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Assistant Professor

Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Environmental Sciences and Engineering, minor in Toxicology 2007  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Advisor: Ivan Rusyn MD, PhD  
Dissertation Title: Role of Nuclear-Receptor Independent Pathways in the Mechanism of Action of Peroxisome Proliferators
- M.S. Chemical Engineering 2003  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Advisor: John D Muzzy, PhD  
Thesis Title: Role of nano-articles on crystalline orientation in polypropylene/clay nanocomposite films
- B.S. Chemical Engineering, minor in Materials Science & Engineering 2001  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor (clinical track), Dept. of Envr Sci. and Engr., UNC-Chapel Hill Sept 2017- Present  
Program Director, MPH in Environmental Sciences and Engineering Sept 2017- Present  
Program Co-Lead, MPH in Health Equity, Social Justice and Human Rights Feb 2018- Present  
Collaborating Faculty, Dept. of Health, Environment and Work, Federal Univ. of Bahia 2015- Present  
Lecturer, Dept. of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, UNC- Chapel Hill 2012-2017  
Research Investigator, Division of Computational Biology, The Hamner Institutes 2009-2011  
Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Computational Biology, The Hamner Institutes 2007 - 2009  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Toxicology and Envr. Sciences, ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences 2007 – 2009  
Visiting Graduate Research Assistant, Nat'l Inst. of Envr. Health Sciences (NIEHS) 2003-2006

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholar, Class VII (\$10,000) 2018-2020  
Steve Wing International Environmental Justice Award 2017  
UNC Explorations in Global Health (\$1500) 2016  
UNC Global Partnerships Award (\$1000) 2015  
Newton Underwood Award for Excellence in Teaching (nominated by UNC ESE students) 2015  
Fogarty Global Health Fellow 2014-2015  
Fulbright Fellow 2014-2015  
Faculty Research Int'l Travel Award, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas 2013  
Future Faculty Fellowship Program, UNC Center for Faculty Excellence 2012  
FASEB Postdoctoral Professional Development and Enrichment Award 2008  
NIEHS Toxicogenomics Research Consortium Meeting Best Poster Award 2004  
Minority Trainee Research Forum Travel Award 2004  
NSF-Sponsored Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellowship 2003  
Georgia Tech School of Chemical Engineering Most Outstanding Teaching Assistant 2003  
University of Tennessee Honors Program (with Honors Thesis) 1997-2001  
Completed a 5-year Engineering B.S. & Co-op Program in 4 years 1997-2001

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Book Chapters*

Zhang Q, Bhattacharya S, Woods CG, Andersen ME. Ultrasensitive Response Motifs in Biochemical Networks. In :Krishnan, K., K., Andersen, M.E. (eds) Quantitative Modeling in Toxicology. 1st ed. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.. 2010.

### *Refereed Articles*

\*Corresponding Author

McMullen, PD, Bhattacharya, S, Woods, CW, Pendse SN, McBride, MT, LeCluyse, EL, Clewell, RA, Melvin E. Andersen, ME. Identifying qualitative differences in PPAR $\alpha$  signaling networks in human and rat hepatocytes and their significance for next generation chemical risk assessment methods. (submitted to Toxicology In Vitro Oct 2018)

Northcross, AL, Woods, CG, Long, S, Barbaosa, N, Avila, E, Rêgo, RF. Assessing ambient air quality in a community near industrial sources in Bahia, Brazil. (submitted to New Solutions July 2018)

Guidry, VT, Rhodes, SM, Woods, CG\*, Hall, DJ, Rinsky, JL. Connecting Environmental Justice and Community Health Effects of Hog Production in North Carolina. *NCMJ*. 2018. 79 (5): 324-328.

Müller JDS, Falcão IR, Couto MCBM, Viana WDS, Alves IB, Viola DN, Woods CG, Rêgo RCF. Artisanal fisherwomen/shellfish gatherers: analyzing the impact of upper limb functioning and disability on health-related quality of life. *Cien Saude Colet*. 2017. 22(11):3635-3644.

Müller JDS, Falcão IR, Couto MC, Viana WDS, Alves IB, Viola DN, Woods CG, Rêgo RCF. Health-Related Quality of Life among Artisanal Fisherwomen/Shellfish Gatherers: Lower than the General Population. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2016. 13(5).

