

## Postdoctoral Program in Environmental Chemistry

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Awardee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Area of Interest</u>
2010			
Columbia University	V. Faye McNeill	Chemical Engineering	Probe aerosol particle surfaces in situ using the nonlinear optical techniques of second harmonic generation and vibrational sum frequency generation. Detect organic material at the gas-particle interface, the solvation state, and the electronic and vibrational spectra of interfacial molecules.
Harvard Medical School	Jon Clardy	Biological Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology	Bacteria and fungi compete for limited resources in soils in the degradation of complex organic compounds to support their metabolic processes. PTMs mediate this competition. Exploration of the broad environmental relevance of PTMs and their possible role(s) in the potency of certain bacterial biocontrol agents, green alternatives to synthetic antifungal agents.
Northwestern University	Dick Co	Chemistry	Using femtosecond stimulated Raman spectroscopy, a study of the ultrafast structural dynamics of interfacial photoinduced electron transfer reactions in hybrid semiconductor quantum dots, critical in solar energy conversion devices.
Stanford University	Zhenan Bao	Chemical Engineering	A new molecular design concept for polymer solar cells: controlled interaction to achieve nanostructure and "uni-directional" electron transfer to minimize charge recombination processes.
The University of Chicago	Elisabeth Moyer	Geophysical Sciences	Fundamental uncertainties in ice formation at the cold temperatures of the tropical tropopause will be explored with a new infrared spectrometer in a cloud simulation chamber in Germany. Inhibition of ice nucleation and growth at cold temperatures and the effects of pollutant-derived coatings on aerosols will be studied. The measurement target, the isotopic composition of water vapor, is a novel tracer for microphysical research.
University of California, Berkeley	Michelle Chang	Chemistry	Advanced biofuel synthesis will address fundamental questions of how chemistry is controlled in living cells with the goal of subsequent mix and match green alternatives for sustainable synthesis.
University of California, Los Angeles	Xiangfeng Duan	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Water splitting multi-heterostructures will be designed and synthesized to integrate a nanoscale photovoltaic device with two redox catalysts, to form freestanding photoelectrochemical nanodevices that can function as highly efficient and stable photocatalysts for artificial photosynthesis and solar fuel generation.
University of Washington, Seattle	Karen Goldberg	Chemistry	Catalysts to efficiently convert large scale quantities of lignocellulosic biomass, an abundant and sustainable source of chemicals and fuels, to useful organic compounds are proposed to promote the depolymerization of ligninocellulose through the selective hydrogenolysis of C-O bonds. Novel metal complexes will be synthesized, characterized and screened for their ability to promote this transformation.

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California Institute of Technology	Alex Sessions	Geological and Planetary Sciences	Develop and employ a novel ICP-MS system to measure the $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$ ratios of dissolved inorganic sulfur species with picomole sensitivity to understand S-isotopic fractionations of bacterial sulfate reduction, one of the key redox reactions in the global sulfur cycle.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Daniel Nocera	Chemistry	Water splitting into dioxygen and dihydrogen, catalyzed by transition metal complexes, provides the most efficient way to store solar energy. We are seeking molecular species of the right electronic structure that target coupling of two oxos.
Northwestern University	Emily Weiss	Chemistry	Identify and characterize non-radiative pathways for dissipation of energy within photoexcited semiconductor quantum dots (QDs), as a function of the chemical structure of the organic surfactant on the surface of the QD, using transient absorption and transient four-wave mixing spectroscopies.
Rice University	Robert Griffin	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Multi-disciplinary (laboratory-, field-, and computationally based) studies of important heterogeneous reactions of atmospheric importance, e.g., reactions that convert nitric to nitrous acid, and generation of radicals that participate in ozone formation.
University of California, Berkeley	Jean Frechet	Chemistry	Dye-sensitized solar cells with tandem energy relay systems, a novel design concept for enhancing photovoltaic performance.
University of California, Berkeley	Jeffrey Long	Chemistry	Metal-organic frameworks with high surface areas will be investigated for capture by selective binding of $\text{CO}_2$ over $\text{N}_2$ and $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ from power plant flue streams.
University of California, Los Angeles	James Bowie	Chemistry and Biochemistry	To develop a sustainable alternative fuel by creating a direct, one-step biochemical pathway to biodiesel production in microorganisms.

