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	<b>Helmholtz-Institut Mainz, Mainz, Germany</b>	<b>Jan. 2015 – Sept. 2020</b>
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INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES	<p>[106] J. W. Blanchard. Magnetic Resonance: Quantum Medicine and Quantum Sensing. Howard County Innovation Summit. June 3, 2025 in Laurel, MD, USA.</p> <p>[107] J. W. Blanchard for the CASPEr Collaboration. NMR Meets Dark Matter: The Cosmic Axion Spin Precession Experiment (CASPEr). IoP Public Lecture. October 26, 2016 in Leeds, UK.</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA</b></p> <p><i>Head Graduate Student Instructor</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>Spring 2013</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Graduate Student Instructor for Chemistry 1A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered introductory chemistry lectures to 800+ undergraduate students</li> <li>• Developed instructional materials, exams, and demonstrations</li> <li>• Implemented hybrid in-person/online course design</li> <li>• Oversaw a team of Graduate Student Instructors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>Fall 2010 and Spring 2012</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Student Instructor for Chemistry 1A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction of introductory chemistry laboratory and discussion sessions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
STUDENT MENTORING	<p>Quantum Technology Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD <span style="float: right;"><b>2022 – Current</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 graduate students, 2 postdoctoral researchers</li> </ul> <p>Helmholtz-Institut Mainz, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, Germany <span style="float: right;"><b>2015 – 2020</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Doctoral, 6 Masters students</li> </ul>
SERVICE	<p>Reviewer for ACS, APS, AIP, RSC, AAAS, Elsevier, Springer Nature, US National Science Foundation, Polish National Science Center, and European Research Council</p> <p>Academic Unit Review Committee, Institute for Research in Electronics and Applied Physics (IREAP), University of Maryland <span style="float: right;"><b>2025</b></span></p> <p>Independent assessment panelist for National Nuclear Security Administration, US Department of Energy <span style="float: right;"><b>2024</b></span></p> <p>Member of Supervisory Board for ZULF ITN Collaboration Network <span style="float: right;"><b>2018 – 2020</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network for zero- to ultralow-field nuclear magnetic resonance</li> </ul> <p>Bay Area Scientists in Schools (BASIS), <span style="float: right;"><b>2011 – 2014</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach</li> </ul>

Graduate Life Committee,

2011 – 2014

- Student advocacy

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AWARDS

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  - ◊ For “Major advances in nuclear magnetic resonance and magnetic resonance imaging”

Helmholtz Association

- Helmholtz Postdoc Programme, 2015 – 2018

EUROMAR 2014

- Student Travel Grant

John Wiley & Sons

- MRC Award for Young Scientists, 2013

National Science Foundation

- Graduate Research Fellow, 2012 – 2014

University of California, Berkeley

- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2014
- Thelma E. Buchanan Scholarship, 2010 – 2011
- Chemistry Department Scholar, 2010

Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation

- Beckman Scholar, 2009 – 2010

Arizona State University

- Hypercube Award, 2010
- Therald Moeller Award, 2007