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Academic Positions

2014 – present	Associate Professor in Organic Chemistry (<i>with tenure</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Chemistry, University of Oxford
2010 – 2014	University Lecturer in Organic Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Chemistry, University of Oxford
2010 – present	Tutorial Fellow in Organic Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none">St Hilda's College, Oxford
2009 – 2012	Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Science Research Fellow
2009 – 2010	Fulbright UK-US Distinguished Research Scholar <ul style="list-style-type: none">University of California, Los Angeles with <i>Prof. K. N. Houk</i>
2009	HPC-Europa Visiting Researcher, <ul style="list-style-type: none">ICIQ, Spain with Prof. Feliu Maseras
2007-2009	Junior Research Fellow (<i>independent postdoctoral award</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Education

2005 – 2008	University of Cambridge, Department of Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none">PhD thesis supervised by <i>Prof. Jonathan M. Goodman</i>, "Computational Studies of Boron Mediated C-C Bond Formation"
2000 – 2004	Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge MA MSci Natural Sciences (Chemistry) 1st class degree, ranked top in the University University Rafael Prize in Organic Chemistry; Trinity Hall prize in Natural Sciences

Awards and Honours

2016	Chemical Society Reviews Emerging Investigator
2015	ACS COMP division Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
2015	RSC Harrison-Meldola Memorial Medal for " <i>pioneering work in using computation to understand reactivity and selectivity in organic and bio-organic chemistry allowing rational design in synthesis</i> "
2015	Thieme Chemistry Journal Awardee
2014	Silver Jubilee Award of the Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society for outstanding young researchers in the field
2014	ACS Organic Division Young Academic Investigators Award
2014	Selected as the UK's representative for the EuChemS Young Investigator Workshop, Cyprus

2013	Chemical Structure Association (CSA) Trust Grant for Early Career Researchers
2013	Selected by RSC to represent the UK at <i>Transatlantic Frontiers of Chemistry</i> , Kloster Seon, Germany
2009	Royal Commission of 1851 Science Research Fellowship – ca. 6 awarded yearly in the UK across all sciences
2009	Distinguished Fulbright-AstraZeneca Research Scholar – one awarded yearly in the UK across chemical and biological sciences
2008	UK's Head Mentor, 40th International Chemistry Olympiad, Budapest, Hungary
2008	Best Presentation, MGMS Young Modellers' Forum, London, UK
2007	Junior Research Fellowship, St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge
2006	ACS CIN Division Scholarship for Scientific Excellence, San Francisco, USA

Publications *h*-index: 25

Independent Career:

[83] "Construction of 6,10-*syn*- and *anti*-2,5-Dioxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane Skeletons via Oxonium Ion Formation-Fragmentation: Prediction of Structure of (*E*)-Ocellenyne by NMR Calculation" *Chem. Eur. J.* **2017**, submitted

[82] "Asymmetric Total Syntheses and Structure Confirmation of Chlorofucins and Bromofucins" *Chem. Eur. J.* **2017**, submitted

[81] "Post-Translational Site-selective Protein α -Deuteration and Use as a Tool for Protein Chemistry Mechanism" *Science Advances* **2017**, submitted

[80] "Experimental and Theoretical Study of Oxidative Stability of Alkylated Furans Used as Gasoline Blend Components" *Fuel* **2017**, submitted

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[78] "A General C-H Cyanation of 6-Ring N-Containing Heteroaromatics" Elbert, B. L.; Farley, Gorman, T. W.; Johnson, T. C.; Genicot, C.; Lallemand, B.; Pasau, P.; Flasz, J.; Castro, J. L.; MacCoss, M.; Paton*, R. S.; Schofield, C. J.; Smith, M. D.; Willis, M. C.; Dixon, D. J. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2017, early view

