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#### **EXPERTISE**

Dr. Philippidis is an expert in sustainable biofuel and bioproduct technology development, scale-up, and commercialization and has a successful track record in externally-funded R&D management and public-private partnerships. He has 30 years of experience in leading strategic business units in the private and public sectors, directing applied R&D, developing and teaching renewable energy graduate courses, mentoring professionals and students, partnering with communities, and advising companies on sustainable growth. He possesses technical and business degrees and holds 11 patents in clean technologies and biotechnology.

## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1989
- M.B.A. University of Denver, Colorado, 1995
- **B.S.** Chemical Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, 1984

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2011-present **Associate Dean for Research and Associate Professor**, Patel College of Global Sustainability, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

He directs the College's research and academic programs, develops and teaches interdisciplinary graduate courses in sustainability, and mentors students. His externally-funded applied research focuses on biofuels, bioproducts, and bioenergy from renewable resources (biomass, algae, and oil-seed crops). He manages a multi-disciplinary research team of postdocs and students, directs the renewable energy curriculum, and pursues industry, academic, and community partnerships on the energy-water-food nexus.

2002–2011 **Associate Director,** Applied Research Center, Florida International University (FIU), Miami, Florida

Research Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Co-Director, Global Energy Security Forum, School of International and Public Affairs

He developed and directed energy programs worth over \$6M and technology evaluation and deployment projects in biofuels, renewable energy, and environmental remediation funded by the US Department of Energy, the US Department of Defense, the State of Florida, and the private sector. He collaborated with venture capital firms and advised US government agencies, the Organization of American States, and the Florida Governor's Energy Office on energy technologies, policy, security, and resilience.

1996–2001 **Director,** Biochemical Development, Thermo Fibergen, Inc., Bedford, Massachusetts

He was a member of the executive team of a subsidiary of Thermo Electron Corp. (now

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Thermo Fisher Scientific), a Fortune 500 company. He was In charge of energy and environmental R&D and product commercialization and directed product manufacturing and marketing. He interfaced with Wall Street analysts and pursued business ventures in North America and Europe. He managed intellectual property and negotiated technology acquisitions and licensing agreements.

1989–1996 **Leader,** Biofuels Research and Development, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, Colorado

He directed a \$29M joint venture between the U.S. Department of Energy and industry for R&D of advanced biofuel technologies. He managed in-house and subcontracted work, developed patents and published, and supervised a multi-disciplinary team of over 30 engineers and scientists. He established and managed relationships with agribusiness and bioenergy companies. He oversaw the design, installation, and operation of a \$16M state-of-the-art biomass demonstration facility.

#### **PROFESSIONAL HONORS and AFFILIATIONS**

- 1. Fulbright Specialist Scholar (2016, 2018)
- 2. Outstanding USF Faculty Award 2019
- 3. NATO and European Union travel fellowships
- 4. Guest Editor for the journals "Energy Policy", "Sustainability", and "Energies"
- 5. Journal reviewer for numerous peer-review publications
- 6. NSF and DOE invited expert reviewer
- 7. Kauffman Foundation entrepreneurship award
- 8. Advisor to US State Department, US Department of Agriculture, Organization of American States, Florida Governor's Energy Office, and several companies and organizations
- 9. Member of the Advisory Board of Culture BioSystems Inc. and ClimeCo International
- 10. Member of the Steering Committee of the Florida Energy Systems Consortium (FESC)
- 11. Member of the Steering Committee of the Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition
- 12. Senior member of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI)
- 13. Senior member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)
- 14. Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

## **PATENTS** (co-authored)

- 1. **US Patent 6,758,996** "Cellulose-Reinforced Thermoplastic Composite and Methods of Making Same" (2004).
- 2. **US Patent 6,156,226** "Liquid and Solid De-Icing and Anti-Icing Compositions and Methods for Making Same" (2000).
- 3. **US Patent 5,961,941** "Production of Precipitated Calcium Carbonate from Papermaking Sludge and Sludge-Derived Ash" (1999).
- 4. **US Patent 5,919,424** "Method of Recovering Minerals from Papermaking Sludge and Sludge-Derived Ash" (1999).
- 5. **US Patent 5,876,505** "Method of Producing Glucose from Papermaking Sludge Using Concentrated or Dilute Acid Hydrolysis" (1999).
- 6. **US Patent 5,777,086** "Method of Recovering Lignin from Pulp and Paper Sludge" (1998).
- 7. **US Patent 5,705,369** "Prehydrolysis of Lignocellulose" (1998).

