

Jonathan M. Meyers

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a higher education leader with over a decade of progressively responsible administrative experience at Columbus State University, currently serving as Interim Associate Provost and Interim Associate Dean. I bring a strong record of driving student success initiatives, leading cross-divisional collaboration between units, and directing academic policy, curriculum governance, and academic integrity processes. This past year, I completed the University System of Georgia's Executive Leadership Institute (ELI). My leadership combines data-informed decision-making with collaborative servant leadership to build initiatives across departments, colleges, and institutional committees.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Biological Chemistry 2012

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

B.S., Chemistry (ACS Certified) 2004

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Strategic Planning & Institutional Leadership
- Academic Policy Development & Enforcement
- Curriculum & Graduate Program Governance
- Academic Integrity & Appeals Administration
- Faculty Governance & Supervision
- Retention, Progression & Completion Strategy
- Cross-Divisional Collaboration
- Data-Informed Decision-Making & Analytics
- Conflict Resolution & Mediation
- Course Scheduling & Instructional Logistics

ADMINISTRATIVE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Chair, "Better Together 2030" CSU Core IMPACTS Task Force

September 2024 – January 2025

Office of the Provost Task Force, Columbus State University

- **Appointed by the Interim Provost to chair a university-wide faculty task force** charged with reimagining the Institutional Priorities portion of CSU's Core IMPACTS general education curriculum and reallocating the 42 credit hours of general education across all seven IMPACTS areas, in alignment with University System of Georgia Board of Regents Policy.

- **Led a six-member cross-college committee** (Faculty Senate, College of Education & Health Professions, Honors College, College of the Arts, and Turner College of Business) through an intensive eight-week design process to completion.
- **Conceived and authored “The River,” a three-course interdisciplinary general education sequence** (RIVR 1000, RIVR 1001, RIVR 2000) built around a unifying orienting question and student learning objectives spanning critical thinking, civic engagement, collaborative problem-solving, and professional readiness.
- **Presented recommendations to the President and Office of Academic Affairs**, securing endorsement to advance the proposal through the University Curriculum Committee, and ultimately the University System of Georgia General Education Council.
- **Led the successful launch of the first instructional cycle of RIVR 1101**, the sequence's inaugural course, by interviewing and selecting instructors representing the required focus-areas.

Lead Administrator, Degree Program Realignment Initiative

Spring 2025 – Present

Departments of Chemistry and Mathematics, Columbus State University

- **Directed a major degree program overhaul for the Department of Chemistry** in direct response to declining enrollment and the program's inclusion on the University System of Georgia's list of low-performing programs, with secondary administrative guidance to the Department of Mathematics on a parallel redesign.
- **Led the streamlining and condensation of the Chemistry degree** through repeated working sessions with department faculty, explaining USG requirements, guiding curriculum redesign decisions, and co-developing the rebuilt course of study.
- **Served as primary liaison to the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs** throughout the redesign, ensuring the proposal met all institutional goals and USG benchmarks at each stage of development.
- **Authored a proposal that received strong praise from university administration and the Executive Leadership Team**; both redesigned curricula are approved and scheduled to launch in Fall 2026.

Interim Associate Provost

April 2026 – Present

Office of the Provost, Columbus State University

- **Represented the Office of the Provost during SACSCOC Reaffirmation on-site interviews** for Standards 9.1–9.3, 10.6, 10.7, and 12.4, directly engaging with accreditation reviewers on institutional compliance and student achievement.
- **Resolved a backlog of approximately 40 academic student grievances**, restoring timely, consistent, and fair adjudication of academic appeals.

- **Represented Academic Affairs in university-wide strategic planning** for course scheduling, part-time faculty hiring, and comprehensive program review, supporting data-informed academic planning.
- **Serve as a key administrative liaison** across academic and student support units, advancing cross-divisional initiatives in support of student persistence and completion.
- **Collaborated with the Chief Academic Strategy Officer and the Director of Faculty Affairs** to propose a new innovative compensation model for department chairs.

Interim Associate Dean, College of Letters and Sciences

June 2025 – Present

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA

- **Administer tenure and promotion processes college-wide**, overseeing all aspects of faculty review for fairness, consistency, and policy compliance.
- **Coordinate and support all college-level committees**, facilitating faculty governance and shared decision-making.
- **Direct the college's Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) program**, a high-impact academic support initiative spanning multiple departments.
- **Serve as the college's representative on all curriculum matters**, reviewing and approving curriculum proposals to ensure academic quality and policy alignment.

Assistant Dean of Strategic and Student Initiatives, College of Letters and Sciences

July 2022 – June 2025

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA

- **Built and scaled a Peer-Led Team Learning program to over 30 weekly workshops** across chemistry, math, physics, and astronomy, reducing D/F/Withdrawal rates in Principles of Chemistry I from a 9.5-year average of 32.4% to a 2-year average of 14.2%.
- **Launched and expanded a peer-mentoring program from 1 to 7 departments**, pairing upper-level students with incoming freshmen and producing measurable early gains in student sense of belonging.
- **Led systematic, data-driven review of barrier courses college-wide**, analyzing prerequisite structures and instructor variation, then authoring formal findings and recommendations and partnering with department chairs to implement improvement plans.
- **Created a recurring student-recognition initiative (Dean's Luncheon Series)** to strengthen engagement among honors students, workshop leaders, and peer mentors.
- **Received, evaluated, and adjudicated student academic complaints**, applying consistent, policy-based resolution.

