

## Novartis Early Career Award for Sarah E. Reisman and Corey R. J. Stephenson

The Novartis Early Career Award is presented annually for achievements in the areas of organic or bioorganic chemistry to two scientists who are within ten years of starting their independent career. The 2012 award winners are Sarah E. Reisman (California Institute of Technology) and Corey R. J. Stephenson (Boston University).

**Sarah E. Reisman** was honored for her work in natural product synthesis and the development of new synthetic methods. She was featured in this section when she received the Boehringer Ingelheim New Faculty Grant.<sup>[1]</sup>

**Corey R. J. Stephenson** was awarded for his achievements in the area of visible-light-activated redox chemistry. Stephenson studied at the University of Waterloo, and carried out his PhD (awarded in 2004) with Peter Wipf at the University of Pittsburgh. After postdoctoral work with Erick M. Carreira at the ETH Zurich, he started his independent career at Boston University in 2007. Stephenson's research interests are based on the development and applications of new concepts in catalysis for the efficient and chemoselective construction of carbon-carbon bonds. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the total synthesis of (+)-gliocladin C,<sup>[2a]</sup> and on visible-light photoredox catalysis in flow.<sup>[2b]</sup>

## Carl Duisberg Plaque for Günter Gauglitz

The Carl Duisberg Plaque is awarded by the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) to acknowledge individuals who have contributed to both advancing chemistry and the objectives of the GDCh. The winner of the 2012 award is Günter Gauglitz (University of Tübingen), who was honored for his contributions to the field of analytical chemistry and to the GDCh Analytical Chemistry Group. Gauglitz studied at the University of Tübingen, where he received his PhD in 1972. He completed his habilitation in 1979, and was made professor in 1983. Gauglitz's current research interests are in the development of optical sensors that involve label-free detection methods. He has reported in *ChemPhysChem* on polymer films for biosensor applications.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Basolo Medal for Richard Eisenberg

Richard Eisenberg (University of Rochester) was awarded the 2012 Fred Basolo Medal for his work in the area of inorganic chemistry. The medal is presented by Northwestern University and cosponsored by the Chicago Section of the American

Chemical Society. Eisenberg studied at Columbia University and received his PhD in 1967. His graduate studies were carried out with Harry B. Gray, and also with Jim Ibers at Brookhaven National Laboratories. In 1967, he joined the faculty at Brown University, and in 1973, he moved to the University of Rochester, where he is currently Tracy H. Harris Professor of Chemistry. Eisenberg's research interests are in inorganic and organometallic chemistry, photochemistry related to solar energy conversion, and catalysis. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on a dicationic iridium(III) catalyst,<sup>[4a]</sup> and on a nickel thiolate catalyst for the photocatalytic production of hydrogen.<sup>[4b]</sup>

## And also in the News

**David W. C. Macmillan** (Purdue University) recently gave the 2012 Bohlmann Lecture at the Technische Universität Berlin on the development of new concepts in catalysis. Macmillan's career and other achievements were recently featured in this section.<sup>[5]</sup>

**Tobias Ritter** (Harvard University) has been awarded the 2012 Klug Wilhelmy Weberbank Prize for his achievements in the area of organometallic chemistry and the selective fluorination of biochemically relevant molecules. Ritter has previously been highlighted here,<sup>[6a,b]</sup> and has recently published a Communication in *Angewandte Chemie* on the iron-catalyzed polymerization of dienes.<sup>[6c]</sup> His Review on the synthesis of fluorinated compounds is in press.<sup>[6d]</sup>

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