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Georgia Institute of Technology	Christopher W. Jones	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	To develop a new method to capture CO <sub>2</sub> from power-plant flue gas, combining recently developed organic/inorganic hybrid sorbents in a fundamentally new capture process.
Harvard University	Roy G. Gordon	Chemistry and Chemical Biology	Vapor deposition of tin(II) sulfide films and characterization of their optical, electronic and doping properties to facilitate engineering of inexpensive and widely available thin-film solar cells.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Jesse H. Kroll	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Develop and utilize a new technique for measuring the concentrations, properties, and transformations of semivolatile organic compounds to provide new insights into the chemical transformations of organic matter in the environment.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Stephen J. Lippard	Chemistry	Polymanganese clusters will be constructed as synthetic models to mimic features of Photosystem II and possibly lead to a new catalyst for conversion of solar energy to chemical energy.
Princeton University	Yueh-Lin Loo	Chemical Engineering	Towards the design of low-cost, stable, and efficient organic solar cells via the development of well-defined chemically-modified organic-organic and organic-metal interfaces.
The University of Wisconsin, Madison	Shannon S. Stahl	Chemistry	Use of molecular oxygen as a stoichiometric oxidant to minimize the formation of chemical byproducts and waste in catalysis.
Yale University	Gary Brudvig	Chemistry	High-valent oxo-Mn species supported on TiO <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles for water splitting catalysis.

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California Institute of Technology	Nathan S. Lewis	Chemistry	Iron-Based, Earth Abundant, Photoelectrochemical Cells for Solar Energy Capture and Conversion
Harvard University	Theodore A. Betley	Chemistry and Chemical Biology	Designing Polymetallic Reaction Sites: New Strategies for Small Molecule Activation Catalysts as a Means for Chemical Energy Conversion
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Andrei Tokmakoff	Chemistry	Mechanistic studies of biomimetic proton-coupled electron transfer compounds, using ultrafast two-dimensional infrared spectroscopy, as a key to the development of artificial photo-catalysts for water splitting.
Purdue University	Paul Shepson	Purdue Climate Change Research Center	Computational and Laboratory Studies of Arctic Sea Ice Halogen Chemistr
The Johns Hopkins University	Alan T. Stone	Geography & Environmental Engineering	Towards Predictive Modeling of Electron Transfer at Mineral/Water Interfaces, to Help Understand Environmentally Relevant Metal Oxidation State Changes
The University of Chicago	Chuan He	Chemistry	Engineering Proteins that Selectively Recognize Nuclear Waste
The University of Chicago	Robert J. Keenan	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Reprogramming Metabolic Pathways for the Biological Production of High Value Chemicals from Renewable Resources
University of Washington, Seattle	Daniel R. Gamelin	Chemistry	Mesoporous Oxide Tandem Photoelectrochemical Cells for Efficient Water Splitting

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California Institute of Technology	Dianne K. Newman	Biology and Geological and Planetary Science	Mechanism of phototrophic Fe(II)-oxidation as a mechanism for metabolic depositing of ancient iron ores
Harvard University	Scot T. Martin	Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences	Tandem differential mobility measurements of mixed organic-sulfate particles of controlled and variable chemical properties, and their phase transitions
Harvard University	Eric N. Jacobsen	Chemistry and Chemical Biology	Design of greener chemical reactions with small molecules as efficient organocatalysts
Princeton University	Daniel M. Sigman	Geosciences	An isotopic study of denitrifiers and their respiratory nitrate reductases to understand the apparent ocean N imbalance
The University of Chicago	Norbert F. Scherer	Chemistry and the James Franck Institute	Novel noble metal clusters for enhanced light harvesting, photocatalytic activity, and multi-electron chemistry (H <sub>2</sub> formation)
The University of Chicago	Hisashi Yamamoto	Chemistry	Develop a super Bronsted acid catalyst for a green chemistry alternative to metals in halogenated solvents
The University of Wisconsin, Madison	Frank N. Keutsch	Chemistry	High sensitivity in situ measurements and modeling of formaldehyde and (methyl)glyoxal photochemistry
University of California, Berkeley	Ronald Cohen	Chemistry	Atmospheric chemistry of reactive nitrogen: ozone aerosols and biosphere-atmosphere exchange
University of California, San Diego	Kimberly A. Prather	Chemistry and Biochemistry and Scripps Institution of Oceanography	Size resolved chemistry of aerosol particles ejected from the ocean and their effects on clouds
University of Washington, Seattle	Joel A. Thornton	Atmospheric Sciences	Elucidating the sources, transformations, and chemical and climate impacts of particulate organic matter using CIMS