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- 8. US Patent 5,503,996 "Prehydrolysis of Lignocellulose" (1996).
- 9. US Patent 5,424,417 "Prehydrolysis of Lignocellulose" (1995).
- 10. World Patent 008648 "Prehydrolysis of Lignocellulose" (1995).
- 11. **World Patent 029475** "Cell Mass from Fermenters as Nutrient Source in Biomass-to-Ethanol Conversion" (1994).

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- 2. Lo, E., Brabo-Catala, L., Dogaris, I., Ammar, E.M., Philippidis, G.P. "Biochemical conversion of sweet sorghum bagasse to succinic acid", *J. Biosci. Bioeng.* 129:1, 104-109 (2020).
- 3. Kusmayadi, A., Philippidis, G.P., Yen, H.-W. "Application of computational fluid dynamics to raceways combining paddlewheel and CO<sub>2</sub> spargers to enhance microalgae growth", *J. Biosci. Bioeng.* 129:1, 93-98 (2020).
- 4. Manisali, A.Y., Sunol, A.K., Philippidis, G.P. "Effect of Macronutrients on Phospholipid Production by the Microalga *Nannochloropsis oculata* in a Photobioreactor", *Algal Res.* 41, 101514 (2019).
- 5. Dogaris, I., Loya, B., Cox, J., Philippidis, G. "Study of landfill leachate as a sustainable source of water and nutrients for algal biofuels and bioproducts using a novel scalable bioreactor", *Bioresour. Technol.* 282, 18-27 (2019).
- 6. Goyal, G., Kuhn, J.N., Philippidis, G. "Light olefin production by cracking *Picochlorum oculatum* microalgae using aluminosilicate catalysts", *Biomass Bioener*. 108, 252-257 (2018).
- 7. Pirasaci, T., Manisali, A.Y., Dogaris, I., Philippidis, G., Sunol, A.K. "Hydrodynamic design of an enclosed Horizontal Bioreactor (HBR) for algae cultivation", *Algal Res.* 28, 57-65 (2017).
- 8. Deshpande, S., Sunol, A., Philippidis, G. "Status and Prospects of Supercritical Transesterification for Sustainable Biodiesel Production", *WIREs Ener. Environ.* e252, doi.org/10.1002/wene.252 (2017).
- 9. Dogaris I., Brown T.R., Loya B., Philippidis G. "Cultivation of microalgae in a scalable photobioreactor for production of algal biomass", *Biomass Bioenerg.* 89, 11-23 (2016).
- 10. Spiegel-Feld, D., Rudyk, B., Philippidis, G. "Allocating the economic benefits of renewable energy between stakeholders on Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Arguments for a balanced approach", Ener. Policy 98, 744-748 (2016).
- 11. Dogaris, I., Welch, M., Meiser, A., Walmsley, L., Philippidis, G. "A Novel Horizontal Photobioreactor for High Density Cultivation of Microalgae", *Bioresour. Technol.* 198, 316-324 (2015).
- 12. Shah, K.U., Philippidis, G., Dulal, H.B., Brodnig, G. "Developing Biofuels Industry in Small Economies: Policy Experiences and Lessons from the Caribbean Basin Initiative", *Mitig. Adapt. Strat. Glob. Change* 19, 229-253 (2014).
- 13. Philippidis, G. "Powering America with Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century", *J. Renewable Sustainable Energy* 4, 062801 (2012).
- 14. Philippidis, G.P., Hatzis, C. "Biochemical Engineering Analysis of Critical Success Factors in the Biomass-to-Ethanol Technology", *Biotechnol. Progress* 13, 222-231 (1997).
- 15. Toon, S.T., Philippidis, G.P., Ho, N.W.Y., Chen, Z.D., Brainard, A., Lumpkin, R.E., Riley, C.J. "Enhanced Cofermentation of Glucose and Xylose by Recombinant Saccharomyces Yeast Strains in Batch and Continuous Operating Modes", *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol.* 63-65, 243-255 (1997).
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- 17. Torget, R., Hatzis, C., Hayward, T.K., Hsu, T., Philippidis, G.P. (1996) "Optimization of Reverse-Flow, Two-Temperature, Dilute-Acid Pretreatment to Enhance Biomass Conversion to Ethanol", *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol.* 57/58, 85-101 (1996).
- 18. Hatzis, C., Riley, C., Philippidis, G.P. "Detailed Material Balance and Ethanol Yield Calculations for the Biomass-to-Ethanol Conversion Process", *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol.* 57/58, 443-459 (1996).
- 19. Kadam, K.L., Hayward, T.K., Philippidis, G.P. "Material Balance Studies with Continuous SSF for Ethanol Production Using Dilute-Acid Pretreated Hybrid Poplar", *Solar Engineering*, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1, 339-347 (1995).
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- 4. Philippidis, G. "Panamerican Energy Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges" in *Energy in the Americas*, University of Miami Center for Hemispheric Policy Center, US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (2010).
- 5. Munroe, N., Philippidis, G., Gill, P. K. S., Haider, W., and Amruthaluri, S. "Submerged Jet Mixing of Non-Newtonian Fluids in Waste Tanks", in *Proceedings of ASME 2009 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition* (2009).
- 6. Philippidis, G. "The Potential of Biofuels in the Americas" in *Energy in the Americas*, University of Miami Center for Hemispheric Policy Center, US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (2008).
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- 8. McFarlane R. and Philippidis, G. "How Free Trade Can Help Solve the Energy Crisis", in *The Wall Street Journal*, July 26-27, A9 (2008).
- 9. Philippidis, G. "Energy Security Achievable with Biofuels Made in the Americas", in *Ethanol Producer Magazine*, Vol. 14, 8, 232-235 (2008).
- 10. Philippidis, G.P., Smith, T.K. "Engineering Aspects of Lignocellulosic Biomass Conversion to Ethanol" in *Proceedings of the First Biomass Conference of the Americas*, 2, 1104-1109 (1993).

