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1. GENERAL INFORMATION**1-A. Educational background**

1991	Ph.D.	University of Iowa, <i>Atomic Molecular and Laser Physics</i> .
1987	CERTIFICATE:	International Center for Theoretical Physics; Trieste, Italy.
1985	M.S.	Addis Ababa University <i>Physics: Surface Science</i> .
1977	B.S.	Addis Ababa University <i>Physics Sec. Education/with a minor in Math</i> .

1-B. Area of field of specialization

Experimental and Theoretical (Computational) Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics /and Chemical Physics

1-C. Teaching and other professional experience

2009-	Adjunct Professor, Addis Ababa , Ethiopia
2006-	Director, NOAA-ISET Center
2004	Fellow: National Institute of Aeronautics (NIA)
2003-Present	Professor
2003	Visiting professor, Laboratory of Theoretical Chemistry Facultes de St-Jerome 13397 MARSEILLE
2000-2001	JILA visiting fellow
2001-2006	Chair, Department of Physics
1998- 2003	Associate Professor, Department of Physics, North Carolina A&T State University.
1993-1998	Assistant Professor: Department of Physics, North Carolina A&T State University.
1997 spring	Acting Chairman: Department of Physics, North Carolina A&T State University.
1996 (summer) and	NRC/HBCU Faculty Fellow: Oak Ridge National Laboratory
1997 (summer)	Chemical and Biological Physics Section
1995(summer)	Visiting Assistant Professor: University of Connecticut, Department of Physics, Storrs.
1995(summer)	AWU-DOE Faculty Fellow: Los Alamos National Lab.
1994(summer)	Visiting Assistant Professor. University of Utah, Department of Chemistry,
1991-1993	Post Doctoral Fellow: University of Utah, Chemistry Department, Salt Lake City, Utah
1988-1991	Research Assistant: University of Iowa, Department of Physics, and Iowa City, Iowa.
1985-1987	Lecturer: Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
1983-1985	Research Assistant, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

1-D. List honors and awards

- Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, NCAMP (NSF) April 1998.
- Faculty Award, National Honors, College of Arts and Sciences April 1998.
- JILA visiting fellowship, 2001-2002
- Named Outstanding Senior Researcher for A&T, 2001-2002
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Pi Sigma ΣΠΣ National Physics Honor Society.
- Teacher of the Year, 2006

1-E. Membership (s) in professional organizations

-NSBP: National Society of Black Physicists.
 -APS: American Physical Society
 -ACS: American Chemical Society
 -APS Division of Chemical Physics
 -APS Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics
 -EPS-Founder of the Ethiopian Physics Society.
 -AAAS : American Association for the Advancement of Science
 -AAPT: American Association of Physics Teachers

2. DETAILS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: RESEARCH

2-A. Summary of research productivity

Peer reviewed publications: 1991-2009	34
Abstracts, proceedings 1991-2006	60
Research grants funded as PI	9 proposals (\$15,429,434)
Research grants funded as Co-PI	3 proposals (\$1,229,000)

2-B. Previous research

- Spectroscopy of Transition State Dynamics (1988-1991)
- State-to- State Photochemistry (1988-1991)
- Laser Spectroscopy and Photodynamics (1991-1993)
- Electronic Structure Calculations, Quantum calculations (1991-Present)
- Photodetachment of H⁻ (summer 1995) (Los Alamos National Laboratory)
- Photochemistry of Metal CVD precursors in cluster environment and nano chemistry within clusters: Oak Ridge National Laboratory (1996) NCAT: 1999-2005

2-C. Current research

Spectroscopy of Transition State Dynamics (1998-present)

The research includes the study of laser induced chemical reactions within molecules, and laser induced energy transfer collisions between atoms and molecules. Current studies include laser induced chemical reaction dynamics of LiH₂, LiCH₄ and other hydrocarbon complexes in gas phase, and kinetic and dynamic studies of the quenching of excited states of Li by several alkane and alkene hydrocarbons, rare gases and nitrogen.

Atmospheric Chemistry (2006-

Cavity ring down spectroscopy using IR to measure higher OH overtones in HNO₃, H₂O₂ etc

Laboratory determination of the relative gas-phase acidities of the simple carboxylic acids, propionic, butyric and others, and some isotopomers of acetate which play a central role in the VOC chemistry using Negative Ion Proton Transfer Mass Spectrometry (NI-PTMS).

2-D. Current and former collaborations

- **Laboratoire Aime Cotton and ASCI, Campus d'Orsay, France and, Laboratory of Theoretical Chemistry Facultes de St-Jerome 13397 MARSEILLE. 2000-present:** Theoretical and computational studies of Li-H₂, Li-N₂ and Li-CH₄ collisions.
- **Duke University, UNC Chapel Hill and Stanford University: 2000-present:** ITR: Computational Geometry for Structural Biology and Bioinformatics.
- **JILA Research:** Joint Laboratory Astrophysics (NIST)/University of Colorado, Boulder. **2000-2001** -Ultra fast studies of molecular wave packet dynamics and time-resolved FTIR emission studies of molecular photofragmentation.
- **Addis Ababa University: Ethiopia; 2004-present:** geosciences, atmospheric sciences, and statistical physics.
- **PENN STATE, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa:** Partnership for international research and education program in geosciences. **2004-present.**
- NOAA –ISET Center **Partner (Subcontract) Minority Serving Institutions:** University of Alaska Southeast (UAS); California State University-Fresno (CSU-Fresno); City University of New York (CUNY), Fisk University (FU); University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP). **Partner (Subcontract) Majority Serving Institution:** North Carolina State University (NCSU); University of Minnesota (UM)
- **NOAA-ESRL:** Chemical Sciences Division: Atmospheric Chemistry

2-E. Refereed publications**Book Chapters:**

S. Bililign, B Hattaway, "Energy Transfer and Reactions In Li(np) –Ar, H₂, CH₄ Collisions," Recent *Research Developments in Chemical Physics*, **39** (2002) 249-269, Transworld Research Network.

I. Wallace, D. J. Funk, J. G. Kaup, **Solomon Bililign**, M. D. Morse and W. H. Breckenridge. "Half-Collision Studies of Singlet-to-Triplet Energy Transfer within Electronically Excited CdH₂ and CdD₂ Complexes." *The Chemical Dynamics and Kinetics of Small Radicals*, Eds B.Liu and A. Wagner (World Scientific, 1996).

Solomon Bililign and P. D. Kleiber. "Reaction Dynamics of Na (4²P) + H₂: Effects of Reactant Orbital Alignment on product State distribution," *Spectral Line Shapes*, **V6**, Editors: Lothar Frommhold and John Keto, (AIP Press, NY 1990)

Journal Articles:

Bililign, S., Lin, Y-L., Kurkalova, L., Rastigeyev, Y., Schimmel, K., Bae, S., Davis, R., Ilias, S., Kyei, Y., Uzochukwu, G., "CLIMATE AND WATER RESOURCES: A CHALLENGE TO INTEGRATED SCIENCE/SOCIAL POLICY FORMULATION", *Convergence Review*, **2** (2009).

