

## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

### **Robert Hodge**

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Mr. Hodge received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN. He joined the USPTO in August of 2004 examining fuel cells and batteries in TC 1700. In 2007 he accepted a detail in the Office of Patent Training (OPT) as a Training Assistant. In 2011 he accepted a detail in the PCT Legal office as an Assistant Special Programs Examiner. In April of 2012 he accepted a detail in the OPT as a Patent Training Academy Trainer. In September of 2012 he became a Supervisory Patent Examiner – Trainer in OPT. In October of 2014 he became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in TC 3600, supervising examiners who review applications related to clutches, transmissions and hybrid drive systems. In October of 2016 he accepted a detail in the Office of Innovation Development (OID) as the Pro Se Assistance Program Coordinator. Prior to beginning his career at the USPTO, he worked at Teledyne Energy Systems in Hunt Valley, MD performing R&D on Fuel Cells and developing Fuel Cell test stands and Monsanto in St. Louis MO, performing R&D on the RoundUp® production process. Mr. Hodge also had the unique opportunity to work as an intern at the main Volkswagen Factory in Wolfsburg, Germany in their R&D department working on a gas purification project for Fuel Cell Vehicles, during a young professional exchange program in 2001.