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## Education

University of California, Berkeley	Environmental Engineering	Ph.D. 2004
University of California, Berkeley	Environmental Engineering	M.S. 1999
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Environmental Engineering Science	B.S. 1998

## Professional Experience

Duke University, Civil & Environmental Engineering.	<i>Professor</i>	2019-present
	<i>Associate Professor</i>	2013-2019
	<i>Assistant Professor</i>	2005-2013
Nicholas School of the Environment, <i>Secondary Faculty Appointment</i>		2011-present
University of Delaware, College of Marine Studies. <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>		2004-2005
University of California, Berkeley. <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i>		Fall 1999
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. <i>Summer Research Intern</i>		1998, 1999

## Overview of expertise and activities

Dr. Heileen (Helen) Hsu-Kim is an environmental engineer with expertise in aquatic geochemistry, trace element biogeochemistry, and nanogeoscience. Her research primarily focuses on trace element contaminants, their distribution in the environment and exposure risks, and technologies to recover valuable metals from unconventional sources. Her scholarly publications include papers on environmental nanogeochemistry, mercury biogeochemistry, coal ash geochemistry, and rare earth element recovery from wastes. Her research team is currently studying metal pollutants and their transformations in urbanized settings and developing methods to evaluate exposures of these chemicals to vulnerable communities. Her group is also evaluating the impacts of mining on mercury biogeochemical cycling in landscapes and advancing technologies to recover rare earth elements and material resources from mining and combustion wastes.

Dr. Hsu-Kim is the Director of Graduate Studies for Duke's CEE Department and contributes as an Associate Editor for *Environmental Science & Technology*. Dr. Hsu-Kim is also the faculty advisor for the Duke student group FEMMES+ (Females and Allies Exceling More in Math, Engineering and Science), a K-12 STEM education outreach group for the Durham, North Carolina community.

## Teaching

CEE561L/ENV542L Environmental Aquatic Chemistry (graduate level), fall semesters  
CEE461L Chemical Processes in Environmental Engineering (undergraduate), fall semesters  
CEE/ENV666 Aquatic Geochemistry, (graduate), spring semesters

## Honors and Awards

AEEESP Distinguished Service Award, 2024

AEESP / Mary Ann Liebert Award for Publication Excellence in *Environmental Engineering Science*, 2019

*Environmental Science & Technology Letters* Excellence in Review Award, 2016

Research Triangle Institute University Scholar, 2016

Pratt Engineering Excellence in Teaching, 2015

Bass Professorship for excellence in research and teaching, Duke University, 2014-2019

American Society for Engineering Education, 20 Under 40, Prism Magazine, Sept. 2014

*Environmental Science & Technology* Excellence in Review Award, 2013

Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), 2012

Department of Energy Early Career Research Award, 2011

NSF Ridge 2000 Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2004

ACS Environmental Chemistry Division Graduate Student Paper Award, 2003

UC-Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1999-2000

National Physical Science Consortium Graduate Student Fellowship, 1998-2004

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

120. Dai, Y., Zhou, Z., Yu, W., Ma, Y., Kim, K., Rivera, N., Mohammed, J., Lantelme, E., Hsu-Kim, H., Chilkoti, A.; You, L. (2024). Biomolecular condensates regulate cellular electrochemical equilibria. *Cell*, 187(21), 5951-5966. DOI: [10.1016/j.cell.2024.08.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2024.08.018)
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118. Marchese, M.J.; Gerson, J.R.; Berky, A.J.; Driscoll, C.; Fernandez, L.E.; Hsu-Kim, H.; Lansdale, K.N.; Letourneau, E.; Montesdeoca, M.; Pan, W.K.; Robie, E.; Vega, C.; Bernhardt, E.S. (2024) Diet choices determine mercury exposure risks for people living in gold mining regions of Peru. Submitted to *Environmental Research: Health*. 2, (3), 035001. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1088/2752-5309/ad3d79>
117. Wadle, A.; Neal-Walthall, N.; Ndu, U.; Hsu-Kim, H. (2024). Distribution and Homogenization of Multiple Mercury Species Inputs to Freshwater Wetland Mesocosms. *Environmental Science & Technology*, <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.3c07169>
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114. Middleton, A.; Hsu-Kim, H. (2023). Separation of Rare-Earth Elements by Supported Liquid Membranes: Impacts of Soluble Iron, Aluminum, and pH in Low-Grade Feedstocks. *ACS ES&T Engineering*. 3, 8, 1197–1204 <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsestengg.3c00060>
113. Lalwani, P.; King, D. E.; Morton, K.S.; Rivera, N.A.; Huayta, J.; Hsu-Kim, H.; Meyer, J.N. (2023) Increased cytotoxicity of Pb<sup>2+</sup> with co-exposures to a mitochondrial uncoupler and mitochondrial calcium uniporter inhibitor. *Environmental Science: Processes & Impacts*. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3EM00188A>