Marc M. Fiddler; Israel Begashaw ; Matthew A. Mickens; Michael S. Collingwood Zerihun Assefa' and **Solomon Bililign**, "Laser Spectroscopy for Atmospheric and Environmental Sensing," Review article submitted to *Sensors*

Natanael Semmineh¹ and **Solomon Bililign** Denis Hagebaum-Reignier and Gwang-Hi Jeung "Experimental Studies of Collisions of excited Li (4P) atoms with C₂H₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₈, and Theoretical interpretation of the Li-C₂H₄ System." [Volume 355, Issues 2-3](#), 27 January 2009, Pages 157-163

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*Komaragiri, Vivek; McCarter, Benjamin; **Bililign, Solomon**; Hagebaum-Reignier, Denis; Ledentu, Vincent; Jeung, Gwang-Hi Jeung, "Experimental and Theoretical Studies of the Quenching of Li (3p, 4p) by N₂," *Journal of Chemical Physics*, **123**, 24303 (2005).

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*Brian C. Hattaway, **Solomon Bililign**, Lionel Uhl, V. Ledentu and Gwang-Hi Jeung, "Energy transfer in Li (4p) + (Ar, H₂ and CH₄) Collisions," *J. Chem. Phys.*, **120**, 1739 (2004)

*N. Vaval **and S. Bililign, and** Robert J. Gdanitz "Density functional study on the structure and stability of positive iron rare-gas complexes, Fe+Xn (X = Ar, Xe; n=1-6," *Chemical Physics* **290**/2-3,171 – 176 (2003).

***S. Bililign**, B. C. Hattaway, and Gwang-Hi Jeung" Nonradiative Energy Transfer in Li (3p) + CH₄ Collisions." *J. Phys. Chem.* **A106**, 222, (2002).

S. Bililign, B. C. Hattaway, T. L. Robinson, and Gwang-Hi Jeung "Far-Wing Scattering Studies on the Reaction Li* (2p, 3p) + H₂ → LiH (v"= 1, 2, J") + H", *J. Chem. Phys.* **114**, 7052 (2001).

***S. Bililign**, B. C. Hattaway, Neri Geum and Gwang-Hi Jeung, "Energy Transfer in Li (3p) - H₂ Collisions" *J. Phys. Chem.* **A104**, 9454-9458 (2000).

C. S. Feigerle, **S. Bililign** and John C. Miller, "Nanochemistry: Chemical Reactions of Iron and Benzene within Molecular Clusters," *Journal of Nanoparticle Research*. **Volume 2(2)** 147-155 (June 2000).

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S. Bililign, C. S. Feigerle, and John. C. Miller. "Inverse Laser Ablation Formation and Chemistry of Nanoparticles from Gaseous Precursors." *Applied Surface Science*. **127**, 344 (1998).

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J.T. Bahns, L. Lynds, W.C. Stwalley, V. Simmons, T. Robinson and **S Bililign**. "Airborne Mercury Detection by Resonant UV Laser Pumping." *Optics Letters*. **22**, 727 (1997).

S. Bililign, L. Liu, C. S. Feigerle and John C. Miller. "Metal ion Chemistry Initiated by Ionization/Dissociation of Organo- Metallic Precursors." *J. Phys. Chem.* **101**, 4569 (1997).

***Solomon Bililign**, J.G. Kaup and W.H. Breckenridge. "Full and Half-Collision Studies of Metal Atom Singlet -to-Triplet Deactivation Induced by Rare Gas Atoms." *J. Phys. Chem.* **99**, 7878 (1995).

***Solomon Bililign**, Maciej Gutowski, Jack Simons and W.H. Breckenridge. "Potential Energy Curves and Van der Waals Bonding in $M(\text{np}^2\text{P})$. RG^2I Excited State and M^+ . RG Ground States. ($M=\text{Li Na}$; $\text{RG}=\text{He, Ne}$)." *J. Chem. Phys.* **100**, 8212, (1994).

***Solomon Bililign**, Maciej Gutowski, Jack Simons and W. H. Breckenridge. "Singlet-to-Triplet transfer via $^1\Pi_1/{}^3\Sigma^+$ curve crossing in Group II and XII Metal Atom/Rare Gas Systems." *J. Chem. Phys.* **99**, 3815, (1993).

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W.C. Stwalley, P. D. Kleiber, K. M. Sando, A. M. Lyyra, L. Li, S. Ananthamurthy, **Solomon Bililign**, H. Wang, J. Wang and Z. Zafurpulos. "Metal-Metal and Metal-Hydrogen Reactive Transition State Faraday." *Discussion of the Chemical Society*. **91**, 97 (1991).

Solomon Bililign and P. D. Kleiber "Initial Rotational Quantum State Distribution of NaH (NaD) in the reaction of $\text{Na}(4^2\text{P})$ with H_2 , D_2 , and HD ." *J. Chem. Phys.* **96**, 213 (1992).

Solomon Bililign, P. D. Kleiber, W. R. Kearney and K. M. Sando. "Reactive Collision Dynamics of $\text{Na}(4^2\text{P}) + \text{H}_2$, D_2 and HD : Experiment and Theory." *J. Chem. Phys.* **96**, 218 (1992).

Solomon Bililign and P. D. Kleiber. "Reaction Dynamics of $\text{Na}(4^2\text{P}) + \text{H}_2$: Effects of Reactant Orbital Alignment on Reactivity and Product Rotational State Distribution." *Phys. Rev.* **A42**, 6938 (1990).

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X.M. Zhao, M. Gulley, H.C. Bryant, C.E.M. Strauss, D.J. Funk, A. Stinz, . D. Risolve, G. Kyrala, W. Ingalls and **S. Bililign**. "Excess Photon Detachment of Negative Hydrogen Ions" Contributed paper to the 1996 QELS Conference.

I. Wallace, D. J. Funk, J.G. Kaup, **Solomon Bililign**, M. D. Morse and W. H. Breckenridge. "Half-Collision Studies of Singlet-To triplet Energy Transfer: Action Spectroscopy and Predissociation Dynamics of Electronically Excited CdH_2 and CdD_2 complexes." *Proceedings of SPIE-Int. Soc. Opt. Eng.* 1858, (247) Editor: Cheuk. Yi. Ng. April (1993).

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P. Mikusik and **Solomon Bililign**. "Influence of Argon Ion Sputtering and Annealing on the Surface Composition of Amorphous Alloy Fe₄₀Ni₄₀B₆Si₄ by XPS." **Internal Report**, ICTP, Trieste, Italy, (1987).

2-F. Presentations (Research conference bulletin abstracts and seminars)

Solomon Bililign "Spectroscopic Techniques for Atmospheric Analysis", *Proceedings of the National Society of Black Physicists*, edited by H. M. Oluseyi, AIP, 2009, 114-119

Israel Begashaw, Michael Collingwood, Solomon Bililign, Measuring the 5vOH stretch absorption cross section of acetic acid and peracetic acid by cavity ringdown spectroscopy. *NOAA EPP Education and Science Forum*, Washington, DC, **November 12-14, 2009**.

Anthony K. Cochran, Charles L. Melvin, Solomon Bililign, Development of negative ion-proton transfer reaction mass spectrometry (NI-PTRMS) for gas-phase measurement of acids in the atmosphere. *NOAA EPP Education and Science Forum*, Washington, DC, **November 12-14, 2009**.

Marc N. Fiddler, Anthony K. Cochran, and Solomon Bililign, Characterization of oxidized volatile organic compounds using proton transfer reaction time-of-flight (PTR-ToF) mass spectrometry and ion/molecule reactions. *NOAA EPP Education and Science Forum*, Washington, DC, **November 12-14, 2009**.

