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#### EDUCATION

#### YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT, USA

2009 - 2014

Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering Environmental Engineering Program

- Doctor of Philosophy, May 2014
- Masters of Philosophy, May 2011
- Masters of Science, May 2011

#### NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU), 2000 – 2004 Singapore

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honors)
- Minor in Business Administration

# ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY, USA	
Assistant Professor (tenure track)	2015 –
Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering	
Adjunct Associate Research Scientist	2014 – 2015
Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering	
SCELSE (Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering), NTU, Singapore	
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2014 – 2015
National Environment Agency, Singapore	
Assistant Manager	2004 – 2008

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS (selected)	
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award CH2M Hill/AEESP	2015
Henry Prentiss Becton Graduate Prize	2015
ES&T Best Papers of 2013 Environmental Technology: Second Runner-up	2014
C. Ellen Gonter Best Paper Award Division of Environmental Chemistry, American Chemical Society	2013
First Place, Student Presentation Competition 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Robert M. Langer Symposium, Yale University	2012
Environmental Chemistry Graduate Student Award Division of Environmental Chemistry, American Chemical Society	2011
Membrane X-Prize Oasys Water Inc., Boston, MA Monetary award for development of prototype forward osmosis membranes	2010

#### PUBLICATIONS

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- 21. Straub, A.P., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Lin, S., Lee, J., and Elimelech, M., "Harvesting lowgrade heat energy using thermo-osmotic vapor transport through nanoporous membranes", *Nature Energy*, submitted.
- Deshmukh, A., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Lin, S., and Elimelech, M., "Desalination by Forward Osmosis: Identifying Performance Limiting Parameters through Module Scale Modeling", *Journal of Membrane Science*, October 2015, Volume 491, 159–167.
- <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> and Elimelech, M., "Comparison of Energy Efficiency and Power Density in Pressure Retarded Osmosis and Reverse Electrodialysis", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 48, September 2014, 11002–11012.
- <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> and Elimelech, M., "Thermodynamic, Energy Efficiency, and Power Density Analysis of Reverse Electrodialysis Power Generation with Natural Salinity Gradients", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 48, May 2014, 4925–4936.
- 17. Lin, S., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, and Elimelech, M., "Hybrid Pressure Retarded Osmosis-Membrane Distillation System for Power Generation from Low-Grade Heat: Thermodynamic Analysis and Energy Efficiency", *Environmental Science & Technology*, April 2014, Volume 48, 5306–5313.
- Lin, S., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Cath, T.Y., and Elimelech, M., "Direct Contact Membrane Distillation with Heat Recovery: Thermodynamic Insights from Module Scale Modeling", *Journal of Membrane Science*, March 2014, Volume 453, 498–515.

- 15. Straub, A.P., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, and Elimelech, M., "Raising the Bar: Increased Hydraulic Pressure Allows Unprecedented High Power Densities in Pressure-Retarded Osmosis", *Environmental Science & Technology Letters*, November 2013, Volume 1, 55–59.
- 14. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> and Elimelech, M., "Influence of Natural Organic Matter Fouling and Osmotic Backwash on Pressure Retarded Osmosis Energy Production from Natural Salinity Gradients", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 47, November 2013, 12607–12616.
- Vermaas, D.A., Veerman, J., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Elimelech, M., Saakes, M., and Nijmeijer, K., "High Efficiency in Energy Generation from Salinity Gradients with Reverse Electrodialysis", *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*, October 2013, Volume 1, 1295–1302.
- Tiraferri, A., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Straub, A.P., Romero-Vargas Castrillon, S., and Elimelech M., "A Method for the Simultaneous Determination of Transport and Structural Parameters of Forward Osmosis Membranes", *Journal of Membrane Science*, October 2013, Volume 444, 523–538.
- Shaffer, D.L., Arias Chavez, L.H., Ben-Sasson, M., Romero-Vargas Castrillón, S., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, and Elimelech, M., "Desalination and Reuse of High-Salinity Shale Gas Produced Water: Drivers, Technologies, and Future Directions", *Environmental Science & Technology*, September 2013, Volume 47, 9569–9583.
- Cath, T.Y., Elimelech, M., McCutcheon, J.R., McGinnis, R.L., Achilli, A., Anastasio, D., Brady, A.R., Childress, A.E., Farr, I.V., Hancock, N.T., Lampi, J., Nghiem, L.D., Xie, M., and <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, "Standard Methodology for Evaluating Membrane Performance in Osmotically Driven Membrane Processes", *Desalination*, March 2013, Volume 312, 31–38.
- Mo, Y., Tiraferri, A., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Adout, A., Huang, X., and Elimelech, M., "Improved Antifouling Properties of Polyamide Nanofiltration Membranes by Reducing the Density of Surface Carboxyl Groups", *Environmental Science* & *Technology*, December 2012, Volume 46, 13253–13261.
- Shaffer, D.L., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Gilron J., and Elimelech, M., "Seawater Desalination for Agriculture by Integrated Forward and Reverse Osmosis: Improved Product Water Quality for Potentially Less Energy", *Journal of Membrane Science*, October 2012, Volume 415–416, 1–8.
- Yip, N.Y., and Elimelech, M., "Thermodynamic and Energy Efficiency Analysis of Power Generation from Natural Salinity Gradients by Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 46, May 2012, 5230–5239.
- Hoover, L.A., Phillip, W.A., Tiraferri, A., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, and Elimelech, M., "Forward with Osmosis: Emerging Applications for Greater Sustainability", *Environmental Science & Technology*, December 2011, Volume 45, 9824-9830.
- 5. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> and Elimelech, M., "Performance Limiting Effects in Power Generation from Salinity Gradients by Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 45, December 2011, 10273-10282.
- 4. Ang, W.S., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., and Elimelech, M., "Chemical Cleaning of RO Membranes Fouled by Wastewater Effluent: Achieving Higher Efficiency with Dual-step Cleaning", *Journal of Membrane Science*, Volume 382, October 2011, 100-106.

