

2016 Cottrell Scholars

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2016
Cottrell Scholar
Awardees



NANDINI ANANTH
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
Cornell University
*Quantum Dynamic Investigations
of Photo-induced Electron Transfer
Catalyzed by Transition Metal
Complexes*

JOHN M. ANTOS
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
Western Washington University
*Structural Characterization of
Substrate Promiscuity in Bacterial
Sortases*

TAMARA BOGDANOVIC
Assistant Professor of Physics,
Georgia Institute of Technology
*Shedding Light on Supermassive
Black Holes*

EVA-MARIA SCHOETZ COLLINS
Assistant Professor of Physics,
University of California, San Diego
*Unraveling the Role of Mechanics for
Tissue Self-organization In Vivo*

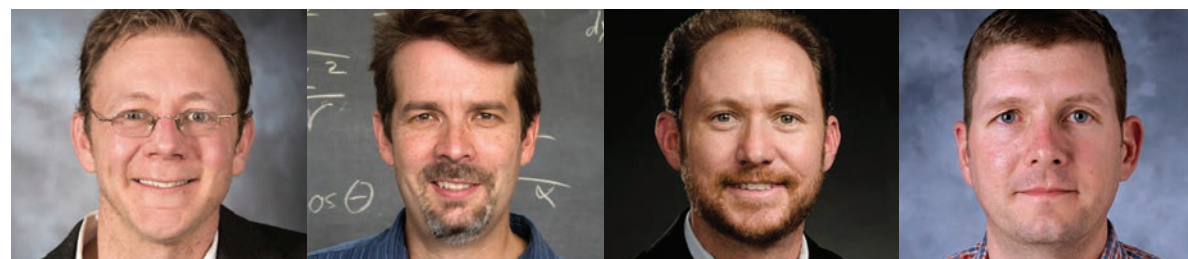


KATHRYN L. HAAS
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
Saint Mary's College, Indiana
*Transporting Cu(I) as Cargo and
Using Cu(III) as a Killer Cofactor*

ELIZA KEMPTON
Assistant Professor of Physics,
Grinnell College
*Atmospheric Structure and Emission
Spectrum Calculations for Extrasolar
Super-Earths: Looking Toward JWST
and Beyond*

DUŠAN KEREŠ
Assistant Professor of Physics,
University of California, San Diego
*Using Cosmological Hydrodynamic
Simulations to Constrain Evolution of
Galaxies and Their Gaseous Halos*

DMYTRO KOSENKOV
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
Monmouth University
*Exciton Energy Transfer in
Light Harvesting Proteins with
Covalently Bound Pigments:
The Role of Molecular Vibrations*



WILLIAM C. K. POMERANTZ
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
*Fluorinated Peptides and Proteins
for ¹⁹F MRI and Integrated Research
Experiences in an Organic Chemistry
Lab Course*

AARON ROMANOWSKY
Assistant Professor of Physics,
San Jose State University
*The Nature and Nurture of Galaxies:
Dynamics, Dark Matter, and
Data Mining*

MICHAEL J. ROSE
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of Texas at Austin
*Imparting Precious Metal Properties
to First-Row Metals with
Heavy Atom Ligands*

SCOTT K. SHAW
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of Iowa
*Characterization and Control of
Molecular Architectures within
Thin Fluid Films*

2016
TREE Awardees



RIGOBERTO HERNANDEZ
Chemistry, Georgia Institute of
Technology, Cottrell Scholar 1999

VINCENT ROTELLO
Chemistry, University of Massachusetts,
Amherst, Cottrell Scholar 1996

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Robert Shelton, President, Research Corporation for Science Advancement



JAHAN DAWLATY
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of Southern California
*A New Handle in Solar-to-Fuel
Light Harvesting: Creating Protons
Where They are Most Needed*

RAFAEL M. FERNANDES
Assistant Professor of Physics,
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
*A Tale of Two States: Interplay between
Magnetism and Superconductivity in
Quantum Materials*

SERGEY FROLOV
Assistant Professor of Physics,
University of Pittsburgh
*Experimental Investigation of One-
Dimensional Topological Phases*

SHARON GERBODE
Assistant Professor of Physics,
Harvey Mudd College
*Interactions between Impurities and
Dislocations in Small Colloidal Crystals*



AARON LECONTE
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
The Claremont Colleges
*Biochemical Characterization and
Engineering of Luciferases through
Statistical Coupling Analysis*

THOMAS MAIMONE
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of California, Berkeley
*Redesigning Natural Products for
the Treatment of Human Disease*

BRENT C. MELOT
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of Southern California
*Design of Safe and Sustainable
Materials to Enable Large-Scale
Energy Storage*

MAIKEN H. MIKKELSEN
Assistant Professor of Physics,
Duke University
*Exploring the Interplay between
Nanoscale Design and Optical
Properties of Materials: A Research
and Educational Approach*



LEVI STANLEY
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
Iowa State University
*Catalyst Design and Development to
Unlock the Synthetic Potential of
Olefin Hydroacylation Reactions*

LAUREN WATERS
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
*Manganese Homeostasis in Bacteria:
Characterization of a Mn-Regulated
Small Protein and Identification of
Novel Mn Exporters*

DI XIAO
Assistant Professor of Physics,
Carnegie Mellon University
*Topological Excitons in
Gapped Dirac Materials*

YAN YU
Assistant Professor of Chemistry,
Indiana University at Bloomington
*Exploiting Nanomaterials to
Unravel Trafficking Inside Cells*

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