Galen Smith, Solomon Bililign, Chuen-Meei Gan, Yonghua Wu, Barry Gross, Fred Moshary, PBL Detection Comparison using 2D Operators. *NOAA EPP Education and Science Forum*, Washington, DC, **November 12-14, 2009**

DEVELOPING A PIPELINE OF UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENTS FOR THE GEOSCIENCES THROUGH AfricaArray" **HANSEN, Samantha E.**, Geosciences Dept, Pennsylvania State University, 407 Deike Bldg, University Park, PA 16802, NYBLADE, Andrew A., Geosciences Dept, Pennsylvania State University, 447 Deike Bldg, University Park, PA 16802, and **BILILIGN, Solomon**, NOAA-ISET Center, North Carolina A&T State University, 306 Marteen, 302 Gibbs (Center office), Greensboro, NC 27411

rganized and Chaired a session "Forefront Atmospheric Physics and Geophysics" at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of APS Thursday–Saturday, October 30–November 1 2008; Raleigh, North Carolina.

The following presentations were made at this meeting:

"NOAA Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology Cooperative Science Center"

Invited Speaker: Solomon Bililign

"Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy for Atmospheric Research"

Israel Begashaw, Solomon Bililign, Anthony Cochran, Christopher Jessamy

Since 2007, Organized and chaired three sessions on **"Earth and Planetary System Science"** at the National Society of Black Physicists and National Society of Hispanic Physicists" and member of organizing committee of these conferences

Boston: February: 2007

Washington DC: February 2008

Nashville TN- February: 2009

Invited talk in 2008: "Spectroscopic techniques for atmospheric analysis"

"Far Wing Scattering Spectroscopy to Study chemical reaction and non-reactive energy transfer processes"
Chemistry Department colloquium, Oct 4, 2007.

"Understanding Climate Change- Capstone Interdisciplinary Problem of the Century." 3rd National Conference on Environmental Science and Technology, Sept. 12., 2007

“Towards an Integrated Approach to the Earth System Study” presentation at the AfricaArray workshop on the campus of NCA&T, Feb 13, 2008.

“Development of Negative Ion-Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometry (NI-PTRMS) for Gas-Phase Measurement of Acids in the Atmosphere” Poster presentation at the National Society of Black Physicists and National Society of Hispanic Physicist, Feb 21, 2008, Washington DC, and Chemical Sciences Symposium, NCA&T, Feb. 28, 2008. Oral presentation at the EBAL 2008 (Environmental and Biological Applications of Lasers) Cairo, Egypt, Jan 2008.

“Spectroscopic Techniques for Atmospheric Applications” Invited talk at the National Society of Black Physicists and National Society of Hispanic Physicist, Feb 21, 2008, Washington DC

“ Spectroscopic techniques to study chemical reaction and non reactive energy transfer processes and environmental applications” Invited lecture at the EBAL 2008 (Environmental and Biological Applications of Lasers) Cairo, Egypt, Jan 2008. [Was unable to travel due to personal problems, but talk was sent to the organizers]

“Scattering State Spectroscopy as a probe of Chemical Reaction Dynamics and Non-Radiative Energy Transfer: Li(np)+ M System (M = H₂, N₂, CH₄, (n = 2,3,4).” Presented at the NATO Advanced Study Institute, International School of Atomic and Molecular Spectroscopy, 22nd Course: New developments in Optics and Related Fields Ettore Majorana Center for Scientific Culture Erice, Sicily, ITALY: June 6-21, 2005.

“Scientific Revolutions and Social Change” FUTURES Retreat, NCA&T, April 2005, Aggie Report, 2005

“The social, ethical and educational challenges of nanotechnology.” Cultural Studies Symposium, NCA&T State University, march 19, 2005

Collisional Energy Transfer in Li(np, n = 2,4) + N₂ and Li(4p) + CH₄, C₂H₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₈ Interactions. 71st Annual Southeastern Section meeting of the American Physical Society, Oak Ridge, TN, Nov, 2004; Bulletin of the American Physical Society, V. 49, No. 7, 2004

Density Functional Theory Studies of Transition metal-Ion-Benzene Sandwich Complexes. 71st Annual Southeastern Section meeting of the American Physical Society, Oak Ridge, TN, Nov, 2004; Bulletin of the American Physical Society, V. 49, No. 7, 2004

Physical and Chemical quenching of Li(3p) by several gases. Colloquium at Morgan State University, Department of Chemistry and Physics, March 2004

Nonradiative Energy Transfer in Li (4p) + (Ar, H₂, CH₄) Collisions, Presented at the National Conference of Black Physicist, Washington DC, Feb. 2004

Energy Transfer in Li(4p) + (Ar, H₂, CH₄) Collisions Presented at the SESAPS meeting, Wilmington, NC Nov. 2003.

Reactive and non reactive quenching of Li(3p) by CH₄, C₂H₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₈. Presented at the SESAPS meeting, Wilmington, NC Nov. 2003.

Reactive and non-reactive quenching of Li(np) by Ar, H₂, CH₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₈. *Colloquium*, at Laboratoire de Chimie Théorique et Modélisation Moléculaire Université de Provence - Marseille Cedex 20, 2003.

Chemical Physics Research at NCA&T: Reactive and non reactive quenching of Li(np) by several Gases. Colloquium at the Department of Physics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, July 2003.

Research and Education in Chemical Physics at A&T, talk given at the annual meeting of the National Society of Black Physicists, Atlanta, GA, February, 14, 2003, at the National Science Foundation, Division of Chemistry, December 11, 2002, at the NC AAPT meeting March 22, 2003, and at the Annual Life and Physical Sciences Symposium, NC A&T Biology Dept., April 5, 2003.

DFT Studies of the Structure of Fe⁺ R_n (R = Ar, Xe, n = 1 – 6) Clusters. Presented at the American Physical Society Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Meeting, May 29-June 1, 2002, Williamsburg, VA.

Red-Wing scattering Studies of Li(4p) + Ar, H₂ and CH₄ Collisions. Presented at the American Physical Society Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Meeting, May 29-June 1, 2002, Williamsburg, VA.

Energy Transfer in Li(3p) + Ar, H₂ and CH₄ Collisions: A comparative study. Presented at the American Physical Society Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Meeting, May 29-June 1, 2002, Williamsburg, VA.

Energy Transfer and Reactions in Li*(3p) + H₂ Collisions. A seminar presented at the Department of Physics, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, Oct. 30,2000

Scattering State Spectroscopy of the reaction Li*(3p) + H₂ ---LiH (v'' = 1, 2, J'') + H APS April 2001 meeting, Washington D.C., April 28, 2001

From Diatomic Molecules to Clusters and Beyond: Theory and Experiment. A seminar presented at the Department of Computer Science, Duke University, Durham, NC, Oct. 19,2000

Quenching of Li(3p) by H₂ and Ar. Presented at the LS-NCAMP Research Conference, Winston Salem State University, NC , Feb. 2000

Formation of LiH by Far Wing Scattering of the Li*(2p)+H₂ complex. Presented at the 66th SESAPS meeting Nov 7-9, 1999, Chapel Hill, NC.

Formation and Chemistry of Nanoparticles from Gaseous Precursors by Multiphoton Ionization/Dissociation. Presented at the Gordon Research Conference On Clusters, Nanocrystals, & Nanostructures Connecticut College July 24 - July 29, 1999.

