Aaron Woods Harrison

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Education

Ph.D., Physical Chemistry

December 2014

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

B.Sc., Chemistry

May 2008

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Appointments

Schmid College Teaching and Research Fellow

June 2018-Present

Chapman University, Orange, CA

Post-doctoral Researcher

September 2015-May 2018

University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW

Chemistry Laboratory Lecturer

September 2014-May 2015

Mills College, Oakland, CA

Research Experience

Schmid College Teaching and Research Fellow

June 2018-Present

Chapman University

Faculty Mentor: Professor Warren De Bruyn (Schmid College of Science and Technology)

- Studied aqueous photochemistry in actinic UV with experimental techniques including UV-Vis, GC-MS, and ESI-MS as well as used theory to study excited state reactions in aqueous environments (1 article)
- Supervised undergraduate students in summer research projects involving photochemical experiments

Post-doctoral Researcher

September 2015-May 2018

University of New South Wales

Research Adviser: Professor Scott Kable (Head of School of Chemistry)

- Characterized the photolysis of carbonyls using velocity-map imaging and FTIR spectroscopy. Performed *ab initio* calculations on reaction thermochemistry/mechanisms (2 articles, 2 as primary author)
- Mentored undergraduate and graduate students to become independent researchers and guided these students with their research direction and in the thesis writing process

Visiting Researcher

April 2017 - June 2017

National Chiao Tung University

Research Adviser: Professor Yuan-Pern Lee (Department of Applied Chemistry)

Applied step-scan FTIR emission spectroscopy to investigate radical reactions with O₂ as well as theoretical
methods to characterize oxidation pathways and performed kinetics calculations

Graduate Student Researcher

2009 - 2014

University of California, Berkeley

Research adviser: Professor Daniel Neumark (Department of Chemistry)

 Photochemical studies of radicals to measure previously unstudied species and used theoretical methods to determine reaction mechanism/kinetics (5 articles, 3 as primary author)

Undergraduate Student Researcher

2007-2008

University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Research adviser: Professor Ed Grant (Department of Chemistry)

Completed Honors project including graduation thesis and oral seminar/defense

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 1. Photochemistry and Optical Properties of Laboratory Mimics of Atmospheric Brown Carbon. **A. W. Harrison** and W. J. de Bruyn. *Atmospheric Environment, In Preparation* (2019).
- 2. Computational Study of Photodecarboxylation Mechanisms of Glyoxylic Acid. **A. W. Harrison.** *Computational and Theoretical Chemistry, In preparation* (2019).
- 3. "Dynamics and Quantum Yields of H₂ + CH₂CO as a Primary Photolysis Channel in CH₃CHO." **A.W. Harrison**, A. Kharazmi, M. F. Shaw, M. S. Quinn, M. J. T. Jordan and S. H. Kable. *Phys Chem Chem Phys.*, *Advance Article* (2019).
- 4. "Biological Degradation of Ethanol in Southern California Coastal Seawater." W. J. de Bruyn, C. D. Clark, Mary Senstad, N. Toms, A. W. Harrison. *Marine Chemistry, In Review.* (2018).
- 5. "Photodissociation Dynamics of Propanal and Isobutanal: The Norrish Type I Pathway." **A.W. Harrison** and S. H. Kable. *J. Chem. Phys.* **148**, 164308 (2018).
- 6. "Photodissociation Dynamics of Methyl Perthiyl Radical at 248 and 193 nm." **A.W. Harrison**, M. Ryazanov, E. Sullivan, D.M. Neumark *J. Chem. Phys.* **145**, 024305 (2016).
- 7. "Investigation of 3-fragment photodissociation of O₃ at 193 and 157 nm by coincident measurements." M. Ryazanov, **A.W. Harrison**, G. Wang, P.E. Crider, D.M. Neumark *J. Chem. Phys.* **140**, 234304 (2014).
- 8. "Photodissociation Dynamics of the Thiophenoxy Radical at 248, 193, and 157 nm." **A. W. Harrison**, J. S. Lim, M. Ryazanov, G. Wang, S. Gao, D. M. Neumark, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **117**, 11970-11978 (2013)
- 9. "Three-body photodissociation dynamics of I₂-(CO₂)." **A. W. Harrison**, J. S. Lim, P. E. Crider, D. M. Neumark, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **512**, 30-34 (2011)
- 10. "Two- and three-body photodissociation dynamics of diiodobromide (I₂Br⁻) anion." P. E. Crider, **A. W. Harrison**, D. M. Neumark, *J. Chem. Phys.* **134**, 134306 (2011)

