Regenerative Medicine," September, 27, 2008, NanoFlorida, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Information Processing May Have Correlates with Quantum Information Processing," August 24-26, 2008, Unconventional Computing Conference, Vienna, Austria. **Keynote**
- J.J. Hickman, "Auto-catalytic Ceria Nanoparticles Offer Neuroprotection to Adult Rat Spinal Cord Neurons," April 3, 2008, 1st Annual Unither Nanomedical & Telemedical Technology Conference, Quebec, Canada. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Understanding Protein and Extracellular Matrix Deposition at Biomaterial Interfaces," December 9-12, 2007, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), Chennai, India. Keynote Speaker. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regeneration and Functional Recovery of Adult Spinal Cord and Hippocampal Neurons In Vitro," December 9-12, 2007, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), Chennai, India. Keynote Speaker. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regeneration and Functional Recovery of Adult Spinal Cord Neurons *in Vitro*," Sept. 21, 2007, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Human *in vitro* Lung Model for Infectious Diseases," August 6, 2007, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Louisville, KY. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Regeneration and Functional Recovery of Adult Spinal Cord Neurons In Vitro," March 9, 2007, Eleventh Annual Hilton Head Workshop: Engineering Tissues: Replacement, Repair, Regenerate, Hilton Head, SC.
- J.J. Hickman, "Fabrication of Neuronal Circuits in 2D and 3D Utilizing Embryonic and Adult Cells," December 14-18, 2006, Biomaterials from 2D to 3D to larger than life: A symposium on the future of biomaterials, Maui, HI.

- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering for Applications for ALS, SCI, Alzheimer's and other Neurodegenerative Diseases," December 8, 2006, The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Auto-catalytic Ceria Nanoparticles Offer Neuroprotection to Adult Rat Spinal Cord Neurons," October 10, 2006, BioStar & ICBN 2006, Stuttgart, Germany.
- J.J. Hickman, "Mechanistic Evaluation of Airborne Particulates using Neuronal Based Assays," August 9, 2006, 9th Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Albuquerque, NM. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Creation of Functional Cellular Circuits and Their Integration with Silicon-based Devices for Biosensor Application," August 10, 2006, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Albuquerque, NM. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Auto-catalytic Ceria Naoparticles Offer Neuroprotection to Adult Rat Spinal Cord Neurons," July 28, 2006, Alexandra Ion Cuza University, Iasi, Romania. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Nanoscience Applications for Surrogate Biological Systems," March 12-16, 2006, Annual Joint Symposium, Florida Chapter of the AVS, Science & Technology Society & the Florida Society for Microscopy, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Functional In Vitro Models of Neurodegenerative Diseases," February 22, 2006, BioFlorida, West Palm Beach, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Interface Design and Analysis for Tissue Engineering," December 4, 2005, Society for Basic Urologic Research, Miami Beach, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," November 11, 2005, Science Seminar Series, Daytona Beach Community College, Daytona Beach, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "In Vitro Systems," National Science Foundation, September 20, 2005, Washington, DC. Invited
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," Zyvex Corporation, July 18, 2005, Richardson, TX. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Hybrid in Vitro Systems for Toxin Detection, Functional Drug Screening and as Disease Models," Florida TechTransfer Conference, May 18-19, 2005, Orlando, FL **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Creation of Cellular Circuits and Their Integration with Silicon-based Devices for Biological Applications," FL ASM, March 31- April 2, 2005, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Analysis of Protein Adsorption under Flow and Static Conditions in Microfluidic Devices," FL AVS, March 14-16, 2005, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Nanotechnology," NSF-UCF Workshop on Nanotechnology for K-12 Teachers and Students, January 22, 2005, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Creation of Neuronal Circuits and Their Integration with Silicon-based Devices for Biological Computation Applications," IASTED, CSS 2004, November 28 December 1, 2004, Clearwater Beach, FL. Keynote Speaker. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, M. Das, C. Gregory, L. Reidel, P. Molnar, J. Kang, C. Chun and K. Wilson, "Stretch Reflex Arc *In Vitro* a Functional Model for ALS Research," BioFlorida Symposium, October 16-18, 2004, Boca Raton, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluids Model," DARPA Simbiosys meeting, October 10-12, 2003, Vail, CO. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Building Hybrid Neuroelectric Systems," Western North Carolina Society for Neuroscience Symposium, May 4, 2004, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface MicroEngineering," National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, April 23, 2004, Rockville, MD. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Direct Monitoring of Signal Pathways by Extracellular Electrophysiology of Neurons," DARPA/DSO workshop, April 22, 2004, Arlington, VA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Engineering Cardiac Myocyte Hybrid Systems Applications for Biocompatibility, Toxin Detection and High-throughput Screening," 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hilton Head Workshop, Cardiovascular Tissue Engineering, March 6-10, 2004, Hilton Head, SC.
