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## Academic Background

### Stanford University

2017 - Present

- Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry  
Advisor – Prof. Yi Cui  
*Physical Electrochemical Approaches to Understand how the Electrolyte Impacts Kinetic Processes within Lithium Batteries*

### James Madison University

2013 - 2017

- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry – ACS Certified Materials Chemistry, *Magna Cum Laude*
  - o Minor in Materials ScienceAdvisor – Prof. Ashleigh E. Baber  
*Honors Thesis—Elucidation of Active Sites for the Reaction of Ethanol on TiO<sub>2</sub>/Au(111)*

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## Awards/Research Funding

### NSF – GRFP Fellow

2018-2023

National Science Foundation – Graduate Research Fellowship

### ACS Award in Physical Chemistry

2017

James Madison University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

### Degesch America Award

2017

James Madison University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

### Polocsay Award in Undergraduate Research

2016

James Madison University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

### C-CLEAR Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

2016

Colorado State University Department of Chemistry

### Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Scholarship

2015

James Madison University College of Math and Science

### Second Century Scholarship for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

2013-2017

James Madison University

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## Publications

18. Kim, S. K.; Kong, X.; Vilá, R. A.; Huang, W.; Chen, Y.; **Boyle, D. T.**; Yu, Z.; Wang, H.; Bao, Z.; Qin, J.; Cui, Y Potentiometric Measurement to Probe Solvation Energy and Its Correlation to Lithium Battery Cyclability *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *Articles ASAP*.  
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DOI: [10.1002/aenm.202002736](https://doi.org/10.1002/aenm.202002736)
12. Ye, Y.; Chou, L. Y.; Liu, Y.; Wang, H.; Lee, H. K.; Huang, W.; Wan, J.; Liu, K.; Zhou, G.; Yang, Y.; Yang, A.; Xiao, X.; Gao, X.; **Boyle, D. T.**; Chen, H.; Zhang, W.; Kim, S. K.; Cui, Y. Ultralight and fire-extinguishing current collectors for high-energy and high-safety lithium-ion batteries *Nature Energy* **2020**, *5*, 786-793.  
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10. Huang, W.; Wang, H.; **Boyle, D. T.**; Li, Y.; Cui, Y. Resolving nanoscopic and mesoscopic heterogeneity of fluorinated species in battery solid-electrolyte interphases by cryogenic electron microscopy *ACS Energy Lett.* **2020**, *5*, 1128-1135.  
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8. Huang, W.; Wang, J.; Braun, M. R.; Zhang, Z.; Li, Y.; **Boyle, D. T.**; McIntyre, P. C.; Cui, Y. Dynamic Structure and Chemistry of the Silicon Solid-Electrolyte Interphase Visualized by Cryogenic Electron Microscopy. *Matter* **2019**, *1*, 1232-1245.  
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5. Huang, W.\*; **Boyle, D. T.\***; Li, Y.; Li, Y.; Pei, A.; Chen, H.; Cui, Y. Nanostructural and Electrochemical Evolution of the Solid-electrolyte Interphase on CuO Nanowires Revealed by Cryogenic Electron Microscopy and Impedance Spectroscopy. *ACS Nano* **2019**, *13* (1), 737-744.  
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3. Li, Y.\*; Huang, W.\*; Li, Y.\*; Pei, A.; **Boyle, D. T.**; Cui, Y. Correlating Structure and Function of Battery Interphases at Atomic Resolution with Cryoelectron Microscopy. *Joule* **2018**, *2* (10), 2167-2177.  
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## Research Experience

*Stanford University* – Advisor: Prof. Yi Cui

2017- Present Stanford, CA

Physical Electrochemistry of Lithium Metal Anodes

- Initiated a new program within the research group focusing on understanding how electrolyte chemistries influence lithium metal anodes
- Showed that the electron-transfer kinetics of lithium metal anodes are consistent with the framework of Marcus Theory using transient voltammetry with ultramicroelectrodes
- Correlated the nanostructure of lithium battery interphases to macroscopic electrochemical impedance measurements during the formation of the interphase
- Studied the growth of passivation films on lithium metal anodes and its relation to electrolyte chemistry and battery lifetime
- Trained and mentored new Ph.D. and masters students of the lab