112. Rivera, N.A.; Ling, F.T.; Jin, Z.; Pattamattel, A.; Yan, H.; Chu, Y.S.; Peters, C.A. and Hsu-Kim, H. (2023) Nanoscale heterogeneity of arsenic and selenium species in coal fly ash particles: analysis using enhanced spectroscopic imaging and speciation techniques. *Environmental Science: Nano.* 10, 1768-1777. DOI:[10.1039/D2EN01056A](https://doi.org/10.1039/D2EN01056A)
111. Jin, Z.; Ren, J.; Rivera, N.A.; Hower, J.C. (2023) Functional Predictor Variables for the Leaching Potential of Arsenic and Selenium from Coal Fly Ash. *ACS ES&T Water.* <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsestwater.2c00568>
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### **Editorial Contributions**

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- Hsu-Kim H., Cory R.M. "Water Chemistry by P.L. Brezonik and W.A. Arnold: A new textbook for environmental aquatic chemistry". AEESP Newsletter. 47(1), 9. January 2012. <http://www.aesp.org/pdf/publications/AEESPNL.47.1.2012.pdf>
- Aiken G., Hsu-Kim H., Ryan J., Alvarez P. "Guest Comment: Nanoscale Metal-Organic Matter Interactions". Guest editors G.R. Aiken, H. Hsu-Kim and J.N. Ryan. Special focus issue of *Environmental Science & Technology.* 45, 3194–3195. April 15, 2011. DOI: [10.1021/es2007148](https://doi.org/10.1021/es2007148)

### **Research Advisees**

#### *Postdoctoral Associates/Research Scientists:*

- Nelson Rivera, 2014-present
- Ryan Smith, 2016-2019
- Udonna Ndu, 2015-2018

Carol Johnson, 2014-2016  
Anh Pham, 2012-2015  
Gretchen Gehrke, 2012-2015  
Sung-Woo Lee, 2013-2014  
Kate Kucharzyk, 2011-2014  
Yu-Ting Liu, 2010-2013  
Amanda Morris, 2011-2012  
Lee Bryant, 2010-2012  
Boris Lau, 2007-2008

Graduate students:

Graduated:

Anna Altmann, M.S., 2024  
Zehao Jin, Ph.D., 2024  
Qinhan Wen, M.S., 2023  
Austin Wadle, Ph.D, 2023  
Zhiheng Hao, MEM, 2023  
Haotian Li, MS, 2023  
Andrew Middleton, Ph.D., 2022  
Natalia Neal-Walthall, Ph.D., 2022  
Faye Koenigsmark, Ph.D., 2021  
Jie Ren, M.S., 2021  
Jieqi Liu, M.S., 2020  
Ross Taggart, Ph.D., 2018  
Jane Cooper, M.S., 2017  
Sarah Diringer, Ph.D., 2016  
Chuanjia Jiang, Ph.D., 2016  
Abigail McEwen, MEM, 2015  
Grace Schwartz, Ph.D., 2015  
Andreas Gondikas, Ph.D., 2012  
Tong Zhang, Ph.D., 2012  
Amrika Deonarine, Ph.D., 2011

In-Progress:

Joshua Miller, Ph.D. candidate, 2020-present  
Shannon Plunkett, Ph.D. candidate, 2021-present  
Lijia Gao, Ph.D. candidate, 2022-present  
Caroline Zuber, Ph.D. candidate, 2023-present  
Eli Ford, M.S. candidate, 2023-present

Undergraduate:

Emily Gjertsen, CEE major, 2024  
Alan Huang, Computer Science major, 2025  
Gloria Odenyo, CEE major, 2023  
Zehua (Roy) Wang, Env. Eng. major, 2022  
Katherine Li, CEE major, 2022  
Jenny Liang, Env Eng. major, 2019  
Emma Palmer, Env Eng. major, 2018-19

Eliza Letourneau, Env. Sci. major, 2018-19  
Madeline McKnight, Chemistry major, 2018-19  
April Laranang, REU student, summer 2018  
Fangfei Liu, REU student, summer 2018  
Joyce Gu, REU student, summer 2018  
Xiating Chen, Env Eng. major, 2016  
John Hare-Grogg, Environ. Sci. major, 2015-16  
Jack King, Env. Eng. major, 2015-16  
Elaine Hung, REU student, summer 2015  
Devon Manley, REU student, summer 2014  
Osman Ulug, REU student, summer 2014  
Laura Rogers, Environ. Sci. major, spring 2014 – 2015  
Lauren Riedle, UNC Env. Sci. major, 2013-2014  
Marika Nell, REU student, summer 2013  
Zakary Goldberg, REU student, summer 2013  
Karen Yu, REU student, summer 2011  
Andrew Matsumoto, REU student, summer 2011  
Greer Mackabee, CEE major, graduated 2012  
Marianne Leonhardt, CEE major, graduated 2012  
Brian Au, CEE major, graduating 2012  
Patrick Canning, CEE major, graduated 2009  
Natalya Polishchuk, REU student, summer 2007  
Kristen Jenkins, biology major, graduated 2008

### **Professional Affiliations**

*Memberships:* American Chemical Society, Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP), Geochemical Society, Chinese-American Professors in Environmental Engineering and Science (CAPEES)

### **Technical Advisory**

Associate Editor, *Environmental Science & Technology*, ACS Publications, 2024-present  
Editorial Advisory Board. *Environmental Science & Technology Letters* (2014-present). *ACS ES&T Water* (2020-present)

### **Service and Outreach Activities**

#### Duke University & Pratt School of Engineering

CEE Director of Graduate Studies (2021-present)  
Nicholas Institute Strategic Advisory Committee (2019-present)  
Duke University Standing Committee on Research Misconduct (2019-present)  
Advisory Working Group for collective bargaining activities with PhD. Student union, (2023-2024)  
Director Search Committee, Nicholas Institute (2023-2024)  
Pratt Dean Search Committee (2021)  
CEE Faculty Search Committee (2021)  
CEE Masters graduate program, Assistant Director (2018-2021)  
Civil & Environmental Engineering Graduate Colloquium, program organizer (2017-2020)  
Civil & Environmental Engineering faculty search committee, chair (2019-2020)

Advisory Committee for the Vice Provost Office for Faculty Advancement (2018-2019)  
Civil & Environmental Engineering faculty search committee (2017-18)  
Duke University Diversity Task Force (2014-2015)  
Pratt School of Engineering Faculty Council (2013-2015)  
University Campus Sustainability Committee (2013-2014)  
Environmental Engineering faculty search committee, chair (2013-15)  
University Committee on Facilities & Environment (2012-2015)  
Academic Council. Representative from the Pratt School of Engineering. April 2012-2016.  
Pratt Engineering EXCEL Building faculty planning committee (spring 2007).

#### Scientific Community

Conference Chair, AEESP2025 Research and Education Conference, Durham, NC, May 20-22, 2025  
Investment Oversight Committee, AEESP Foundation, 2022-2024  
Treasurer and member of Board of Directors, Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors and AEESP Foundation, 2018-2023.  
Associate Editor, *Environmental Science: Processes & Impacts*, RSC Publications. 2016-2023.  
DOE, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Science and Operations Review of the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, November 29-30, 2017.  
DOE, Office of Basic Energy Research, Basic Research Needs Workshop on the Energy-Water Nexus. January 4-5, 2017.  
DOE, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Climate and Environmental Science Division, Committee of Visitors, July 19-21, 2016.  
NSF Workshop Participant “Geobiology and Microbial Geochemistry Workshop”, October 10-12, 2013.  
NSF Workshop Participant, “Future Directions in Geobiology and Low-Temperature Geochemistry”, September 27-28, 2010  
Patterson Award Committee, Geochemical Society, 2008-2011

#### Community/K-12 Outreach

FEMMES+ (Females and Allies Excelling More in Math, Engineering, and Science), Faculty advisor and workshop volunteer (2007-present).  
GAINS Conference, Faculty presenter/speaker. Durham and Chapel Hill, NC. April 3-4, 2016.  
NanoDays volunteer. North Carolina Museum of Life & Sciences. 2011 and 2012.  
Developed an activity titled *NanoToss* for museum visitors.  
Research mentor for Pratt NSF-REU (summer 2007-08, 2010), Howard Hughes Precollege Program in the Biological Sciences.