## Sambeeta Das

# PERSONAL DETAILS

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## EDUCATION

PhD Chemistry 2010-2016

Pennsylvania State University, USA

Thesis: Designs for Directing Motion at the Nanoscale

Supervisor: Prof. Ayusman Sen

MSc. Chemical Research 2007-2008

Queen Mary, University of London, UK

Grade: Distinction

Thesis: Investigation of Two-Directional Cyclications

Advisor: Prof. Adrian Dobbs

BSc. Physics 2004-2007

Presidency College, India

Grade: 3.85

Minor in Chemistry, Maths

## WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Postdoctoral Researcher

2016-present

University of Pennsylvania, USA

Advisor: Dean Vijay Kumar and Prof. Kate Stebe

- Designing micro-robots with delivery mechanisms
- Synthesizing ligands for delivery of signaling molecules to cells
- Integration of the above system with synthetically engineered bacterial cells
- Artificial pattern generation in engineered bacterial cells
- Designing reconfigurable structures at the microscale

Research Assistant 2011-2016

Pennsylvania State University, USA

Supervisor: Prof. Ayusman Sen

- Design and optimization of different Nano-patterns using lithography
- Rotational electrophoresis experiments and surface confinement of Janus particles
- Using lithographic techniques to make complex patterns and enzyme pumps
- Analysis of single molecule diffusion and developing enzyme separation techniques

Research Technician 2008-2010

Queen Mary, University of London, UK

Supervisor: Prof. Gavin Vinson and Prof. Adrian Dobbs

- Modifications of the structure of steroids Prednisolone, Prednisonone Aldosterone and Corticosterone and synthesis of novel ring analogues of these steroids
- Testing the above analogues for Glucocorticoid activity using assays
- Developing new synthetic methodology for synthesis of fused ring structures using two directional radical polymerizations

## PUBLICATION LIST

#### Journal articles

- 1. <u>S. Das</u>, E.B. Steager, M. A. Hsieh, K. Stebe, V. Kumar. 'Modelling and Ensemble Control of Multiple Catalytic Microrobots', *Journal of Micro-Bio Robotics*, Under Review
- 2. <u>S. Das</u>, O. Shklyaev, A. Altemose, H. Shum, I. Ortiz-Rivera, L. Valdez, T. E. Mallouk, A. Balazs, A. Sen. 'Harnessing Catalytic Pumps for Directional Delivery of Microparticles in Microchambers', *Nature Communications*, 8, 14384 (2017)
- **3.** <u>S. Das</u>, A. Garg, A. Campbell, J. Howse, D. Velegol, A. Sen, R. Golestanian, S. Ebbens. 'Boundaries can steer active Janus spheres', *Nature Communications*, 6, 8999 (2015)
- **4.** W.Duan, W.Wang, <u>S. Das</u>, V. Yadav, T.E. Mallouk, A. Sen. 'Synthetic Nano- and Micromachines in Analytical Chemistry: Sensing, Migration, Capture, Delivery, and Separation', *Annu. Rev. Anal. Chem.*, 8, 311 (2015)
- **5.** K.K.Dey, <u>S. Das</u>, M. Poyton, S. Sengupta, P. Cremer, P. Butler, A. Sen. 'Chemotactic Separation of Enzymes', *ACS Nano*, 8, 11941 (2014). *Editors Choice*

## Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- **6.** S. Das, E. E. Hunter, E. B. Steager, V. Kumar. 'Controlled Delivery of Signaling Molecules using Magnetic Microrobots', in 2018 International Conference on Manipulation, Automation and Robotics at Small Scales (MARSS), Under Review
- 7. S. Das, E. B. Steager, K. J. Stebe, V. Kumar. 'Simultaneous control of Spherical Microrobots using Catalytic and Magnetic Actuation', in 2017 *International Conference on Manipulation, Automation and Robotics at Small Scales (MARSS)*, IEEE, July 2017

