# ALISON LUSCOMB

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# **EDUCATION**

CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENT
University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY University of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, AR

## **TEACHING & LEADERSHIP**

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Senior Instructor | 2019 - Present General Chemistry I and II, Honors Principles of Chemistry I and II

# General Chemistry Lecture Coordinator | 2022 - Present

Coordinating faculty in meetings on CHEM 111 and CHEM 112 course policies and exams. Creating exam templates, homework sets, and practice exams. Building schedules and syllabi for all faculty. Creating recitation material for all sections of CHEM 112, and weekly training for all recitation TA's.

# Nursing Chemistry Lab Coordinator | 2019 - Present

Developing and writing new lab experiments. Training and coordinating TA's. Ordering chemicals and maintaining chemical inventory. Creating Blackboard pre-lab quizzes, data sheet entry, and grade calculations.

# UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Graduate Teaching Assistant | 2018 - 2019 Health Science Lab and General Chemistry Lab.

## UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FORT SMITH

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant | 2016 - 2018
Organic Chemistry I Lab and Health Science Chemistry Lab.

# Undergraduate Research Lab Manager | 2017 - 2018

Ordering, storage, and disposal of chemicals. Configuring, training, and writing SOP's for lab instrumentation.

#### AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

University Career Center's Career Influencer | 2024
Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support Recognition | 2023
Thank a Teacher Recognition | 2022, 2023, 2024,2025
SDRC Two Thumbs Up Award | 2022, 2023

#### UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

TA of the Semester Award | 2019

## UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Outstanding Research Student of the Year | 2018
First Place Oral Presentation, INBRE Research Symposium | 2017

## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

# "SYNTHESIS OF FUNCTIONALIZED GOLD NANOCAGES FOR ENGINEERING STEM CELL SCAFFOLDS"

STEM Seminar Series | University of Arkansas - 2017

INBRE Research Symposium | University of Arkansas - 2017

CAUSR Symposium | University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - 2017

#### RESEARCH

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## Chemistry education | 2025 - Present

Education research regarding chemistry graduate students' preparations for third year proposals. Research focuses on graduate student perceptions of third year proposal, faculty perceptions, and possible solutions for aiding graduate students in preparing for third year proposals.

#### UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

# Computational | 2018 - 2019

Computational simulations modeling behavior of nanopolymers. Simulations designed to represent behavior of experimentally produced polymers to advance knowledge in future routes of synthesis and potential use for simplistic protein folding models.

# Biochemistry | 2018

Effects of coordinating ions on formation of secondary structures in nucleic acids.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FAYETTEVILLE

# Nanomaterials | 2017

Synthesis of gold nanoparticle surface to act as a scaffold in stem cell growth and differentiation.

## UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FORT SMITH

# Analytical | 2017

Analysis of local waters using UV/vis spectroscopy, gravimetric analysis, and inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES).

# Organic | 2016 - 2017

Synthesis of copper-based catalyst via Friedel-Crafts alkylation.

## **SERVICE**

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Faculty Club Advisor | 2025 - Present USC Red Cross Club faculty advisor.

First-Generation Program: Mentor Lead | 2024

Leader of a team of first generation college students and other mentors.

Science Fair Judge | 2019 - Present

Judge at regional science fair for grades 9-12.

# COMMITTEES

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Laboratory Improvement Committee | 2023 - Present
Faculty Peer Review Committee | 2024 - Present
Undergraduate Education Enhancement Committee | 2023 - Present
Chemistry Outreach Committee | 2024 - Present
Faculty Senator | 2024 - 2027

## **MENTORSHIP**

# JOSH HOLMSTROM

University of South Carolina | 2025 Development of general chemistry demonstrations and 102 Lab experiments.

## ISABELLA LATINOVIC

University of South Carolina | 2025 Honor's thesis director.

## KARSON TODD

University of South Carolina | 2022 Development of CHEM102 Lab experiments.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Chemistry 102 Laboratory Manual, QDE Press | 2021-2025