- <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., Laura, A.H., Kim, Y.C., and Elimelech, M., "Thin-Film Composite Pressure Retarded Osmosis Membranes for Sustainable Power Generation from Salinity Gradients", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 45, May 2011, 4360–4369.
- Tiraferri, A., <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., and Elimelech, M., "Relating Performance of Thin-Film Composite Forward Osmosis Membranes to Support Layer Formation and Structure", *Journal of Membrane Science*, Volume 367, February 2011, 340-352.
- 1. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., and Elimelech, M., "High Performance Thin-Film Composite Forward Osmosis Membrane", *Environmental Science & Technology*, Volume 44, May 2010, 3812–3818.

### INVITED SEMINARS and CONFERENCES (selected)

- 12. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> "Harnessing Natural Salinity Gradients for Sustainable Power Generation with Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *Invited Seminar*, Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, October 2015.
- 11. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> "Harnessing Natural Salinity Gradients for Sustainable Power Generation with Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *Invited Seminar*, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rice University, Houston, TX, December 2013.
- 10. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> and Elimelech, M. "Influence of Natural Organic Matter Fouling and Osmotic Backwash on Pressure Retarded Osmosis Energy Production from Natural Salinity Gradients", *246th ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, Indianapolis, IN, September 2013.
- 9. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., Hoover, L.A., and Elimelech, M. "Energy Production with Salinity Gradients by Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *246th ACS National Meeting & Exposition*, Indianapolis, IN, September 2013.
- 8. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> and Elimelech, M. "Impact of Natural Organic Matter Fouling on Pressure Retarded Osmosis Energy Production with Natural Salinity Gradients", *2013 AEESP 50th Anniversary Conference*, Golden, CO, July 2013.
- 7. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, and Elimelech, M. "Pressure Retarded Osmosis Energy Production with Natural Salinity Gradients", *North American Membrane Society 22nd Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, June 2012.
- 6. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, and Elimelech, M. "Thermodynamic and Energy Efficiency Analysis of Power Generation from Salinity Gradients by Pressure Retarded Osmosis", *Technoport 2012 – Sharing Possibilities, Renewable Energy Research Conference*, Trondheim, Norway, April 2012.
- 5. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> "Engineered Osmosis for Sustainable Water and Energy Production: Membrane Development", *Invited Seminar*, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 2012.
- 4. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u> "Engineered Osmosis for Sustainable Water and Energy Production", *Invited Seminar*, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, February 2012.

- 3. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., and Elimelech, M. "Thin-film Composite Membranes for Osmotically-Driven Processes", 8th IWA Leading-Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 2011.
- 2. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., and Elimelech, M. "Thinfilm Composite Membrane For Osmotically-Driven Membrane Processes", *Gordon Research Seminar – Membranes: Materials and Processes 2010*, New London, NH, July 2010.
- 1. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Tiraferri, A., Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., and Elimelech, M. "Thin-film Composite Membrane For Osmotically-Driven Membrane Processes", *ACS National Meeting 2010*, San Francisco, CA, March 2010.

## PATENTS

1. <u>Yip, N.Y.</u>, Phillip, W.A., Schiffman, J.D., and Elimelech, M., "High Flux Thin-Film Composite Forward Osmosis and Pressure Retarded Osmosis Membranes", US Patent 20120318729 A1.

### TEACHING

EAEE E2100, A Better Planet by Design (co-instruction)

EAEE E9280, Earth & Environmental Colloquium

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### **Reviewer for Scholarly Journals**

- Environmental Science and Technology (ACS)
- ES&T Letters (ACS)
- *Water Research* (IWA Publishing)
- Energy & Environmental Science (RSC)
- ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering (ACS)
- Journal of Membrane Science (Elsevier)
- ChemSusChem (Wiley)
- Applied Energy (Elsevier)
- Desalination (Elsevier)
- Renewable Energy (Elsevier)
- Journal of Environmental Engineering (ASCE)

#### Professional Membership

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP)