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EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor** (June 2021 – present) University of South Carolina
- Assistant Professor** (Aug. 2014 – June 2021) University of South Carolina
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow** (Sept. 2010 – Aug. 2014) UNC Chapel Hill under Thomas J. Meyer
- Research/Teaching Assistant/Associate** (Aug. 2004 – Sept. 2010) The University of Arizona

EDUCATION

- The University of Arizona** Tucson, Arizona
- Ph.D. in chemistry May 2009.
 - Advisor: Dennis L. Lichtenberger
 - Dissertation Title: Computational, Spectroscopic, and Electrochemical Studies of Molybdoenzyme and Hydrogenase Active Site Inspired Complexes
- The College of Wooster** Wooster, Ohio
- B.A. in chemistry May 2004
 - American Chemical Society certified degree

AWARDS

- University of South Carolina Breakthrough Star Award (2021)
- Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, University of South Carolina (2020)
- ACS Green Chemistry Institute Ignition Award (2019)
- Postdoc Research Excellence Award, UNC Chapel Hill (2013)

FUNDING

- New Hybrid Catalysts for Sustainable Cross-Coupling Reactions: Using Atomic Layer Deposition to Immobilize and Enhance Molecular Catalysts (PI) – NSF Grant No. 1954850 – 7/20 - 6/23 – \$308,669.
- A New Approach to Catalyst Immobilization Research: Designing Molecular Catalysts for Heterogeneous Catalysis (PI) – ACS Green Chemistry Institute – 9/19 - 3/20 – \$25,000.
- Industrial Funding (PI) – PBI Performance Products Inc. – 5/19 - 5/22 – \$178,804.
- Development of Electrolysis Processes to Electrochemically Reduce Lignin Samples to Produce a Color Stable Lignin Product (PI) – Ingevity Corp. – 1/17 - 6/17 – \$10,000.
- Catalytic Carbon-Carbon Cross Coupling from a Heterogeneous Catalytic System Based on a Homogeneous Molecular Catalyst (co-PI) – NSF Industry/University CRC Grant No. 1464630 – 6/16 - 5/17 – \$54,000.
- Development of a Photocatalytic System for the Renewable Production of Hydrogen Fuel (PI) – University of South Carolina Office of the VP of Research – 8/16 – 8/17 - \$15,000.
- Catalysis for Renewables: Applications, Fundamentals and Technologies (CRAFT) (funded collaborator) – NSF EPSCoR RII Track-2 Grant No. 1539105 – 8/15 - 8/19 – \$4,000,000 (12.5%).

PUBLICATIONS

During Independent Career at the University of South Carolina

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26. Ayare, P. J.; Gregory, S. A.; Key, R. J.; Short, A. E.; Tillou, J. G.; Sitter, J. D.; Yom, T.; Goodlett, D. W.; Lee, D.-C.; Alamgir, F. M.; Losego, M. D.; *Vannucci, A. K. "Immobilization of Molecular Catalysts on Solid Supports via Atomic Layer Deposition for Chemical Synthesis in Green Solvents" *Green Chem.* **2021**, *13*, 9523-9533. DOI: 10.1039/d1gc02024b
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24. Dickerson, S. D.; Ayare, P. J.; Vannucci, A. K.; Wiskur, S. L. *J. Photochem. Photobiol. A*, **2021**, *422*, 113547-113553. DOI: 10.1016/j.jphotochem.2021.113547
23. Bobo, M. V.; Kuchta III, J. J.; *Vannucci, A. K. "Recent Advancements in the Development of Molecular Organic Photocatalysts" *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2021**, *19*, 4816-4834. DOI:10.1039/D1OB00396H
22. Tillou, J. D.; *Vannucci, A. K. "Determining the Active Catalytic Palladium Species Under Hydrodeoxygenation Conditions" *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2021**, *944*, 121848-121853. DOI: 10.1016/j.jorganchem.2021.121848
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20. Sitter, J. D.; *Vannucci, A. K. "Photocatalytic Oxidative Coupling of Arylamines for the Synthesis of Azoaromatics and the Role of O₂ in the Mechanism" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 2938-2943. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.0c13101
19. Bobo, M. V.; Arcidiacono, A. M.; Ayare, P. J.; Reed, J. C.; Helton, M. R.; Ngo, T.; Hanson, K.; *Vannucci, A. K. "A Series of Green Light Absorbing Organic Photosensitizers Capable of Oxidative Quenching Photocatalysis" *ChemPhotoChem*, **2021**, *5*, 51-57. DOI: 10.1002/cptc.202000153
18. Bobo, M. V.; Paul, A.; Reed, J.; Ngo, T.; Arcidiacono, A. M.; Smith, M. D.; Hanson, K.; *Vannucci, A. K. "Synthesis and Characterization of bis-Cyclometalated Iridium Complexes Containing (4,4'-bis(phosphonomethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine) Ligands" *Inorg. Chem.* **2020**, *59*, 6351-6358. DOI: 10.1021/acs/inorgchem.0c00456
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TEACHING

- CHEM 112 – General Chemistry II
- CHEM 511 – Inorganic Chemistry
- CHEM 719 – Special Topics in Inorganic Chemistry: Catalysis

COMMITTEES

- Undergraduate American Chemical Society Chapter co-advisor (2020 – present)
- Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Advisor Award Selection Committee (2020 – present, Chair: 2022)
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Awards Committee (2020 – present)
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Recruiting Committee (2019 – present, Chair: 2022)
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Computing Committee (2019 – present)
- University Heterogeneous High Performance Computing Committee (2017 – 2019)
- NMR Facilities Committee University of South Carolina (2017 – present)
- Curriculum Committee University of South Carolina (2016 – present)
- Bouknight Scholarship Committee University of South Carolina (2014 – 2020)

ORGANIZED MEETINGS/SYMPOSIA

NC Photochem 2021 – October 22nd- 23rd, 2021 – Chapel Hill, NC. Co-Organizer of conference.

NC Photochem 2020 – October 8th – 9th, 2020 – virtual conference. Co-Organizer of conference.

SERMACS 2016 – October 23rd – 26th, 2016 – Columbia, SC. Organizer of Electrocatalysis symposium.

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (20+ invited seminars given)

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