McMullen PD, Bhattacharya S, Woods CG, Sun B, Ross, SM, Miller ME, McBride M, LeCluyse, EL, Clewell RA, Andersen, ME. A map of the PPAR $\alpha$  transcription regulatory network for primary human hepatocytes. *Chemico-Biological Interactions*. 2014. 209:14-24.

Fu J, Zhang Q, Woods CG, Zheng H, Yang B, Qu W, Andersen ME, Pi J. Divergent Effects of Sulforaphane on Basal and Glucose-Stimulated Insulin Secretion in  $\beta$ -cells: Role of Reactive Oxygen Species and Induction of Endogenous Antioxidants. *Pharm Res*. 2013. 30(9):2248-59.

Xue P, Hou Y, Chen Y, Yang B, Fu J, Zheng H, Yarborough K, Woods CG, Liu D, Yamamoto M, Zhang Q, Andersen ME, Pi J. Adipose deficiency of Nrf2 in ob/ob mice results in severe metabolic syndrome. *Diabetes*. 2013 Mar;62(3):845-54.

Hou Y, Xue P, Woods CG, Wang X, Fu J, Yarborough, Qu W, Zhang Q, Andersen ME, Pi J. Association between arsenic suppression of adipogenesis and induction of CHOP10 via the endoplasmic reticulum stress response. *Environ Health Perspect*. 2013 Feb; 121 (2): 237-43.

Bhattacharya S, Shod LK, Zhang Q, Woods CG, Howell BA, Siler SQ, Woodhead JL, Yang Y, McCullen P, Watkins PB, Andersen ME. Modeling drug- and chemical- induced hepatotoxicity with systems biology approaches. *Front Physiol.*2013;3:462.

Yang B, Fu J, Zheng H, Xue P, Yarborough K, Woods CG, Hou Y, Zhang Q, Andersen ME, Pi J. Deficiency in the nuclear factor E2-related factor 2 renders pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells vulnerable to arsenic-induced cell damage. *Toxicol Appl Pharmacol.* 2012 Nov 1;264(3):315-23.

Zhan L, Zhang H, Zhang Q, Woods CG, Chen Y, Xue P, Dong J, Tokar EJ, Xu Y, Hou Y, Fu J, Yarborough K, Wang A, Qu W, Waalkes MP, Andersen ME, Pi J. Regulatory role of KEAP1 and NRF2 in PPAR $\gamma$  expression and chemoresistance in human non-small-cell lung carcinoma cells. *Free Radic Biol Med.* 2012 Aug 15;53(4):758-68.

Zhao R, Hou Y, Zhang Q, Woods CG, Xue P, Fu J, Yarborough K, Guan D, Andersen ME, Pi J. Cross-regulations among NRFs and KEAP1 and effects of their silencing on arsenic-induced antioxidant response and cytotoxicity in human keratinocytes. *Environ Health Perspect.* 2012 Apr;120(4):583-9.

Hou Y, Xue P, Bai Y, Liu D, Woods CG, Yarborough K, Fu J, Zhang Q, Sun G, Collins S, Chan JY, Yamamoto M, Andersen ME, Pi J. Nuclear factor erythroid-derived factor 2-related factor 2 regulates transcription of CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein  $\beta$  during adipogenesis. *Free Radic Biol Med.* 2012 Jan 15;52(2):462-72.

Xue P, Hou Y, Zhang Q, Woods CG, Yarborough K, Liu H, Sun G, Andersen ME, Pi J. Prolonged inorganic arsenite exposure suppresses insulin-stimulated AKT S473 phosphorylation and glucose uptake in 3T3-L1 adipocytes: involvement of the adaptive antioxidant response. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun.* 2011 Apr 8;407(2):360-5.

Zhao R, Hou Y, Xue P, Woods CG, Fu J, Feng B, Guan D, Sun G, Chan JY, Waalkes MP, Andersen ME, Pi J. Long isoforms of NRF1 contribute to arsenic-induced antioxidant response in human keratinocytes. *Environ Health Perspect.* 2011 Jan;119(1):56-62.

Fu J, Woods CG, Yehuda-Shnaidman E, Zhang Q, Wong V, Collins S, Sun G, Andersen ME, Pi J. Low-level arsenic impairs glucose-stimulated insulin secretion in pancreatic beta cells: involvement of cellular adaptive response to oxidative stress. *Environ Health Perspect.* 2010 Jun;118(6):864-70.

