



## Steven M. Block

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#### BIO

S.M. Block holds the Ascherman Chair in the Depts. of Applied Physics and Biology at Stanford. He's best-known as a founder of the field known as "single molecule biophysics." Block holds degrees from Oxford and Caltech, and served as faculty at the Rowland Institute and Harvard, then Princeton, prior to joining Stanford in 1999. Block is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and is a Fellow of the AAAS, the APS, and the BPS. His research lies at the interface of physics and biology, particularly in the study of biomolecular motors, including kinesin and RNA polymerase, and the folding of nucleic acid-based structures. His group pioneered the use of laser-based optical traps, or 'optical tweezers,' to study the nanoscale motions of biomolecules. In what's left of his spare time, he enjoys skiing and playing bluegrass music on the banjo and mandolin.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Emeritus Faculty, Acad Council, Applied Physics
- Member, Bio-X

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Fellow (by courtesy), Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, (2001- present)

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Young Investigator Award, Biophysical Society (1994)
- President, Biophysical Society (2005-2006)
- S.W. Ascherman Chair of Sciences, Stanford University (2006)
- Research Excellence Award, U. Penn Nano/Bio Interface Center (2007)
- Outstanding Investigator Award in Single Molecule Biophysics, Biophysical Society (2008)
- Max Delbrück Prize in Biological Physics, American Physical Society (2008)
- MERIT Award, NIH-NIGMS (2010-2019)
- National Lecturer, Biophysical Society (2012)
- Fellow, American Physical Society (elected 2012)

- Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (elected 2006)
- Member, American Academy of Arts & Sciences (elected 2000)
- Member, National Academy of Sciences (elected 2007)

## BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Advisory Board, Miller Institute, Univ. of California (2015 - present)

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, California Inst. of Technology , Biology (1983)
- MA, Univ. Colorado , Biology (1982)
- MA, Oxford University, UK , Physics (1978)
- BA, Oxford University, UK , Physics (1974)

## PATENTS

- William J. Greenleaf, Steven Block. "United States Patent 7,556,922 Motion Resolved Molecular Sequencing", Leland Stanford Junior University, Jul 7, 2009

## LINKS

- visit the Block Lab website: <https://web.stanford.edu/group/blocklab/>

## Research & Scholarship

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### CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Single molecule biophysics using optical trapping and fluorescence

## Teaching

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### STANFORD ADVISEES

#### Doctoral (Program)

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### GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Biology (School of Humanities and Sciences) (Phd Program)
- Biophysics (Phd Program)

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

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Frieda, K. L., Block, S. M.  
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- **Single-Molecule Nanomechanics of Kinesin and Kinesin-Family Proteins**  
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- **Real-Time Observation of Polymerase- Promoter Contact Remodeling during Transcription Initiation**  
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