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2013 Rev. James G. Anderson Award Winner



Erik was the 2013 winner of the Rev. James G. Anderson Award. He attended Willamette University from 2010 – 2014, receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Chemistry and Physics. He studied metalloporphyrins for use in the ring-opening polymerization of lactide with chemistry professor Cheryl Moy, while under physics professor Richard Watkins he conducted cosmology research studying the expansion of the Universe.

After graduating from Willamette in 2014, Erik began his graduate studies in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Chicago. Under the supervision of Prof. Richard Jordan, he has studied cationic perchlorocarboranyl-phosphino palladium methyl complexes in collaboration with Prof. Vince LaVallo from University of California Riverside and the synthesis of metal complexes supported by dinucleating bis(pyridine-diimine) and bis(pyridine-dienamido) macrocyclic ligands.

At his time at the University of Chicago, he has received multiple awards and departmental fellowships. Most notably: in 2015 he received the Gerhard Closs Teaching Award in Organic Chemistry from the University of Chicago Chemistry Department and in 2016 he received an Honorable Mention for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. After graduating from the University of Chicago in June 2019 he will continue research in organometallic chemistry during his postdoctoral studies.