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Born: Bechem, Ghana, April 23, 1974. Citizen of the United States of America

Departmental and Institutional Affiliations

Department of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley

Disciplinary Field(s)

Organic Chemistry
Organometallic Chemistry
Chemical Biology

Educational Background

Undergraduate Education:

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN.

Bachelor of Arts Degree (Chemistry Major), May 1995 (Advisor Prof. Rebecca C. Hoye)

Graduate Education:

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Master of Science Degree (Organic Chemistry), May 1997

Ph. D. in Organic Chemistry, May 2001 (Advisor Prof. Martin F. Semmelhack)

Postdoctoral Institution:

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

UNCF•Pfizer Postdoctoral Fellow in Organic Synthesis, 2001-2004 (Advisor Prof. Brian M. Stoltz)

Professional Positions Held

University of California, Berkeley

Executive Associate Dean, College of Chemistry (July 2018 –Present)

Full Professor, Department of Chemistry (July 2014–Present)

Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry (2010 – June 2014)

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry (2004 – 2010)

Honors and Awards

Mukaiyama Award of the Synthetic Society of Organic Chemistry Japan (2018)

Noyce Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (2016)

Schulich Visiting Professor (Technion, Israel) (2015–2016)

Royal Society of Chemistry Synthetic Organic Chemistry Award (2015)

ACS Arthur C. Cope Scholar (2015)

Fuson Lecturer, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (2014)

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship (2013)

Paul Dowd Lecturer, University of Pittsburgh (2013)

Honorary Lifetime Membership of the Israel Chemical Society (2012)

Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry Japan Lectureship Award (2011)

Ginsberg Lecturer (Technion, Israel) (2011)

Roche Excellence in Organic Chemistry Award (2010)

UC Berkeley Department of Chemistry Teaching Award (2009)
Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award (2009)
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellow (2009)
American Cancer Society Research Scholar (2009-2012)
Eli Lilly Grantee Award (2009-2010)
National Academies of Science Kavli Fellow (2008)
University of California Hellman Faculty Award (2008-2009)
AstraZeneca Excellence in Chemistry Award (2008)
Dupont Young Professor Award (2008-2010)
Johnson and Johnson Focused Giving Award (2008-2010)
GlaxoSmithKline Scholar Award (2008)
Amgen Young Investigator Award (2007)
National Science Foundation CAREER Award (2007-2011)
Abbott Young Investigator Award (2007-2008)
Eli Lilly Young Investigator Grantee (2004)

Professional Service

Editorial Board of Organic Syntheses (2014–2021)
Editorial Advisory Board for Accounts of Chemical Research (2015–2019)
Editorial Advisory Board for Synthesis and SynLett (2014–2018)
Editorial Advisory Board for the Journal of the American Chemical Society (2013–2018)
Editorial Advisory Board for Chemical Science (2011–2013)
Editorial Advisory Board for Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry (2011–2017)
ACS Division of Organic Chemistry Executive Committee (2013–2016)
NIH SBCA Study Section, Permanent Member (2012–2017)
Chair, Gordon Research Conference on Heterocyclic Compounds (2011)
University of California Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (2010–2013)
NIH SBCB Study Section, Ad Hoc Member (2008)
NSF-CAREER Study Section Panel Member (2008)
NIH-CREST Study Section (2005)