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**EDUCATION**

 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

 Aug. 1984 to Jan. 1990; Ph. D. degree in Biological Chemistry January 1990.

 Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

 Sept. 1978 to April 1979 and Oct. 1981 to Aug. 1984; B.A. degree in Chemistry, minor in French.

**EMPLOYMENT**

 Brigham Young University

 Professor: Sept. 2006 - present

 Associate Professor: Sept. 2002-Sept. 2006

Assistant Professor: July 1996-Sept. 2002.

 University of California/Los Alamos National Laboratory

 Staff Member: March 1992-June 1996.

 Post Doctoral Fellow: Jan 1990-March 1992.

 Purdue University

 Graduate Research Assistant: May 1985-Dec. 1989.

 Graduate Teaching Assistant: Aug. 1984-Dec. 1987.

 Brigham Young University

 Undergraduate Research Assistant: Jan. 1984-Aug. 1984.

 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in French: Jan. 1982-Aug. 1984.

**HONORS**

David Ross Graduate Student Fellowship Purdue University 1989

College Junior Faculty Teaching Award Brigham Young University 1999

John A. Widtsoe Fellowship Brigham Young University 2005

Sponsored Research Achievement Award Brigham Young University 2010

Wesley P. Lloyd Distinction in Graduate Education Award Brigham Young University 2014

Izatt/Christensen Faculty Excellence in Research Award Brigham Young University 2016

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Associate chair, BYU Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry 2016 – present.

 Biochemistry area chair, BYU Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry 2004 – 2012.

 BYU Institutional biosafety committee chair 2006 – 2008.

**CRITICALLY REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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“Co-chaperone Role of Phosducin-like Protein in G Protein Subunit Assembly” National Institute of General Medical Sciences. R01 ARRA supplement 9/2009-6/2011. $135,000 plus indirect.

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"Regulation of the Cytoplasmic Chaperonin Complex by Phosducin-like Protein" National Science Foundation, Molecular and Cellular Biosciences 4/2002 to 3/2005, $219,000 plus indirect.

“Regulation of Visual Signal Transduction by Phosducin” National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health. RO1 Award. 1999-2004, $566,000 plus indirect.

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# BOOK CHAPTERS

8. R.L. Plimpton, J.M. Valpuesta and B.M. Willardson (2018) “Mechanism of Folding by Type II Chaperonins” In: Frontiers in Structural Biology – Role of Molecular Chaperones in Structural Folding, Biological Functions, and drug interactions of client proteins. 1, 190-213. Ed. M. D. Galigniana, Bentham Science.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited speaker**

Willardson, B.M. (June 2020) “Investigating chaperone-mediated assembly of signaling complexes by high-resolution cryo-electron microscopy” ASBMB Virtual Symposium on Emerging Technologies.

Willardson, B.M. (Dec 2017) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of cell signaling complexes” Case Western University, Cleveland, OH.

Willardson, B.M. (Dec 2017) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of cell signaling complexes” University of Akron, Akron, OH.

Willardson, B.M. (September 2016) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of cell signaling complexes” Izatt/Christensen distinguished faculty lecture, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

Willardson, B.M. (June 2016) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of cell signaling complexes” Phosphorylation and G-protein mediated signaling networks, Gordon Research Conference, University of New England, Biddeford, ME.

Willardson, B.M. (December 2015) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of G protein complexes.” Seminar series in the Department of Biochemistry, University of Utah Medical School, Salt Lake City, UT.

Willardson, B.M. (November 2014) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of G protein complexes.” Scripps Research Institute Florida, Dept. of Neuroscience seminar. Jupiter, FL.

Willardson, B. M. (May 2014) “Structure of the Gβ-CCT and PhLP1-Gβ-CCT complexes reveal a molecular mechanism for G protein β subunit folding and βγ dimer assembly.” Cold Spring Harbor Symposium Molecular Chaperones and Stress Responses. Cold Spring Harbor, NY.

Willardson, B. M. (September 2013) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of G protein complexes.” University of Rochester, Dept. of Pharmacology seminar. Rochester, NY.

Willardson, B. M. (July 2013) “Structural analysis of G protein complex assembly.” LDS Life Science Research Symposium. Salt Lake City, UT.

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Willardson, B. M. (May 2013) “Chaperone-mediated assembly of G protein complexes.” University of Utah, Moran Eye center seminar, Salt Lake City, UT.

