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**Education:**

**B.Sc Crop Science**, Cum Laude, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona (2000-2003)  
**Ph.D Plant Pathology**, University of California, Riverside (2003-2007)

**Professional appointments:**

**Joint Faculty:** Oak Ridge Institute (June 2020 - Present)

**Joint Faculty:** Bredeisen Center for Interdisciplinary Research (January 2017 - Present)

**Joint Faculty:** Plant Sciences Dept., University of Tennessee, Knoxville (May 2015 - Present)

**Geneticist:** Oak Ridge National Laboratory (October 2010 - Present)

**Postdoctoral Scholar:** University of California, Riverside (February 2008 - September 2010)

**External funding:**

**Co-PI: DOE, 2023 - 2028 (\$125M):** Center for Bioenergy Innovation.

**Co-PI: DOE, 2022 -2025 (\$2.7M):** WNTR

**Co-PI: DOE, 2019 – 2022 (\$2.5M):** Combining genome-wide association studies and expression quantitative trait nucleotide mapping with molecular and genetic validations to identify transcriptional networks regulating drought tolerance in *Populus*.

**Co-PI: DOE, 2019 - 2022 (\$21.2M):** Plant Microbe Interfaces (PMI).

**Co-PI: DOE/USDA Feedstocks Genomics, 2018 - 2021 (\$1.2M):** Towards durable resistance to *Septoria* stem canker and leaf spot: a molecular understanding of resistance.

**Co-PI: DOE, 2018 - 2023 (\$125M):** Center for Bioenergy Innovation.

**PI: DOE Early Career Award, 2017 - 2021 (\$2.5M):** Host genetic features mediating symbiotic interactions in *Salix spp.*

**Co-PI: NSF PGRP, 2017 - 2021 (\$4.0M):** Analysis of genes affecting plant regeneration and transformation in poplar.

**Intellectual property:**

**Patents:**

1. Pan domain activates ubiquitination. United States patent US 18,323,672. 2024 Jan 4.
2. Methods for immunoregulation by modulating plasminogen-apple-nematode (pan) domain-containing proteins. United States patent application US 17/012,139. 2021 Mar 11.
3. Transcription Factor Which Regulates Flavonoid, Phenylpropanoid, Tyrosine, and Tryptophan Pathways. United States patent US 20,150,353,948. 2015 Dec 10.
4. KEY GENE REGULATING PLANT CELL WALL RECALCITRANCE. United States patent US 20,160,053,275. 2016 Feb 25.

5. Complex of mutualistic microbes designed to increase plant productivity. United States patent US 10,660,340. 2020 May 26.
6. Methods for improving callus formation and regeneration in plants. United States patent application US 16/525,724. 2020 Jan 30.
7. Methods of improving mycorrhization in plants and genetically modified plants with improved mycorrhization. United States patent application US 16/520,967. 2020 Jan 30.
8. Methods of identifying and modulating pathogen resistance in plants. United States patent application US 16/148,319. 2019 Jun 27.
9. Methods of controlling vegetative growth and flowering times by modulating phosphoenolpyruvate shunt between shikimate and glycolysis pathways. United States patent application US 16/183,074. 2019 May 9
10. Filamentous fungi capable of producing very long chain fatty acids. US Patent App. 16/381,521, 2020.

**Selected publications:**

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2. Argiroff WA, Carrell AA, Klingeman DM, Dove NC, **Muchero W**, Veach AM, Wahl T, Lebreux SJ, Webb AB, Peyton K, Schadt CW. Seasonality and longer-term development generate temporal dynamics in the *Populus* microbiome. **Msystems**. 2024 Feb 29:e00886-23.
3. Yao T, Zhang J, Yates TB, Shrestha HK, Engle NL, Ployet R, John C, Feng K, Bewg WP, Chen MS, Lu H...**Muchero W\***. Expression quantitative trait loci mapping identified PtrXB38 as a key hub gene in adventitious root development in *Populus*. **New Phytologist**. 2023 Sep;239(6):2248-64.
4. O'Banion BS, Jones P, Demetros AA, Kelley BR, Knoor LH, Wagner AS, Chen JG, **Muchero W**, Reynolds TB, Jacobson D, Lebeis SL. Plant myo-inositol transport influences bacterial colonization phenotypes. **Current Biology**. 2023 Aug 7;33(15):3111-24.
5. Zhang J, Wang X, Wang HT, Qiao Z, Yao T, Xie M, Urbanowicz BR, Zeng W, Jawdy SS, Gunter LE, Yang X...**Muchero W\***, Chen J-G\*. Overexpression of REDUCED WALL ACETYLATION C increases xylan acetylation and biomass recalcitrance in *Populus*. **Plant physiology**.:kiad377.
6. Pal D, De K, Yates TB, Kolape J, **Muchero W**. Mutating novel interaction sites in NRP1 reduces SARS-CoV-2 spike protein internalization. **Iscience**. 2023 Apr 21;26(4):106274.
7. Hyden B, Feng K, Yates TB, Jawdy S, Cereghino C, Smart LB\*, **Muchero W\***. *De Novo* Assembly and Annotation of 11 Diverse Shrub Willow (*Salix*) Genomes Reveals Novel Gene Organization in Sex-Linked Regions. **International Journal of Molecular Sciences**. 2023 Feb 2;24(3):2904.