[77] "Enantioselective conjugate addition catalyzed by a copper-phosphoramidite complex: Computational and experimental exploration of asymmetric induction" Ardkhean, R.; Roth, P. M. C.; Maksymowicz, R. M.; Curran, A.; Peng, Q.; Paton*, R. S.; Fletcher, S. P. *ACS Catalysis* 2017, *7*, 6729–6737

[76] "Mechanistic insight into palladium-catalyzed cycloisomerization: A combined experimental and theoretical study", Mekareeya, A.; Walker, P. R.; Couce-Rios, A.; Campbell, C. D.; Steven, A.; Paton*, R. S.; Anderson, E. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2017, *139*, 10104–10114

[76] "AMP binding stabilizes the KTN domain of the *Shewanella denitrificans* Kef potassium efflux system" Pliotas, C.; Grayer, S. C.; Ekkerman, S.; Chan, A. K. N.; Healy, J.; Marius, P.; Bartlett, W.; Khan, A.; Cortopassi, W. A.; Chandler, S. A.; Rasmussen, T.; Benesch, J. L. P.; Paton, R. S.; Claridge, T. D. W.; Miller, S.; Booth, I. R.; Naismith, J. H.; Conway, S. J. *Biochemistry* 2017, *56*, 4219–4234

[75] "Visible light photocatalysis of 6*pi*-heterocyclization" Münster, N.; Parker, N. A.; van Dijk, L.; Paton*, R. S.; Smith, M. D. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2017, *56*, 9468–9472

[74] "Molecular Recognition in Asymmetric Counteranion Catalysis: Understanding Chiral Phosphate-Mediated

Desymmetrization” Duarte, F.; Paton*, R. S.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2017, 139, 8886–8896.

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[73] “*Structural and Stereoelectronic Insights into Oxygenase Catalyzed Formation of Ethylene from 2-Oxoglutarate*” Zhang, Z.; Smart, T. J.; Choi, H.; Hardy, F.; Lohans, C. T.; Abboud, M. I.; Richardson, M. S. W.; Paton, R. S.; McDonough, M. A.; Schofield, C. J. *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.* 2017, 4667–4672

[72] “*Enantioselective Silver and Amine Co-catalyzed Desymmetrizing Cycloisomerization of Alkyne-linked Cyclohexanones*” Manzano, R.; Datta, S.; Paton*, R. S.; Dixon, D. J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2017, 56, 5834–5838

[71] “*Phosphazene Catalyzed Addition to Electron-Deficient Alkynes: The Importance of Nonlinear Allenyl Intermediates upon Stereoselectivity*” Simón, L.; Paton*, R. S.; *J. Org. Chem.* 2017, 82, 3855–3863

[70] “*Dual Gold - Catalyzed Three - Component Reaction: Efficient Synthesis of Indene - Fused Esters, Acids, and Lactones through Gold Vinylidene Intermediates*” Yu, C.; Ma, X.; Chen, B.; Tang, B.; Paton*, R. S.; Zhang, G. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* 2017, 11, 1561–1565

[69] “*Divergent Photocyclization/1,4-Sigmatropic Rearrangements for the Synthesis of Sesquiterpenoid Derivatives*” Gorobets, E.; Wong, N. E.; Paton, R. S.; Derksen, D. J. *Org. Lett.* 2017, 19, 484–487

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[67] “*Correlating Reactivity and Selectivity to Cyclopentadienyl Ligand Properties in Rh(III)-Catalyzed C–H Activation Reactions — An Experimental and Computational Study*” Piou, T.; Romanov-Michailidis, F.; Romanova-Michaelides, M.; Jackson, K. E.; Semakul, N.; Taggart, T. D.; Newell, B. S.; Rithner, C. D.; Paton*, R. S.; Rovis, T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2017, 39, 1296–1310

[66] “*Heptamethyl Indenyl (Ind*) Enables Diastereoselective Benzamidation of Cyclopropenes via Rh(III)-Catalyzed C–H Activation*”, Semakul, N.; Jackson, K. E.; Paton*, R. S. Rovis, T. *Chem. Sci.* 2017, 8, 1015–1020