Multiphoton Ionization/Dissociation Studies of Iron Reactions in Gas Phase. Presented at the American Chemical Society Southeast Regional Meeting, Knoxville, TN, Oct. 17- 20, 1999

Multiphoton Ionization/dissociation of Benzene-Fe (CO)₅ and Methanol-Fe (CO)₅ Clusters . Presented at the APS (American Physical Society) Meeting in Atlanta GA., March 1999

Model Potentials for Group II Metal-atom-Rare-Gas atom Interaction .Presented at the APS (American Physical Society) Meeting in Atlanta GA., March 1999

Laser-induced transition metal chemistry within clusters Presented at the 9th International Symposium on Resonance Ionization Spectroscopy: New Directions and Applications June 21 - June 25, 1998, The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

Organometallic Nanochemistry in Gas-Phase Clusters. Presented at the American Chemical Society Southeastern Regional Meeting, Nov 4-7, 1998, RTP, NC

Ab initio studies of the Na(3s).Ar, ²Σ Na (3p).Ar, ²Σ and Na(4p).Ar, ²Σ states. Presented at the Second Annual NCAMP Research Conference, UNC Charlotte, April 4, 1998.

A New Model Potential for Excited State Metal Atom-Rare Gas Interactions. Presented at the Second Annual Life and Physical Sciences Research Symposium, Feb 21, 1997, NCA&T.

Laser Induced Organometallic Chemistry Within Clusters. Presented at the sixth Annual Consortium on Nanostructured Materials, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY, Oct. 24-26, 1997.

Inverse Laser Ablation: Formation and Chemistry of Nanoparticles from Gaseous Precursors. Presented at the fourth International Conference on Laser Ablation (COLA 97), Asilomar, CA July 20-25, 1997

Metal ion Chemistry Initiated by Ionization/Dissociation of Organo-Metallic Precursors. Presented
1. Fourth Winter Gordon Research Conference on Structures, Energetics and Dynamics of Gaseous Ions. Feb. 22-28, 1997, Ventura CA. 2. The Fifth Workshop Consortium for Nanostructured Materials, Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 17-19, 1996. 3. Joint APS/AAPT Meeting, April 17-21, 1997 Washington D.C

Metal-Ion Chemistry in Clusters Initiated by Ionization/Dissociation of Organometallic Precursors," presented at the 17th International Symposium on Molecular Beams, Paris, France, June 2, 1997 (Invited).

Non-Resonant Excess Photon Detachment of H- Ions. Presented at the 1996 Joint Meeting of Texas Section of APS, AAPT & Zone 13 of SPS, March 15-16, 1996

Excess Photon Detachment of H- Ions with 1.17 eV Photons. Presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of DAMOP, May 15-18, 1996, Ann Arbor MI.

Excess Photon Detachment of Negative Hydrogen Ions. Contributed paper to the 1996 QELS Conference. Anaheim, CA, June 2-7, 1996.

Airborne Mercury Detection by Resonant UV Laser Pumping. Presented at Connecticut Microelectronics and Optoelectronics Symposium, Storrs, Connecticut, 1996.

Full and Half-Collision Studies of Metal Atom Singlet -to Triplet Deactivation Induced by Rare Gas Atoms. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Optical Society of America and XIth Interdisciplinary Laser Science Conference. Portland, OR, Sept. 1995.
Presented at the annual meeting of the National Society of Black Physicists, April 12-15, 1995 Atlanta GA.

Spectroscopy, Energy Transfer, and Dynamics in Metal atom- rare gas system and Metal-Hydrogen Systems. Colloquium presented at the Departments of Physics of Clemson University (Nov. 1993) and University of North Carolina in Greensboro (April 1994)

Potential energy Curves of M (Na^{2p}). RG (²T) excited state and M+. RG ground states (M=Li, Na; RG=He, Ne. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Optical Society of America and the XTh Interdisciplinary Laser Science Conference, Dallas, Texas, Oct. 1994.

Alignment effects in the Reaction of Na (4p) +H₂. Presented at the Seventh Interdisciplinary Laser Science Conference, Monterey, California, 1991

Reaction Dynamics of Na (4p) + H₂. Presented at the 10th International Conference on Spectral Line Shapes, Austin, Texas, 1990.

2-G. Funded proposals (* computational research)

Project PI

* **"Ab Initio Studies of Metal-Rare Gas and Metal-Hydrogen Interaction Potentials"**(09/01/96- 08/31/99)
NSF Program 1954: Quantum Calculations
Amount: **\$137,628.00**

Project/Proposal (PI)

"Effects of Electronic Orbital Alignment in Laser Induced Metal-H₂ and Metal-CH₄" (3/1/98-02/28/02)
NSF-CAREER **(WAS THE ONLY CAREER AWRD AWARDED TO NCAT FACULTY SINCE THE PROGRAM STARTED IN 1996 until 2008)**
Total Award Amount: **\$359,465 PLUS Supplement; \$14,000**

Project/Proposal (PI)

***"ITR/ Computational Geometry for Structural Biology and Bioinformatics"** (9/15/00-8/31/05)
NSF-ITR /Duke University
Total Award Amount: **\$524,874.**

Project/Proposal (PI)

"Quenching of excited states of lithium by H₂,D₂,N₂ , and alkane and alkene hydrocarbons: Kinetics and Dynamics"(3/1/02-2/28/05)
NSF-Chemistry
Total Award Amount: **\$285,738**

Project/proposal (Co-PI)

"Interdisciplinary Fellowship Program for Graduate Training in Biotechnology, Genomics and Bioinformatics"
(09/01/01-08/31/04)

Department of Education (GAANN)

Total Award Amount: **\$600,000**

Project/proposal (Co-PI)

"Collaborative Research: Enhancing Diversity in Geosciences in North Carolina" (03/01/02-02/28/05)

NSF-ODEG

Total Award Amount: **\$449,988**

Project/proposal (Co-PI)

"The A&T Physics Scholars Program - An On-Track Feeder" 4/1/02-present

Sloan Foundation,

Amount **\$180,000**

Project/proposal (PI)

"Acquisition of a multi-source reflection time-of-flight mass spectrometer" (09/01/03-08/31/05)

NSF-MRI

Total Award Amount: **\$447,635**

Project PI

"INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION WITH ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY (ETHIOPIA)." (8/15/04-8/14/05)

NSF-OISE

Total Amount **\$15,500.00**

PI (Subcontractor) NSF/PENN STATE: Partnership for International Research and Education

AfricaArray: Imaging the African Superplume, building African partnerships and enhancing diversity in the geosciences: (1/06-12/11):

NSF-PIRE

Total Amount **\$635,600.00**

PI : SLOAN Proposal: "The Sloan A&T Physics Scholars Program: Preparing undergraduates for a Ph.D. in the sciences." Period, 9/1/2005-8/31/2008

SLOAN FOUNDATION

Total Amount **\$210,000.00**

PI : Bililign Co-PI: S. Danagoulain, and Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia (IRES): International Research in Earth, Atmospheric and Space Sciences in Ethiopia." Period: 1/1/07-12/31/10

NSF-IRES

Total amount: **\$149,000**

NOAA Proposal: PI. Bililign, Co-PI: Schimmel "NOAA Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology (ISET) Cooperative Research and Education Center" Period: 9/ 1/06 –8/31/11

NOAA-EPP

Total amount: \$12.5 Million.

This proposal involves partnership and collaboration with over thirty (31) scientists in eight institutions. The research involves computations, and modeling, data mining and fusion and basic sensor science and sensor technology development.