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Arizona State University	Ariel Anbar	Chemistry & Biochemistry	Isotopic compositions of bioessential and toxic metals in nature
California Institute of Technology	Jonas C. Peters	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Synthesis of efficient catalysts for solar water splitting systems
California Institute of Technology	John Eiler	Geological and Planetary Sciences	Fingerprinting of carbon dioxide isotopes and their distribution in nature
Carnegie Mellon University	Neil M. Donahue	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Oxidation pathways linking aerosols and their chemical precursors for human health and climate
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Daniel G. Nocera	Chemistry	The chemistry of energy generation through solar power looking at O-O bond formation by radical coupling mechanisms
Princeton University	Anne M.L. Kraepiel	Chemistry	Molybdenum speciation with bioavailability and its effect on nitrogen fixation
University of California, Berkeley	Kevin R. Wilson	Chemical Sciences	Free radical reactions on catalytic surfaces related to aerosols and climate
University of California, Berkeley	Kristie A. Boering	Chemistry and Earth & Planetary Science	Molecular beam and isotopic studies of chemical mechanisms related to sources and sinks of major greenhouse gases
University of Colorado	G. Barney Ellison	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Molecular processes that underlie oxidation of organic aerosols with a novel mass spectrometer
University of Illinois at Chicago	Neil C. Sturchio	Earth and Environmental Sciences	Mapping of historical climate patterns using magneto-optical trap methods on radio Kr isotopes

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California Institute of Technology	Janet G. Hering	Environmental Science & Engineering	Use of Vapor-phase Synthesized Iron(0) Nanoparticles to Examine Nanoscale Reactivity
Indiana University	Philip S. Stevens	School of Public and Environmental Affairs	Influence of Biogenic Emissions on Atmospheric Chemistry: Investigations of Free-Radical Chemistry in Forest Environments
Northwestern University	Franz M. Geiger	Chemistry and Institute for Environmental Catalysis	Chemical Binding and Heterogeneous Reactions of Environmentally Relevant Molecules at Liquid-solid and Gas-solid Interfaces
The Johns Hopkins University	David P. Goldberg	Chemistry	Design, Synthesis and Application of Transition Metal Catalysts for Environmental Dehalogenation Chemistry
The Ohio State University	Heather Allen	Chemistry	Atmospheric Aerosol Chemistry and Liquid Surfaces: Condensed-Phase Organics and Hydroxyl Radical Reactions
The Pennsylvania State University	William H. Brune	Meteorology	Investigating the Sensitivity of Atmospheric Ozone Formation to Nitrogen Oxides and Hydrocarbons
University of California, Irvine	Sergey Nizkorodov	Chemistry	Earth Atmospheric Environment: From Molecular Level Understanding to Global Scale Air Pollution Modeling
University of California, San Diego	Mark H. Thiemens	Chemistry and Biochemistry	New Mass Independent Isotope Effects to Study Global Atmospheric Chemistry, Climate Change, and the Origin of Life and the Solar System
University of Pennsylvania	Marsha I. Lester	Chemistry	Novel Studies of NO <sub>x</sub> Chemistry in the Atmosphere and on Catalytic Surfaces

