

# **STYLIANOS FAKAS**

## **I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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## **II. EDUCATION**

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<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY</b>
Ph.D.	Agricultural University, Athens, Greece
M.Sc.	National University of Athens, Greece
B.Sc.	Agricultural University, Athens, Greece

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## **III. APPOINTMENTS**

- Associate Professor, Department of Food and Animal Sciences, Alabama A&M University, 2020-today
- Assistant Professor, Department of Food and Animal Sciences, Alabama A&M University, 2014-2020
- Research Associate, Department of Food Science, Rutgers University, 2012-2014
- Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Food Science, Rutgers University, 2008-2012. Advisor: Dr. George M. Carman
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Biology, University of Patras, Greece, 2006-2008. Advisor: Dr. George Aggelis

## **IV. AWARDS and HONORS**

- Excellence in Scholarship and Research Award, Alabama A&M University, 2017
- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) travel award, 2013 and 2010
- Carman Prize in Lipids, 2011
- Gordon Conference in Molecular and Cellular Biology of Lipids travel award, 2011

## **V. RESEARCH AREAS**

Biochemistry and molecular biology of lipids

## **VI. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2024 NSF - Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences - Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist
- 2023 NSF - Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental and Transport Systems- Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist
- 2023 USDA- NIFA – Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist – Food, Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences Grant Programs
- 2022 NSF - Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences - Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist
- 2022 USDA- NIFA – Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist – Food, Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences Grant Programs
- Member of the New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health
- Member of the Rutgers Center for Lipid Research
- ASBMB Sub-committee for Department Accreditation (2016-2020)

## **VII. EDITORIAL BOARDS**

- Analytical Biochemistry
- Journal of Nutrition & Food Sciences
- Lipidology

## **VIII. JOURNAL REFEREE**

Reviewer for more than 40 journals such as BBA - Molecular and Cell Biology of Lipids, Journal of Biological Chemistry, Nature Chemical Biology, and Science Advances.

## **IX. GRANTS**

1. Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Fellow: Kaleb Jackson, graduate student). NSF/DGE, 2024-2029, PI (\$53,000).
2. Multi-omics analysis of *Y. lipolytica* ATP:citrate lyase mutants, DOE/JGI, PI.
3. Excellence in Research: *PAH1*-mediated regulation of lipid synthesis in the model oleaginous yeast *Yarrowia lipolytica*. NSF/MCB, 2021-2024, PI (\$534,963).
4. Building capacity in sustainable bioenergy research by integrating molecular lipid biotechnology with multi-omics. USDA/NIFA, 2020-2023, PI (\$300,000).
5. Regulation of phosphatidic acid phosphatase during lipogenesis in the oleaginous yeast *Yarrowia lipolytica*, NIH/NIGMS, 2017-2020, PI (\$315,000).

6. Building capacity in Food Biotechnology at Alabama A&M University by establishing a new research program in microbial lipid biotechnology. USDA/NIFA, 2015-2018, PI (\$300,000).

## X. REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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## **XI. BOOK CHAPTERS**

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