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HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	John. C. Butler Excellence in Teaching Award
2025	NIH-Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA)
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INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS

1. American Society for Photobiology Webinar; June 4, 2026
2. ACS Green Chemistry, San Antonio, TX; June 15–19, 2026
3. CSC Toronto; May 24–28, 2026
4. Pacifichem 2025: Designed π-Systems–Syntheses, Properties, Theory, and Function, Honolulu, HI, USA; December 15–20, 2025
   "*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
5. Pacifichem 2025: Chemical Concepts from Theory and Computation, Honolulu, HI, USA; December 15–20, 2025
   "*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
6. Solvay Institutes Workshop: Aromaticity: Celebrating Benzene 200 Years, Brussels, Belgium; December 8-10, 2025
   "*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
7. Chemistry World Webinars: 200 years of benzene, the peculiar molecular that defined classification (online); November 11, 2025
   "*Celebrating 200 Years of Benzene: The Human Story of Benzene*"
8. Royal Institution Public Discourse, London, UK; July 4, 2025
   "*Celebrating 200 Years of Benzene: From Whale Oil to Aromaticity*"
9. Aromaticity–2025, Merida, Mexico; January 27–30, 2025
   "*Finding Ways of Cheating Transition State Theory Better in Chemical Reactions*"
10. Workshop on Magnetically Induced Currents (MAGIC), Chiemsee, Germany; September 9–13, 2024
    "*Finding Ways of Cheating Transition State Theory Better in Chemical Reactions*"
11. International Conference on Excited-State Aromaticity and Antiaromaticity (ICESAA3), Dubrovnik, Croatia; July 7–10, 2024
    "*Finding Ways of Cheating Transition State Theory Better in Chemical Reactions*"
12. Chemical Concepts from Theory and Computations, Lyon, France; December 10–13, 2023
    "*Antiaromaticity—The Fuzzier Brother? Historical Developments, Opportunities, and Challenges*"

13. The Beilstein Organic Chemistry Symposium: π-Conjugated Molecules and Materials, Limburg, Germany; November 7–9, 2023
"*Antiaromaticity—The Fuzzier Brother? Historical Developments, Opportunities, and Challenges*"
14. Fall ACS: Symposium for "Chemical Bonding–Perspectives from Valence Bond Theories, San Francisco; August 13–17, 2023
"*Antiaromaticity: The Fuzzier Brother? Historical Developments, Opportunities, and Challenges*"
15. 3rd From Carbon-Rich Molecules to Carbon-Based Materials, Riviera Maya, Mexico; May 7–10, 2023
"*A Carbon-Rich Buffet Talk*"
16. Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry Early Career Virtual Symposium; March 30, 2023
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Escape Antiaromaticity*"
17. ACS Southwest Regional Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA, USA; November 6–9, 2022
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Escape Antiaromaticity*"
18. International Symposium on Novel Aromatic Compounds (ISNA), Warsaw, Poland; July 3–8, 2022
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Escape Antiaromaticity*"
19. Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition (CCCE), Calgary, Canada; July 3–8, 2022
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Escape Antiaromaticity*"
20. International Symposium of Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry (ISMSC), Eugene, OR, USA; June 19–24, 2022
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Escape Antiaromaticity*"
21. Reaction Mechanisms Conference (RMC), Denver, CO, USA; June 12–15, 2022
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Escape Antiaromaticity*"
22. Pacifichem 2020: New Horizon of Main Group and Transition Metal Aromatics, Honolulu, HI, USA; December 16–21, 2020
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
23. Pacifichem 2020: Designed π-Electron Systems: Synthesis, Properties, Theory and Function, Honolulu, HI, USA; December 16–21, 2020
"*Heteroatoms Here and There: Why it Matters for Designing π-Electronic Systems*"
24. Fall ACS: Symposium on Orbital Models in Electronic Structure Theory, Atlanta, GA, USA; August 22–26, 2021
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
25. RSC Desktop Seminar with ChemComm Emerging Investigators (online); November 17, 2020
"*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
26. International Conference on Horizons in Hydrogen Bond Research (HBOND19), Amsterdam, The Netherlands; September 24–27, 2019
"*Excited-State Proton Transfer: Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
27. International Conference on Excited-State Aromaticity and Antiaromaticity, Sigtuna, Sweden; July 29–August 2, 2019
"*Excited-State Proton Transfer: Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
28. GRC–Physical Organic Chemistry, Holderness, NH, USA; June 23–28, 2019
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
29. Aromaticity–2018, Riviera Maya, Mexico; November 28–December 1, 2018
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"

