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## EDUCATION

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- B.S. Chemistry *2000 - 2004*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Thrust Leader, Catalysis Center for Energy Innovation, University of Delaware**

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**Postdoctoral Fellow, California Institute of Technology** (Adviser: Prof. Mark E. Davis)

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## HONORS & AWARDS

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National Science Foundation CAREER Award	<i>2017</i>
Air Force Office of Scientific Research Young Investigator Award	<i>2016</i>
ACS Petroleum Research Fund Doctoral New Investigator Award	<i>2015</i>
University of Delaware Research Foundation Award	<i>2015</i>
National Graduate Research Award of American Vacuum Society	<i>2011</i>
Fieser Lectureship of Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Harvard University	<i>2011</i>
Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Students Abroad	<i>2011</i>
Harvard Graduate Consortium on Energy and Environment Fellowship	<i>2008</i>
Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	<i>2008</i>
Honeywell Scholarship	<i>2006</i>
Distinguished Graduate of Shanghai	<i>2004</i>
Unilever Scholarship	<i>2003</i>

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Institute of Chemical Engineers	<i>2012 - Present</i>
American Chemical Society	<i>2008 - Present</i>
North American Catalysis Society	<i>2011 - Present</i>
Catalysis Club of Philadelphia	<i>2013 - Present</i>
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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, Nature Scientific Reports	<i>2016 – Present</i>
Program Chair, Northeast Corridor Zeolite Association	<i>2016 – Present</i>
Early Career Editorial Advisory Board, ACS Catalysis	<i>2017 – 2018</i>
Director, Catalysis Club of Philadelphia	<i>2014 – 2016</i>

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