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### Professional:

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| 2011-present | Stevenson Professor of Chemistry, Vanderbilt University & Institute of Chemical Biology |
| 1/2006-2013  | co-Director of Synthesis Core Facility, Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology        |
| 2008-present | Director, Beckman Scholars Program, Vanderbilt University                               |
| 1/2006-2011  | Professor of Chemistry, Vanderbilt University & Institute of Chemical Biology           |
| 8/2005       | promoted to Professor of Chemistry, Indiana University                                  |
| 2005         | Associate Professor of Chemistry, Indiana University                                    |
| 1999-2005    | Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Indiana University                                    |

### Education:

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| 1992-1997 | Ph.D. Chemistry (Synthetic Organic), The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio                                     |
| 1989-1992 | Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, <i>summa cum laude</i> , University Scholar, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio |

### Research Training:

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| 1997-1999 | NIH Postdoctoral Fellow with Prof. David A. Evans<br>Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts<br><i>Development of a Catalytic Enantioselective Mukaiyama-Michael Reaction</i>  |
| 1992-1997 | Graduate Research Fellow with Prof. Leo A. Paquette<br>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio<br><i>Elucidation of the Origin of Stereoselectivity in Oxonium Ion-Initiated Pinacol Rearrangements</i><br><i>Stereoselective Synthesis of the Polycavernoside A Disaccharide Subunit</i><br><i>Studies Toward the Total Synthesis of Taxol</i> |

### Honors and Awards:

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| 2015      | VICB Most Highly Cited Article Award, Vanderbilt University                  |
| 2014      | Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award in Organic Chemistry, American Chemical Society |
| 2013      | Aldrich Lecturer, University of Ottawa, CA                                   |
| 2013      | Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Fellow                    |
| 2013      | VICB Most Highly Cited Article Award, Vanderbilt University                  |
| 2012      | <i>Organic Syntheses</i> Lecturer, Wayne State University                    |
| 2012      | Keynote Speaker, 44th Annual SURC Conference                                 |
| 2011-2018 | Stevenson Chair in Chemistry   |
| 2011      | Chancellor's Award for Research  |
| 2011      | Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)           |
| 2006      | Gakushuin University (Japan) Visiting Professor                              |
| 2004      | IU Outstanding Junior Faculty Award  |
| 2003-2005 | Eli Lilly Grantee Award  |
| 2003      | Amgen Young Investigator Award   |
| 2002-2005 | Mentor, IU Beckman Scholars Program and IU STARS Program (99-00, 03-05)      |
| 2005-2006 | Astellas USA Faculty Award   |
| 2002-2005 | Yamanouchi USA Faculty Award   |
| 2001      | IU Trustees Teaching Award   |
| 2000-2001 | Boehringer-Ingelheim Young Investigator Award                                |
| 2000      | IU Summer Faculty Fellowship   |

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1997-1999 National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowship (Harvard)

1997 Wyeth-Ayerst Industrial Fellowship (OSU)

1993-1996 GAANN Fellowship (OSU)

### Leadership Positions (Elected or Appointed):

2014-pres Executive Committee, Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, Beckman Postdoctoral Fellows Program

2014-pres Provost's Committee on Promotion and Tenure Review

2013-2015 Executive Committee, Member-at-Large, Division of Organic Chemistry, American Chemical Society

- Symposium Planning Committee, Chair

2011-2015 Faculty Senate, Executive Committee, Vanderbilt University

- Vice-Chair, 2013/14

2013-2014 Chancellor's Academic Strategic Plan, Executive Committee

2013-pres ACS Committee on Professional Training

2009-pres Associate Editor, *Beilstein Journal of Organic Chemistry*

2008-2012 Executive Committee, Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, Beckman Scholars Program

2008-2011 External Advisory Board, NSF-RISE Program, Jackson State University

2006-2010 Editorial Advisory Board, *Chemistry Central Journal*

2003-2012 Appointed to Beckman Scholars Advisory Panel (reappointed in 2004, 2006-2009)

### Consulting:

2011-2013 Expert Witness

2005-2008 Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals

(Corporate Research – Miami Valley, OH and Process - Norwich, NY)

2001-2005 Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals

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### Patents

1. "Vinyl and aryl amination process for preparation of pyrrolidine or indoline subunits from, e.g., *o*-halophenethylamines and ketones, via corresponding imines", Johnston, J. N.; Viswanathan, R. US 6,670,479.

2. "Preparation of chiral (2-aminonaphthyl)isoquinoline derivatives and their metal complexes as enantioselective ethylation catalysts and precatalysts for olefin polymerization", Johnston, J. N. WO 2002085820.

3. "Stereoselective methods, catalysts and intermediates for the synthesis of (–)-Nutlin-3 and related compounds", Johnston, J. N.; Davis, T. A. provisional patent filed 7/10; patent issued 11/18/2014: US 8,889,863.

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### Publications

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### *Publications during Independent Research Career*

X. "Enantioselective Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Bromonitroalkanes for Umpolung Amide Synthesis: Preparation of *tert*-Butyl ((1*S*)-1-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-bromo-2-nitroethyl)carbamate" Lim, V. T.; Tsukanov, S. V.; Doody, A. B.; Johnston, J. N. *Org. Syn.* submitted – accepted for checking.

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73. "Enantioselective Addition of Bromonitromethane to Aliphatic *N*-Boc Aldimines Using a Homogeneous Bifunctional Chiral Organocatalyst" Schwieter, K. E.; Johnston, J. N. *ACS Catalysis* **2015**, 5, 6559-6562.

