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CITIZENSHIP

Dual citizenship USA and Australia

EDUCATION

PhD, Plant Pathology, University of Georgia, 1986-1992

GPA: 3.50, 4.0

BS, Biology, University of Oregon, 1983-1985

GPA: 3.25, 4.0

Associate, General Education, Lane Community College, 1980-1983

GPA: 3.65, 4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor Plant Metabolic Engineering University of North Texas 2011 – Current:
Plant metabolic engineering for the production of bioproducts

Principle Research Fellow/Project Partner Investigator AIBN 2011 – Current: Developing sugarcane as a biofactory producing bioplastics

Senior Research Fellow/Project Leader AIBN 2006 –2011: Developing sugarcane as a biofactory producing bioplastics

Senior Scientist/Project Leader BSES Limited 2000 – 2006: Developing sugarcane as a biofactory producing bioplastics polyhydroxyalkanoates, *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, and the alternative sugar and industrial chemical sorbitol.

Senior Research Scientist 1999 – 2004: Genetic diversity and functional genomics of *Leifsonia xyli* subsp. *xyli*. Sugar quality projects, Genomics of sugarcane, Genetic diversity of *Metarhizium anisopliae*

Research Officer 1993 – 1997: Project leader 1997 - 1999 Studying the Molecular Mechanisms of Pathogenicity and Virulence in the Phytopathogenic Bacterium *Leifsonia xyli* subsp. *xyli*. Joint position with the Cooperative Research Center for Tropical Plant Pathology, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, QLD and the Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations. Indooroopilly, QLD 4068 Australia.

Lecturer 1993 – 1999: Responsible for the section on bacterial pathogens in the Molecular Plant Pathology course at the University of Queensland.

Postdoctoral Research Associate. 1992-1993 Studying the Mechanisms of Fungal Survival in Rhizosphere and Non-rhizosphere Soil. The University of California, Riverside, CA.

CONFERENCE ORGANISER

Organised and Chaired the 13th International Symposium on Biopolymers (ISBP2012) Pullman Reef Hotel, Cairns, Queensland, Australia October 7–10, 2012.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- (1) Developing sugarcane as a biofactory to produce a range of industrial biopolymers and biopolymer precursors including *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid, polyhydroxybutyrate, polyhydroxybutyrate/polyhydroxyalkanoate copolymer, and sorbitol.
- (2) Development of Sorghum as a platform for production of biopolymers, biopolymer precursors, biofuels and bioenergy
- (3) Algal biology, algal lipid production, algal bioengineering, gene discovery from algae
- (4) Paratransgenesis for control of West Nile Virus
- (5) Development of *Setaria viridis* (green foxtail millet) as a model system for plant metabolic engineering.

PAST RESEARCH PROJECTS

- (1) Genomics of *Leifsonia xyli* subsp. *xyli*. Project leader on two sugar quality projects.
- (2) Novel genes for resistance.
- (3) Establishment of a sugarcane BAC library.
- (4) Proteomics *Metarrhizium anisopilae* used in the biological control of cane grub species.
- (5) Paratransgenesis for control of Fiji Disease Virus and Canegrubs.

INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES/COLLABORATIONS

Production of PHB in Sugarcane peroxisomes Prof. Yves Poirier, Université de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland

Production of PHB in Sugarcane Dr Kristi Snell, Metabolix Inc., Cambridge, MA, USA

Production of PHA in Sugarcane Prof David Sherman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Production of PHA in Sugarcane Dr Phil Green, Procter and Gamble Corp. Cincinnati, OH, USA

Production of pHBA in Sugarcane Dr Paul Viitanen, DuPont Experiment Station, Wilmington, DE, USA

Genomics of *Leifsonia xyli* subsp. *xyli*. Prof Luis Carmargo, University of São Paulo, Piracicaba, Brazil

EU Framework 7 project --"LimeGreen"-- Production of industrial chemicals in non-food crops.

GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING

Date of Funding	Funding Agency	Project Number	Project Title	Funding Amount
1996/98	CRCTPP(1)/SRDC		Molecular basis of Lxx pathogenicity	AU \$ 210,000
1998/01	SRDC/BSES		Molecular basis of Lxx pathogenicity	AU \$ 201,000
1999/02	ARC/SRDC	C0990687	Lxx genetic diversity	AU \$ 117,000
2000/01	BSES/Macquarie Uni	Pilot Study Matching funds	Thermo-stable dextranase	AU \$ 80,000
2000/02	BSES	Internal	Molecular basis Pathogenicity Lxx	AU \$ 92,000
2000/04	CRCTPP(2)/SRDC	Project 2.2b	Leifsonia genomics	AU \$ 259,000
2000/04	CRCTPP(2)	Project 2.4b	Novel resistance sugarcane	AU \$ 352,000
2001/02	BSES	Internal	Sugarcane BAC library	AU \$ 150,000
2001/04	ARC/BSES	C00107189	Thermo-stable dextranase.	AU \$ 232,000
2002/03	BSES/BioCare		Characterization <i>Metahizium</i>	AU\$ 25,000
2001/02	BSES/UQ	Pilot Study Matching funds	Sugarcane biofactory	AU \$ 70,000
2002/04	CRCTPP/BSES	Project 1	Sugarcane smut diversity	AU \$ 50,000
2002/05	ARC/BSES	LP0210658	Sugarcane biofactory: PHB	AU \$ 425,000
2002/04	DuPont/BSES	Pilot study	Sugarcane biofactory:-pHBA	AU \$ 188,000
2003/06	ARCBSES	LP0349278	Metahirizium biocontrol	AU \$ 356,000
2003/06	ARC/BSES	LP0453776	Thermo-stable dextranase.	AU \$ 312,000
2004/05	BSES	Internal	Sugarcane smut resistance	AU\$ 164,000
2004/06	CRCIIIB/SRDC	Project 2a3	Sugarcane biofactory: PHA	AU \$ 553,000
2004/06	CRCIIIB/SRDC	Project 2a4	Sugarcane biofactory: Sorbitol	AU \$ 350,000
2004/07	ARC/BSES	LP0347776	Paratransgenesis	AU \$ 349,000
2006/07	BSES/Macquarie	Matching Funds	Thermos-stable dextranase	AU \$ 80,000
2006/10	CRCIIIB/Metabolix	Project 2a8	Sugarcane biofactory: PHB	AU \$2,100,000
2006/10	UQ/CRCIIIB APAI	PhD scholarship	Sugarcane biofactory: PHB	AU \$ 90,000
2010/2015	UQ/BSES Limited/Metabolix/ ARC	Granted for funding starting January 2010	Sugarcane biofactory: PHB	AU \$2,400,000

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS

Current

American Society of Plant Biologists
 Australian Society of Sugarcane Technologists

Past

American Phytopathological Society
 International Society of Plant Pathology
 International Society of Sugarcane Technologists
 Australasian Society of Plant Pathology
 International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions

PUBLICATIONS

Where my **name** is in bold I am the corresponding author.

Where my name is underlined I initiated the project.

McQualter, R.B., Gebbie, L.K., Petrasovits, L.A., Somleva, M.N., de Oliveira Dal'Molin, C.G., Li, X., Blackman, D., Riches, J.D., Snell, K.D., ¹Lars Keld Nielsen, L.K. and Brumbley, S.M. (2013)

Polyhydroxybutyrate production in C4 biomass crops: solving the mesophyll problem, Nature Biotech. (Manuscript in prep)

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Chong, B.F., Abeydeera, W.P.P., Glassop, D., Bonnett, G.D., O'Shea, M.G., and Brumbley, S.M. (2010) Co-ordinated synthesis of gentiobiitol and sorbitol, evidence of sorbitol glycosylation in transgenic sugarcane. *Phytochem.* 71:736-741.

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BOOK CHAPTERS

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Brumbley, S.M. (2013) Towards Commercial Production of Polyhydroxyalkanoates in a High Biomass C4 Grass Chromatin, USDA Lubbock, TX September 26, 2013

Brumbley, S.M. 2013 Production of Polyhydroxyalkanoates in Plastids and Peroxisomes of High Biomass C4 Grasses FPS 67th and SWST 56th International Conventions The AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center Austin, Texas June 9-11, 2013

Brumbley, S.M. 2012. PHA Production in Sugarcane Institute of Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Texas, Austin, Texas November 8, 2012

Brumbley, S.M. 2012. Plant Metabolic Engineering at the University of North Texas. Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, The University of Queensland. Brisbane, Australia. September 14, 2012

Brumbley, S.M. (2012) Sugarcane: Can it be a Biofactory for both Sucrose and Bioplastics Department of Plant Pathology & Crop Physiology, Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA February 15, 2012.

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Invited Speaker

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