Partner (Subcontract) Minority Serving Institutions: *University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) ;California State University-Fresno (CSU-Fresno);City University of New York (CUNY); Fisk University (FU); University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP)*

Partner (Subcontract) Majority Serving Institution: *North Carolina State University (NCSU);University of Minnesota (UM)*

Dr. Solomon Bililign

Vitae, 2009

PI: Bililign, Co-PI: Talukdar “Kinetics and Thermochemistry Studies of Carboxylic and Other Acids Using Negative Ion Proton Transfer Mass Spectrometry (NI-PTRMS)” Period: 6/1/08-5-31-11

NSF-Atmospheric Chemistry

Total Amount: **\$330,000**

Schimmel, K.A., Bililign, S., et al “Center for Natural Disasters, Coastal Infrastructure and Emergency Management (CNDCIEM),” DHS Centers of Excellence Program, subcontract from UNC-Chapel Hill. Awarded with NC A&T as the education integrating program lead. 5-years .,

DHS

Total Amount **\$1,163,427**

PI; Bililign, Co-PI’s Schimmel and Tang “Collaborative Project: Enhancing diversity in the geosciences through the AfricaArray Educational Alliance” NSF, \$ **\$671,588.80 for five years**

9/09-8/13

2-H. Pending proposals

1. Co-PI in the proposal led by Guilford County Schools, and Campus PI., [Shawn Watlington](#) (School of Education and Keith Schimmel, EES “Enhancing Earth System Science Education in Guilford County Schools Central Region Secondary Schools “NASA K-12 Cooperative Agreements Notice, Amount \$408,000, for 2 years
2. PI: Bililign, Co-PI, Yuh-Lang Lin “US-Ethiopia collaboration: Research in Earth and atmospheric sciences”, NSF, \$150,000 for three years
3. Co: PI, PI; Keith Schimmel, “Energy and Environmental Systems Recruitment, Retention and Research (EES3R) Scholarship Program “, NSF, \$ **\$598,000.00.**
4. Building Construction proposal to NIST, to build an Earth System Science Research Center Building; Requested amount: \$15 Million

Declined:

1. A Co-PI (Bililign) in the NSF-STC **pre-proposal** submitted with Penn State as lead institution. **The Anthropocene Science Center (ASC) an Anthropocene Science Center (ASC) will explore the future of soil and water by learning to model how modern and ancient soil-water systems have responded to changes in climate, nutrient fluxes, erosion, and patterns of land use.**

2. A Co-PI with Lin, Bililign) in the NSF-STC **pre-proposal** submitted with University of Colorado as lead institution. The CU Center for **Wild land Fire Science, Modeling, and Sensing (WFSMS)** is an interdisciplinary science and technology center headquartered at the University of Colorado at Boulder (UCB)

3. Co-PI :Proposal submitted to NASA “**Global Climate Change Education of Underrepresented STEM Populations**”

4. Co-PI in a NOAA-Cooperative Institute proposal “**Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellite Studies (CICSS)**” Lead Institution: Georgia Tech

Partnering Institutions: Duke University, George Mason University, University of Georgia, University of Maryland Baltimore County, City College of New York, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Total proposed cost: \$93,000,000; Budget period: 5/1/09 – 4/30/14

A total of about 18 other proposals were submitted to various agencies between 1994 and 2008. Have been a CO-PI in several funded projects, but not listed here due to limited participation in these activities.

2-I. Special grants and programs brought to the University

1. UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT: Equipment and consulting service provided.

2. OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY.: Collaborative research involving laser spectroscopy and photophysics of

molecules. Through this collaboration we obtained equipment donation and loan for the laser laboratory.

3. **Temple University**: Equipment loan and collaboration with Department of Physics.
4. Collaboration in Computational Science with **Duke University, Stanford University, UNC Chapel Hill**. A proposal entitled "Computational Geometry for Structural Biology and Bioinformatics" Funded in 2000.
5. Through collaboration with **PENN State and NCSU**: Development of the Geophysics program and Seismic Lab.
6. Building capacity in NOAA-Sciences: Atmospheric Sciences, geosciences through collaborations with NOAA_Earth System Research Laboratory, Boulder Colorado

3. DETAILS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - TEACHING

3-A. Summary of contributions to education: 1993-2006

Number of courses taught	Graduate: 7, Undergraduate 8
Number of new courses developed	22 (already in catalogue) 4 others
Contributions to new degree programs and concentrations	4-(physics), 4 interdisciplinary programs
Number of graduate students advised	11
Number of undergraduate students advised (research advising)	15
Number of postdoctoral fellows supervised	5

3-B. Courses taught

1. Undergraduate courses taught include

Laser Electronics,
 Special Topics
 College Physics I
 General Physics I and II
 Quantum Mechanics I and II
 Mathematical Physics
 Physics Orientation
 Electromagnetism
 Atomic and molecular physics

2. Graduate courses taught include

Classical Mechanics: PHYS. 600
 Statistical Mechanics: PHYS. 630
 Atomic and Molecular Physics: PHYS 735.
 Quantum Mechanics II and I. PHYS 620/720
 Spectroscopic techniques PHYS 736
 Chemical and Physical processes in the Atmosphere EES 750
 Graduate Research and Thesis: PHYS 770, PHYS 791/792

3-C. Student advising

This list doesn't include all the students supported by the NOAA-ISET Center. This is a list of students supported by Research funding – all through single investigator awards given to Bililign

Name	Level	Date of graduation	Thesis Title/Project	Current address
Ben McCarter (African American)	Graduate (MS)	1999	Laser-Induced Organometallic Chemistry Within Clusters	Corning
Tito Robinson (African American)	Graduate (MS)	2000	Electronic Orbital Alignment Effects in the reaction of Li (2p) + H ₂	Kodak
Brian Hattaway (Caucasian)	Graduate (MS)	2003	Energy Transfer in Li(3p) + Ar, H ₂ and CH ₄ Collisions	University of Connecticut
James Tucker Swindel II (African American)	Graduate (MS)	2003	Quenching of Excited States of Lithium by Alkane and Alkene Hydrocarbons.	University of Georgia, Athens
Niel Crews (Caucasian)	Graduate	Left after 1 year (1999)	Set up the lab	Missionary
Barker A Barker (African)	Graduate	Left in 2001	Project: Energy transfer in Li(4p)-H ₂ collisions	School Teacher
Kevin Wedderburn (Jamaica)	Graduate (MS)	Summer 2004	Quantum Chemistry	PhD student
Vivek Komaigiri	Graduate (MS)	Summer 2005	Li(np)-Alkane, Alkene	Employed

