

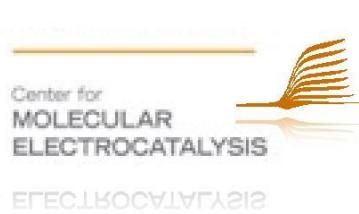
Monte L. Helm

Senior Scientist

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Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

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Profile

As a scientist, my professional development revolves around pursuing research to advance our understanding of the natural world. As an educator, I seek to share my knowledge and inspire the next generation of scientists. As a leader I aim to build collaborative teams who's group effort accomplishes more than the sum of the individual contributions.

Qualifications Summary

- **Demonstrated ability to conduct world class, energy related science at a National Laboratory**
 - 30 publications from PNNL in top rated chemistry journals (2012 - present)
 - Co-PI on a \$14M funded Dept. of Energy - Energy Frontier Research Center proposal
- **Outstanding record in teaching, scholarship and service in an academic setting**
 - Maintained teaching excellence and an externally recognized research program and assumed leadership roles both within the department (Chair 2011-2012) and among various campus-wide committees.
- **Demonstrated ability in forming collaborative partnerships, leadership abilities and communication skills**
 - Coordinates synergist efforts in the Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis between more than 30 researchers located at Pacific Northwest National Lab, Yale University, University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Experience and Education

Senior Scientist, Physical Sciences Division, Pacific Northwest national Laboratory (PNNL); Richland, WA — 2012-pres.

Provides scientific leadership for the electrocatalysis H₂ production and oxidation subtask within the Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis, including mentorship of young scientific staff members and postdocs.

Deputy Director, Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis, PNNL; Richland, WA — 2012-15

Provides scientific and operational oversight for the Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis (CME) at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) a Department of Energy funded Energy Frontier Research Center — \$3.5M/year budget.

Associate Professor, Fort Lewis College (FLC); Durango, CO — 2008-12

Maintained teaching excellence and an externally recognized research program, as an associate professor at Fort Lewis College I assumed leadership roles both within the department and among various campus-wide committees.

Visiting Scientist, PNNL; Richland, WA — 2010-11

Project Title: Synthesis of New Ligand Platforms and Study of their Nickel(II) Complexes for Hydrogen Production Catalysis

Assistant Professor, Fort Lewis College; Durango, CO — 2003-2008

As an assistant professor, my focus revolved around excellence in teaching and establishing an externally funded research program.

Dreyfus Fellow, University of Tennessee (UTC); Chattanooga, TN — 2001-2003

Project Title: Late Transition Metal Coordination Involving Crown Thioethers

Postdoc Fellow, University of Sussex; Brighton, UK — 2000-2001

Project Title: Synthesis and Reactivity of Heterosubstituted Diphospholes

Ph.D. (Inorganic Chemistry), University of Colorado (CU); Boulder, CO — 1995-2000

Project Title: Late Transition Metal Coordination Involving Crown Thioethers

B.Sc., University of Minnesota (MSUM); Moorhead, MN — 1991-1995

Major in Chemistry, minor in Philosophy

Teaching Qualifications (evaluations available upon request)

General and introductory chemistry lectures and laboratories

Inorganic and Advanced Inorganic lectures and laboratories

Organometallic Catalysis and Electrocatalysis

Special topic courses: X-ray Crystallography, Main Group Chemistry, Heteronuclear FT-NMR Spectroscopy, Electrochemistry/Electrocatalysis

Research Interests and Experience

My research interests revolve around synthetic and structural main group chemistry, as well as exploring structure/reactivity relationships. Emphasis is placed on the synthesis of new main-group phosphorus containing ligands, with a view towards selective metal coordination, activation and catalysis for energy related applications.

My current research at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory focuses on the development of electrocatalysts for the storage of energy generated from renewable sources. The research involves using pendant amines attached to phosphine ligands to serve as proton relays to and from a metal's primary coordination sphere.

As a faculty member at Fort Lewis College I ran a nationally recognized undergraduate research program revolving around the synthesis and metal coordination of new phosphacrown ligands. Among other phosphorus crown compounds, the research resulted in synthesis and report of the first facially capping tridentate 9-membered phosphorus crown analog to the known 9O₃, 9N₃ and 9S₃ crown compounds.

As a Dreyfus Fellow under the direction of Dr. Greg Grant my project included synthesis of heavy metal complexes of crown thioethers. The research established heteronuclear NMR (¹¹³Cd, ¹⁹⁹Hg and ²⁰⁷Pb) data for the new complexes and studied of how structural changes in the various crown rings influence the coordination behavior.

While a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Sussex, working under Professor John Nixon, I was involved in the synthesis and metal coordination of cyclopentadienyl analogues containing unsaturated phosphorus atoms. My project involved the incorporation of other heteroatoms, such as sulfur and selenium, into these rings, and their effects on various metal coordination reactions.

