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## Education

Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1334 (1994-2000)

Led a multidisciplinary team to develop hyperspectral imaging equipment for Kodak Corporation. Modeled and prototyped calibration phantoms for small animal fluorescence imaging. Performed research in advanced microscopy techniques including hyperspectral, high resolution, and darkfield imaging. Developed methods for growing and imaging bovine aortic endothelial cells under shear conditions. Designed and patented a novel macroscopic and microscopic imaging endoscope.

Advisor: Dr. Pedro E. Arce

Other accomplishments: Graduated cum laude and with Honors in the Major.

International Baccalaureate (I.B.) degree, James S. Rickards High School, Tallahassee, FL 32301 1994-1998

International Baccalaureate is an internationally recognized degree of secondary education. Received 34 hours of college credit for advanced high

Instructor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL  
(2008)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Early Career Reviewer Program, Center for Scientific Review, NIH (2015)

This program selects outstanding early career stage investigators to serve on standing study sections at NIH.

Ronald W. Dollens Graduate Scholarship, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 47907  
(2007)

Awarded to fund outstanding graduate students in biomedical engineering and industrial pharmacy.

Integrative Graduate Education and Res

Naga Annamdevula (M.S., University of South Alabama, 2012):

Zi Xiu Wang (B.S., University of South Alabama, 2010): + R Q R U b e m Undergraduate Thesis  
model for FRET efficiencies in varying cellular microenvironments and equipment  
configurations

Molly Fu (B.S., Purdue, 2007): 2 years of undergraduate research.

Jasmin Nwachokor (B.S., Texas A&M, 2009): Summer undergraduate research.

Mark Koivuniemi (Park Tudor High School, Indianapolis, 2006): \* O R E D O 6 F K R O D U ¶ V 3

#### Proposals Funded (Reverse Chronological Order)

1. Thomas Rich (PI), Silas Leavesley (CoPI), Mark Taylor (CoI), Zeiss LSM 980 Airyscan  
confocal microscope NIH: S10OD028606 (6/15/2020-6/14/2021). \$600,000 (plus cost  
share)
2. Na Gong (PI), Shenghua (CoPI), Silas Leavesley

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11. Yuanyuan Xu, Yuqing Jiang, Ce Li, Midi He, W. George Rusyniak, Naga Annamdevula, Juan Ochoa, Silas J Leavesley, Jiangping Xu, Thomas C Rich, Mike T Lin, Xiang Zha. Human ASIC1a mediates stronger acid-induced responses as compared to mouse ASIC1a. *FASEB Journal* 32, 3832-3843 (2018) PMID: PMC5998965

