



# Eliot Morrison

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## Ph.D. Student

**Prof. Dr. Christian Freund**  
Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany

Oct. 2012 – present

*Stimulation-dependent Palmitoylation in T Cells.* Used quantitative proteomics to establish stimulation-dependent palmitoylated proteins involved in TCR signaling.

## Previous Experience

### M.Sc. Candidate

**Dr. George Gassner**

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

Jan. 2011 – Aug. 2012

Developed kinetic and thermodynamic experiments to establish flavin-transfer mechanism in styrene monooxygenase system.

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

**Dr. Reuben Simoyi**

Portland State University, Portland, OR

Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2010

Established mechanism of methimazole oxidation by acidic iodate using kinetic studies, 2D-NMR and LC-MS/MS.

## Publications

\*First author. \*\*Co-first author.

Alvaro-Benito, M.; **Morrison, E.**; Wieczorek, M.; Sticht, J.; Freund, C. Human leukocyte Antigen-DM polymorphisms in autoimmune diseases. *Open Biol.*, **6(8)**, pii: 160165 (2016)

\***Morrison, E.**; Kuroпка, B.; Kliche, S.; Brügger, B.; Krause, E.; Freund, C. Quantitative analysis of the human T cell palmitome. *Sci. Rep.*, **5**, 11598 (2015)

Freund, C.; Kuroпка, B.; Albert, G.; **Morrison, E.**; Krause, E. Investigation of phosphorylation-dependent interactions in T cells. *J. Proteomics Bioinform.*, 7:8 (2014)

\***Morrison, E.**; Kantz, A.; Gassner, G.; Sazinsky, M. Structure and Mechanism of Styrene Monooxygenase Reductase: New Insight into the FAD-Transfer Reaction. *Biochemistry*, 52, 6063-6075 (2013)

\***Morrison, E.**; Kantz, A.; Chandrasekaran, P.; Liao, S.; Singh, B.; Tischler, D.; Sazinsky, M.; Gassner, G. Mechanism of FAD Reduction and Transport in the Two-Component Flavoenzyme, Styrene Monooxygenase from *Pseudomonas putida* S12. *Proceedings of the 17th International Symposium on Flavins and Flavoproteins* (2011)

## Recent Presentations

**FEBS Young Scientists' Forum / 40th FEBS Congress** (Berlin, Germany, July 2015): *Quantitative analysis of dynamic palmitoylation in human T cells* (poster)

**Proteomic Forum 2015** (Berlin, Germany, March 2015): *Quantification of palmitoylated proteins in T cells using acyl-biotin exchange* (poster)

**Future Tensing** (Berlin, Germany, February 2015): *Who Owns Life? Unraveling Biological Patents* (talk)

## Education

M.Sc. Biochemistry (2012)

*summa cum laude*

San Francisco State University  
San Francisco, CA

B.S. Biochemistry (2010)

*magna cum laude*

Portland State University  
Portland, OR

## Awards / Honors

**Berlin Science Hack Day: Best Hardware Hack (DIY PCR Thermocycler)** (2015)

**Proteomic Forum 2015: Best Poster (nom.)** (2015)

**DAAD Ph.D. Research Scholarship** (2014–15), (2013–14), (2012–13)

**SFSU Graduate Award for Distinguished Achievement** (2013)

**SFSU Summer Research Scholar** (2012), (2011)

**CSU Research Competition Finalist: Physical Sciences** (2012)

**Don Eden Graduate Student Research Award Finalist** (2012)

**ARCS Foundation Scholar** (2011-12)

## References

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## Presentations (continued)

**Pop Science Cafe** (Berlin, Germany, January 2015): *The Future Face of Infection: Antibiotic Resistance and Phage Therapy* (talk)

**Free University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry** (Berlin, Germany, June 2014): *Tracking Inducible Palmitoylation in T Cells Using Quantitative Proteomics* (talk)

**Future Tensing: The Future of Health** (Berlin, Germany, July 2014): *The Future Face of Infection: Antibiotic Resistance and Phage Therapy* (talk)

**56th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting** (San Diego, CA, Feb 2012): *Unlocking the Flavin Reduction and Transfer Mechanisms of the Two-Component Flavoenzyme Styrene Monooxygenase in Pseudomonas putida S12* (poster)

**24th Annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium** (Santa Clara, CA, Jan 2012): *Biodegradation of Styrene: Understanding Styrene Metabolism in Pseudomonas putida S12* (talk)

**CSU Research Competition** (Long Beach, CA, May 2012): *Biodegradation of Styrene: Understanding Styrene Metabolism in Pseudomonas putida S12* (talk)

**17th International Symposium of Flavins and Flavoproteins** (Berkeley, CA, Jul 2011): *Mechanism of FAD Reduction and Transport in the Two-Component Flavoenzyme, Styrene Monooxygenase from Pseudomonas putida S12* (poster)

## Research Experience / Skills

**Quantitative Mass Spectrometry** (2012–16): *Extensive LC-MS/MS training on Orbitrap Elite (Thermo Fisher) (AG Krause, FMP, Berlin) and LTQ Orbitrap Velos (FU Berlin Core Facility). Quantitative mass spectrometry performed using SILAC-labeled Jurkat T cells and <sup>18</sup>O-labeled primary human T cells.*

**Relevant Skills:** Sample preparation, usage, troubleshooting and data analysis on Orbitrap Elite and LTQ Orbitrap Velos instruments. Data analysis using MaxQuant, Mascot Distiller and Perseus.

**Improved Analysis of Quantitative Mass Spectrometric Data** (2014–16): *Used Python to develop software to improve experimental workflow and quality of data analysis. Projects include the extraction low-abundance peptides from background of <sup>18</sup>O-labeled primary T cell data, the global identification and prediction of N-glycosylated proteins, and a peptide alignment script with a custom label-free quantification algorithm.*

**Relevant Skills:** Python, R, Mascot Distiller, MaxQuant, Perseus

**Established Acyl-Biotin Exchange Protocol in AG Freund** (2013–14): *Adapted acyl-biotin exchange protocol (Wan et al., Nat. Prot. 2007) for use with Jurkat and primary T cells; improved efficiency of N-ethylmaleimide labeling; increased yield of precipitation steps.*

**Relevant Skills:** Palmitoylation enrichment via chemical labeling, Western blot

**T Cell Costimulation** (2012–13): *Established costimulation protocol for Jurkat E6.1 cell line using IgM-coupled anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 antibodies, producing reliable T cell stimulation (with AG Kliche, Universitätsklinikum Magdeburg)*

**Relevant Skills:** Jurkat T cell culture/harvest, Primary T cell isolation from blood, T cell costimulation

**Improved Analysis of Stopped-Flow Data** (2012): *Used MATLAB to design software able to transform raw stopped-flow absorbance and fluorescence intensity signals to absorbance data, correct for instrument dead-time and logarithmically time-average the output.*

**Relevant Skills:** MATLAB

**Kinetic and Thermodynamic Properties of SMOA/B** (2011–12): *Headed a research project requiring the expression of styrene monooxygenase SMOA/B in E. coli, purification by HPLC, determination of binding constants by steady-state fluorescence and spectroscopic determination of redox potentials of the monooxygenase flavin system. (Morrison et al., Biochemistry, 2013)*

**Relevant Skills:** Protein expression, purification and refolding; Stopped-flow kinetics studies

## Additional Information

United States citizen.

Six years German language experience