My graduate student work under Dr. Arlan Norman focused on the study of linear- and cyclo-phosphazanes. I conducted spectral and reactivity studies on linear triphosphazanes, and synthesized a new class of cyclotriphosphazane ligands. The reactivity and metal coordination of the cyclotriphosphazanes was also studied, with an aim for their potential uses as host-guest molecules and in asymmetric catalysts.

During my undergraduate education I did research for Dr. Gary Edvenson on the synthesis of organoborane polymers, namely, incorporating pentaborane units into organic molecules which can then be polymerized.

Research Grants and Awards

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Department of Energy – Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis an Energy Frontier Research Center - \$14,000,000 (\$3.5M/year FY15-18)

Fort Lewis College: \$931,000 awarded between 2003-12

NSF – Research at Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) - \$292,000 – 2/2012 (declined by MLH)

American Chemical Society-Petroleum Research Fund - \$65,000 5/2011 – 9/2014

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory – Release Time - \$25,000 – 8/2011 – 5/2012

Nation Science Foundation – FaST Program - \$19,250 – 5/2011 – 7/2011

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$1,200 – 12/2010 – 9/2011

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory – Sabbatical Funding - \$88,000 7/2010 – 6/2011

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$1,600 – 12/2009 – 9/2010

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$1,500 – 12/2008 – 9/2009

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$1,500 – 12/2007 – 9/2008

Research Corporation Cottrell College Science Award - \$44,148 – 5/2008 – 5/2010

American Chemical Society – Summer Minority Supplement - \$4,250 – 5/2007 - 9/2007

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$1,500 – 12/2006 – 9/2007

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$2,500 – 12/2005 – 9/2006

National Science Foundation – Major Research Instrumentation - \$310,000 8/1/2005 – 8/1/2007

American Chemical Society-Petroleum Research Fund - \$35,000 5/2005 – 9/2007

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$3,000 – 12/2004 – 9/2005

Fort Lewis College Faculty Development Grant - \$3,500 – 12/2003 – 9/2004

Dreyfus Foundation Supplementary Award for Dreyfus Fellows - \$10,000 - 12/2003 –

12/2005 Research Corporation Startup Fund Match - \$25,000 - 9/2003 – 12/2005

Fort Lewis Startup Fund - \$25,000 - 9/2003 – 9/2004

Administrative and Community Service

Executive Committee Member, Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis, PNNL 2012-pres.

Define the vision and strategic direction for the CME; provide executive and organizational support for project efforts; review and approve major project decisions; and provide overall project oversight to evaluate progress against goals.

Management Skills Development Program, PNNL 2012-pres. A two year program designed to enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities to manage and develop staff. The program increase your self awareness and effectiveness as a manager and leader and to enhance the participant's knowledge, skills and abilities to manage, develop and lead staff.

Summer Undergraduate Laboratory Intern (SULI) Program, PNNL 2012-pres. During the summers of 2012-2015 I have hosted 1-2 undergraduate research interns that conducted research in the CME under my supervision. The program is designed to give undergraduate students a summer research experience at a National Laboratory.

Department Chair; FLC Chemistry Department 2011-2012 My fundamental goal during this brief time was to establish a collegial environment where my faculty members felt valued and that they had a stake in the departmental goals. This three-year term was cut short by my job relocation to PNNL.

FLC Campus-wide Committees 2003-2012 Served as an active member on a variety of campus wide committees including: Course Management Software committee; Instructional Technology Committee; and multiple faculty new-hire committees.

Board of Directors; San Juan Biodiesel; Durango, CO; 2004-2010 Severed as a board member and Secretary (2005-2009) of the San Juan Biodiesel initiative. Responsible for selecting, appointing, supporting and reviewing the performance of the chief executive; ensuring the availability of adequate financial resources; and approving annual budgets.

Chemistry Club Advisor; FLC 2003-2012 Served as advisor for the FLC student-run chemistry club.

Webmaster; FLC 2003-2012 Redesigned, implemented and maintained the FLC chemistry department's home page.

Webmaster; UTC 2001-03 Redesigned, implemented and maintained the UTC chemistry department's home.

Course Fees Committee Member; CU 1996-99 Handled fees collected for improvement of undergraduate and graduate courses.

Teaching Assistant Training; CU 1996-99 Trained incoming graduate students on teaching techniques and methods.

Student Advisor; MSUM 1992-1994 Coordinator 1993-1994; advised incoming freshman; trained campus wide student advisors.

Research Skills

Air-Sensitive Techniques – Throughout my career the research I have conducted has required manipulation of air and moisture sensitive compounds. Hence, I am proficient in standard Schlenk and vacuum-line chemical manipulations, as well as working in and maintaining inert atmosphere glove boxes.

Electrochemistry – I have experience with basic electrochemical techniques such as cyclic, square wave and differential pulse voltammetry and bulk electrolysis. I am also versed using electrochemistry to determine turn over frequencies and overpotentials of electrocatalysts.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance - I am well versed in homo- and hetero-nuclear 1D and 2D techniques as well as basic instrument maintenance and troubleshooting.

