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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

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Peter Dahlberg received his undergraduate degree at McGill University in 2011 and his Ph.D. in biophysics from the University of Chicago in 2016. He then came to Stanford to work with W. E. Moerner and Wah Chiu to develop correlative light and electron microscopy methods. These methods give highly specific information on the machines that fill cells and make them work. In 2021 he was awarded SLAC's Panofsky Fellowship to continue his work on correlative microscopy. In 2023 he transitioned to a Staff Scientist role at SLAC and then to assistant professor in 2024 in the departments of Photon Science and Structural Biology. See the group website below for more information.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Photon Science Directorate
- Assistant Professor, Structural Biology
- Member, Bio-X
- Principal Investigator, Stanford PULSE Institute
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, NSF (2012)
- Panofsky Fellowship, SLAC (2021)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.S., McGill University , Physics (2011)
- PhD, University of Chicago , Biophysics (2016)

LINKS

- Dahlberg Lab Website: <https://web.slac.stanford.edu/dahlberglab/>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Methods in Molecular Biophysics: BIOPHYS 242, SBIO 242 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Will Dwyer, Emma Magee

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Christopher Azaldegui, Arundhati Deshmukh, Kevin Rose, Niko Vlahakis

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Gabriel Mintzer, Philip Spyrou, Magda Zaoralova

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Daniel Cai, Joey Yoniles

Postdoctoral Research Mentor

Arundhati Deshmukh, Niko Vlahakis

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Plant cell wall-plasma membrane attachments mediate stress resilience through cellulose synthase complexes and remorins.** *Cell*
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- **Fiducial-free guidance for cryo-FIB lamellae production enabled by simultaneous fluorescence microscopy and ion milling**
Dahlberg, P. D.
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2025

- **Cryogenic electron tomography and fluorescence light microscopy of multispecies communities within the soil microbiome**
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- **Cryogenic electron tomography and fluorescence light microscopy of multispecies communities within the soil microbiome**
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- **BPS2025-Tracking and quantification of 3D sample movement during focused ion beam milling**
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- **Standardizing experimental approaches to investigate interactions between bacteria and ectomycorrhizal fungi.** *FEMS microbiology reviews*
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- **Advanced Cryogenic Light Microscopy Stage to Enable 3D Super-resolved Cryogenic Correlative Light and Electron Microscopy.** *Microscopy and microanalysis : the official journal of Microscopy Society of America, Microbeam Analysis Society, Microscopical Society of Canada*
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