#### Articles in Preparation

8. <u>S. Das</u>, E. B. Steager, W. Ruder, J. Collins, V. Kumar. 'Microromotors in Synthetic Biology', *Science Robotics*, Invited Review

#### Patent

K.R.Ryan, S. Das (Ryan), Self Resetting Buoyancy Pump system for Dissimilar Fluids, Patent Pending, Application number 62443752, January 2017

### APPLIED GRANTS

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards in Interfaces of Sciences, First round passed

# AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

| Fellowships   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Pennsylvania State University Graduate Student Fellowship               | 2010-2012 |
| International Science and Engineering Excellence Fellowship             | 2007-2008 |
| Awards  |           |
| NextProf. Engineering Workshop Invitee                                  | 2017      |
| Department of Chemistry Travel Award, Penn State University             | 2016      |
| Department of Chemistry Travel Award, Penn State University             | 2015      |
| Distinction in Thesis, Queen Mary University of London                  | 2008      |
| Award for highest in a minor subject (Chemistry), Presidency University | 2007      |

## SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

| Invited talks   |            |
|---|------------|
| University of California, Santa Barbara, USA          | May 2016   |
| University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA         | Dec 2015   |
| Refereed oral presentations at conferences            |            |
| ACS Surface and Colloid Symposium, New York City, USA | June 2017  |
| ACS National Meeting, Boston, USA                     | Sep $2015$ |
| ACS Surface and Colloid Symposium, Philadelphia, USA  | Jul 2014   |
| ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, USA              | Mar 2010   |
| RSC International Lakeland Symposium, Grasmere, UK    | Jun 2009   |
| QMUL Symposium on Chemical Biology, London, UK        | Sep 2008   |

# **TEACHING**

## Pennsylvania State University

- Mentored graduate students Ms. Alicia Altemose, Ms. Remmi Baker and Mr. Mathew Collins: 2014-2016
- REU Mentor for Mr. Darius Stuvaints in summer 2015
- Teaching Assistant for Chemistry 210 and 212, supervised a class of 20 students, prepared and graded exam papers, demonstrated experiments: Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Spring 2012

# Queen Mary University of London

- Mentored third year undergraduate students Ms. Bich Buithi and Mr. Moshe Nissim Goldmeier for Msci project: 2008-2010
- Postgraduate demonstrator for Department for Chemistry, demonstrating experiments for organic and inorganic chemistry laboratories, Preparing and grading exams, Supervising undergraduates during laboratory hours for class size of 40 students: 2008-2010
- Postgraduate demonstrator for Department for Chemistry, General chemistry recitations: 2008-2010

## OUTREACH AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

| Program Committee member of MARSS conference   | 2018         |  |
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| Organizer of Power Hour in Gordon Research Conference for Complex Active and         |              |  |
| Adaptive Material Systems  | 2017         |  |
| Chair of Gordon Research Seminar for Soft Condensed Matter Physics                   | 2017         |  |
| Referee for Soft Matter, Scientific Reports, RAL, ACS Nano                           | 2015-present |  |
| Organizer of weekly Micromotor Meeting, Pennsylvania State University,               | 2015-2016    |  |
| Demonstrator of Lithographic techniques to Japanese graduate students and professors |              |  |
| at Materials day, Pennsylvania State University                                      | 2015         |  |
| Organizer of Science Leadership Camp at Pennsylvania State University: a day long    |              |  |
| workshop for local high school students  | 2014-2015    |  |
| Host for Graduate Open Day for chemistry department at Pennsylvania State            |              |  |
| University   | 2014-2015    |  |
| Panel member for Women in STEM Mixer   | 2014         |  |
| Graduate demonstrator for 'Energy in Nature' demo at local Ferguson Elementary       |              |  |
| School Science Fair  | 2013         |  |
| Demonstrator for Hidden Power Museum Kit to Radio Park Elementary                    | School 2013  |  |