[65] “*Cation– π interactions in CREBBP bromodomain inhibition: an electrostatic model for small-molecule binding affinity and selectivity*” Cortopassi, W. A.; Kumar, K.; Paton*, R. S. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2016, 14, 10926–10938

[64] “*A Counterion-Directed Approach to the Diels-Alder Paradigm: Cascade Synthesis of Tricyclic Fused Cyclopropanes*” Kiss, E.; Campbell, C. D.; Driver, R. W.; Jolliffe, J. D.; Lang, R.; Sergieiva, T.; Okovytyy, S.; Paton*, R. S.; Smith, M. D. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2016, 55, 13813–13817

[63] “*Computing Organic Stereoselectivity – from Concepts to Quantitative Calculations and Predictions*” Peng, Q.; Duarte, F. Paton*, R. S. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2016, 45, 6093–6107

- Emerging Investigators Issue (chosen for front cover)

[62] “*Synthesis of Malhamensilipin A Exploiting Iterative Epoxidation/Chlorination: Experimental and Computational Analysis of Epoxide-Derived Chloronium Ions*” Saska, J.; Lewis, W.; Paton*, R. S. Denton, R. *Chem. Sci.* 2016, 7, 7040–7049

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[60] “*Catalytic Control in Cyclizations: from Computational Mechanistic Understanding to Selectivity Prediction*” Peng, Q.; Paton*, R. S. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2016, 49, 1042–1051

[59] “*Furan production from light oxygenates in HZSM-5*” Kim, S.; Evans, T. J.; Mukarakate, C.; Bu, L.; Beckham, G. T.; Nimlos, M. R.; Paton, R. S.; Robichaud, D. J. *ACS Sustain. Chem. Eng.* 2016, 4, 2615–2623

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[57] "Unraveling Innate Substrate Control in Site-Selective Palladium-Catalyzed C–H Heterocycle Functionalization" Choi, H.; Min, M.; Peng, Q.; Kang, D.; Paton*, R. S.; Hong, S. *Chem. Sci.* 2016, 7, 3900–3909

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[51] "Substrate-Controlled Asymmetric Total Syntheses of Microcladallenes A, B, and C Based on the Proposed Structures" Sohn, T.-I.; Kim, D.; Paton, R. S. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2015, 21, 15988–15997

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[50] "Role of Hydrogen Bonding Acceptors in Organo-Enamine Catalysis" Han, J.; Zhichao Lu, Z.; Flach, A. L.; Paton*, R. S.; Hammond, G. B.; Xu, B. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2015, 21, 11687–11691

[49] "Coordination Diversity in Hydrogen-Bonded Homoleptic Fluoride–Alcohol Complexes Modulates Reactivity" Engle, K. M.; Pfeifer, L.; Pidgeon, G. W.; Giuffredi, G. T.; Thompson, A. L.; Paton, R. S.; Brown, J. M.; Gouverneur, V. *Chem. Sci.* 2015, 6, 5293–5302

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[47] "Ethanol Dehydration in HZSM-5 studied by Density Functional Theory: Evidence for a Concerted Processes" Kim, S.; Robichaud, D. J.; Beckham, G. T.; Paton, R. S.; Nimlos, M. R. *J. Phys. Chem. A* 2015, 119, 3604–3614

[46] "Enantioselective Desymmetrization of Prochiral Cyclohexanones via Organocatalytic Intramolecular Michael Additions to α,β -Unsaturated Esters" Gammack-Yamagata, A. D.; Datta, S.; Jackson, K. E.; Stegbauer, L.; Paton*, R. S.; Dixon, D. J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2015, 127, 4981–4985

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[43] "Catalytic Enantioselective Synthesis of Indanes via Cation-Directed 5-*Endo*-Trig Cyclization" Johnston, C. P.; Kothari, A.; Sergeieva, T.; Okovytyy, S. I.; Jackson, K. E.; Paton*, R. S.; Smith, M. D. *Nature Chem.* 2015, 7, 171–177

