



# Paul Chirik

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## Education

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### Ph.D. California Institute of Technology, June 2000

Advisor: John E. Bercaw, Thesis: *Ancillary Ligand Effects on Fundamental Transformations in Metallocene Catalyzed Olefin Polymerization.*

### B.S. Virginia Tech, *Magna Cum Laude, In Honors, May, 1995*

Advisor: Joseph S. Merola, Thesis: *Studies in to Iridium- and Rhodium- Hydrogenation Catalysts for Alkene Hydrogenation in Aqueous Solution.*

## Experience

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- Edwards S. Sanford Professor, Princeton University 2011-present
- Peter J. W. DeBye Professor, Cornell University 2009-2011
- Associate Professor, Cornell University 2006-2009
- Assistant Professor, Cornell University 2001-2006
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2000-2001

## Selected Honors and Awards

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- Gabor Somorjai Award for Creative Research in Catalysis 2021
- Catalysis Society of South Africa (CATSA) Eminent Visitor 2021
- Linus Pauling Medal (postponed to 2021) 2020
- Rylander Award in Catalysis Sponsored by BASF (postponed) 2020
- Eni Award, Advanced Environmental Solutions Prize 2019
- ACS *Catalysis* Lectureship for Advancement of Catalysis Science 2017
- Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award 2016
- Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award, American Chemical Society 2009
- Bessel Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation 2008
- Camille Dreyfus-Teacher Scholar 2006
- Stephen and Margery Russell Distinguished Teaching Award 2005
- David and Lucile Packard Fellow in Science and Engineering 2004
- NSF CAREER Award 2003
- Herbert Newby McCoy Award for Outstanding Dissertation, Caltech 2000

## Selected Synergistic Activities

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- Editor-in-Chief, *Organometallics* 2015-present
- Associate Chair, Department of Chemistry, Princeton University 2020-present
- ACS Sustainable Development Advisory Council 2021-present
- Chair, Department of Energy Basic Energy Sciences Contractor's Meeting 2017
- Associate Director for External Partnerships, Andlinger Center 2015-2016
- Defense Science Study Group 2010-2011

## Selected Named Lectureships

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- Thomas Lecture, University of Missouri 2021
- Fishel Lecture, Vanderbilt University 2021
- Novartis Lecture (postponed) 2020
- Behringer Simon Lecture - ETH Zürich (postponed) 2020
- Jefferson Lecture, University of Virginia 2020
- Frontiers Lecture, Max Planck, Kohlenforschung 2019
- ICI Lecture, University of Calgary 2018
- Richard Walton Lecture, Purdue University 2017
- Allergan Lecture, University of California – Irvine 2017
- Singapore Nanyang Distinguished Lectureship 2017
- J. Clarence Karcher Lecture, University of Oklahoma 2017
- Xingda Lecturer, Peking University 2015
- Closs Lecturer, University of Chicago 2014

## Publications (h-index 71, Web of Science)

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229. Mohadjer Beromi, M.; Younker, J. M.; Zhong, H., Pabst, T. P.; Chirik, P. J. "Catalyst design principles enabling intermolecular alkene-diene [2+2] cycloaddition and depolymerization reactions." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, DOI: 10.1021/jacs.1c08912.
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227. Park, Y.; Semproni, S. P.; Zhong, H.; Chirik, P. J. "Synthesis, electronic structure, and reactivity of a planar four-coordinate, cobalt-imido complex." *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 14376-14380.
226. Rummelt, S.; Peterson, P.; Zhong, H.; Chirik, P. J. "Oxidative addition of aryl and alkyl halides to a reduced iron pincer complex." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 5928-5936.
225. Viereck, P.; Rummelt, S.; Soja, N.; Pabst, T.; Chirik, P. J. "Synthesis and asymmetric alkene hydrogenation of activity of C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric enantioenriched pyridine dicarbene iron dialkyl complexes." *Organometallics* **2021**, *40*, 1053-1061.
224. Pabst, T. P.; Chirik, P. J. "A tutorial on selectivity determination in C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-H oxidative addition of arenes by transition metal complexes." *Organometallics* **2021**, *40*, 813-831.
223. Kennedy, C. R.; Joannou, M. V.; Steves, J. E.; Hoyt, J. M.; Kovel, C. B.; Chirik, P. J. "Iron-catalyzed vinylsilane dimerization and cross-cycloadditions with 1,3-dienes: Probing the origins of chemo- and regioselectivity." *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 1368-1379.
222. Mendelsohn, L. N.; MacNeil, C. S.; Tian, L.; Park, Y.; Scholes, G. D.; Chirik, P. J. "Visible-light-enhanced cobalt-catalyzed hydrogenation: Switchable catalysis enabled by divergence between thermal and photochemical pathways." *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 1351-1360.
221. Pabst, T. P.; Quach, L.; MacMillan, K. T.; Chirik, P. J. "Mechanistic origins of regioselective in cobalt-catalyzed C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-H borylation of benzoate esters and arylboronate esters." *Chem* **2021**, *7*, 237-254.
220. Mohadjer Beromi, M.; Kennedy, C. R.; Younker, J. M.; Carpenter, A. E.; Mattler, S. J.; Throckmorton, J. A.; Chirik, P. J. "Iron catalyzed synthesis and chemical recycling of telechelic 1,3-enchained oligocyclobutanes." *Nature Chem.* **2021**, *13*, 156-162.
219. Margulieux, G. W.; Kim, S.; Chirik, P. J. "Determination of the N-H bond dissociation free energy in a pyridine(diimine)molybdenum complexes prepared by proton-coupled electron transfer." *Inorg. Chem.* **2020**, *59*, 15394-15401.
218. Ludwig, J. R.; Simmons, E. M.; Wisniewski, S. R.; Chirik, P. J. "Cobalt-catalyzed C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-C(sp<sup>3</sup>) Suzuki-Miyaura cross coupling." *Org. Lett.* **2021**, *23*, 625-630 (ACS Editor's Choice).

216. Bullock, R. M.; Chen, J. G.; Gagliardi, L.; Chirik, P. J.; Farha, O. M.; Hendon, C. H.; Jones, C. W.; Keith, J. A.; Klosin, J.; Minteer, S. D.; Morris, R. H.; Radosevich, A. T.; Rauchfuss, T. B.; Strotman, N. A.; Vojvodic, A.; Ward, T. R.; Yang, J. Y.; Surendranath, Y. "Using Nature's blueprint to expand catalysis with Earth-abundant metals." *Science* **2020**, 369, DOI: 10.1126/science.abc3183.
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197. Arévalo, R.; Chirik, P. J. "Enabling two-electron pathways with iron and cobalt: From ligand design to catalytic applications." *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 9106-9123.
196. Zhong, H.; Friedfeld, M. R.; Chirik, P. J. "Syntheses and catalytic hydrogenation performance of cationic bis(phosphine) cobalt(I) diene and arene compounds." *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 9194-9198.
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