Interim Chair, Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy

August 2024 – July 2025

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA

- **Assumed departmental leadership with one day's notice** following an unplanned chair transition, ensuring uninterrupted department operations at the start of the academic term.
- **Realigned departmental teaching loads with college policy** and navigated a part-time instructor hiring freeze, reducing part-time payroll from ten lines to zero while preserving curricular coverage.
- **Directed development of the department's 5-year strategic action plan.**

Interim Chair, Department of Psychology

July 2023 – July 2024

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA

- **Stabilized a department of over 300 majors through a period of significant faculty turnover**, including the retirement of the department chair.
- **Redesigned academic advising delivery** to match capacity, restructuring the model so the Advising Center supported students through junior year and implementing group advising sessions for seniors — well received by both students and faculty.
- **Secured approval for and led hiring on multiple faculty lines**, successfully hiring a lecturer and advancing two tenure-track searches.
- **Chaired the search committee that selected a new permanent department chair.**
- **Built balanced course schedules**, managed the departmental budget, conducted annual faculty evaluations, and processed course overrides.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- **Executive Leadership Institute (ELI)**, University System of Georgia — completed comprehensive leadership development program for senior higher education administrators across the USG system.
- **LEAD CSU**, Leadership Institute, Columbus State University — completed a leadership development program, gaining enhanced skills in higher education leadership and a comprehensive understanding of university operations. Participated in a structured experience designed to strengthen leadership capabilities and prepare employees for advancement into campus leadership roles.

TEACHING & SCHOLARLY BACKGROUND

Meets and exceeds Columbus State University's rank requirements for Associate Professor in teaching, service, and scholarly publication.

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry

Aug 2013 – Present

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA

- Teach a broad portfolio of undergraduate and graduate courses spanning organic chemistry, biochemistry (lecture and lab), forensic chemistry, and general chemistry; direct supervised undergraduate research.

Lecturer, Department of Chemistry

Aug 2013 – May 2014

Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC

- Taught and developed curriculum for Principles of Chemistry I & II (lecture and lab).

Postdoctoral & Research Associate

2007 – 2013

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN — Laboratory of Dr. Richard DiMarchi

- Led design, synthesis, and characterization of novel insulin and insulin/IGF-1 hybrid analogs; work informed a U.S. and international patent family licensed to Merck Research Labs.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

- Educator of the Year Finalist, Columbus State University (2024)
- Educator of the Year, Columbus State University (2023)
- Campus Advisor of the Year, Columbus State University (2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Chair, Auburn Local Section, American Chemical Society (2021–2023); Executive Board Member (2015–Present)
- Faculty Advisor, CSU Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society (2015–Present)
- Sponsored Member, American Peptide Society (2015–Present)

PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS*Under Review*

- Shaw, K.; Meyers, J. M. *Impact of Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) on Student Success in General Chemistry: Differential Outcomes Across Academic Preparation, First-Generation Status, Race, and Gender*. Under review for *Georgia Journal of Science*.

Published

- Meyers, J. M. Student to Coordinator: My 20-Year PLTL Journey. *Adv. Peer-Led Learn. J.* **2022**, 2, Article 7.
- Lin, Z.; Bies, J.; Johnson, S.; Gorden, J.; Strickland, J.; Frazier, M.; Meyers, J. M.; Shelton, K. Synthesis and Anti-Proliferative Activity of N,N'-Bis-Substituted 1,2,4-Triazolium Salts against Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Cell Lines. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **2019**, 56 (2), 533–538.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Snow, Elise R.; Holley, Wade; and Meyers, Jonathan (2024) "ISOLATION, CHARACTERIZATION, AND BIOACTIVITY OF SECONDARY METABOLITES IN EUPATORIUM SEROTINUM **," *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 82, No. 1, Article 51.
- Kollaram, Apoorva; Schuler, Chayce C.; and Meyers, Jonathan M. (2024) "PURIFICATION OF A RECOMBINANT GFP-PREPTIN FUSION PROTEIN**," *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 82, No. 1, Article 47.
- Ta, Thong; Lin, Zijie; Johnson, Shanina S.; Gordon, John E.; Frazier, Monica; Meyers, Jonathan; and Shelton, Kerri L. (2019) "Synthesis and anti-proliferative activity of N,N'-bis-substituted-2,4-triazolium salts with lipophilic and hydrophilic substituents," *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 77, No. 1, Article 22.
- Lin, Zijie; Cardenas, Camila; Bies, Jared; Strickland, Jacqueline; Gordon, John D.; Frazier, Monica; Meyers, Jonathan M.; and Shelton, Kerri L. (2018) "Synthesis and anti-proliferative activity of N,N'-bis-substituted -2,4-triazolium salts with various substituents," *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 76, No. 1, Article 121.