30. European Symposium on Chemical Bonding, Oviedo, Spain; September 3–7, 2018
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions*"
31. International Conference on Horizons in Hydrogen Bond Research (HBOND17), Jyväskylä, Finland; September 10–14, 2017
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Hydrogen Bonding*"
32. World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists (WATOC) Satellite Meeting: The Chemical Bonds in the 21st Century, Aachen, Germany; September 2–4, 2017
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Hydrogen Bonding*"
33. Female Excellence in Theoretical Chemistry, Putten, The Netherlands; June 22–25, 2017
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Hydrogen Bonding*"
34. International Symposium of Chemical Sciences Houston, TX, USA; January 19–21, 2017
"*Achieving Short, Strong Hydrogen Bonds Through π-Conjugation Gain*"
35. Congress of the International Society of Theoretical and Chemical Physics 2016 Conference, Grand Forks, ND, USA; July 17–22, 2016
"*How do Enzymes Turn "Weak Acids" into Strong Proton Donors?*"
36. Solvay Meeting: Conceptual Quantum Chemistry, Brussels, Belgium; April 4–8, 2016
"*How Can Weak Acids Be Strong Hydrogen Bond Donors?*"
37. Theory and Experiment: A Meeting at the Interface, Erlangen, Germany; March 30–April 1, 2016
"*Low-Barrier Hydrogen Bonding in Enzyme Catalysis*"
38. Accelerating Organic Reaction Discovery, Telluride, CO, USA; July 24–31, 2015
"*Tuning Hydrogen Bonds with Aromaticity*"
39. International Conference on Chemical Bonding, Kauai, HI, USA; July 2–6, 2015
"*Aromaticity Tomorrow: Concepts and Design in Silico*"
40. Southeastern Theoretical Chemistry Association Conference, Orlando, FL, USA; May 14–6, 2015
"*Reconsidering Textbook Concepts of Carbocation Chemistry*"

INVITED SEMINAR TALKS

1. Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA, USA; March 3, 2026
"*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
2. University of Texas, Dallas, TX, USA; February 4, 2026
"*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
3. University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland; December 4, 2025
"*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
4. University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland; December 1, 2025
"*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
5. Light as a Reagent and Product (Online lecture series); March 15, 2025
"*Finding Ways of Cheating Transition State Theory Better in Chemical Reactions*"
6. Rice University, Houston, TX, USA; October 23, 2024
"*Finding Ways of Cheating Transition State Theory Better in Chemical Reactions*"
7. Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA; October 17, 2024
"*Finding Ways of Cheating Transition State Theory Better in Chemical Reactions*"

8. University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia; March 16, 2023
   "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
9. Hope College, Holland, MI, USA; November 4, 2022
   "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
10. Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI, USA; November 3, 2022
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
11. The University of Akron, Akron, OH, USA; April 26, 2022
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
12. Universidade Federal de São Carlos, São Carlos, Brazil; March 17, 2022
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
13. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA; April 16, 2021
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
14. University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, USA; March 19, 2021
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
15. University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, PA, USA; February 25, 2021
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
16. Auburn University, Auburn, AL, USA; January 21, 2021
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
17. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA; January 11, 2021
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
18. University of Campinas, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil; August 20, 2020
    "*Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
19. Iowa State University, Ames, IA, USA; March 6, 2020
    "*Excited-State Proton Transfer: Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
20. Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, USA; February 6, 2020
    "*Excited-State Proton Transfer: Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity*"
21. National Taiwan University, Center for Condensed Matter Sciences, Taipei, Taiwan; March 29, 2019
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
22. National Chiao-Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan; March 27, 2019
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
23. Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA; March 6, 2019
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
24. University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA; March 5, 2019
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
25. University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA; November 16, 2018
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
26. University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, USA; November 2, 2018
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
27. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA; October 31, 2018
    "*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"