*James Madison University* – Advisor: Prof. Ashleigh Baber

2014-2017 Harrisonburg, VA

Adsorption and Chemistry of Ethanol on Au(111) and TiO<sub>2</sub>/Au(111) Model Catalysts

- Constructed and maintained a thermal desorption ultrahigh vacuum chamber

- Used temperature programmed desorption (TPD) and surface characterization methods to understand the role of distinct surface sites on ethanol adsorption and chemistry on Au(111) & TiO<sub>2</sub>/Au(111)
- Evaluated the role of surface preparation on the selectivity of ethanol reaction on TiO<sub>2</sub>/Au(111)
- Designed experiments and established the research direction of the lab
- Trained and mentored new members of the lab

Colorado State University – Advisor: Prof. James Neilson 2016 Fort Collins, CO  
Formation Pathways of Copper Oxides with Low-Temperature Metathesis

- Used air-free synthetic techniques and powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) to investigate the solid-state formation pathway of copper oxides

## Selected Presentations

6. **Boyle, D. T.**, Cui, Y. *Space Power Workshop / The Aerospace Corporation* “Corrosion of Lithium Metal Anodes and its Microscopic Origins”, Los Angeles, CA (Virtual), April 22, **2021**; oral.
5. **Boyle, D. T.** *Battery Modeling Webinar Series* “Corrosion of Lithium Metal Anodes and its Microscopic Origins”; Carnegie Mellon University (Virtual), March 30, **2021**; oral. (Invited)
4. **Boyle, D. T.**, Wilke, J. A., Lam, V. H., Baber, A. E. *253<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting*, “Elucidating distinct Au(111) and TiO<sub>2</sub>/Au(111) surface sites for the selective oxidation of ethanol to acetaldehyde”; San Francisco, CA, April 2, **2017**; poster.
3. **Boyle, D. T.**, Wilke, J. A., Lam, V. H., Baber, A. E. *68<sup>th</sup> Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, “Low temperature adsorption of ethanol on TiO<sub>2</sub>/Au(111) inverse model catalysts”; Columbia, SC, October 25, **2016**; oral.
2. **Boyle, D. T.**, Martinolich, A. J., Neilson, J. R. *68<sup>th</sup> Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, “Understanding the formation of copper (II) oxide through solid-state metathesis”; Columbia, SC, October 24, **2016**; poster.
1. **Boyle, D.T.**, Andahazy, W. J., Stopak, C. Z., Lam, V. H., Schlosser, D. A., Boeckmann, D., Baber, A. E. *251<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting*, “Adsorption and Reactivity of Ethanol on Au(111)-Based Inverse Model Catalysts”; San Diego, CA, March 14, **2016**; poster.

## Teaching/Mentoring Experience

Stanford University Stanford, CA  
Graduate Teaching Assistant 2017-2018

- CHEM 151: Inorganic Chemistry I
- CHEM 2&3: Organic Chemistry II & III
- CHEM 31X: Chemical Principles Accelerated

James Madison University Harrisonburg, VA  
Teaching Assistant Spring 2016

- CHEM 270: Inorganic Chemistry I

## Lab and Software Experience

*Working experience with instrumentation:*

- Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA), infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR, ATR-IR), nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR,  $^7\text{Li}$ ), photolithography, UV-Vis & fluorescence spectroscopy, gas chromatography (GC), mass spectrometry (GC-MS, TPD), and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), atomic force microscopy (AFM), Auger electron spectroscopy (AES), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), cyclic voltammetry (CV), electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), linear scan voltammetry (LSV), chronoamperometry, Coulometry, battery cycling: Arbin,

*Software experience:*

- Fluent with Python Programming Language (SciPy, NumPy, Matplotlib) and MATLAB
- Fluent with SciFinder, Scopus, Mendeley, and RefWorks

*Workshops:*

- Extreme Crystals Weekend Workshop
  - o University of Nevada Las Vegas High Pressure Science and Engineering Center (HiPSEC)