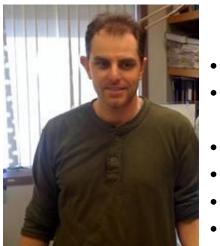
# Marcello Forconi, Assistant Professor



<u>Teaching Interests</u> Biochemistry, Chemical Biology, Laboratory Classes

#### **Research Interests**

Enzyme Function and Structure, Chemical Modification of Enzymes, Evolution and Computational Design of Enzyme Function

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## **Current Research Projects**

- Retro-aldol reactions in micelles and enzymes
- Substrate specificity and rate-acceleration of SdsA1, an enzyme capable of degradation of SDS
- Resistance to reactive oxygen species in Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- Reaction mechanism of the hammerhead ribozyme
- Functional and structural studies of a short, discontinuous group I intron
- Nucleophilic aromatic substitution as a tool to modify cysteine residues





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