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- 2. Contreras, M., Cortes, M., Gallo, E., and Philippidis, G. "Study of the Ethanol Production Potential from Sugarcane in Central America and the Dominican Republic", Technical Report, Inter-American Development Bank (2008).
- 3. Angulo, G., Miranda, S., and Philippidis, G. "Energy Integration in Latin America and Mexico", Technical Report, Department of Energy (2008)
- 4. Lin, C.X., Skudarnov, P.V., Mo, H.L., and Philippidis, G.P. "Experimental Study and Numerical Modeling of Gas Flow in Microchannels and Micronozzles", Technical Report, Office of Naval Research (2005).
- 5. Zhou, X., Srivastava, R., and Philippidis, G. "Molecular Modeling and Experimental Study of Electrocatalytic and Transport Processes in High Temperature Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells", Technical Report, Air Force Office of Scientific Research (2005).

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- 7. Philippidis, G. "High-Level Waste Saltcake Dissolution Studies", Technical Report, Department of Energy (2004).
- 8. Mazumdar, A., Conklin, W., Chen, Z., Philippidis, G., and Srivastava, R. "Development and Demonstration of a Pilot-Scale Biomass Gasification Unit for Hydrogen Production", Technical Report, NASA (2004).
- 9. Ebadian, M.A., Skudarnov, P.V., Lin, C.X., and Philippidis, G. P. "Analytical Assessments Related to Microbubble Drag Reduction", Technical Report, NASA (2003).
- 10. Ebadian, M., Tachiev, G., Srivastava, R., and Philippidis, G. "Assessment of Florida's Biomass Resources for Hydrogen Production using GIS", Technical Report, NASA (2003).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2. Tsarpali, M, Philippidis, G., Kuhn, J. "Hydrothermal Carbonization of Microalgae for Hydrochar Production", American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (2019).
- 3. Manisali, A., Philippidis, G., Sunol, A.K. "Isolation of Natural Phospholipids from *Nannochloropsis oculata* Biomass using Semi-Preparative Scale HPLC", American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (2019).
- 4. Lo, E., Philippidis, G., Chen, K.-C. "Toward a Digestible Biochemical Computer", 6<sup>th</sup> ACM International Conference on Nanoscale Computing and Communication, Dublin, Ireland (2019).
- 5. Zhao, A., Colson, G., Karali, B., Philippidis, G. "A Real Options Analysis of the Relationship between Jet Fuel Price Volatility and Price Thresholds for Investing in a Carinata Biofuel Production Plant", Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2019).
- 6. Gordon, R., Merz, C.R., Philippidis, G., Gurke, S., Schoefs, B. "Bubble farming: Scalable microcosms for diatom biofuel and the next generation Green Revolution", North American Diatom Symposium, Eatonton, GA (2019).
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- 8. Geller, D.P., Philippidis, G., Coppola, E., Wright, D., Hubbard, W. "Commercialization Factors for Oil Based Biofuels and Coproducts from *Brassica carinata*", 27<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition, Lisbon, Portugal (2019).
- 9. Wright, D., Small, I., Seepaul, R., George, S., Philippidis, G., Christ, B., Geller, D. "Southeast Partnership for Advanced Renewables from Carinata a new AFRI CAP", National Sustainability Summit & National Extension Energy Summit, Tampa, FL (2019).
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- 11. Manisali, A., Philippidis, G., Sunol, A.K. "Continuous Cultivation of Microalga *Nannochloropsis oculata* to Extract and Characterize Phospholipids for Cosmetic Applications", AIChE Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL (2018).
- 12. Nagpurkar, S., Sunol, A.K., Philippidis, G. "Thermodynamic Data Requirements for Biodiesel Process Development", AIChE Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL (2018).