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5. Sean Mobilia, Birsen Sirkeci-Mergen, Joshua Deal, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Classification of hyperspectral colon cancer images using convolutional neural networks. IEEE Signal Processing Society, Proc. DSW, 1077 (2019).
6. Craig M. Browning, Mayes Samuel, Joshua Deal, Arslan Adis, Samantha Gunn Mayes, Marina Parker, Thomas C. Rich, and Silas J. Leavesley. Sensitivity Analysis of a Multibranch Light Guide for Real Time Hyperspectral Imaging Systems. Proc. SPIE 10871, Multimodal Biomedical Imaging XIV 1087107 (2019)
7. Silas J Leavesley John Robert Griswold, Joshua Deal, Kathleen McAlister, Sam Mayes, Craig Browning, Marina Parker, Samantha Gunn Mayes, and Thomas C. Rich. Hyperspectral Imaging Fluorescence Excitation Scanning (HIFEX) Microscopy for Live Cell Imaging. Proc. SPIE 10883, Three Dimensional and Multidimensional Microscopy: Image Acquisition and Processing XXVI 108831A (2019)
8. Samantha Gunn Mayes Samuel A Mayes, Craig Browning, Marina Parker, Thomas C Rich, and Silas J Leavesley. Spherical Mirror Based Illumination System for Fluorescence Excitation Scanning Hyperspectral Imaging. Proc. SPIE 10881, Imaging, Manipulation, and Analysis of Biomolecules, Cells, and Tissues XVI 108810N (2019)
9. Marina Parker, Craig M Browning, Thomas C Rich, and Silas J. Leavesley. Optimization of Light Transmission through an Excitation Scan Hyperspectral Mirror Array System. Proc. SPIE 10881, Imaging, Manipulation, and Analysis of Biomolecules, Cells, and Tissues XVII, 108810Q (2019)
10. Thomas C Rich, J. R. Griswold, Joshua Deal, Nagnam Amdevula, Kathleen McAlister, Samuel Mayes, Craig Browning, Marina Parker, and Silas J. Leavesley. Hyperspectral Imaging Microscopy for Measurement of Localized Second Messenger Signals in Single Cells. Proc. SPIE 10881, Imaging, Manipulation, and Analysis of Biomolecules, Cells, and Tissues XVII | 108811F (2019)
11. Joshua Deal, Thomas C Rich, and Silas J. Leavesley. Optimizing Channel Selection for Excitation-Scanning Hyperspectral Imaging. Proc. SPIE 10881, Imaging, Manipulation, and Analysis of Biomolecules, Cells, and Tissues XVII | 108811B (2019)
12. Joshua Deal, Stuart McFarland, Anna Robinson, Anna Alford, David Weber, Thomas C Rich, and Silas J. Leavesley. Hyperspectral Imaging Fluorescence Excitation Scanning Spectral Characteristics of Remodeled Mouse Arteries. Proc. SPIE 10890 Label-free Biomedical Imaging and Sensing (LBIS) 2019 108902M (2019)
13. Craig M. Browning, Samuel Mayes, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Endoscopic hyperspectral imaging: light guide optimization for spectral light source. SPIE 10487, Multimodal Biomedical Imaging XIII, 104870H (2018)
14. Joshua Deal, Bradley Harris, Will Martin, Malvika Lall, Carmen Lopez, Paul Rider, Carole Boudreaux, Thomas Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Demystifying autofluorescence with excitation scanning hyperspectral imaging. Proc. SPIE 10497, Imaging, Manipulation, and Analysis of Biomolecules, Cells, and Tissues XVI, 1049715 (2018)
15. Silas J. Leavesley, Joshua Deal, Shante Hill, Will A. Martin, Malvika Lall, Carmen Lopez, Paul F. Rider, Thomas C. Rich, Carole W. Boudreaux. Colorectal cancer detection by hyperspectral imaging using fluorescence excitation scanning. Proc. SPIE 10489, Optical Biopsy XVI: Toward Real Time Spectroscopic Imaging and Diagnosis 104890K (2018)
16. Sam A. Mayes, Kaysie Moore, Craig Browning, Phiwat Klomkaew, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Applications and assessment of an excitation scanning hyperspectral imaging

system. Proc. SPIE 10497, Imaging, Manipulation, and Analysis of Biomolecules, Cells, and Tissues XVI, 1049706 (2018)

17. Malvika Lall, Joshua Deal, Shante Hill, Paul F. Rider, Carole W. Boudreaux, Thomas C. Rich, Silas Leavesley. Classification of normal and lesioned colon tissue using fluorescence excitation-scanning hyperspectral imaging as a method for early diagnosis of colon cancer. Proc. NCUR1275(2017)
18. Craig M. Browning, Samuel Mayes, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Design of a modified endoscope illuminator for spectral imaging of colorectal tissues. Proc. SPIE 1006015(2017)
19. Silas J. Leavesley, Brenner Sweat, Qai Abbott, Peter F. Favreau, Naga S. Annamdevula, Thomas C. Rich. Comparing methods for analysis of biomedical hyperspectral image data. Proc. SPIE100680S(2017)
20. Joshua Deal, Peter F. Favreau, Carmen Lopez, Malvika Lall, David S. Weber, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Excitation scanning hyperspectral imaging as a means to discriminate various tissues types. Proc. SPIE106816(2017)
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- endothelial cell (PMVEC) barrier permeability. Proc. SBEC, Journal of the Mississippi Academy of Science, 60:S1 2216 (2015).
30. Peter F. Favreau, Thomas C. Rich, Ashley Stringfellow, Diego Alvarez, Prashant Prabhat, Silas J. Leavesley. An excitation-scanning hyperspectral microscope for biomedical imaging of GFP in highly autofluorescent lung tissue. Proc. SBEC, Journal of the Mississippi Academy of Science, 59:S1 (2014)
  31. Naga S. Annamdevula, Andrea Britain, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Hyperspectral FRET imaging and analysis approaches to define cAMP compartmentalization in PMVECs. Proc. SBEC, Journal of the Mississippi Academy of Science, 59:S1 (2014)
  32. Kristal J. Webb, Silas J. Leavesley, Thomas C. Rich. A quantitative evaluation of FRET based cAMP measurements. Proc. SBEC, Journal of the Mississippi Academy of Science, 59:S1 (2014)
  33. Birsen Sirkeci, Mallika Sridhar Keralapura, Serena Coelho, Silas Leavesley, Thomas C. Rich. Linear unmixing of hyperspectral images for analysis of fluorescently labeled cells with imperfect endmember spectra. Proc. ISBI 683 (2013)
  34. Peter F. Favreau, Thomas C. Rich, Prashant Prabhat, Silas J. Leavesley. Tunable thin optical filters for hyperspectral microscopy. Proc. SPIE 8279 (2013)
  35. Samuel H. Russ, Viswakalyan Perepa, Silas Leavesley, Bret Webb. Novel color calibration sensor for embedded environmental monitoring. Proc. of the IEEE SoutheastCon 55 (2010)
  36. Silas Leavesley, J. Paul Robinson. A calibrated tissue photoacoustic small animal fluorescence, n93CID-