Zhang Q, Pi J, Woods CG, Andersen ME. A systems biology perspective on Nrf2-mediated antioxidant response. *Toxicol Appl Pharmacol.* 2010 Apr 1;244(1):84-97.

Pi J, Zhang Q, Fu J, Woods CG, Hou Y, Corkey BE, Collins S, Andersen ME. ROS signaling, oxidative stress and Nrf2 in pancreatic beta-cell function. *Toxicol Appl Pharmacol.* 2010 Apr 1;244(1):77-83.

Woods CG, Fu J, Xue P, Hou Y, Pluta, LJ, Yang L, Zhang Q, Thomas RS, Andersen ME, Pi J. Dose-dependent transitions in Nrf2-mediated adaptive response and related stress responses to hypochlorous acid in mouse macrophages (2009). *Toxicol Appl Pharm* 238(1):27-36.

Zhang Q, Pi J, Woods CG, Andersen ME. Phase I and II cross-induction of xenobiotic metabolizing enzymes: a feedforward control mechanism for potential hormetic responses (2009). *Toxicol Appl Pharm* 237 (3)345–356.

Ross PK, Woods CG, Bradford BU, Koysk O, Gatti DM, Cunningham ML, Rusyn I. Time course comparison of xenobiotic activators of CAR and PPAR $\alpha$  in mouse liver (2009). *Toxicol Appl Pharm* .235(2):199-207.

Zhang Q, Pi J, Woods CG, Jarabek AM, Clewell HJ, Andersen ME. Hormesis and adaptive cellular control systems (2008). *Dose Response*. 6(2) 196-208.

Pi J, Zhang Q, Woods CG, Wong V, Collins S, Andersen ME. Activation of Nrf2-mediated oxidative stress response in macrophages by hypochlorous acid (2008). *Toxicol Appl Pharm*.226(3) 236-43.

Woods CG, Kosyk O, Bradford BU, Ross PK, Quo P, Ibrahim JG, Cunningham ML, Rusyn I. Time-course investigation of PPAR $\alpha$ - and Kupffer cell-dependent effects of WY-14,643 in mouse liver using microarray gene expression (2007). *Toxicol Appl Pharm* .225(3) 267-77.

Beyer RP, Fry RC, Lasarev MR, McConnachie LA, Meira LB, Palmer VS, Powell CL, Ross PK, Bammler, TK, Bradford BU, Cranson AB, Cunningham ML, Fannin RD, Higgins GM, Hurban P, Kayton RJ, Kerr KF, Kosyk O, Lobenhofer EK, Sieber SO, Vliet PA, Weis BK, Wolfinger R, Woods CG, Freedman JH, Linney E, Kaufmann WK, Kavanagh TJ, Paules RS, Rusyn I, Samson LD, Spencer PS, Suk W, Tennant RJ, Zarbl H; Members of the Toxicogenomics Research Consortium Multi-Center Study of Acetaminophen Hepatotoxicity Reveals the Importance of Biological Endpoints in Genomic Analyses (2007). *Toxicol Sci*. 99(1):326-37.

Porgribny IP, Tryndyak VP, Woods CG, Wiit SE, Rusyn I. Epigenetic effects of the continuous exposure to peroxisome proliferator WY-14,643 in mouse liver are dependent upon Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptor alpha (2007). *Mutat. Res*. 625(1-2):62-71

Woods CG, Burns AM, Bradford BU, Ross PK, Kosyk O, Swenberg JA, Cunningham ML, Holland, SM, Rusyn I. WY-14,643-induced cell proliferation and oxidative stress in mouse liver are independent of NADPH oxidase (2007). *Toxicol. Sci*. 98(2):366-74.

Woods CG, Vanden Heuval JP, Rusyn I. Genomic Profiling in Nuclear Receptor- Mediated Toxicity. (2007). *Toxicol Pathol*. 35(4):474-94.

Woods CG, Burns AM, Maki A, Bradford BU, Cunningham ML, Connor MD, Kadiiska MB, Mason, RP, Peters JP, Rusyn I. Sustained formation of alpha-(4-pyridyl-1-oxide)-N-tert-butyl nitron radical adducts in mouse liver by peroxisome proliferators is dependent upon peroxisome proliferator activated receptor-alpha, but not NADPH oxidase (2007). *Free Radic Biol Med*. 42(3):335-42.

