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Professor Alan S. Goldman Is the Inaugural Winner of the "*ACS Catalysis* Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science"

On Monday, August 20, 2012, Prof. Alan S. Goldman of Rutgers University delivered the inaugural ACS Catalysis Lectureship entitled "Dehydrogenation and Tandem-Catalyzed Reactions of Alkanes" at the 244th ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before a standing-room only audience. Prof. Goldman's lecture came amidst a 2 day program consisting of 26 additional speakers (Figure 1) who came together to honor Alan and his accomplishments.

Prof. Goldman described his recent work on the exploration of Ir-pincer catalysts for a variety of catalytic reactions proceeding via C−H activation pathways, including alkane dehydrogenation,[1,2] alkane dehydroaromatization,[3] and tandem alkane dehydrogenation−olefin metathesis.[4−6]

The call for the 2013 *ACS Catalysis* Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science was recently released.[7] This award will recognize specific, significant contributions to catalysis science by an individual or a team of researchers. While the candidate's or team's career contributions to catalysis will be considered, the largest emphasis will be placed on their impact on catalysis since 2006. Nomination documents should emphasize the candidate's or team's most significant contributions in this time period. In the event of multiple submissions of similar quality, nominees who have not been previously recognized for the work associated with the nomination will be given priority. At least one letter of support from a member of the ACS Division of Catalysis Science and Technology is required for each nomination.

The Lectureship will be presented in a session celebrating the award winner, sponsored by the ACS Division of Catalysis Science and Technology, at the 246th ACS National Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 8−12, 2013. The Lectureship award winner will receive $3000 plus travel and lodging costs.

The session celebrating Prof. Alan Goldman's accomplishments in catalysis science was a resounding success, filled with outstanding presentations and extensive discussions of both molecular and heterogeneous catalysis. I look forward with anticipation to next year's event.

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Figure 1. Speakers in the symposium celebrating Alan S. Goldman, the winner of the 2012 ACS Catalysis Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science, at the 244th ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Robert Bergman (UC Berkeley), Susannah Scott (UC Santa Barbara), John Hartwig (UC Berkeley), Karsten Krogh-Jespersen (Rutgers), T. Brent Gunnoe (Virginia), Richard Schrock (MIT), James Mayer (Washington), Robert Saxton (Chevron), William Jones (Rochester), Gerard Parkin (Columbia), Sylviane Sabo-Etienne (Toulouse), Kai Hultzsch (Rutgers), Michael Chetcuti (Strasbourg), Geoffrey Coates (Cornell), Clark Landis (Wisconsin), Oleg Ozerov (Texas A&M) and (front row, left to right) Faraj Hasanayn (AU Beirut), Richard Eisenberg (Rochester), Maurice Brookhart (UNC Chapel Hill), Alan Goldman (Rutgers), David Tyler (Oregon), Jack Norton (Columbia), and Daniel Mindiola (Indiana). Not pictured: Melanie Sanford (Michigan), Roy Periana (Scripps), D. Michael Heinekey (Washington).

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