silica substrates. Materials Research Society Symposium D Proceedings 909 (2007)

43. Silas Leavesley, Wamiq Ahmed, Bulent Bayraktar, Bartek Rajwa, Jennifer Sturgis, J. Paul Robinson. Multispectral imaging analysis: speed deconvolution and applications in biology. Proc. SPIE 5699 (2005)

### Professional Conference Presentations

Cyto (International Conference of ISAC), Vancouver, BC, Canada (2019)

Joshua Deal, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Hyperspectral Imaging Fluorescence Excitation Scanning (HIFEX) Microscopy for Detection of Calcium Signals in Single Cells

Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference, SBEC, New Orleans, LA (2015)

Joshua Deal, Thomas Rich, Silas Leavesley. Optimizing channel selection for calcium imaging using excitation scanning hyperspectral imaging

Marina Parker, Craig M. Browning, Samantha Gunn Mayes, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Light transmission optimization through an excitation an hyperspectral multi-lens and mirror array system

Frontiers in Imaging Science II (Selected Oral Presentation), Janelia Research Institute, Ashburn, VA (2019)

Silas J. Leavesley. Enhancing high speed and live cell microscopy through fluorescence excitation scanning spectral imaging

The International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), Photonics West, San Francisco, CA (2019)

Craig M. Browning, Mayes Samuel, Joshua Deal, Arslan Arshad, Samantha Gunn Mayes, Marina Parker, Thomas C. Rich, and Silas J. Leavesley. Sensitivity Analysis of a Multibranch Light Guide for Real Time Hyperspectral Imaging Systems

Silas J. Leavesley, John Robert Griswold, Joshua Deal, Kathleen McAlister, Sam Mayes, Craig Browning, Marina Parker, Samantha Gunn Mayes, and Thomas C. Rich. Hyperspectral Imaging Fluorescence Excitation Scanning (HIFEX) Microscopy for Live Cell Imaging

Samantha Gunn Mayes, Samuel A. Mayes, Craig Browning, Marina Parker, Thomas C. Rich, and Silas J. Leavesley. A Spherical Mirror Based IT Q q6.85 T2 Tf 291.65 255.6n BT /TT0 12 Tf re TT0

Cyto (International Conference of ISAC), Prague, Czech Republic (2018)

C. Browning, S. Mayes, T. Rich and S. Leavesley Developing Spectral Imaging Approaches for Autofluorescence Analysis for Endoscopic Applications

J. Icha, S. Leavesley, Nedbal and R. Errington Workshop 14 Photobleaching and Phototoxicity in Live Cell Imaging

S. Leavesley, N. Annamdevula, J. R. Griswold, A. Britain, R. Penn and T. Rich Improving the Accuracy of Spectral FRET Measurements Using Enhanced Spectral Selection for 5 Dimensional FRET Imaging

J. Deal, J. Griswold, N. Annandevula, T. Rich and S. Leavesley Effects of Spectral Bandwidth on Spectral Imaging FRET Measurements

American Thoracic Society (ATS), Washington, D.C. (2017)

Thomas C. Rich, Nag

TC Rich, NS Annamdevula, J Deal, AL Britain, K Trinh, C Hoffma

NanoBio Summit, Atmore, AL (2017)

Silas J. Leavesley Molecular Imaging of Cells and Tissues Using Spectral Imaging  
Approach.