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Georgia Institute of Technology	Paul H. Wine	Chemistry & Biochemistry	Atmospheric Chemistry in Low Temperature Environments
State University of New York at Stony Brook	Clare P. Grey	Chemistry	Sequestration of Pollutants in Natural and Engineered Systems
The University of Wisconsin, Madison	Gilbert M. Nathanson	Chemistry	Surfactant Control of Heterogeneous Reactions in the Atmosphere
University of Connecticut	Britt A. Holmen	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Fine and Ultrafine Airborne Particles: Environmental Processes Affecting Particle Physical and Chemical Properties
University of North Carolina	Tomas Baer	Chemistry	Spectroscopic and Mass Spectrometric Studies of Organics in Tropospheric Aerosols
<b>2002</b>			
Iowa State University	William S. Jenks	Chemistry	Desulfurization of Gasoline and Diesel Fuels by Extraction/Adsorption of Dibenzothiophenes
Princeton University	G. Charles Dismukes	Chemistry	Links Between the Carbon and Oxygen Biogeochemical Cycles of the Earth Through Oxygenic Photosynthetic Organisms.
University of California, Davis	Anthony Wexler	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering	Atmospheric Aerosol Chemistry
University of Minnesota	Deborah L. Swackhamer	Environmental & Occupational Health	Environmental Estrogens and Antibacterials in Aquatic Systems: Occurrence, Persistence and Fate
University of Oklahoma	David A. Sabatini	Civil Engineering and Environmental Science	Natural and Anthropogenic Ground-Water Contamination: Engineered Remediation Technologies, Pollutant Natural Attenuation, and Technologies for Pollution Avoidance
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Christopher M. Reddy	Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry	Molecular Isotope Approach for Identifying Bioaccumulating Halogenated Organic Compounds in Marine Biota

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Carnegie Mellon University	Spyros N. Pandis	Chemical Engineering	The Carnegie Mellon University Air Quality group (Professors Pandis, Donahue, Davidson, Adams, and Robinson) proposes to train a Ph.D. chemist or chemical engineer. Available projects include fundamental investigations of gas and heterogeneous atmospheric chemistry, development of new instrumentation for atmospheric particulate matter measurements, development and evaluation of state-of-the-art numerical models for urban, regional, and global air quality, development of new source-apportionment and emission control design techniques, and finally studies of the impacts of air pollution.
Columbia University	George W. Flynn	Chemistry	The formation of the Columbia Earth Institute, the Environmental Molecular Sciences Institute, and the Superfund "Arsenic Project" at Columbia University has created a unique opportunity for a post-doctoral fellow to contribute to and broaden our knowledge of the fundamental, interdisciplinary scientific issues surrounding Arsenic related problems in ground water. This proposal requests support for such a fellow to study these issues in an interdisciplinary project.
Georgia Institute of Technology	Julia Kubanek	School of Biology and School of Chemistry and Biochemistry	In marine environments, chemical signals are critical to biotic processes such as feeding, competition, mate recognition, and habitat choice, directly affecting organisms and also producing a cascade of indirect effects on ecosystems. Chemically-mediated interactions in planktonic systems involving harmful and toxic algae and zooplankton will be explored. Available projects include discovery of microalgal chemical defenses and zooplankton mate attractants, and pursuit of the environmental fate of biotoxins in food webs.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Jeffrey A. Steinfeld	Chemistry	M.I.T. will recruit a Dreyfus Postdoctoral fellow to work in an interdisciplinary, chemistry-focused environmental research program. Available research topics include atmospheric chemistry, advanced techniques for environmental monitoring, fate and transport of toxic chemicals in groundwater, and life cycle analysis of chemical processes. The Fellow will be part of a group of graduate and postdoctoral students working on complex multi-dimensional environmental issues.
The Johns Hopkins University	Gerald J. Meyer	Chemistry	Ground water contaminated with organohalides represent an enormous environmental problem. This proposal seeks to train a postdoctoral associate in organohalide remediation. The research objective is to obtain a molecular-level understanding of organohalide remediation from which "greener" chemical processes can be developed. Research projects include organohalide remediation with zero-valent iron, electron beams, biomimetic macrocycles, excited states, and nanostructured materials.

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The Ohio State University	Patrick G. Hatcher	Chemistry	Drs. Patrick G. Hatcher and Samuel J. Traina, co-Directors for the NSF-sponsored Ohio State Environmental Molecular Science Institute (EMSI), seek to establish a Camille and Henry Dreyfus postdoctoral associateship in environmental chemistry as a part of the EMSI at the Ohio State University. This associateship will allow an individual with a strong background in analytical chemistry the opportunity to apply his/her skills to solve challenging questions related to the transformation of naturally occurring organic substances at important atmospheric and/or geomeia interfaces in the environment.