(India)			collisions	
Ibrahima Mbaye African	Undergraduate	2002-2003	Li(3p)-CH ₄ , C ₃ H ₈ , C ₂ H ₆ , Ar quenching cross sections	
Larkish Perry African American F	Undergraduate	2002-2003	Li(3p)-CH ₄ , C ₃ H ₈ , C ₂ H ₆ , Ar quenching cross sections	
Ekkizogloy Luke Caucasian	Highschool senior (NASA Sharp)	Summer 1999	Participated in the set up of the laboratory	CALTECH
Champing Kwadowa African	High school senior (NASA Sharp)	Summer 2000	Life time of excited states of Li	North West University
Wandylis Vergas Hispanic F	High school senior (NASA Sharp)	Summer 2002	Quenching cross sections of Li(3p) by H ₂ , and CH ₄	University of Porto Rico
John Brown African American	High school teacher	Summer 1999	Li(2p)-H ₂ reactions	Guilford County Schools
Derje Seifu African-American	Professor of Physics	Summer 1999	Spectral line shape calculations, programming	Morgan State University
Solomon Taddesse African American	Graduate (Chemistry)	Summer 1998		School Teacher
Michael Kutz Caucasian	Undergraduate	Summer 1999	Computer software	TransTech Pharma
Natnael Semmeneh Ethiopian	Graduate	Graduated 2005	Li(4p)-CH ₄ , C ₃ H ₈ , C ₂ H ₆ , Ar quenching cross sections	Vanderbilt
Brandon Davis African American	Undergraduate	Current	Geophysics	
Dereje Worku Ethiopian-American	Undergraduate	Current	Quenching of Li(4p)	
Jesse Fox Caucasian	Undergraduate	Current	Geophysics	
Martin Jones Caucasian	Undergraduate	Current	Kinetics modeling	
Michael Pearson, Abebaw Belay	Undergraduates	2007	International experience in Ethiopia/Africa Array-SA	
Anthony Cochran	PhD (EES)	Current	NI-PTMS	
Israel Begashaw	Graduate	Current	Cavity Enhanced Spectroscopy	
Chris Ware	Undergraduate	current	Cavity Enhanced Spectroscopy	
J. Jefferies	Undergraduate	current		
C. Melvin	Undergraduate	current		
Chris Jessamy	Graduate	Current	Cavity Enhanced Spectroscopy	

3-D. Contributions to course and curriculum development

- ◆ *Defined the contents of the courses on Atomic, Molecular and Laser Physics both for the undergraduate and graduate level. This course was again improved and named The Physics of Atoms, Molecules and Nanosystems and was offered for the first time in 2005.*
- ◆ Introduced a new graduate course: Spectroscopic techniques. Revised the course content of quantum physics.
- ◆ Led the team and wrote the proposal to develop a course for University Studies entitled "Scientific Revolutions and Social Change"
- ◆ Contributed to the proposal to establish MS program in Physics
- ◆ Led a complete revision of the physics curriculum including the creation of new concentrations in Geophysics, Space Science, and Engineering Physics for ABET accreditation.
- ◆ With Dr. Tang, and others initiated the effort to establish the computational sciences program in Arts and

Sciences and worked with the University Committee to establish the Computational Sciences and Engineering MS program.

- ◆ Worked with Dr. Uzochuku and others to draft the request for authorization to establish the PhD program in Energy and Environmental studies, and contributed 4 courses to this program.
- ◆ Led the revision of the MS program in Physics
- ◆ Represented the college of Arts and Sciences in the committee that led the effort to establish interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs with Engineering.
- ◆ Led the effort to establish the BS degree in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology
- ◆ Played active role in the creation of the Joint School of Nanoscience

4. WORKSHOPS, SHORT COURSES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

4-A. Summer research activities

2006/07- Travelled to Addis Ababa University with Students on International Research Collaborations

2005: Attended the NATO Advanced Study Institute, International School of Atomic and Molecular Spectroscopy: 22nd Course: New developments in Optics and Related Fields
Location: Ettore Majorana Center for Scientific Culture Erice, Sicily, ITALY: June 6-21, 2005

2003: Visiting Professor, University of Marseilles, France

2000-2001: Visiting Fellow, JILA (Joint Laboratory for astrophysics), University of Colorado/NIST Boulder Colorado.

Summer 1997: NRC/HBCU Faculty fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

- *Research in metal clusters.*

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- *Research in metal clusters.*

Summer 1995: AWU/DOE Faculty Fellow: Los Alamos National Laboratory

-*Research in Experimental Atomic Physics.*

Summer 1995: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut

-Research in Air-Borne Mercury Detection

Summer 1994: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Utah

-Research in Theoretical Chemical Physics.

4-B. Workshops and conferences attended, and service to professional organizations

2008-2009

- Organized and led the NOAA-Advisory Committee meeting in Raleigh Oct: 27-28 2008
- Attended Weekly phone meetings of the NSBP/NSHP organizing committee to organize the EPSS (Earth and Planetary System sciences session)
- Organized a session in Atmospheric sciences and Geophysics at the 75th SESAPS meeting.
- Attended the ISET thrust area II (Greesboro 8.8/08) and Thrust Area III (Minneapolis 8/11/08) meetings
- Attended summer student presentations of NOAA summer intern students (Maryland 7/31/08-8/1/08)
- Organized and facilitated with NOAA and IRIS the summer teachers Earth System science Institute attended by 25 high school teachers (150 applied)
- Organized the summer middle school (20 students) and high school weather camp (25 students)
- Completed the recruitment of 6 students to the graduate program. Four are enrolled, one differed and one pending (TOEFL-issues)
- Attended NOAA-CSC Directors meeting, Oct 2008, attended a meeting at NOAA-NCDC- November 08
- Led the organizational committee to form the Ethiopian Physics Society in North America, conducted a one day meeting at the American center for Physics (Aug 2/2008) and submitted an article for the News letter on Forum on International Physics.

2007-2008

- May 25, 2007: Visit to Capitol Hill, meeting with staffers of Senator Doll, Burr and Congressman Watt on NOAA-ISET.

- June 11: NOAA-ISET Thrust area I meeting, Presentation Title: Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy.
- June 18: Meeting with NOAA scientists at Boulder, CO.
- June 13-14: Visit to Penn State, and presentation on NCAT geophysics program.
- July 14-Aug 4: Traveled to Ethiopia with three students: Report in Appendix
Presentation: Understanding Climate Change- Capstone Interdisciplinary Problem of the Century: Talk at AAU-Department of Physics, Ethiopia; July 2007.
- Served as external examiner to five MS student thesis at Addis Ababa University.
- Organized and Chaired the Earth and Planetary System Science session at the National Society of Black Physicists and Hispanic Physicist in Washington DC.
- *Attended the NOAA-EPP Center directors meeting in Silver spring MD, Feb. 27-29-2008, and Briefed the North Carolina Senators (Dole and Burr) and Congressmen (Watt and Price) on the accomplishments of NOAA-ISET Center.*
- *Attended the NOAA-EPP Center directors meeting in Silver spring MD, Oct, 2007*

2006-2007

- Attended the APS, Physics Chairs Meeting; Maryland, June 8-11 2006
- Served at NIH Panel, NIH, June 20-22, 2006.
- Attended NOAA-ESRL dedication ceremony at Boulder Colorado, Aug 21-23
- Organized and Chaired the Earth and Planetary System Science session at the National Society of Black Physicists and Hispanic Physicist in Boston MS.
- Visited Ethiopia with **Dr. Jemberie** and Addis Ababa University: July 20-Aug. 9, as part of NSF funded planning grant to develop research collaboration in geophysics and theoretical physics. Gave a talk entitled "*Photochemistry and Mass Spectroscopy of Small Clusters*". The talk was attended by over sixty faculty and students at Addis Ababa University. *Attended the NOAA-EPP Center directors meeting in Silver spring MD, March 17-20, 2007*
- **2005-2006**
- NATO Advanced Institute, The 22nd Course of the International School of Atomic and Molecular Spectroscopy Erice, Sicily, Italy June 5-21, 2005.
- Industrial Physics Forum, AIP/NIST, Maryland. Nov. 6-9, 2005
- E-course meeting, Penn State, PA, Oct 17, 2005
- Reviewer for Chem. Phys, and Journal of Physical Chemistry
- Attended the SURA –MI meeting. (August 2005)