PATENTS

- Azriel, J.; DiMarchi, R. D.; Kaur, Z.; Meyers, J. M.; Parody, T.; Zhao, Y. *Single-Chain Insulin Agonists Exhibiting High Activity at the Insulin Receptor*.
 - o U.S. Patent 9,458,220, Oct 4, 2016.
 - o Japanese Patent 5969469, Jul 15, 2016.
 - o German Patent 2582719, Jul 14, 2016.
 - o French Patent 2582719, Jul 14, 2016.
 - o United Kingdom Patent 2582719, Jul 14, 2016.
 - o Australian Patent 2011268327, Jun 9, 2016.
 - o U.S. Patent 8,940,860, Jan 27, 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022

- Collins, S.; Becerra, I.; Dilorio, A.; Jackson, B.; Roller, E.; Meyers, J. M. Solubility and Activity of Short Cationic Hairpin Peptides. Presented at the Spring National Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Indianapolis, IN, 2022.
- Gallagher, K.; Meyers, J. M. Purification of Recombinant GFP-Preptin Fusion Proteins for Alanine Scanning Mutagenesis. Presented at the Spring National Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Indianapolis, IN, 2022.

2021

- Rose, C.; Collins, S.; Becerra, I.; Dilorio, A.; Jackson, B.; Roller, E.; Meyers, J. M. Design and Antibiotic Activity of Novel Hairpin Peptides. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Birmingham, AL, 2021.

- Jackson, B.; Meyers, J. M. Biosynthesis of Preptin Analogs for Alanine Scanning Mutagenesis. Presented at the Fall National Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Atlanta, GA, 2021.

2019

- Rose, C.; Meyers, J. M. Solubility of Select Azolium Compounds. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Savannah, GA, 2019.

2018

- Guthrie, T.; Rose, C.; Meyers, J. M. Antibiotic Activity of N,N'-Bis-Substituted 1,2,4-Triazolium Salts with Cyclic Substituents. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Augusta, GA, 2018.
- Scott, A.; Angulium, T.; Love, J.; Meyers, J. M. Recombinant Expression of Preptin Analogs for Alanine Scanning Mutagenesis of Residues 21–24. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Augusta, GA, 2018.
- Bies, J. J.; Lin, Z.; Taylor, K.; Meyers, J. M. Mechanism of Triazolium Salts on Breast Cancer Cells. Presented at the 255th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society; New Orleans, LA, 2018.
- Cardenas, C.; Griffin, B. K.; Meyers, J. M. Effects of DMSO on Uptake of Polyphenols by *Escherichia coli*. Presented at the 255th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society; New Orleans, LA, 2018.

2016

- James, J.; Meyers, J. M. Cellular Uptake of Curcumin by Yeast. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Columbia, SC, 2016.
- Udo, H.; Meyers, J. M. DMSO-Mediated Cellular Uptake of Phenol Red. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Columbia, SC, 2016.
- Fairchild, E.; Meyers, J. M. Testing 7,000-Year-Old Hair for Cocaine and Plasticizers. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Columbia, SC, 2016.

2015

- Smith, J. M.; Meyers, J. M. Biosynthesis of Mitochondrial-Derived Peptide MOTS-c for Biological Characterization. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Memphis, TN, 2015.
- Griffin, B. K.; Fairchild, E.; Meyers, J. M. Cellular Uptake of Polyphenols in a Bacterial Expression System. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; Memphis, TN, 2015.

2012

- Meyers, J. M. A Search for Insulin Superagonism through Synthesis and Characterization of Insulin/IGF-1 Hybrid Hormones. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2012.
- Meyers, J.; Gelfanov, V.; DiMarchi, R. D. IGF-1 Analogs with Insulin-Like Selectivity for the Insulin Receptor. Presented at the Third Annual Watanabe Symposium in Biotechnology; Bloomington, IN, Sept 2012.

2010

- Meyers, J. M. Peptide Therapeutics: Building Biomolecules Using a Chemist's Toolbox. Invited Speaker, Advanced College Project Fall Workshop; Bloomington, IN, 2010.

2009

- Kaur, Z.; Meyers, J.; Zhao, Y.; DiMarchi, R. D. Chemical Synthesis of Insulin and Related Analogs. Presented at the 21st Symposium of the American Peptide Society, *Breaking Away*; Bloomington, IN, 2009.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- Meyers, J. M. *Principles of Chemistry I Workshop Workbook*; University of West Georgia: Carrollton, GA, 2003.
- Meyers, J. M. *Principles of Chemistry II Workshop Workbook*; University of West Georgia: Carrollton, GA, 2003.
- Meyers, J. M. *Principles of Chemistry I Workshop Workbook*; University of West Georgia: Carrollton, GA, 2002.
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