8. Li M, Yao T, Lin W, Hinckley WE, Galli M, Muchero W, Gallavotti A, Chen JG, Huang SS. Double DAP-seq uncovered synergistic DNA binding of interacting bZIP transcription factors. *Nature communications*. 2023 May 5;14(1):2600.
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12. Yao T, Yuan G, Lu H, Liu Y, Zhang J, Tuskan GA, Muchero W, Chen JG, Yang X. CRISPR/Cas9-based gene activation and base editing in *Populus*. *Horticulture Research*. 2023 May 3:uhad085.
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14. Carrell, A.A., Clark, M., Jawdy, S., **Muchero, W.**, Alexandre, G., Labbé, J.L. and Rush, T.A., 2023. Interactions with microbial consortia have variable effects in organic carbon and production of exometabolites among genotypes of *Populus trichocarpa*. *Plant Direct*, 7(11), p.e544.
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16. Bryant N, Muchero W, Weber RA, Barros J, Chen JG, Tschaplinski TJ, Pu Y, Ragauskas AJ. Cell wall response of field grown *Populus* to *Septoria* infection. *Frontiers in Plant Science*. 2023 Jun 7;14:1089011.
17. Bryant N, Zhang J, Feng K, Shu M, Ployet R, Chen JG, **Muchero W**, Yoo CG, Tschaplinski TJ, Pu Y, Ragauskas AJ. Novel candidate genes for lignin structure identified through genome-wide association study of naturally varying *Populus trichocarpa*. *Frontiers in Plant Science*. 2023 May 5;14:1153113.
18. Yuan G, Liu Y, Yao T, **Muchero W**, Chen JG, Tuskan GA, Yang X. eYGFPUv-Assisted Transgenic Selection in *Populus deltoides* WV94 and Multiplex Genome Editing in Protoplasts of *P. trichocarpa* × *P. deltoides* Clone ‘52-225’. *Plants*. 2023 Apr 14;12(8):1657.
19. Shrestha H, Yao T, Qiao Z, **Muchero W**, Hettich RL, Chen JG, Abraham PE. Lectin Receptor-like Kinase Signaling during Engineered Ectomycorrhiza Colonization. *Cells*. 2023 Apr 4;12(7):1082.
20. Hassan MM, Martin S, Feng K, Yates TB, Yuan G, Martin MZ, Martin S, **Muchero W**, Griffiths NA, Weston DJ, Yang X. Genome-wide identification and functional prediction of silicon (Si) transporters in poplar (*Populus trichocarpa*). *Plant Biotechnology Reports*. 2023 Apr;17(2):285-302.

- 21.** John CW, Queen O, **Muchero W\***, Emrich SJ\*. Deep Learning for Reference-Free Geolocation for Poplar Trees. *arXiv preprint arXiv*:2301.13387. **2023** Jan 31.
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- 23.** Pal D, De K, Shanks CM, Feng K, Yates TB, Morrell-Falvey J, Davidson RB, Parks JM, **Muchero W**. Core cysteine residues in the Plasminogen-Apple-Nematode (PAN) domain are critical for HGF/c-MET signaling. *Communications Biology*. **2022** Jul 1;5(1):646.
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- 25.** Yates TB, Feng K, Zhang J, Singan V, Jawdy SS, Ranjan P, Abraham PE, Barry K, Lipzen A, Pan C, Schmutz J...**Muchero W** (**2021**). The ancient Salicoid genome duplication event: A platform for reconstruction of de Novo gene evolution in *Populus trichocarpa*. *Genome Biology and Evolution* 13(9):evab198.
- 26.** Qiao Z, Yates TB, Shrestha HK, Engle NL, Flanagan A, Morrell-Falvey JL, Sun Y, Tschaplinski TJ, Abraham PE, Labbé J, Wang ZY...**Muchero W\***, Chen J-G\* (**2021**). Towards engineering ectomycorrhization into switchgrass bioenergy crops via a lectin receptor-like kinase. *Plant Biotechnology Journal*. doi.org/10.1111/pbi.13671.
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- 33.** Xie M\*, **Muchero W\*** (*co-1<sup>ST</sup> author and Corresponding author*), Bryan AC, Yee KL, Guo HB, Zhang J, Tschaplinski T, Singan VR, Lindquist E, Payyavula RS, Barros-Rios J et al. (2018). A 5-enolpyruvylshikimate 3-phosphate synthase functions as a transcriptional repressor in *Populus*. *The Plant Cell* tpc-00168.
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- 41.** Bhagia S, **Muchero W**, Kumar R, Tuskan GA, Wyman CE. (2016). Natural genetic variability reduces recalcitrance in poplar. *Biotechnology for biofuels* 9: 1.
- 42.** Yang Y, Labbé J, **Muchero W**, Yang X, Jawdy SS, Kennedy M, Johnson J, Sreedasyam A, Schmutz J, Tuskan GA, Chen JG. (2016). Genome-wide analysis of lectin receptor-like kinases in *Populus*. *BMC genomics* 17: 699.
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#### Synergistic Activities:

**Chairperson:** Southern Forest Tree Improvement Committee

**Professional memberships:** American Phytopathological Society (2006 – Present), American Society for Plant Biologists (2010 – Present).

#### **Editorial Boards:**

- Plant Physiology Journal
- Forestry Research Journal

#### Press Releases:

1. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/ending-cancer-we-know-it-cancer-moonshot-and-americas-national-labs>

2. <https://www.energy.gov/science/articles/how-plant-biology-research-could-inform-covid-19-treatments>
3. <https://phys.org/news/2023-10-scientists-gene-triggers-root-growth.html>
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