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EDUCATION

University of North Texas - Denton, TX	2016-Present
Doctorate of Philosophy, Organic Chemistry	
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University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Lafayette, LA	2009-2015
Bachelors of Science, Chemistry – ACS Certified Minor: Mathematics	
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HONORS & AWARDS	
SEGAL EDUCATION AWARD	2015-2016
Marvin and Warren Boudreaux Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry recipient	2014-2015
McNair Scholar	2013-2015
W. O. Webster Memorial Non-Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry recipient	2012-2015
LS-LAMP Scholar	2012-2015
Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) recipient	2009-2013
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	

University of North Texas - Denton, TX

2016-Present

- Asymmetric Catalysis
 - o Conduct reactions in relation to enamine-metal Lewis Acid bifunctional catalysis
 - Designing experiments using epoxides for ring formation reactions.
 - o Advisor: Dr. Hong Wang

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Lafayette, LA

2015-2016

- Selective reduction of carbonyl and nitro groups by fruits and vegetables
 - Green Chemistry Research
 - Conduct experiments for studying selective reduction of carbonyl and nitro compounds
 - o Develop new uses for overlooked fruits and vegetables
 - O Analysis of how biodegradable catalysts can provide alternative methods to predetermine processes in pharmaceutical, perfumes, flavor enhancers, and dyes
 - o Advisor: Dr. August Gallo

University of Memphis - Memphis, TN

Summer 2014

- Behavior and Kinetics of Haloacetic Acid Concentrations in Bulk Sodium Hypochlorite Solutions
 - O Analytical and Environmental Research
 - Worked with developing methods to understand the production of bleach disinfectant by-product over time at given temperatures.
 - Mastered instrumentation practices of post column reaction ion chromatography to conduct research.
 - Obtained thermodynamic data for real time analysis.
 - O Advisors: Dr. Gary L. Emmert University of Memphis Dr. Paul Simone University of Memphis

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Lafayette, LA

2012-2014

- Oxorhenium-catalyzed deoxydehydration of glycols and epoxides
 - Applied deoxydehydration techniques on different diols in order to remove hydroxyl groups and obtain alkenes.

- O Developed an additional use for MeReO₃ as a noteworthy catalyst in renewable biomass research.
- o Advisor: Dr. Radhey S. Srivastava University of Louisiana at Lafayettte

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Davis, J.; Gallo, A.A., Selective Reduction of carbonyl and nitro groups by fruits and vegetables, <u>ACS</u> <u>Southeast (SERMACS)/Southwest (SWRM)</u> Regional Meeting – Memphis, TN, November 2015

Davis, J.; Srivastava R.S, Oxorhenium-catalyzed deoxydehydration of glycols and epoxides, <u>Louisiana Academy of Sciences</u> – Grambling, LA, March 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Davis, J, Srivastava, RS. Oxorhenium-catalyzed deoxydehydration of glycols and epoxides. Tetrahedron Letters. 2014; 55(30):4178–4180. doi:10.1016/j.tetlet.2014.05.044.

Anderson, V, Bettis, C, **Davis, J**, et al. Superlinear convergence via mixed generalized quasilinearization method and generalized monotone method. Involve, a Journal of Mathematics Involve. 2014:699–712. doi:10.2140/involve.2014.7.699.

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

University of Louisiana at Lafayette AmeriCorps

2014-2015

- Built 4 Homes with Habitat for Humanity for deserving families.
- Assisted teachers at J.W.Fulk Elementary
- Tutored at S.M.I.L.E After School Tutoring Program.
- Participated in many volunteer opportunities in Lafayette and other cities.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society (SAACS)

2011-2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Student - North Texas

2016-Present

Advisor: Dr. Hong Wang

Teaching Assistant - North Texas

2016-Present

- Taught undergraduate general chemistry lab to about 40 students per semester.
- Taught undergraduate organic chemistry lab to about 20 student per semester.
- Taught some organic chemistry recitation classes during a semester.

REFERENCES

Graduate Advisor: Dr. Hong Wang (hong.wang@unt.edu)
Undergraduate Advisor: August Gallo (gallo@louisiana.edu)