2004-2005

- Attended the National Institute of Aeronautics Fellows meeting, Langley, VA
- Attended the Sub Saharan Africa Workshop at the National science Foundation, January 2005.
- Attended the APS Physics Chairs Conference, MD
- Attended the 71st Annual Southeastern Section meeting of the American Physical Society, Oak Ridge, TN,
- Attended the Triangle Biophysics Symposium, Nov. 2004

2003-2004

- Attended the Grid Computing Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, Oct. 28-29 2003.
- Attended the ITR Biogeometry group meeting Nov 17-18, Duke University (2003)
- Made a presentation at Livingston College, Salisbury, NC. Nov 14, 2003.
- Gave a colloquium: Title of the talk "Physical and Chemical quenching of Li (3p) by several gases." Morgan State.
- Made a presentation at DOR, NCA&T, for the NSF guest Dr. Thomas Windham, March 22. Title of talk "Laser Spectroscopy, Nanoclusters and Nanoalloys"
- Attended the weekly meetings of the CES committee.
- Served on the University Computational Engineering and Science Committee.
- Edited two chapters of the book "Physics: Principles and Problems for McGraw Hill.
- Reviewed three chapters of the book "A *Comprehensive Introduction to Quantum Mechanics*" by Robert Scherrer, Ohio State University, for Addison –Wesley.
- Attended the planning committee of HBCU-UP conference.
- Attended the organizing committee of Sloan Foundation Conference.
- Attended the Proposal Review Panel: NSF, Feb 4-7, 2004

2002-2003

- Consultant: QEM: HBCU –UP Multi-year Grant Proposal Development Workshop
- Served at NSF panel
- Attended the Triangle Biophysics Symposium

- Attended a workshop “Leveraging Innovations at our UNC Campuses” sponsored by UNC office of the President and the National Science Foundation. February 27, 2003
- Attended the Spectroscopy Celebration Workshop, University of Connecticut, Nov. 9, 2002

2001-2002

- Attended workshop at NC Supercomputer Center: Title of Workshop: “ Gaussian: Theory and Practice” Oct 9-12, 2001.
- Attended a two-day training on IBM SP at North Carolina Super Computer Center.
- Attended the QEM/NSF sponsored workshop on MRI (“Major Research Instrumentation”) in Atlanta, GA November 9-10, 2001.
- Served in the NSF Panel on Bio Multi-User Equipment Program, at NSF January 30-Feb. 1, 2002 In Arlington, VA.
- Attended the American Physical Society Division of Atomic and Molecular Physics Conference, May 29-June 1, 2002, Williamsburg, VA
- Attended Molecular Dynamics work shop, Cooper Mountains, CO

2000-2001

- Attended the Triangle Biophysics Symposium " Macromolecular Interactions, Emerging Concepts and Technologies" Oct 19-21, Durham North Carolina.
- Attended a workshop organized by the National Biotechnology Information Facility entitled " Bioinformatics: Merging Biology and Computer Science" Oct. 16-18, 2000, Greensboro, NC.
- Participated in the meetings of the NC Genomic and Bioinformatics consortium meetings.
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1999-2000

- 66 SESAPS meeting, Nov 7-9, 1999 Chapel Hill, NC
- Gordon Research Conferences on Clusters, Nanocrystals and Nanostructures, Connecticut College.
- American Chemical Society Southeast Regional meeting, Knoxville, TN Oct. 17-20, 1999.
- LS-NCAMP Undergraduate Conference, Winston Salem State University, Feb. 2000.
- APS-DAMOP: 2000, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, May 2000.

1998-1999

- APS (American Physical Society Meeting) march 1999, Atlanta, GA
- American Chemical Society regional meeting, Nov. 4-7, RTP, NC 1998

1997-1998

- NCAMP Conference, Charlotte, NC, April 1998.
- Free-Electron Laser, workshop, Newport News VA, 1998

1996-97

- Fourth Winter Gordon Research Conference on Structures, Energetics and Dynamics of Gaseous Ions. Feb. 22-28, 1997, Ventura CA.
- The Fifth Workshop Consortium for nanostructured Materials, Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 17-19, 1996
- Joint APS/AAPT Meeting, April 17-21, 1997 Washington D.C
- Second Annual Life and Physical Sciences Symposium, NCA&T, Feb. 21, 1997

1995-96

- Workshop on Material Science for Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the Southeastern United States, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, October 13-14 1995
- Workshop on CW All-Optical Multiple Resonance Spectroscopy, June 16-17, 1995 University of Connecticut Laser Facility, Storrs, Connecticut.
- Workshop on Teaching Large Classes, Feb. 10, 1996, The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- College of Arts and Sciences Grantsmanship Workshop, Dudley Cosmetology University, Feb. 17, 1996.
- The First Annual Life and Physical Science Research Symposium. NCA&T, Feb 23, 1996.

1994-95.

- Annual Meeting of The Optical Society of America and the Xth Interdisciplinary Laser Science Conference, Dallas, Texas, Oct. 1994.
- Annual meeting of the National Society of Black Physicists, April 12-15, 1995 Atlanta GA.
- HBCU Workshop on the Physics of Materials and Materials Science, Washington D.C. October 13-15, 1994
- NCAMP Faculty Forum, Oct. 1994, University of Texas- Austin.

5. SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

CURRENT: Director, NOAA-ISET Center.

The Center is on its second year of a five year funding cycle.

5-A. Major accomplishments as Department Chair

- *Led the complete revision of the physics program (BS and MS): this includes creation of new, courses and new degree concentrations in geophysics, space science interdisciplinary physics and engineering physics for ABET accreditation.*
- *Led aggressive recruitment campaign: contacting local schools, offering lectures on careers in physics, interacting with schoolteachers. The enrollment and graduation rates have shown a modest increase. (From 27 undergraduate majors to 37 undergraduate majors and 5 double majors)*
- *Obtained Sloan foundation grant for student scholarship.*
- *The Department of Physics is a major player in all interdisciplinary degree programs: Energy and environment, computational sciences and engineering and the biotechnology program. The Department contributed new courses to these programs.*
- *Developed faculty student mentor –Mentored teams to ensure student success and retention.*
- *Invited prominent and notable speakers to the department: 2001 Nobel prize winner in physics (Carl Weiman) Prof. Eric Mazur of Harvard, prof. Gwang-Hi Jeung (France), Prof Carl Linberger, Colorado to mention a few.*
- *Provided summer research opportunities to more than 60% of majors through collaborators.*
- *Increased research productivity in the Department: the department has more than 60% of the active funded projects in the college of Arts and Sciences and the only NSF-Major Research Instrumentation, and NSF Career award in the University*
- *Increased the visibility of the department by producing the first brochure and improved web site.*
- *Created the Physics Alumni advisory board and scholarship fund.*
- *Established a computational facility in the Department of Physics.*
- *Developed strong partnerships including the one with SURA (Southern Universities research Association)*
- *Established a seismology lab in the department of Physics.*
- *Developed research collaborations with several universities in the US and International collaborations in Europe and Africa. Two visiting professors from Ethiopia visited the department and Four NCA&T Physics majors will spend five weeks in South Africa in 2006 summer.*
- *Two NCA&T students spent three weeks in Marseilles France studying quantum chemistry.*
- *Conducted active research, published papers, acquired grants, supervised graduate student thesis, and taught several courses while performing administrative duties.*
- *Led collaborative educational research efforts to improve retention and success of African American Students in STEM areas.*
- *Mentored high school students during the summer and run the one-week PHYSICS SUMMER CAMP for 5th grade students in the Department.*
- *Awarded the Outstanding Researcher award and Teacher of the Year Awards while serving as a Department Chair.*