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[40] "Dissecting non-covalent interactions in oxazaborolidinium catalyzed cycloadditions of maleimides" Paton*, R. S.; *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2014, 12, 1717–1720

[39] "Natural product biosynthesis: It's all downhill from here" Hornsby, C. E.; Paton*, R. S. *Nature Chem.* 2014, 6, 88–89

[38] "Intramolecular Diels-Alder Reactions of Cycloalkenones: Stereoselectivity, Lewis Acid Influence, and Halogenation Effects" Pham, H.; Paton*, R. S.; Ross, A. G.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Houk, K. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2014, 136, 2397–2403

[37] "Ligand Bite Angle-dependent Palladium-catalyzed Cyclization of Propargylic Carbonates to 2-Alkynyl Azacycles or Cyclic Dienamides" Daniels, D. S. B.; Jones, A. S.; Thompson, A. L.; Paton*, R. S.; Anderson, E. A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2014, 53, 1915–1920

[36] "Quantum mechanical calculations suggest that lytic polysaccharide monoxygenases employ a copper-oxygen rebound mechanism" Kim, S.; Sandgren, M.; Paton*, R. S.; Beckham, G. T. *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.* 2014, 111, 149–154

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[34] "Asymmetric Total Synthesis of (+)-Bermudenynol, a C15 *Laurencia* Metabolite with a Vinyl Chloride-Containing Oxocene Skeleton, via Intramolecular Amide Enolate Alkylation" Kim, G.; Sohn, T.-I.; Kim, D.; Paton, R. S. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2014, 53, 272–276

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Books and Book Chapters:

"Computational Design of New Protein Catalysts" Kiss, G.; Johnson, S. A.; Nosrati, G.; Çelebi-Ölçüm, N.; Kim, S.; Paton, R. S.; Houk, K. N. in *Modeling of Molecular Properties* (ed P. Comba), Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, Weinheim, Germany 2011, chapter 16

"Theoretical Studies of Asymmetric Gold Catalysis" Paton, R. S.; Maseras, F. in *Science and Supercomputing in Europe* 2008, pp. 140–142

"Chemistry Olympiad Support Booklet" Copley, P.; Hersey, T.; McCaw, C.; Paton, R. S.; Scott, K.; Worrall, A.; Wothers, P.; Woodley, E. *Royal Society of Chemistry* 2008, ISBN: 978-1-84755-866-4

Invited Talks

13.06.2018 Invited Speaker, Computational Catalysis for Sustainable Chemistry, ICIQ, Catalonia
10.06.2018 Invited Speaker: 37th RMC, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
04.04.2018 Keynote speaker: Predictive Catalysis, Girona Seminar 2018, Catalonia
15.12.2017 Invited Speaker: APCTCC8, IIT Bombay, India
15.06.2017 Invited Speaker: 11th EUCO-TCC, Barcelona, Catalonia
07.06.2017 Challenges in Computational Homogeneous Catalysis, Stockholm, Sweden
07.04.2017 Plenary speaker: V ENEQUI, University of Coimbra, Portugal
22.02.2017 University of Cologne, Carnival Science Session, Germany
26.10.2016 Department of Chemistry, University of Liverpool
05.08.2016 KAIST, South Korea
06.07.2016 Plenary speaker: International School Marcial Moreno Mañas 2016, San Sebastian, Spain
23.06.2016 Plenary speaker: RSC Early Career Symposium 2016, University of Strathclyde
08.06.2016 RCOM9, Marseilles, France
25.05.2016 RSC Awards Symposium, Queens University Belfast
29.04.2016 RSC Award Lecture: 3rd Hans Suschitzky Symposium, University of Salford
23.03.2016 Plenary speaker: RSC South East Symposium, University of East Anglia
14.03.2016 UK-Japanese Symposium on Asymmetric Catalysis, University of Manchester
25.02.2016 Department of Condensed Matter Physics, University of Cambridge
25.01.2016 Brazilian Summer School in Chemistry, Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil
07.12.2015 Department of Chemistry, Warwick University
02.12.2015 RSC Award Lecture: Department of Chemistry, Heriot-Watt University
05.11.2015 Department of Chemistry, University of Oxford
29.10.2015 Department of Chemistry, University of Geneva, Switzerland
08.10.2015 Department of Chemistry, POSTECH, Pohang, South Korea
03.09.2015 Plenary speaker: *International Symposium on Synthesis and Catalysis*, Evora, Portugal
27.08.2015 Department of Chemistry, Colorado State University, USA
16.07.2015 NSCCS Workshop for Synthetic Chemists, Imperial College London
21.05.2015 Department of Chemistry, University of Helsinki, Finland
15.03.2015 Computational Molecular Science 2015, University of Warwick
27.02.2015 Department of Chemistry, Chemical Institute of Catalonia (ICIQ), Catalonia
24.02.2015 Department of Chemistry, Imperial College London
04.02.2015 Department of Chemistry, RWTH Aachen, Germany