Popular Articles

- 1. Lessons from Spider-Man: How video games could change college education. Aaron W. Harrison The Conversation, January 2019.
- 2. Healthy Squeeze. Aaron Harrison, Berkeley Science Review, Spring 2013 issue.
- 3. Book Review: Heisenberg in the Atomic Age. Aaron Harrison, Berkeley Science Review, Fall 2012 issue.

Conference Oral Presentations

- 1. **A.W. Harrison**, S.H. Kable. "Aliphatic Aldehydes as Photolytic Sources of H₂ in the Atmosphere" *AMOS Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography*, February 2018.
- 2. **A.W. Harrison**, S. H. Kable. "Aliphatic Aldehydes as Photolytic Sources of H₂ in the Atmosphere" *Royal Australian Chemical Institute Conference*, July 2017.

Conference Poster Presentations

- 1. **A.W. Harrison**, S. H. Kable. "Ion Imaging Studies of Acetaldehyde Photodissociation." *Gordon Research Conference: Gaseous Ions*, February 2019.
- 2. **A.W. Harrison**, S. H. Kable. "CH₂CO+H₂: A New Photochemical Channel of Acetaldehyde." *Pacific Conference of Spectroscopy and Dynamics*, January 2017.
- 3. **A.W. Harrison**, S. H. Kable. "CH₂CO+H₂: A New Photochemical Channel of Acetaldehyde." *Royal Australian Chemical Institute Physical Chemistry Student Conference*, September 2016.
- 4. **A.W. Harrison**, J.S. Lim, D.M. Neumark. "Photodissociation of thiophenoxy radical (C₆H₅S)." *32nd International Symposium on Free Radicals*, July 2013.
- 5. **A.W. Harrison**, D.M. Neumark. "Three-body photodissociation dynamics of I₂-(CO₂)." *Gordon Research Conference: Gaseous Ions*, March 2011.
- 6. **A.W. Harrison**, D.M. Neumark. "Two- and three-body photodissociation dynamics of I₂Br-." *Gordon Research Conference: Atomic and Molecular Interactions*, July 2010.

Teaching Experience

Schmid College Teaching and Research Fellow

June 2018-Present

Chapman University, Schmid College of Science and Technology

- Instructor in the *Grand Challenges Initiative*, a discussion- and project-based learning course for freshman science students
- Prepared short PowerPoint lectures, conducted discussions on assigned reading and writing assignments, and supervised students on team-based projects over the course of the semester

Chemistry Laboratory Lecturer

September 2014-May 2015

Mills College, Department of Chemistry

- Prepared PowerPoint pre-laboratory lectures, instructed students in the use of basic chemistry laboratory techniques and instrumentation
- Developed grading rubric for laboratory reports for general chemistry course, held weekly regular office hours to assist students in analysis and interpretation of results

Graduate Student Instructor

2009-2013

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Chemistry

- Designed recitation sections, wrote examination questions, administered examinations, evaluated student work, and instructed students in error analysis and basic statistics
- Courses taught: general and honors general chemistry; introductory chemistry laboratories, advanced physical chemistry

Awards and Honors

Golden Key International Honour Society (Top 15% of graduating class)	2008
Chemical Sciences Seminar Presenter, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	2013
AirUCI Seminar Presenter, University of California-Irvine	2019