28. University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, USA; October 30, 2018
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
29. University of North Texas, Denton, TX, USA; October 19, 2018
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Noncovalent Interactions: When Counting Electrons Matter*"
30. University of Houston, Houston, TX, USA; Jan. 31, 2018
"*Finding Magic Numbers in Chemistry—The Picasso Way*"
31. Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands; June 21, 2017
"*Aromaticity-Modulated Hydrogen Bonding*"

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

1. Pacifichem 2025: Programmed Self-Assembly of π-Conjugated Materials and Polymers, Honolulu, HI, USA; December 15–20, 2025
"*Benzene in the Excited-State: A Playground for Photochemical Transformations*"
2. International Conference on Horizons in Hydrogen Bond Research (HBOND15), Wrocław, Poland; September 13–18, 2015
"*On the Nature of Low Barrier Hydrogen Bonds in Enzyme Catalysis*"

RESEARCH FUNDING

1. PI: Judy I. Wu
"*Unlocking Biologically-Relevant Opportunities Through Applications of Excited-State Aromaticity and Antiaromaticity*"
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (MIRA, R35) Funding period: 10/01/2025–09/30/2029
Amount: $1,937,500
2. PI: Judy I. Wu
"*Real-World Applications of the Antiaromaticity Concept: Assemblies, Synthetic Strategies, and Functional Properties*"
Sponsor: National Science Foundation Funding period: 08/01/2023–07/31/2026
Amount: $539,999
3. PI: Judy I. Wu
"*Computational Explorations of Unconventional Approaches to Control Noncovalent Interactions*"
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (MIRA, R35) Funding period: 09/15/2019–07/31/2024
Amount: $1,868,641
4. PI: Judy I. Wu
"*CAREER: Computational Studies of Aromaticity-Modulated Interactions in Supramolecular Chemistry*"
Sponsor: National Science Foundation Funding period: 03/01/2018–02/28/2023
Amount: $585,012
5. PI: Judy I. Wu
Sponsor: Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship Funding period: 09/01/2020–08/31/2022
Amount: $75,000

MENTORED STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

Postdoctoral Researchers

1. Francisco Martins Summer 2023–present
2. Said Jalife Summer 2021–Summer 2025

3. Croix J. Laconsay Fall 2022–Fall 2024
4. Renan Viesser Summer 2021– Fall 2024
5. Lucas Karas Fall 2021–Fall 2022
6. Chia-Hua Wu Fall 2015–Summer 2020
7. Ranjita Das Spring 2017–Fall 2020

Graduate Students

1. Ume Salma Fall 2025–present
2. Muhammad U. Khan Fall 2023–present
3. João Schober Fall 2021–Fall 2025

   Ph.D. dissertation: "Aromaticity Across States: A Framework for Reactivity and Structure in Organic Systems"
4. Lucas Karas Fall 2017–Summer 2021

   Ph.D. dissertation: "Molecules in a Hurry to Get Rid of Antiaromaticity"
5. Zhili Wen Fall 2016–Summer 2021

   Ph.D. dissertation: "A Renaissance of the (Anti)Aromaticity Concept in Modern Applications of Organic Chemistry"
5. Siyeon Im Fall 2018–Summer 2021

   M.S. thesis: "Tuning Molecular Properties with External Stimuli: The Photochemistry of BODIPY and the Effect of Oriented-Electric Fields on Sigma Holes"
6. Hari R. Paudel Spring 2016–Summer 2020