18.08.2014	EuChemS Organic Division Young Investigator Workshop, Cyprus
10.08.2014	ACS Organic Division Young Investigators Award Symposium, San Francisco, USA
27.02.2014	RSC South-West Regional Meeting, University of Oxford
16.12.2014	Department of Chemistry, UCLA, USA
09.10.2013	Department of Chemistry, University College London
09.08.2013	GDCh Transatlantic Frontiers of Chemistry Meeting 2013, Kloster Seeon, Germany.
26.04.2013	Young Chemists Meeting 2013, Imperial College London
26.03.2013	Department of Chemistry, Seoul National University, South Korea
10.07.2013	Asia-Pacific Conference of Theoretical/Computational Chemistry (APCTCC 6), Korea
26.02.2013	Centre for Computational Chemistry, University of Bristol
16.01.2013	Centre for Coordination Chemistry (LCC), University of Toulouse, France
22.06.2012	ICQC Satellite Meeting, UCLA, USA
20.03.2012	Department of Chemistry, University of Birmingham
26.01.2011	Department of Chemistry, University of Nottingham

Research Funding

2017-2019 “Organocatalytic Fluorinations with Fluoride Salts” as co-I (EPSRC, £490,222)

2017-2019 “Computational dynamics studies of drug metabolism by P450 enzymes” as PI (European Commission, £160,541)

2017 Renewal of “Computational Models for the Prediction of Catalyst Performance in Ethylene Polymerisation with Zirconocene Complexes” as PI (SCG, £126,000)

2016-2020 “Automated Prediction of Organic Thermochemistry” as PI: a four-year funded PhD studentship (AWE, £80,000)

2016-2017 “Organocatalytic Carbon Dioxide Harvesting: Computational Investigations into Mechanism and Scope” as PI (SCG, £9,000)

2015-2016 “Computational Models for the Prediction of Catalyst Performance in Ethylene Polymerisation with Zirconocene Complexes” as PI (SCG, £126,000)

2015-2017 “Plagiarizing Proteins: In Silico Evolution of Catalysts for Selective Chemical Synthesis” as PI (Royal Society, £66,000)

2015 “Catalysis in Confined Spaces: Modeling Organic Nanoreactors” as PI (SCG, £9,000)

2015 “Ligand Design for Asymmetric Catalysis” as Co-I with Prof. E. Anderson as PI (SCG, £9,000)

2014-2016 “Optimizing Selectivity in C-H Functionalization Through Computational Design” as PI (European Commission, £160,541)

2013 “Chemical Structure Association Trust Grant for Early Career Researchers” as PI (\$1,796)

2012 “Optimizing Selectivity in Heterocycle C-H Functionalization Through Computational Design” as PI (Royal

