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Title of Lecture: "Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions: A Radical Alternative to S_N1 and S_N2 Reactions"

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Education:

1991 Ph.D., Chemistry, Harvard University

1985 B.S., Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Research and Professional Experience

- 2016 present Norman Chandler Professor of Chemistry, California Institute of Technology
- 2012 2016 Altair Professor of Chemistry, California Institute of Technology
- 2007 2012 Firmenich Professor of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1999 2007 Professor of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1998 1999 Associate Professor of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1993 1998 Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1991 1993 Postdoctoral Fellow, California Institute of Technology

Awards and Honors

- 2018 H. C. Brown Award for Creative Research in Synthetic Methods, American Chemical Society
- 2014 Fellow, National Academy of Sciences
- 2012 Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry, American Chemical Society
- 2007 Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2007 Catalysis Science Award, Mitsui Chemicals
- 2006 Mukaiyama Award, Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry of Japan
- 2004 Elias J. Corey Award, American Chemical Society
- 2001 Springer Award in Organometallic Chemistry
- 2000 School of Science Undergraduate Teaching Prize, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1998 Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award, American Chemical Society
- 1997 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award
- 1997 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
- 1996 Cottrell Scholar Award, Research Corporation
- 1995 American Cancer Society Junior Faculty Research Award
- 1994 National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award
- 1993 Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation New Faculty Award

Research Interests

The current research interests of the Fu laboratory include metal-catalyzed coupling reactions and the design of chiral catalysts. In particular, the group is focused on the development of nickel-catalyzed enantioselective cross-couplings of alkyl electrophiles and on photoinduced, copper-catalyzed carbon–heteroatom bond-forming reactions (collaboration with the laboratory of Prof. Jonas Peters).