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Columbia University	Koji Nakanishi	Chemistry	In 1996 Columbia University took over management of the Biosphere 2 Center (B2C) and since that time has been transforming the Center into a premiere environmental research facility. The project directors of this proposal have initiated an interdisciplinary environmental chemistry and chemical ecology research and education program at B2C. The postdoctoral fellow will have opportunities for involvement in unique projects made possible by the "one-of-a-kind" facilities at B2C, preparing her/him for a career in environmental research.
Harvard University	Steven Wofsy	Earth and Planetary Science	A post-doctoral student from chemistry will be chosen to work on problems that interface among the core science areas of: 1) atmosphere-biosphere exchange and stratospheric chemistry (Wofsy), 2) atmospheric chemistry modeling and data analysis (Jacob), 3) aquatic chemistry, surface chemistry, aerosols (Martin), 4) atmospheric deposition and tropospheric chemistry (Munger), 5) stratospheric radicals, chemistry-climate interactions, advanced instrumentation, radical kinetics (Anderson).
Northwestern University	Joseph T. Hupp	Chemistry	A Dreyfus Postdoctoral Fellowship in Environmental Chemistry is proposed at the Northwestern Institute for Environmental Catalysis. Several research projects are available which range from the development of aqueous-phase sensors for organic contaminants and aqueous phase detectors for heavy metals to discovery of new environmental friendly synthetic methods. Opportunities for the educational enrichment of the fellow include an extensive seminar program, participation in teaching advanced courses in environmental sciences, development of grades 6-12 science curriculum to include environmental chemistry, and participation in the training of middle and high school teachers.

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Rice University	Robert F. Curl	Chemistry	Three research groups involving faculty in Chemistry, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, and Environmental Science & Engineering are collaborating on application of laser-based infrared atmospheric monitors to environmental issues. These monitors are developed at Rice. They will be used to investigate the concentrations of pollutants particularly formaldehyde in the Houston urban environment and to measure the fluxes from rice cultivation of the global warming gases methane and nitrous oxide.
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Barbara Turpin	Environmental Sciences	Environmental chemists at Rutgers seek a chemical scientist to expand research on Emissions, Reactivity, Characterization and Deposition of Atmospheric Organic Compounds, receive training in environmental chemistry research and education, and through interactions with academic and government agency scientists, be positioned to develop a successful career in environmental chemistry.
Syracuse University	Charles T. Driscoll	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Support is requested for a post-doctoral researcher in environmental chemistry at the Center for Environmental Science and Engineering (CESE) at Syracuse University. CESE research opportunities include a broad variety of well-established projects associated with terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in the northeastern U.S. Current projects include the effects of atmospheric emissions of sulfur dioxide; the transport, fate, and bioavailability of mercury; and the effects of human settlement and urbanization on surface water quality.
University of California, Irvine	Ellen R. M. Druffel	Earth System Science	The Department of Earth System Science (ESS), a 13-member, interdisciplinary research program at the University of California, Irvine offers excellent training opportunities in environmental chemistry for a postdoctoral and an undergraduate Dreyfus Fellows. ESS conducts research on interacting natural and anthropogenic factors responsible for global change occurring on timescales of the order of a human lifetime in the Earth's atmosphere, land and oceans.
University of Massachusetts Boston	Curtis R. Olsen	Environmental, Coastal & Ocean Sciences	The University of Massachusetts Boston has created a unique academic infrastructure that promotes interdisciplinary collaborations in environmental research and training among scientists with expertise in single disciplines. Ten innovative research projects are proposed, spanning benign chemical synthesis in the laboratory to quantifying the dispersal, fate, and toxicity of chemical substances in the environment. The Dreyfus postdoctoral scientist will conduct research and coordinate the multi-disciplinary team activities in one of these projects, thereby envisioning how his/her chemical expertise fits within the broad interdisciplinary context of environmental science.