Kristal J. Webb, C. Alex Wiles, Naga Annamdevula, Rachel Sweat, Andrea L. Britain, Anh Phan, Mary I. Townsley, Silas J. Leavesley, and Thomas C. Rich. A mathematical model of calcium and cAMP signaling in pulmonary microvascular endothelial cells

The International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), Photonics West, San Francisco, CA (2016)

Silas J. Leavesley, Mikayla Wheeler, Carmen Lopez, Thomas Baker, Peter F. Favreau, Thomas C. Rich, Paul FRider, Carole W. Boudreau. Hyperspectral imaging fluorescence excitation scanning for detecting colorectal cancer: pilot study

Craig M. Browning, Samuel Mayes, Peter Favreau, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. LED based endoscopic light source for spectral imaging

Peter F. Favreau, Joshua A. Deal, David S. Weber, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Feasibility for detection of autofluorescent signatures in rat organs using a novel excitation scanning hyperspectral imaging system

Samuel A. Mayes, Silas J. Leavesley, Thomas C. Rich. Excitation-scanning hyperspectral imaging system for microscopic and endoscopic applications

Thomas C. Rich, Naga Annamdevula, Andrea L. Britain, Samuel Mayes, Peter F. Favreau, and Silas J. Leavesley. Three dimensional measurement of cAMP gradients using hyperspectral confocal microscopy

International Society for the Advancement of Cytometry (ISAC), CYTO 2015, Glasgow, UK (2015)

Peter F. Favreau, Lauren K. Cichon, Diego F. Alvarez, Thomas C. Rich, Prashant Prabhat, Silas J. Leavesley. Mapping spectral signatures of matrix components in decellularized lungs using excitation-scanning hyperspectral imaging

Silas J. Leavesley, Naga Annamdevula, Andrea Britain, Thomas Rich, and Arie Nakhmani. Analysis of subcellular second messenger signaling events using spectral FRET microscopy and image cytometry approaches

Michael Halter, Silas Leavesley, Stephen Lock. Ask the experts: quality control in image cytometry

American Thoracic Society (ATS), National Conference, Denver, CO (2015)

Thomas C. Rich, Naga S. Annamdevula, Peter Favreau, Andrea L. Britain, M., Arie Nakhmani and Silas J. Leavesley. Hyperspectral imaging and image analysis approaches applied to FRET-based measurements of cAMP signals in pulmonary microvascular endothelial cells

Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference, SBEC, New Orleans, LA (2015)

Naga S. Annamdevula, Andrea Britain, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Role of PDE4 isoforms in regulating cAMP compartmentalization and pulmonary microvascular endothelial cell (PMVEC) barrier permeability

Peter F. Favreau, Lauren Cichon, Diego Alvarez, Thomas C. Rich, Silas J. Leavesley. Excitation scanning hyperspectral imaging of autofluorescence in decellularized rat lungs

Samuel Mayes, Silas J. Leavesley, Thomas C. Rich. Hyperspectral illumination device for microscopic and endoscopic applications

Erin Lowrey, G.Todd Hamlin, Silas Leavelle

Peter F. Favreau, Thomas C. Rich, Ashley Lindsey, Diego Alvarez, Prashant, Silas J. Leavesley  
A thin-film tunable filter system for excitation and emission scanning hyperspectral imaging of lung tissue

Clarissa Hernandez, Tiffany Heaster, Peter Favreau, Thomas Rich, Silas J. Leavesley  
Assessing the effectiveness of thin tunable filters for hyperspectral imaging microscopy

International Society for the Advancement of Cytometry, CYTO 2013, San Diego, CA (2013)

Silas J. Leavesley, Andrea Britain, Thomas Rich. Automated intracellular FRET measurements using hyperspectral microscopy and feature extraction

Peter Favreau, Thomas C. Rich, Ashley Stringfellow, Diego A. Alvarez, Prashant Prabhat, Silas J. Leavesley  
The feasibility of using tunable thin-film optical filters for excitation- or emission scanning hyperspectral microscopy

American Chemical Society (ACS), National Conference, New Orleans, LA (2013)

Lauren Cichon, Diego Alvarez, Thomas Rich, Silas Leavesley, Evans blue conjugated to albumin as a tracer for the identification of leak sites and quantification of injury within the lungs

American Thoracic Society (ATS), National Conference, Denver, CO (2013)