Kono H, Woods CG, Maki A, Connor H, Mason R, Rusyn I, Fujii H. Electron spin resonance and spin trapping technique provide direct evidence that edaravone prevents acute ischemia-reperfusion injury of the liver by limiting free radical-mediated tissue damage (2006). *Free Radic Res*. 40(6):579-88.

### ***Non-referred Articles***

Woods, CG, Muzzy, JD. Role of nanoparticles on crystalline orientation in polypropylene/clay nanocomposite films (2003). Society of Plastics Engineers Annual Technical Conference. 2: 2205-09.

**KEY REFEREED ABSTRACTS** *Contributions to over 35 conference abstracts*

Establishing Equitable Partnerships in Community-based Environmental Justice Research, International Society of Environmental Epidemiology 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, São Paulo, Brazil (2015); *Symposium Chair*

Constructing a PPAR $\alpha$ -mediated Transcriptional Network in Primary Human and Rat Hepatocytes. Society of Toxicology 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (2011)

Organizing a PPAR $\alpha$ - mediated Transcriptional Network in Primary Hepatocytes. Keystone Symposium on Nuclear Receptors: Signaling, Gene Regulation and Cancer, Keystone, CO (2010).

Regulatory role of kinase signaling in Nrf2-mediated antioxidant response. The European Nutrigenomics Organisation Meeting, Montecatini Terme, Italy (2009)

Toxicogenomic analysis of cardiovascular effects of diesel engine exhaust in ApoE<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Society of Toxicology 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (2009)

Regulatory mechanis of Nrf2 activation by hypochlorous acid and concomitant activation of inflammatory pathways. Society of Toxicology 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (2008).

Role of nuclear receptor-independent mechanisms in long-term effects of nongenotoxic hepatocarcinogens. Conference on Current and Future Challenges in Envr. Health, Toxc., and Food Safety in Eastern and Central Europe, Kiev,Ukraine (2006).

Toxicogenomic analysis of nuclear receptor-mediated and nuclear receptor-independent responses to peroxisome proliferators. Society of Toxicology 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, NC (2005).

## **GRANTS & FUNDING**

### ***Current***

UNC Carolina Center for Public Service      Woods (PI)      2018-2020  
Thorp Engaged Scholar  
Direct Costs \$10,000

North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC)      Woods (PI)      2018-2019  
Enhancing Health Equity in Public Health Education and Practice  
Direct Costs: \$40,000

### ***Prior***

Schmidt Family Foundation      Woods (PI)      2017-2018  
11<sup>th</sup> Hr Project Student Fellowship –Adrien Wilkie  
Direct Costs: \$37,120

UJMT Fogarty Global Health Program      Woods (PI)      2014-2017  
Uncovering Petrogenic Pollutants in Brazil by Air Monitoring and Health Impact Assessment (UPPBAHIA)  
Direct Costs: \$76,510

Fulbright Commission Woods (PI) 2014-2015  
 Fulbright-Brazil Scientific Mobility  
 Total Direct Cost: \$27,250

UNC Center for Faculty Excellence Woods 2014  
 Support for a Graduate Teaching Fellow to support ENVR 600  
 Total Direct Cost: \$5000

UNC Center for Faculty Excellence Woods (PI) 2013  
 CFE 100+ Initiative: Engaging Students in Large Classes  
 Total Direct Cost: \$5000

NIEHS ( F31 ES013342) Woods (PI) 2004-2007  
 Peroxisome Proliferator-Induced DNA Damage and Repair  
 Total Direct Cost: \$93,945

## TEACHING

### *Instructor*

UNC IDST 190-004 The Environment, Intersectionality and Sci Fi/Fantasy Film & Lit Spring 2019  
 UNC ENVR 989 Environmental Crisis Mgmt Summer 2018, Spring 2019  
 UNC ENVR 890-001 Community Driven-Research and Environmental Justice Spring 2017- 2019  
 UNC SPHG 713 Understanding Public Health Issues Fall 2018  
 UNC ENVR 600 Intro to Environmental Health Fall and Spring 2013-2019  
 UNC ENVR 610 Global Environmental Health Inequities Fall 2013-2018  
 UNC ENVR 698 Ethics and Environmental Health Interventions Spring 2017  
 UFBa MEDB73 Special Topics in Epidemiology: Global Perspectives on Environmental Health Inequities (co-instructor) Spring 2015  
 The Hamner Systems Biology & Dose Response Modeling Course (co-instructor) Fall 2008