Society, £10,088)

2012 “Equipment grant for early-career researchers” as PI (EPSRC, £4,761)

2011 “Computer Accelerated Catalyst Design” as PI (John Fell OUP Research Fund, £26,570)

2011-2014 “Optimizing Selectivity in Heterocycle C-H Functionalization Through Computational Design” as PI (AstraZeneca £27,000)

Teaching

I design and deliver undergraduate and graduate courses at Oxford. I am a graduate supervisor for three centres for doctoral training (CDTs) – Theory and Modelling in Chemical Sciences (TMCS), Synthesis for Biology and Medicine (SBM) and Systems Approaches to Biomedical Science (SABS).

2016: 10-hour lecture course “*Computational Organic Chemistry*” at the Brazilian Summer School on Chemistry.

2014-2017: DFT and Mechanism – two day hands-on workshop for cohort of ca. 20 graduate students

2014-2017: Electronic Structure Theory: DFT and TD-DFT – graduate lecture course and problem class for cohort of ca. 18 graduate students

2014-present: Foundation Mathematics – graduate lecture course and problem classes for cohort of ca. 18 students

2011-2017: Orbitals and Mechanism – undergraduate course for 300 students

2010-2013: Organic Spectroscopy – undergraduate course for 190 students

2010-2017: In addition to lecturing Oxford positions are combined with college Tutorial Fellowships. I am responsible for teaching (6 hours per week) organic chemistry to groups of two or three students.

Research Supervision

PhD students supervised:

2017 – 2020 Lucy van Dyk (with SP Fletcher)

2016 – 2020 Jacqueline Tan

2016 – 2019 Xinglong Zhang, Alex Brethomé (with SP Fletcher), David Ascough (with V Gouverneur),

2015 – 2018 Kiran Kumar, Ruchuta Ardkhean (with SP Fletcher), Hannah Patel (with G Morris)

2013 – 2017 Wilian Cortopassi

2012 – 2016 Kelvin Jackson, Robert Simion

2011 – 2015 Sami Jaffar

Masters theses supervised:

2017 – 2018 Charlotte Miles

2016 – 2017 Jan-Niklas Boyn, Connor Brogan

2015 – 2016 Will Hak, Matthew Raybould, Shiny Woo

2014 – 2015 Callum Arnold, Michael Kennedy, Susan Leung, Sophie Mathew-Jones
Alex Anthony, Charlie Hornsby, Alan Wise

2013 – 2014 Alex Curran, Katie Hansel, Rosie Lang
2012 – 2013 Kelvin Jackson, Christoph Schnedermann, Erin Shepherd
2011 – 2012

Postdoctoral researchers mentored / destination

2016 – 2017 Dr Kelvin Jackson – Head of machine learning, Prytania Solutions, London
2015 – 2017 Dr Fernanda Duarte – Chancellor’s Fellow (Assistant Prof.), Edinburgh University
2014 – 2016 Dr Qian Peng – 1000 talents Assistant Prof., Nankai University, China
2014 Dr Adam Madarasz – University of Budapest
2012 – 2014 Dr Bencan Tang – Assistant Prof., University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China

Hosted research visits:

2017 Yago Rodeja (PhD student with Israel Fernandez, University of Madrid) Dr Jesús Díaz Álvarez (visiting academic); Bruno Servilha (PhD student with Atualpa Braga, University of Sao Paulo)
2015 Ignacio Funes (PhD student with Feliu Maseras, ICIQ, Spain); Almudena Couce (PhD student with Gregori Ujaque, University of Barcelona, Spain); Connor Brogan (undergraduate research)
2014 Sergiy Okovytyy and Tetiana Sergeiva (visiting academic and PhD student from University of Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine)
2013 Sam Hall (NVIDIA-sponsored undergraduate research project)
2012 Wenbo Xie (Oxford-University of Georgia, Athens student exchange program)

PhD examinations:

2017 Jolene Reid (supervisor Prof. JM Goodman, University of Cambridge)
2017 Martin Peeks (supervisor Prof. HL Anderson, University of Oxford)
2016 Kevin Carr (supervisor Prof. SA MacGregor, Heriot-Watt University)
2015 Anthony Bradley (supervisor Dr B Marsden, University of Oxford)
2015 Mikko Muuronen (supervisor Prof. J Helaja, University of Helsinki, Finland)
2014 Igor Boczarow (supervisor Prof. HL Anderson, University of Oxford)
2011 Muhsen Al-Ibadi (supervisor Prof JE McGrady, University of Oxford)

MPhil examinations:

2017 Kantaro Tazoe (supervisor Prof. JE McGrady, University of Oxford)

Commissions of Trust

2017: Selection panel member for Tutorial Fellowship in Physics at St Hilda’s College
2015: Editorial board member for *Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling*
2015 – present: Selection panel member for St Hilda’s College Junior Research Fellowships.
2014: Editorial board member for *Frontiers in Chemistry*
2013 – present: External specialist Assessor to the Research Fellowship appointments panel for University of

Cambridge colleges (Corpus Christi, Churchill College, Kings College, Trinity Hall)

2010 - 2012: Academic Committee member, Society of Chemical Industry Young Chemists Panel

Journal Refereeing: regular reviews for JACS, JOC, ACS Catalysis, Angewandte Chemi, Chemical Science, OBC, Nature Chemistry, Nature Communications, Chem. Full record available from [Publons profile](#): top reviewers in Chemistry, 99th percentile last 12 months.

Grant refereeing: EPSRC College of experts, BBSRC, and charitable organizations (Leverhulme Trust, Royal Society URF Scheme); Ad hoc reviews for the European Research Council, Flanders: Research Foundation, Belgium, Swiss National Science Foundation and ACS Petroleum Research Fund.

Administration

University Examining: setting of public examinations sat by all undergraduate Chemists including resits; marking and grading all papers; attending Examination Board meetings; signing off the class lists.

2016-2017: 1B organic chemistry examiner (ca. 200 candidates)

2015-2016: 1A organic chemistry examiner (ca. 200 candidates)

2013-14: Preliminary organic chemistry examiner (ca. 200 candidates); resits (ca. 5 candidates)

2012-13: Preliminary organic chemistry examiner (ca. 200 candidates); resits (ca. 5 candidates)

Admissions Interviewing: admissions to undergraduate places at Oxford are decided by interview – this involves 3-4 days each year interviewing candidates; I also interview 1 day each year for graduate training programs (Systems Approaches to Biomedical Sciences, Synthesis for Biology and Medicine)

Committee Membership:

2017-present: Department of Chemistry Outreach Committee

2015-present: Department of Chemistry Consultative Committee

2014-present: St Hilda's College IT committee

2014-present: St Hilda's College Academic Disciplinary Committee

2012-2014: St Hilda's College College Library Committee

2011 – 2013: Department of Chemistry, Organizer of Organic Colloquia

2011 – 2013: Department of Chemistry, Organiser of the Symposium of Final Year PhD Talks

2010 – 2012: Department of Chemistry Staff-Student Consultative Committee

2010-present: St Hilda's College College Governing Body

2010-present: St Hilda's College College Academic Committee

Engagement

2015: Visited high schools in inner London to conduct chemistry workshops introducing students to IR spectroscopy and career routes for chemists.

2014: Gave career talks for graduate and postdoctoral scientists in Oxford; I was also featured in a recent careers piece in *Chemistry World*.

2014-present: Chemistry tutor for residential courses aimed at increasing participation in higher-education. I lectured high-school students from schools under-represented in higher education: 70% of students attending obtained offers from Oxford/Cambridge/Imperial. I have written a book on Chemistry problems distributed by the RSC throughout UK schools, and was head-mentor for the UK at the International Chemistry Olympiad.