   Ph.D. dissertation: "Aromaticity-Modulated Interactions in Small Organic Molecules"
7. Mahsa Boraghi Spring 2017–Fall 2019

   M.S. thesis: "Computational Studies of Self-Assembling Squaramide and Urea Derivatives "
8. Yu Zhang Fall 2016–Fall 2019

   M.S. thesis: "The Effects of Aromaticity Gain in Multipoint Hydrogen-Bonded Arrays"

Undergraduate Students

1. Krista van Rickley Fall 2015–Spring 2016
2. Cindy Vasquez Fall 2015–Spring 2016
3. Khanh Nguyen Fall 2016–Spring 2017

High School Students

1. Michelle Lee Summer 2019
2. Emily Gaw Summer 2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MENTEES

- Muhammad Usama Gul Khan
  College of NSM Conference Travel Award 2025
- Francisco A. Martins
  Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Chemistry selected attendee 2025
  Merck Award for Underrepresented Chemists of Color 2024
- João V. Soares
  Jay K. Kochi Graduate Fellowship 2025
  Best Poster Award at ICESAA-3 2024
  Best Poster Award at PhotoIUPAC-2024 2024
  Cullen Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant 2023
  College of NSM Conference Travel Award 2023
  Poster Award at 11th Young Researcher's Conference 2023
- Said Jalife
  Elected co-Chair for Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) –Physical Organic Chemistry 2025
  2024 Research Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA) Fellow 2024
  Poster Award at LatinXChem 2023
- Croix J. Laconsay
  ACS CAS Future Leaders 2023
- Lucas J. Karas
  Best Dissertation Award (UH, Department of Chemistry) 2021
  Jay K. Kochi Graduate Fellowship 2020
  NSM Graduate Student Profile 2020
  Graduate School Research Incentive Award 2018
- Chia-Hua Wu
  Eby Nell McElrath Postdoctoral Fellowship 2018
  Best poster prize at the *Second European Symposium of Chemical Bonding* 2018

COURSES TAUGHT

- CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*
  Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
- CHEM 6312: *Bonding*
  Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

TEACHING EVALUATION SUMMARY

Scoring is out of 5, with a score of 5 being the highest.
Numbers in parenthesis () are the average values for comparable chemistry courses in the department.

Semester	Course	Students Enrolled	Students Responses	Mean Score for "Teaching Effectiveness"	Mean Overall Score
Fall 2025	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	18	13	**4.62** (4.58)	**4.73** (4.65)
Fall 2025	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	7	5	**4.40** (4.17)	**4.40** (4.27)
Fall 2024	CHEM 6312:	16	13	**4.46** (4.42)	**4.65** (4.55)

	Bonding				
Fall 2024	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	16	8	**5.00** (3.62)	**4.96** (3.85)
Fall 2023	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	16	9	**4.89** (4.24)	**4.86** (4.41)
Fall 2023	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	17	8	**4.88** (3.97)	**4.84** (4.10)
Fall 2022	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	17	10	**4.80** (4.38)	**4.85** (4.49)
Fall 2022	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	6	4	**4.75** (3.74)	**4.75** (3.86)
Fall 2021	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	9	5	**5.00** (4.22)	**4.95** (4.35)
Fall 2021	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	6	3	**5.00** (3.26)	**4.92** (3.41)
Fall 2020	CHEM 6312: *Bonding* (online)	9	5	**4.48** (4.43)	**4.57** (4.50)
Fall 2020	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry* (online)	14	5	**3.80** (2.93)	**3.90** (3.21)
Spring 2020	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	28	23	**4.48** (4.43)	**4.57** (4.50)
Fall 2019	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	17	15	**4.53** (3.56)	**4.62** (3.72)
Fall 2017	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	42	39	**4.36** (3.89)	**4.38** (4.10)
Fall 2017	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	26	23	**4.39** (4.19)	**4.40** (4.22)
Fall 2016	CHEM 4364: *Advanced Organic Chemistry*	35	33	**4.60** (3.50)	**4.60** (4.20)
Fall 2016	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	29	29	**4.80** (4.60)	**4.60** (4.60)
Fall 2015	CHEM 6312: *Bonding*	21	18	**4.72** (4.11)	**4.75** (3.89)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Departmental Service