### *Guest Lecturer*

NCSU TOX 701 Fundamentals of Toxicology Fall 2018  
 UNC HBEH 700 Foundations of Health Behavior Fall 2017  
 UNC SPHG 710 Foundations of Public Health Practice Summer 2016  
 UFBa PPGSAT Department Seminar Series Summer 2014  
 UNC PUBH 756 Understanding & Addressing Health Disparities in the US Spring 2014  
 UNC ENVR 442 Biochemical Toxicology Fall 2010

## MENTORING

### *Thesis Advisor*

Aleah Walsh MS, ENVR (UNC) Spring 2020  
 Lívia Gonçalves (co-advisor) MS, PPGSAT (UFBa) Spring 2017

### *Committee Member*

Diamond Holloman PhD, ENEC anticipated Spring 2020  
 Adrien Wilkie PhD, EPID (UNC) anticipated Spring 2020  
 Frank Stillo, III PhD, ENVR (UNC) anticipated SP 2019  
 Blake Fulton MSPH, ENVR (UNC) Fall 2018  
 Sarah Long MS, ENVR& DCRP (UNC) Fall 2018

Yashvi Patel	MSEE, ENVR (UNC)	Summer 2018
Lindsay Wickersham	MS, ENVR (UNC)	Spring 2018
Allie George	MS, ENVR (UNC)	Spring 2018
Chelsea Fizer	MS, ENVR (UNC)	Spring 2016
Wendel Viana	MS, PPGSAT (UFBa)	Spring 2015
Juliana Muller	MS, PPGSAT (UFBa)	Spring 2015
Dan Rosenbaum	MS, ENVR (UNC)	Spring 2014
Jennifer Casanova	MSPH, ENVR (UNC)	Spring 2013

***Practicum and Independent Study***

Brandie Banner	MSPH, ENVR (UNC)	Fall 2017, Spring 2018
Shelby Rimmler	MS, HBEH	Spring 2017- Present
Sarah Shaughnessy	MS, HBEH & PLAN (UNC)	Spring 2017, Summer 2016

***Undergraduate Research***

Alexus Berndt	BS, Marine Sciences (NCSU)	Spring 2019
Nicholas Hastings	BS, AMST (UNC)	Spring 2017

**SERVICE**

***Scientific Community and Professional Organizations***

NIOSH Training Grant Program Review Panel		2018
Review Editor, Frontiers in Toxicogenomics		2011-2015
Ad hoc Reviewer		
Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology Journal		
Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity		
Drug and Chemical Toxicology Journal		
Toxicological Sciences Journal		
Postdoc Representative, Mechanisms Specialty Section, Society of Toxicology		2008-2009
President, PostDocs and Graduate Students (PDoGS) Organization, Hamner Institutes		2008-2009

***University***

Member, UNC Committee for Women and Minority Student Recruitment & Retention		2006
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***Gillings School of Public Health***

Applied Practice Experience and Integrated Learning Experience Subcommittee		2018-Present
Workforce Development		2017- Present
MPH Core Implementation & Development Committees		2016- Present
Advisory Board Member, ECHO Health Disparities Certificate Program		2013-Present
Co-advisor, GlobeMED Student group		2013-2014
Member, Advisory Committee for Summer Fellowship Programs		2012-2014

***Environmental Sciences and Engineering Department***

Member, ESE Admissions Committee		2017-Present
Member, ESE Academic Programs Committee		2012-Present

***Local Community***

Volunteer, NC Parks and Recreation, Weaver Street Rec Center		2017- present
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Founding Member, Earthseed Land Cooperative	2012- present
Board of Directors (2013) & Planning Committee (2010), NC Environ. Justice Network	2010- present
Group Leader, Durham Angoleirx Capoeira Angola Study Group	2010- present

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Toxicology (SOT)	2004-Present
International Society of Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE)	2014-2016
Society of Risk Analysis (SRA)	2016-2017

**LANGUAGES**

English: native language  
Portuguese: intermediate (speaking, reading, writing, comprehension)