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluidics Model," DARPA Simbiosys Meeting, March 2-3, 2004, Palm Springs, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Adult Motoneurons in a Defined *In Vitro* System," Winter Conference of Neural Plasticity, February 21-26, 2004, St. Lucia, West Indies. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering to Build Hybrid Neuroelectric Devices," Mechanical Engineering Seminar Series at LSU, February 12, 2004, Baton Rouge, LA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, K. Lenghaus, D. Henry, P. Molnar, K. Wilson, M. Das, S. Sundaram and J. Jenkins, "Building Hybrid Cellular Systems," HSARPA Bioinformatics and Advance Assay Workshop, February 3, 2004, Washington DC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Hybrid Biological/Non-N'iological Constructs for Robotic Control Applications," DARPA Bio:Info:Micro PI meeting, November 5-6, 2003, San Francisco, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, K. Lenghaus, D. Henry, J. Dale, K. Wilson, A. Bhattacharyva, S. Sundaram and J. Jemkins, "Experimental and Theoretical Examination of Protein Adsorption on Static and Flow Conditions," 204<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Electrochemical Society, October 14, Orlando, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Building Hybrid Neuroelectric Devices," University of Southern California Provost's Neuroscience Symposium, October 9, 2003, Los Angeles, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development of Hybrid Cellular Systems via Surface Microengineering," Georgia Institute of Technology, September 25, 2003, Atlanta, GA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluids Model," Joint DARPA BioFlips / Simbiosys meeting, September 10-12, 2003, Monterey, CA. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Building Minimalistic Hybrid Neuroelectric Devices," University of Southern California, September 8, 2003, Los Angeles, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Neuronal Systems with Silicon Microstructures for New Hybrid Diagnostic Devices," Neuroscience Grand Rounds, Medical University of South Carolina, August 14, 2003, Charleston, SC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," North Carolina State University/University of North Carolina Joint Seminar Series. June 4-6, 2003, Raleigh, NC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," "Workshop on Nonlinear Dynamics, Control & Guidance of Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles". May 29-30, 2003, Gainesville, FL. **Invited**
- M. Das, C. Gregory, A. Narayanan, P. Molnar, H. Devaraj, M. Poeta, J.J. Hickman, "Defined System for Investigating Spinal Motoneuron Directed Growth," Society for Biomaterials Annual Meeting, May 3, 2003, Reno, NV.
- J.J. Hickman, "Toward Understanding the Effects of Surface Modification on the Biointerface in Biosensors," 225th ACS National Meeting, March 23-27, 2003, New Orleans, LA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "The Role of Chemistry in Biomedical Sciences," Chemistry Department, North Carolina State University, March 20, 2003, Raleigh, NC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering to Create Minimalistic Cellular Systems," Winter Conference of Neural Plasticity, February 27, 2003, Guadeloupe, French Antilles. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluids Model," Joint DARPA BioFlips / Simbiosys meeting, February 5-7, 2003, Santa Barbara, CA.
