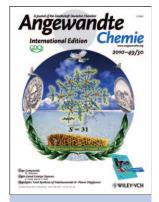
## **Author Profile**



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Professional American Chemical Society, Division of Inorganic Chemistry, Past Secretary and Chair; Associate Editor, Inorganic Chemistry; AAAS Fellow; 2006 Inaugural Award for Graduate

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**Current research** Coordination chemistry and structure—bonding relationships among families of d-, p-, and **interests:** f-element compounds; magnetic cyanide molecules as mimics for Prussian Blue materials;

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chemistry

Hobbies: Taking my dogs to the park and taking drives and walks in rural Texas. There's nothing like

seeing a roadrunner, a pack of wild boar, a water moccasin, and horses in fields of bluebonnets

(the state flower of Texas) all in the same day

## My favorite subjects at school were ... chemistry and mathematics.

If I could have dinner with three famous scientists from history, they would be ... Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur, and Alfred Werner.

My first experiment was ... a chemical demonstration at the age of ten. I showed my two younger sisters how to make polymers with a chemistry kit that I had received for Christmas.

f I were not scientist ... I would be a nature photographer or a writer.

n a nutshell, my research involves ... the study of related families of metal-containing magnetic, conducting, and biologically active compounds with the ultimate goal being to extract crucial information about subtle structure–property relationships.

My biggest motivation is ... to provide a research atmosphere in which students will realize their maximum potential, not only in the technical aspects of their science, but also in their training as future mentors and scholars.

The secret of being a successful scientist is ... putting aside ones ego and focusing on the discovery process. Creativity cannot flourish in an oppressive environment.

The best advice I have ever been given is ... "Don't try to make every shot a winner." F. Albert Cotton.

My ultimate goal is ... to be happy with my career and to enjoy my students, family, and friends.

My favorite musicians who I continue to enjoy over the years are ... David Bowie, Cat Stevens, Tom Petty, Sheryl Crow, and Van Morrison.

My favorite book is ... "The Complete Poems of Cavafy" translated by Rae Dalven—a gift from Gerassimo (Mike) Karabatsos.

## My 5 top papers:

- "A Trigonal-Bipyramidal Cyanide Cluster with Single-Molecule-Magnet Behavior: Synthesis, Structure, and Magnetic Properties of {[Mn<sup>II</sup>(tmphen)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>3</sub>-[Mn<sup>III</sup>(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>}": C. P. Berlinguette, D. Vaughn, C. Cañada-Vilalta, J. R. Galán-Mascarós, K. R. Dunbar, Angew. Chem. 2003, 115, 1561–1564; Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2003, 42, 1523–1526.
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