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- 15. Lo E., Dogaris I., Philippidis G. "Conversion of sweet sorghum bagasse to sugar for succinic acid production", ICRERES 2017: 19th International Conference on Renewable Energy Resource and Energy Storage, New York, NY (2017).
- 16. Manisali, A., Dogaris, I., Philippidis, G., Sunol, A. "Continuous Photobioreactor Cultivation of *Nannochloropsis oculata* to Isolate Cosmetical Grade Phospholipids", American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (2017).
- 17. Philippidis, G. "Opportunities and Challenges in the Commercialization of Bioproducts from Biomass and Algae", American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (2017).
- 18. Manisali, A., Dogaris, I., Philippidis, G., Sunol, A. "Cultivation of Microalgae *Nannochloropsis oculata* to Isolate Phospholipids for Cosmetic Applications", Algae Biomass Summit, Salt Lake City, UT (2017).
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- 1. Co-PI: "Automated Modular Algae Cultivation System for Aquaculture" funded by USDA SBIR, USF share: \$31,000 (2019-2020).
- 2. Co-PI: "Sustainability Superheroes: Developing Global Citizens for a Sustainable Economic Future" funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation: \$200,000 (2019-2021).
- 3. PI: "Large-scale Development of an Innovative Algae Technology as a Sustainable Source of Renewable Energy and Products to Enhance and Diversify Florida's Economy" funded by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: \$476,000 (2019-2021).
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- 5. PI: "Scale-up Testing of a Horizontal Bioreactor for Algae Cultivation" funded by Culture Fuels Inc. and the Florida High Tech Corridor, \$163,000 (2016-2018).
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## STUDENT ADVISING and MENTORSHIP

He has been serving as co-major advisor of doctoral, master, and honors students from Integrative Biology, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, and Environmental Science and Policy. He has advised numerous graduate and undergraduate students in Global Entrepreneurship, Chemical, Mechanical, and Biomedical Engineering, Environmental Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Research Experience for Undergraduates programs.

#### **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT and TEACHING**

He developed and taught graduate courses for USF's Master's program in Global Sustainability (both inclass and on-line):

- "Renewable Transportation Fuels" (IDS 6207)
- "Renewable Power Portfolio" (IDS 6208)
- "Economics and Finance for Sustainability" (IDS 6235)
- "Bioresources for a Sustainable Future" (IDS 6210)

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He developed and taught the undergraduate courses "Engineering Thermodynamics" (on-line) and "Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics" (in-class).

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

He has developed and led interdisciplinary sustainability and renewable energy projects with local governments and communities, including Manatee County, the City of Dunedin, the City of Miami, and the Hillsborough County School District. He is a member of the steering committee of the USF Green Energy Fund.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Wall Street Journal, Voice of America, "Nightly Business Report" on Public Broadcasting System (PBS), NBC News Channel 8 (Tampa Bay), NBC News Channel 6 (Miami), "Issues" on WBPT South Florida (Channel 2), The Rich Roffman Show (880 AM), Colombian National Radio, Tampa Bay Times, Palm Beach Post, Sun-Sentinel, Miami Herald, and South Florida Business Journal.

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