Thomas C. Rich, Andrea L. Britain, M. Audi Byrne, Diego Alvarez and Silas J. Leavesley  
Hyperspectral imaging approaches applied to FRET based measurements of localized cAMP signals in pulmonary endothelial cells

A. Stringfellow, N. Annamdevula, P. Favreau, S. Leavesley, D. Alvarez

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), National Conference, Minneapolis, MN (2011)

Naga Srilakshmi Annamdevula, Silas J. Leavesley, Thomas C. Rich, Diego F. Alvarez and Ashley Stringfellow. Comparison of hyperspectral widefield and confocal fluorescence microscopic techniques

International Society for the Advancement of Cytometry, CYTO 2011, Baltimore, MD (2011)

Silas J. Leavesley, Naga Annamdevula, Samantha Stocker, Diego A. Alvarez, Thomas C. Rich vivo analysis of pulmonary microvascular endothelial cells using spectroscopy and

American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), National Conference, Philadelphia, PA  
(2008)

Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), Chicago, IL (2006)

Silas J. Leavesley, Jianming Li, Mary-Margaret Seale, Rachel Schek, Jennifer A. McCann Brown, Andrew O. Brightman Integrating concepts in transport phenomena with biomedical applications in the laboratory

Photonics West (SPIE), San Jose, CA, 95113 (2005)

Silas J. Leavesley, Wamiq Ahmad, Bulent Bayraktar, Bartek Rajwa, Jennifer Sturjgis, Paul Robinson Multispectral imaging analysis: spectral deconvolution and applications in biology

## Other Presentations and Publications

### Industrial Publications

1. Silas Leavesley, Bartek Rajwa, J. Paul Robinson, Edward Freniere, Richard Hassler, Linda Smith. A Fluorescent Phantom for Small Animal Imaging. Biophotonics International (2007) Journal Front Cover.

### Seminars

1. Seeing New Colors in Medicine Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year Presentation (2019)
2. Approaches for molecular analysis of cells and tissues using spectral imaging USA Pulmonary Research Conference (2016).
3. Feasibility of Hyperspectral Imaging Fluorescence Excitation Scanning for Colon Cancer Detection Abraham Mitchell Cancer Research Forum (2015).
4. Real-Time Hyperspectral Imaging for Identification of Colon Cancer Abraham Mitchell Cancer Research Forum (2014).
5. Spectral Imaging and Automated Image Analysis: What Can They Do For Us? Pulmonary Research Conference (2013)
6. Design and Application of Spectral Imaging Systems for Microscopic and Macroscopic Biomedical Studies Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Seminar Series Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (2011)
7. Biochemical Modeling and Imaging, AIChE Mobile Pascagoula Section Meeting, Mobile, AL (2011)
8. Design and Application of Spectral Imaging Systems for Microscopic and Macroscopic Biomedical Studies Mitchell Cancer Institute Seminar Series University of South Alabama (2011).
9. Spectral Imaging and Biomedical Optics for Disease Detection College of Engineering Graduate Colloquium Seminar, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL (2009)
10. Spectral Methods for Microscopic and In Vivo Imaging Cell Signaling Seminar Series University of South Alabama, AL (2008)
11. Applications of multispectral imaging in biology and biomedical engineering Summer seminar series Biomedical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (2006)







Chair ±Image Cytometry Parallel Session Cyto (ISAC), 2013

Workshop Chair ±Spectral Imaging and Tissue Cytometry Workshop Cyto (ISAC), 2013

Chair ±Cytometry Technology: Image Cytometry Cyto (ISAC), 2012

Senior Lecturer ±Fundamental Optics and Basic Digital Microscopy - Congress Course  
Cyto (ISAC), 2012

Judge,



Faculty Search Committee, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL (2010-2011)

College of Engineering Webpage Committee (2010), University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL (2010-2011)

Department Graduate Committee, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL (2008-2010)

Chair ± Promotions Committee, Purdue Graduate Student Government, West Lafayette, IN, 47907 (2005-2007)

BME Representative, Purdue Graduate Student Government, West Lafayette, IN, 47907 (2004-2007)

Leadership Board for founding the Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Association, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 47907 (2006)

#### Community Service

B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Program, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688 (2009) ±

Developed and taught the BioEngineering And Chemical Engineering Summer Program

summer outreach program for local area high school SBAf 0 G [( ) TJ ETW\* n BT /F2 12 Tf 1 0 0 1