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Willardson, B. M. (June 2011) “What does it take to assemble a signaling complex? The role of molecular chaperones in G protein signaling” FASEB Summer Research Conference, The Biology and Chemistry of Vision, Carefree, AZ.

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Willardson, B. M. (August 2008) “What does it take to assemble a signaling complex? The role of molecular chaperones in G protein signaling” Speaker at the Philip S. Low Symposium, Purdue University

Willardson, B.M. (August 2007) “Overturning a paradigm – a new role of phosducin-like proteins as molecular

chaperones in protein folding” Speaker at the LDS life science research symposium, Snowbird, Utah

Willardson, B.M. (April 2006) “A molecular matchmaker -- the role of phosducin-like protein in the assembly of the nascent G protein  subunit dimer” Seminar speaker Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Centro Nacional de Biotecnologia, Madrid, Spain

Willardson, B.M. (June 2006) “A molecular matchmaker -- the role of phosducin-like protein in the assembly of the nascent G protein  subunit dimer” Seminar speaker Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Institut de Recherche en Biologie Humaine et Moleculaire, Brussels, Belgium.

Willardson, B.M. (Oct 2005) “A molecular matchmaker -- the role of phosducin-like protein

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Lukov, G., Carter, M., Thulin, C. and Willardson, B. (June 2004) “Effect of casein kinase II phosphorylation of phosducin-like protein on its binding to the cytosolic chaperonin complex and G protein  subunit dimer” ASBMB annual meeting 2004. Boston, MA. USA

Hu. T., Martin-Benito, J., Bertrand, S. Carrascosa, J., Ludtke, P., McLaughlin, J. Willardson B. and Valpuesta, J. (June 2004) “Structural characterization of the interaction between phosducin-like protein and the cytosolic chaperonin complex” ASBMB annual meeting 2004. Boston, MA. USA

Willardson, B.M. “A tale of two proteins: role of phosducin and phosducin-like protein in regulating G protein signaling in photoreceptors and other cell types” (Sept. 2001) University of Kansas Medical School Kansas City, KS. USA.

 Willardson, B.M. “Phosphorylation-state dependent regulation of phosducin binding partners – implications on the physiological role of phosducin in photoreceptor cells” (Aug. 2001) University of Utah, Moran Eye Institute, Salt Lake City, UT. USA.

Willardson, B.M. “Regulation of G-protein Signaling in Vision by Phosducin” Guest speaker for The Purdue University Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program Seminar Series (Sept. 1997) West Lafayette, IN. USA.

Willardson, B.M. “Regulation of G-protein function in retinal rods by phosducin, a phosphorylation state dependent modulator of G-protein  subunits” (Oct. 1996) American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Fall Symposium, Keystone, CO. USA.

Willardson, B.M. “Regulation of G-protein Activation by Phosducin” (Sept. 1996) NATO/FEBS Advanced Study Institute, Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy.

 Willardson, B.M. “Localization of the ankyrin binding site on erythrocyte band 3 cytoplasmic domain” (Feb. 1989) UCLA Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, Taos, NM. USA.

Willardson, B.M. “Role of Band 3 Anion Channel in the Attachment of the Erythrocyte Membrane Cytoskeleton to the Plasma Membrane” (Sept. 1988) International Symposium on Membrane Proteins, Frankfort, Germany.

#### Poster presentations

Ludlam, W.G., Bohman, J., Carter, E., Zocca, S., Wang, S., Cuéllar, J., Bueno-Carasco, M.T, Valpuesta, J. M., Shen, P.S. and Willardson, B. M. (April 2021) “Structural Determination of CCT-Gβ5 folding intermediate” Experimental Biology Virtual Meeting

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Ludlam, W.G., Bohman, J., Carter, E., Zocca, S., Wang, S., Cuéllar, J., Bueno-Carasco, M.T, Valpuesta, J. M., Shen, P.S. and Willardson, B. M. (Feb 2021) “Structural Determination of CCT:β-propeller protein folding intermediates” Keystone Symposium Virtual Meeting

Cuéllar, J., Ludlam, W.G., Tensmeyer, N.C., Aoba, T., Dhavale, M., Santiago, C., Bueno-Carrasco, M.T., Mann, M.J., Plimpton, R.L., Makaju, A., Franklin, S., Willardson, B.M., and Valpuesta, J.M (June 2019)“Structural and functional analysis of the role of the chaperonin CCT in mTOR complex assembly” FASEB research conference “Biology and Chemistry of Vision” Steamboat Springs, CO.

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