- J.J. Hickman, "An In Vitro Model of the Reflex Arc for Rehabilitation," NIH, NINDS and NIBIB, December 13, 2002, Rockville, MD.
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," Bioengineering Dept., University of Florida, November 26, 2002, Gainesville, FL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," AVS International Symposium, November 4-8, 2002, Denver, CO.
- J.J. Hickman, "Hybrid Biological/Non-Biological Constructs for Robotic Control Applications," Bio:Info:Micro Program PI meeting, October 31, 2002, Boston, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," University of South Carolina, October 21, 2002, Columbia, SC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," BioDevice Interface Science and Technology Workshop, September 9, 2002, Scottsdale, AZ. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Proteins with Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," Clemson University Biochemistry and Genetics Department, August 30, 2002, Clemson, SC. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluidic Model," Joint DARPA Bioflips/Simbiosys PI Meeting, August 21-23, 2002, Portland, OR. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Proteins and Cells as Components for Microdevices and Engineered Tissues," SC Bio-X Retreat, July 22, 2002, Charleston, SC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Nanoscale Surface Manipulation to Build Hybrid Devices for Sensor Applications," 20<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Energy Engineering Sciences, Argonne National Laboratory, May 21, 2002, Chicago, IL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," University of Southern California, March 19, 2002, Los Angeles, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects In a Fluidics Model," Joint DARPA BIOFLIPS/SIMBIOSYS PI Meeting, February 20, 2002, Miami, FL.
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons Components as Engineered Devices and Tissues," Medical University of South Carolina, January 24, 2002, Charleston, SC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as Components in Engineered Tissue Sensors," DARPA sponsored workshop on TCAD, December 5, 2001, Arlington, VA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neuronal Cells as Components in Devices and Engineered Tissue," Vanderbilt University, December 3, 2001, Nashville, TN. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, P. Molnar, G. Jacob, M. Das, T. Tauber, "The Use of Surface Composition to Control Cell Phenotype Expression," American Vacuum Society, November 1, 2001, San Francisco, CA.
- J.J. Hickman, "Integration of Cells and Silicon Devices via Surface Microengineering," BioMEMS and Biomedical Nanotechnology World 2001, September 22, 2001, Columbus, OH. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Development and Experimental Verification of Surface Effects in a Fluidics Model," DARPA Bioflips/Simbiosys Program Meeting, August 10, 2001, Honolulu, HI. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Information Processing and Systems," Meeting of the Council on Energy Engineered Research, August 6, 2001, Dept. of Energy, MD. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," University of Heidelberg, Dept. of Physical Chemistry, July 2, 2001, Heidelberg, Germany. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neuronal and Cardiac Cells as Components in Devices and the Effects of a Defined System on Cell Functions," Max-Planck Workshop on Cell/Substrate Interactions, June 29, 2001, Bavaria, Germany. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Function-Based Biosensors for Use in Hazardous Waste Remediation," Argonne National Laboratory, May 21, 2001, Argonne, IL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for Neuronal Tissue Engineering Applications," February 21-25, 2001, Hilton Head, SC.
- J.J. Hickman, "Bioengineering in the 21st Century: Cells as Components in Engineered Devices and Tissues," Hunter Honors Lecture, Department of Bioengineering, Clemson University, April 6, 2001, Clemson, SC. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Computation: How does Biology do Information Technology," Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, January 31, 2001, Irvine, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Report on Biological Information Processing and Systems," Oak Ridge National Laboratory, January 22, 2001, Oak Ridge, TN.
- J.J. Hickman, "Constructing Simple Hybrid Neuronal Devices," Joint DOE/NSF Workshop, January 19, 2001, Clemson, SC. Invited
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," Biological Sciences Directorate, National Science Foundation, January 9, 2001, Washington, D.C. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Using Microfluidics and MEMS Sensors to Program Cells," DARPA Workshop, December 12-13, 2000, Scottsdale, AZ. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Bioengineering in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Panel session, University of California-Berkeley, November 14, 2000, Berkeley, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," University of California-San Diego, November 10, 2000, San Diego, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," Electrical Engineering Seminar, Clemson University, October 25, 2000, Clemson, SC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Computations: How does biology do information technology?," National Science Foundation, Biocomputation Workshop, Washington, D.C., (September 21, 2000). **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," American Vacuum Society 47<sup>th</sup> International Symposium, October 3, 2000, Boston, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," The Johns Hopkins University, Department of Biomedical Engineering, September 29, 2000, Baltimore, MD. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design as an Enabling Step for Hybrid Cell-Based Biosensors and Computational Devices," Nanoengineering Workshop, University of California-Berkeley, August 5, 2000, Berkeley, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, D.R. Jung, R.S. Sathanoori and M.G. Coulombe, "XPS Analysis of Protein Deposited by Cells in a Defined *In Vitro* Culture System and its Relation to Cellular Health," 6<sup>th</sup> World Biomaterials Conference, May 16-21, 2000, Kamuela, HI.
- J.J. Hickman, W. Ma, R.S. Sathanoori and M.G. Coulombe, "Manipulation of Cell Phenotype Expression of Cortical Neurons by Growth on Artificial Surfaces," 6<sup>th</sup> World Biomaterials Conference, May 16-21, 2000, Kamuela, HI.
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," Rockwell International, January 22, 2000, Thousand Oaks, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," Clemson University, Department of Bioengineering, December 7, 2000, Clemson, SC. **Invited**

- J.J. Hickman, M.S. Ravenscroft and H. Canavan, "Cells and Cellular Networks as Sensor Elements for Toxin Detection," Society for Professional and Industrial Engineers, September 22, 1999, Boston, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, M.S. Ravenscroft, H. Canavan and V. Krauthamer, "Biocompatibility of Cardiac Cells on Silane-Modified Surfaces," American Vacuum Society Meeting, Biomaterial Interfaces Group, October 27, 1999.
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for Cardiac and Neuronal Systems," University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School, Department of Bioengineering, June 15, 1999, Chicago, IL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for *In Vitro* and *In Vivo* Applications," The Johns Hopkins University, May 24, 1999, Baltimore, MD. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Bioengineering, May 13, 1999, Chicago, IL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface design for both *In Vivo* and *In Vitro* Applications," Syracuse University, May 6, 1999, Syracuse, NY. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Neurons as the Basis for Sensors and Information Technology Peripherals," The Institute for Genomic Research, May 5, 1999, Gaithersburg, MD. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for *In Vitro* and *In Vivo* Applications," Department of Applied Physics, Chalmers University of Technology, April 28, 1999, Gothenburg, Sweden. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for Sensor Applications," International Workshop on Biosensors Utilizing Lipid Bilayer Membranes, Max-Planck-Institute for Polymer Research, April 22-25, 1999, Mainz, Germany. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," Oak Ridge National Laboratory, April 6, 1999, Oak Ridge, TN. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Patterned Neuronal Networks for Applications in Biocomputing," National American Chemical Society Meeting, March 21-25, 1999, Anaheim, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for *In Vitro* and *In Vivo* Applications," Northwestern University, January 21, 1999, Evanston, IL. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Creating Cellular Networks for Biosensor Applications," Gordon Research Conference on Bioanalytical Sensors, January 10-15, 1999, Ventura, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Monolayers as Templates for Neuronal Circut Design," Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting, October 10-13, 1998, Cleveland, OH. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components of Sensors and Computational Devices," Microsystems Technology in Medicine and Biology, April 15-16, 1998, Boston, MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, M.G. Coulombe, W. Ma, D.R. Jung and R. Sathanoori, "Surface Modification as a Method for Making CNS Implants Biocompatible," National American Chemical Society Meeting, September 8-11, 1997, Las Vegas, NV.

- J.J. Hickman, "Monitoring Protein Deposition During *In Vitro* Cell Culture as a Diagnostic for Biosensor and Neuronal Circuit Construction," 1st International Symposium on Ordered Proteins at Interfaces, University of Washington, August 17-19, 1997, Seattle, WA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Cell-Based Sensors," Commercial Applications for Organo Electronic Materials, February 5-7, 1996, Los Angeles, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for Neuronal Networks," Commercial Applications for Organo Electronic Materials, February 5-7, 1996, Los Angeles, CA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Living Neural Cells as Components in Sensors and Computational Devices," VLSI Seminar Series, MIT, May 6, 1997, Cambridge MA. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for Neuronal Sensors, Circuits, and Implants," Biotechnology Division, NIST, February 24, 1997, Germantown, MD. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, M.G. Coulombe, W. Ma and D. Jung "Surface Modification as a Method for Making CNS Implants Biocompatible," Annual Meeting of the Society for Biomaterials, April 30, 1997, New Orleans, LA.
- J.J. Hickman, D.A. Stenger and G.T.A. Kovacs, "Biosensors Utilizing Neural Cells as Sensing Elements," Society for Neuroscience, November 17, 1996, Washington DC.
- J.J. Hickman, K.E. Foster, D.R. Jung, M.G. Coulombe, A.E. Schaffner and J.L. Barker. "Monolayers as Templates for Biocompatible Interface Design," National Symposium of the American Vacuum Society," October, 1995, Washington, DC. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, M.A. Testoff, D.A. Stenger, B.J. Spargo, A.S. Rudolph and C.C. Chu, "Surface Characterization of Bioadsorbable Polymers Modified with Self-Assembled Monolayers," National American Chemical Society Meeting, August 22-27, 1993, Seattle, WA. **Session Chair**
- J.J. Hickman, "Patterned Self-Assembled Monolayers as Templates for Controlled *In Vitro* Cellular Networks," Gordon Research Conference on Biocompatibility and Biomaterials, July 12-16, 1993, Tilton School, Tilton, NH. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, J. Georger, M. Anderson, G.L. Bergeron and D. Kirkpatrick, "Ungated Vacuum Field Emission from Ordered Arrays of Microlithographically Defined Cylinders," Spring Meeting, Materials Research Society, April 27, 1993, San Francisco, CA.
- J.J. Hickman, "Biological Interface Design for *In Vitro* Cellular Systems," James Madison University, April 2, 1993. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, D.A. Stenger, A.E. Schaffner and J.L. Barker, "The Use of Monolayers as Templates for Biocompatibility Studies," National American Chemical Society Meeting, March 1993, Denver, CO.
- J.J. Hickman and D.A. Stenger, "Self-Assembled Monolayer Templates for Neuron Culture," National Symposium of the American Vacuum Society and Topical Conference, November 9-13, 1992, Chicago, IL.
- J.J. Hickman, D.A. Stenger, S.K. Bhatia, J.H. Georger and P.E. Schoen, "Characterization of Patterned Co-planar Silane Monolayers and Their Use for Selective Cell and Protein Adhesion," National Symposium of the American Vacuum Society, November 1991, Seattle, WA.

- J.J. Hickman, "Surface Chemistry of TaSi<sub>2</sub>/Si Eutectic Cold Cathodes," Department of Chemistry, Cambridge University, England, September, 1991. **Invited**
- J.J. Hickman, C. Zou, D. Ofer and M.S. Wrighton, "Combining Coordination Chemistry with Microfabrication to Pattern Surfaces with Redox Active Molecules," National American Chemical Society Meeting, March 1991, Atlanta, GA.
- J.J. Hickman and M.S. Wrighton, "Correlation of Electrochemistry with Face-Specific Interaction of Anionic Sulfur Donor Species with Oriented Single Crystals of Cadmium Chalcogenides," National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, September 1989, Miami, FL