5-B. Service to the Department

- *Graduate Coordinator: 1998-2001, 2006-present*
- *MS proposal Committee 1996-1997*
- *Student Advisory Committee: 1995-96*
- *Phys. 241 coordination Committee (1995-1998)*
- *Colloquium organizer 1995-96, 1996-97*
- *Library Liaison : 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96*
- *Examination Review Committee. (1997-1999)*
- *Peer reviewer, spring 1996.*

5-C. Service to the College (Arts and Sciences)

- *Member of search committee (Physics department chair) Spring 1995*
- *Acting Chairperson of the Physics Department. Spring 1997*
- *Support Personnel: The first and Second Annual Life and Physical Sciences Symposium. (Introduce speakers, preside meetings.)*
- *Member of Organizing Committee, NSBP, National Society of Black Physicists, 2000.*
- *Organizer of the Symposium “Advances in Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics”, NSBP 2000*
- *Member of the Editorial Board, College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter. (2000-2001)*
- *Chair, Chemistry Chairperson Search Committee (2002)*
- *Member of the College planning committee for M.S. degree program in computational Sciences.*

5-D. Service to the University

- *Member of the University Senate (representing the department) (1996-2000).*
- *Member of the Educational Policy Committee of the Senate. (1996-2000).*
- *Member of the research and development advisory committee of North Carolina Genomics and Bioinformatics Consortium.*
- *Member of the Interdisciplinary PhD planning committee: Program: Energy and Environmental Studies.*
- *Member of the FUTURES VENTURE SEED GRANT, task force (2002)*
- *Member of the Computational Sciences and Engineering program-developing committee.*
- *Abstract reviewer for HBCU-UP undergraduate student conference.*
- *University Graduate Council member (2000-Present)*
- *University Teachers Education Council member (2001-present)*
- *University Research Council member (2004- present)*
- *Member of the Joint school of nanoscience committee.*
- **Co-Leader, Research thrust area in Nanostructured Materials Research (2004-Present)**
- **Member of Task force on NCA&T Sabbatical Policy: wrote the policy**
- *Member of University Commission on Campus Intellectual Life*
- *Search Committee: University Studies Dean.*
- *Search Committee member: Vice Chancellor for Human resources*
- **Chair and member of the Global Warming Task Force (2008)**
- *Member of the UNC-Tomorrow 21st century skills(2008)*

5-E. Service to the Community

- *Organized summer weather camp for middle and high school students through NOAA-ISET Center (summer 07, 08), Teachers workshop with NOAA and IRES (2006,2007, and 2008)*
- *Founder and Chair of the organizing Committee of the Ethiopian Physics Society in North America*
- *Visited several high schools in Greensboro and in North Carolina and gave a 1 hour lecture to two groups of 45 students on the career opportunities in physics and the physics department at A&T. Flyers and brochures were distributed (2004,2005,2006)*
- *Organized a one-week summer PHYSICS CAMP for 15 5th grade kids*
- *Served as a science fair judge at General Greene Science and Technology School (2002,2004,2006)*
- *Participated at the University Open House in Washington DC, Dec. 2001.*
- *Participated in a CAREER FAIR at Northeast High School on Oct 30, 2001.*
- *Public lecture on Lasers for public scientific literacy (CIVITAN CLUB of GREENSBORO) 1999.*
- *Science demonstration on optics to third grade students at Sommerfield Elementary School March 26/1997.*
- *Participated at the Science Extravaganza at Guilford Middle School. April 17, 1997.*
- *Voluntary service at the Greensboro Urban Ministries, and Participant of the Crop Walk 97.*

6. CITATIONS

The following are excerpts from letters from colleagues, coworkers university and government officials

“The allocation committee awarded Dr. Solomon Billing high performance computing resources... the allocation of resources to a faculty member by the Academic Allocations Committee is a clear testimony to the quality of contributions which they are making to your university.” **Dr. John H. Harrison, IV: Vice President, High Performance Computing(1996).**

“I appreciate all you do to encourage the continuing studies of America’s youth.” **Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education, 2006.**

“Once again, you have brought distinction to the University” **Dr. Carolyn Meyers, Provost, NCA&T (2001)**

“Congratulations on your recent NSF Partnership for International Research and education Award. Considering the competition, that is quite a feat! But knowing you as I do, it’s a piece of cake.” **Dr. Carolyn Meyers, Provost NCA&T (2005)**

“Your solid work continues to make a difference. I am very proud of your contributions.” **Dr. James C. Renick, Chancellor, NCA&T (2003)**

“Bililign’s work on the experimental study of gas-phase metal-hydrogen reaction dynamics using laser pump-probe technique led to significant new insight into alkali metal-atom-hydrogen reaction dynamics. His work on the spin-orbit predissociation dynamics of metal-rare gas van der Waals molecules has led to important breakthroughs in understanding of this class of processes.” **Professor Paul D. Kleiber: Director, Optical Science and Technology Center, University of Iowa.**

“Solomon was able to draw on his considerable experimental expertise from his own previous research at the University of Iowa, Utah and Los Alamos. He quickly mastered the apparatus and with the help of a graduate student was able to generate and interpret an immense quantity of data.” **Dr. John Miller: Head: Biochemistry and Biophysics Section, ORNL.**

“Bililign has been awarded a highly competitive JILA Visiting Fellowship for next year at the University of Colorado, as evidence of the significance of his research efforts.” **Prof. W. C. Stwalley: Head, Department of Physics, University of Connecticut.**

“Bililign started a very respectful research program at the department by building a laser lab for chemical physics research. He obtained the necessary funds, designed the layout and commissioned a state-of-the-art research facility that is comparable by all standards to similar facilities at distinguished research and academic institutions.” **Dr. R. Sawafta: Director of Technology & Automation, TransTech Pharma.**

“As a teacher he is regarded with the highest opinion among my peers and myself. His class often proved to be the most challenging while the most rewarding. His method of evaluation is fair and his expectations are poised just above the level that which his students perform, not to daunt or belittle, rather to motivate and encourage.” **Former Student**

“Every day that I arrive to work, I feel his presence looking over my shoulder ensuring that I maintain the standard of excellence he has set forth for everyone lucky enough to come in contact with him.” **Dr. Vernon Simmons-Former Student**

“Dr. Bililign’s peers have judged his research to be of the highest quality in two ways: by publications of his research results in prestigious reviewed journals and by continued funding of his research program. NCA&T has a research gem in Dr. Bililign.” **Dr. Thomas Sandin: Professor of Physics NCA&T.**

“Dr. Bililign played a major role in the establishment of the recently established Master of Science degree program, and enriched the graduate and undergraduate curricula with laser physics and spectroscopy courses.” **Dr. Caesar Jackson: Interim Dean, college of Arts and Sciences, NCA&T.**

“ Through time Bililign contributed a lot to the development of physics education and research in Ethiopia and abroad.” **Editor: Newsletter of the Ethiopian Physical Society.**

“My impression of Prof. Bililign is of a knowledgeable teacher, a committed researcher and a compassionate person”
Former Student

“Because of you this degree has real value” **Former Student**

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