X-ray Crystallography – I am versed in current X-ray crystallography techniques, including crystal mounting and data collection, through solution of the structure using SHELX and Olex2.

Computing – I am well versed in all aspects of computing on Macintosh and PC computers, including networking, cross platform data sharing, Microsoft PowerPoint software for lecture presentations and the use of HTML for website design and maintenance. I have also acquired basic Unix programming skills to enhance my NMR operation and maintenance abilities.

Academic Honors

Featured Scholar Award, 2007; recognition for outstanding contributions for scholarship (FLC)

Outstanding Young Alumni Award, 2005; recognition of outstanding achievement in scholarship (MSUM)

Sewall Fellowship Award, 2000; outstanding graduate research (CU).

Teaching Assistant Effectiveness Award, 1998; yearly university wide competition recognizing outstanding teaching ideas of graduate students (CU).

Edward L. King Scholarship, 1997 and 1998; excellence in graduate research (CU).

Theodore S. Gilman Award, 1996-97 and 1998-99; excellence in teaching and development for the General Chemistry program (CU).

General Chemistry Teaching Award, 1995-96 and 1997-98; excellence in teaching general chemistry (CU).

Shaw Award, 1994; excellence in undergraduate research (MSUM).

Affiliations

American Chemical Society, member, 1994 - present

Council on Undergraduate Research, member, 2001 - present

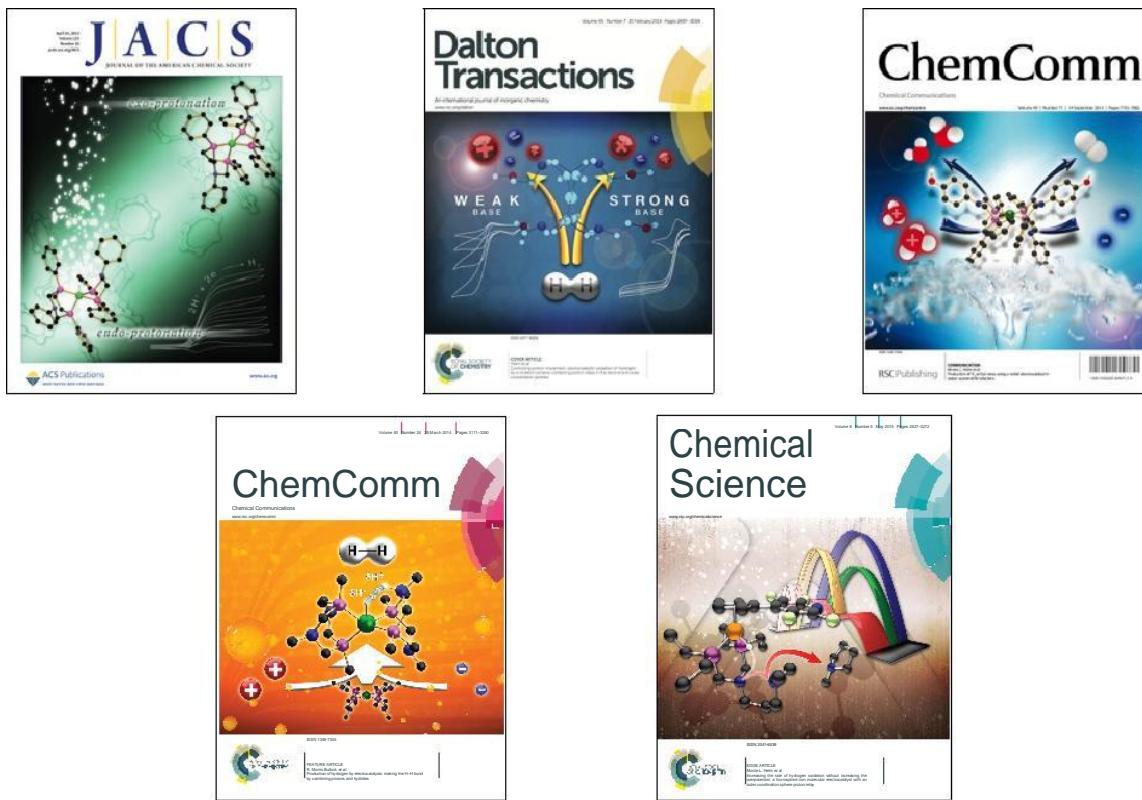
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, member, 1994-1996

Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, member, 1992-1995; President, 1993-1994 (MSUM)

HELM PUBLICATIONS

Total of 58 Publications 1997-2014

- My research at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory has yielded 32 publications since 2012 revolving around molecular electrocatalysis development for the interconversion of renewable energy and fuels.
- My undergraduate research program at Fort Lewis College resulted in 16 publications over 8 years on phosphine ligand development (* indicates undergraduate coauthor).



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