- *Member*, Graduate Committee (Fall 2022–present).
- *Member*, Graduate Admissions Committee (Fall 2017–2024).
- *Search Committee*, Theoretical/Computational Chemistry Faculty Search (2023).
- *Search Committee*, Inorganic Chemistry Faculty Search Committee (2021).
- *Search Committee*, Bio-organic Chemistry Faculty Search Committee (2016).
- *Organic Division Seminar Coordinator* (Fall 2016–Spring 2017).

- *Departmental Seminar Coordinator* (Fall 2017–Spring 2018).
- *Committee Member* for Oral Research Progress, M.S. Thesis, and Ph.D. Dissertation examinations, in the Department of Chemistry and Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Houston, as well as other institutions.

Broader Scientific Community

- *Reviewer* of manuscripts (for 20+ journals)
- *Reviewer* for grant proposals:
  a) American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund (ACS-PRF)
  b) National Science Foundation (NSF)
  c) National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  d) European Research Council (ERC)
  e) Research Foundation Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek)
- *Discussion Leader* for the Gordon Research Conference (GRC)–Physical Organic Chemistry (2017).
- *Advisory Board Member* for *Chemical Communications* (2020–present)
- *Editorial Board Member* for *Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry* (2020–present)
- *Associate Editor* for the *Journal of Physical Organic Chemistry* (2020–present)
- *Governing Board Member* for the Reaction and Mechanisms Conferences (RMC) (2022–2028)
- *Conference Chair* for the "International Conference of Excited-State (Anti)aromaticity (ICESAA)" (2022)
- *Committee Member* for the IUPAC Division III SSMC (Structural and Mechanistic Chemistry) (2024–present)
- *Editorial Advisory Board* for the Journal of Computational Chemistry (2025)
- *Co-Vice Chair*, Gordon Research Conference (GRC)–Physical Organic Chemistry (2025)
- *Co-Chair*, Gordon Research Conference (GRC)–Physical Organic Chemistry (2027)
- *Co-Chair*, Reaction Mechanisms Conference (RMC) at Hope College, Holland MI (2026)
- Instructional and Clinical Faculty Promotion Committee (2025–present)

FIVE SELECTED PUBLICATIONS *(post-tenure)*

- Viesser, R. V.; Donald, C. P.; May, J. A.; Wu, J. I.* "Can Twisted Double Bonds Facilitate Stepwise [2+2] Cycloadditions?" *Org. Lett.* **2024**, *26*, 3778–3783. DOI: 10.1021/acs.orglett.4c00879
- Karas, L. J.; Jalife, S.; Viesser, R. V.; Soares, J. V.; Haley, M. M.*; Wu, J. I.* "Tetra-*tert*-butyl-*s*-indacene is a Bond Localized C_{2h} Structure and a Challenge for Computational Chemistry" *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2023**, *62*, e202307379. DOI: 10.1002/anie.202307379
- Meng, J.; Robles, A.; Jalife, S.; Ren, W.; Zhang, Y.; Zhao, L.; Liang, Y.; Wu, J. I.*; Miljanic, O. S.*; Yao, Y.* "Cyclotetrabenzil Derivatives for Electrochemical Lithium-Ion Storage" *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2023**, *62*, e202300892. DOI: 10.1002/anie.202300892
- Karas, L. J. *; Wu, J. I.* "Baird's Rules at the Tipping Point" *Nat. Chem.* **2022**, *14*, 723-725. DOI: 10.1038/s41557-022-00988z

- Karas, L. J.*; Wu, C. H.; Wu, J. I.* "Barrier-Lowering Effects of Baird Antiaromaticity in Photoinduced Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer (PCET) Reactions" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 17970-17974. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.1c09324