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68. "Adaptation of a Small Molecule Hydrogen Bond-Donor Catalyst to an Enantioselective Hetero-Diels-Alder Reaction Hypothesized for Brevianamide Biosynthesis" Sprague, D. J.; Nugent, B. M.; Yoder, R. A.; Vara, B. A.; Johnston, J. N. *Org. Lett.* **2015**, 17, 880-883. Open Access; [PMC4339957](#)

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65. "Umpolung Amide Synthesis Using Substoichiometric NIS and Oxygen as a Terminal Oxidant" Schwieter, K. E.; Shen, B.; Shackelford, J. P.; Leighty, M. W.; Johnston, J. N. *Org. Lett.* **2014**, 16, 4714-4717. [PMC4168777](#)

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56. "Enantioselective Synthesis of  $\alpha$ -Oxy Amides via Umpolung Amide Synthesis" Leighty, M. W.; Shen, B.; Johnston, J. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 15233. [PMC3477818](#)

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46. "Geometric Restraint Drives On- and Off-Pathway Catalysis by the *Escherichia Coli* Menaquinol:Fumarate Reductase" Tomasiak, T. M.; Archuleta, T. L.; Andréll, J.; Luna-Chávez, C.; Davis, T. A.; Sarwar, M.; Ham, A. J.; McDonald, H.; Yankovskaya, V.; Stern, H. A.; Johnston, J. N.; Maklashina, E.; Cecchini, G.; Iverson, T. M. *J. Biol. Chem.* **2011**, *286*, 3047-3056. [PMC3024798](#)
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43. "Brønsted Acid-Promoted Azide-Olefin Cycloadditions for the Preparation of Contiguous Aminopolyols Derived from an anti-1,3-Diol Scaffold: The Importance of Disiloxane Ring Size to Diastereoselection" Muchalski, H.; Hong, K. B.; Johnston, J. N. *Beilstein J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, *6*, 1206-1210. [PMC3028999](#)
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39. "To Protonate or Alkylate: Stereoselective Brønsted Acid Catalysis of Carbon-Carbon Bond Formation Using Diazoalkanes, Leading to Highly Functionalized Chiral Small Molecules" Johnston, J. N.; Muchalski, H.; Troyer, T. L. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, *49*, 2290-2298. PMID: 20209537 (NSF funded)
38. "A Brønsted Acid Catalyzed *syn*-Selective Glycolate Mannich Reaction" Troyer, T. L.; Muchalski, H.; Johnston, J. N. *Chem. Commun.* **2009**, 6195-6197. (NSF funded)
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36. "Total Synthesis of the Lycopodium Alkaloid (+)-Serratezomine A" Chandra, A.; Pigza, J. A.; Han, J.-S.; Mutnick, D. M.; Johnston, J. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 3470-3471. [PMC2677822](#)
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(126-150) Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award Symposium, San Francisco, CA 8/12/14; Gordon Research Conference: Heterocycles, Providence, RI 6/15-20/14; *University of Tennessee-Chattanooga*, Chattanooga, TN 5/30/14; University of Pennsylvania, PA 5/12/14; University of Louisville, Louisville, TN 4/25/14; *Tennessee Technological University*, TN 1/31/14; University of Missouri, St. Louis, St. Louis, MO 11/11/13; Amgen, San Francisco, CA 10/25/13; University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario 9/25/13; Nagoya University, Department of Applied Chemistry, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya, Japan 5/31/13; Osaka University, Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research, Osaka, Japan 5/30/13; Kyoto University, Faculty of Science, Kyoto, Japan 5/29/13; International Conference of Organocatalysis, Kyoto, Japan 5/27-28/13; Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan 5/24/13; University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan 5/22/13; Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan 5/21/13; Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan 5/20/13; University of Southern Mississippi, MS 4/4/13; Duke University, NC 2/5/13; Clemson University, SC 1/10/13; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 1/8/13; 1<sup>st</sup> Japan-US Organocatalysis Symposium, HI 12/15-19/12; Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA 10/2/2012; University of California, San Diego, CA 10/1/2012; 34<sup>th</sup> Reaction Mechanisms Conference, Columbia, MO 6/19-23/12;

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44<sup>th</sup> Annual SURC Conference (Southeastern Undergraduate Research Conference) Mississippi State University, MS 4/12/12 [Keynote Speaker]; Gordon Research Conference: Peptides: Chemistry and Biology, Ventura, CA 2/19-24/12; Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 1/26/11 [*Organic Syntheses* Lecturer]; Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 1/25/11; University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 10/7/11; Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH 10/6/11; Amgen, Thousand Oaks, CA 9/26/11; Cal Tech, Pasadena, CA 9/28/11; University of Alberta, Edmonton CA 9/22/11; American Peptide Symposium, San Diego, CA 6/29/11; Leipzig University, GE 5/29/11; *Hope College*, Holland, MI 3/4/11; *Calvin College*, Grand Rapids, MI 3/3/11; Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 1/13/11; University of Iowa, Ames, IA 11/12/10; University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 9/17/10; Roche Colorado Corporation Peptide Symposium 2010, Boulder, CO 9/16/10; Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 9/8/10; Latest Trends in Organic Synthesis, St. Catharines, Ontario, CA 8/11-14/10; Rice University, Houston, TX 1/27/10; University of Houston, Houston, TX 1/26/10; University of Cambridge, UK, 7/3/09; University of Manchester, UK, 7/2/09; University of Edinburgh, Scotland 6/30/09; University of Liverpool, UK 6/29/09;

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