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## *Curriculum Vitae*



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### **EDUCATION:**

B.S., Loras College, Iowa (Chem.); June 1963–June '67

M.Sc., Brock University (Inorganic Chem.), research supervisor, J. S. Hartman; April 1969–Dec. '70

Ph.D., McMaster University (Inorganic Chem.), research supervisor, R. J. Gillespie; Jan. 1971– Dec. '73

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Member: American Chemical Society & Divisions of Fluorine & Inorganic Chemistry  
Canadian Institute of Chemistry/Canadian Society for Chemistry

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- 01/74–01/76 National Research Council of Canada Overseas PDF, Dept. of Chem., Leicester University
- 01/76–08/76 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Chemistry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- 09/77–09/78 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Guelph & concurrent Visiting Scientist Appointment, Dept. of Chemistry, McMaster University
- 09/78–07/79 Research Associate, Dept. of Chemistry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- 08/79–12/79 Overseas Collaborator, Centre d' Etudes Nucléaires de Saclay, France
- 12/79–09/80 Research Associate, Dept. of Engineering Physics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- 09/80–07/83 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- 07/83–07/88 Associate Professor (tenured July 1, 1985), Dept. of Chem., McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- 07/88– Professor, Department of Chemistry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

### **SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

- 1980–90 Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada, University Research Fellowship, McMaster University
- 1998–99 Canada Council Killam Research Fellow
- 1998 ACS Award for Creative Work in Fluorine Chemistry
- 1999 Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
- 2002 Award for Pure or Applied Inorganic Chemistry, Canadian Society for Chemistry
- 2002 Alcan Lecture Award, Canadian Society for Chemistry
- 2003 E.W.R. Steacie Award, Canadian Society for Chemistry
- 2010 Senior Research Award, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award in the Sciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award in Fluorine Chemistry sponsored by SciFluor (Cambridge,

	MA); awarded March 24, 2012 at the 243 <sup>rd</sup> Natl. ACS Meeting, San Diego, CA
2013	Elected a Fellow of the American Chemical Society
2014	Symposium Honoring G.J. Schrobilgen, "Exploring the Frontiers of Fundamental and Applied Fluorine Chemistry", 248 <sup>th</sup> National ACS Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 10–14, 2014.
2014	Distinguished Mathematics & Science Alumni Award, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario
2017	Neil Bartlett Lectureship in Inorganic Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley
2021	ACS, Division of Fluorine Chemistry Distinguished Service Award
2022	European Academy of Sciences' Blaise Pascal Medal in Chemistry & Member of the European Academy of Sciences

## NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

Papers in peer-reviewed journals: 228

Chapters in books & reviews: 28

Published conference proceedings: 17

Plenary lectures at symposia: 21      Keynote lectures at symposia: 10

Invited lectures at symposia: 79      Contributed lectures at symposia: 155

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

1. J. Campbell, D.A. Dixon, H.P.A. Mercier, and G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "The *nido*-Pb<sub>9</sub><sup>4-</sup> and the Jahn-Teller Distorted *closo*-Pb<sub>9</sub><sup>3-</sup> Zintl Anions: Syntheses, X-ray Structures, and Theoretical Studies", *Inorg. Chem.* **1995**, *34*, 5798–5809.
2. J.F. Lehmann, D.A. Dixon and G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "X-ray Crystal Structures of  $\alpha$ -KrF<sub>2</sub>, [KrF][MF<sub>6</sub>] (M = As, Sb, Bi), [Kr<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>][SbF<sub>6</sub>] $\cdot$ KrF<sub>2</sub>, [Kr<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> $\cdot$ KrF<sub>2</sub>, and [Kr<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>][AsF<sub>6</sub>] $\cdot$ [KrF][MF<sub>6</sub>]; Synthesis and Characterization of [Kr<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] $\cdot$ *n*KrF<sub>2</sub>; and Theoretical Studies of KrF<sub>2</sub>, KrF<sup>+</sup>, Kr<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, and the [KrF][MF<sub>6</sub>] (M = As, Sb, Bi) Ion Pairs", *Inorg. Chem.* **2001**, *40*, 3002–3017.
3. J. Campbell, H.P.A. Mercier, D.P. Santry, R.J. Suontamo, H. Borrmann, and G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "First Examples of Thallium Chalcogenide Cages. Syntheses, <sup>77</sup>Se, <sup>203</sup>Tl, and <sup>205</sup>Tl NMR Study of the Tl<sub>4</sub>Se<sub>5</sub><sup>4-</sup> and Tl<sub>4</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>4-</sup> Anions, the X-ray Crystal Structure of (2,2,2-crypt-K<sup>+</sup>)<sub>3</sub>Tl<sub>5</sub>Se<sub>5</sub><sup>3-</sup>, and Theoretical Studies", *Inorg. Chem.* **2001**, *40*, 233–254.
4. J. Campbell, H.P.A. Mercier, H. Franke, D.P. Santry, D.A. Dixon, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "Syntheses, Crystal Structures, and Density Functional Theory Calculations of the *closo*-[1-M(CO)<sub>3</sub>( $\eta^4$ -E<sub>9</sub>)]<sup>4-</sup> (E = Sn, Pb; M = Mo, W) Cluster Anions and Solution NMR Spectroscopic Characterization of *closo*-[1-M(CO)<sub>3</sub>( $\eta^4$ -Sn<sub>9</sub>)]<sup>4-</sup> (M = Cr, Mo, W)", *Inorg. Chem.* **2002**, *41*, 86–107.
5. H.P.A. Mercier, M.D. Moran, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* C. Steinberg, R.J. Suontamo, "The Syntheses of Carbocations by Use of the Noble-Gas Oxidant, [XeOTeF<sub>5</sub>][Sb(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]: The Syntheses and Characterization of the CX<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (X = Cl, Br, OTeF<sub>5</sub>) and CBr(OTeF<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> Cations and Theoretical Studies of CX<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> and BX<sub>3</sub> (X = F, Cl, Br, I, OTeF<sub>5</sub>)", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 5533–5548.
6. J.F. Lehmann and G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "Synthesis and Characterization of Salts Containing the BrO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> Anion; a Rare Example of a Bromine(VII) Species", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2005**, *127*, 9416–9427.

7. A.M. Pirani, H.P.A. Mercier, R.J. Suontamo, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* D.P. Santry, and H. Borrmann, "Syntheses;  $^{77}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{203}\text{Tl}$ , and  $^{205}\text{Tl}$  NMR; and Theoretical Studies of the  $\text{Tl}_2\text{Se}_6^{6-}$ ,  $\text{Tl}_3\text{Se}_6^{5-}$  and  $\text{Tl}_3\text{Se}_7^{5-}$  Anions and the X-ray Crystal Structures of  $[\text{2,2,2-crypt-Na}]_4[\text{Tl}_4\text{Se}_8]\cdot\text{en}$  and  $[\text{2,2,2-crypt-Na}]_2[\text{Tl}_2\text{Se}_4]^{1-}\cdot\text{en}$ ", *Inorg. Chem.* **2005**, *44*, 8770–8785.
8. G.L. Smith, H.P.A. Mercier, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "Solid-State and Solution Rearrangements of  $\text{F}_3\text{S}=\text{NXeF}^+$  Leading to the  $\text{F}_4\text{S}=\text{NXe}^+$  Cation; Syntheses, HF Solvolyses, and Structural Characterizations of  $[\text{F}_4\text{S}=\text{NXe}][\text{AsF}_6]$  and  $[\text{F}_4\text{S}=\text{NH}_2][\text{AsF}_6]$ ", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 7272–7286.
9. M. Gerken, M.D. Moran, H.P.A. Mercier, B.E. Pointner, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* B. Hoge, K.O. Christe,\* and J.A. Boatz, "On the  $\text{XeF}^+/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  System: Synthesis and Characterization of the Xenon(II) Oxide Fluoride Cation,  $\text{FXeFXeOXeF}^+$ ", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 13474–13489.
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**Highlighted in:** "The Krypton Factor", *Nature Chemistry*, **2010**, *2*, 342.
11. D.S. Brock, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "Synthesis of the Missing Oxide of Xenon,  $\text{XeO}_2$ , and Its Implications for the Earth's Missing Xenon", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 6265–6269 (**JACS cover page**).  
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13. K. Matsumoto, H. Haner, H.P.A. Mercier, G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "Syntheses and Structures of  $\text{F}_6\text{XeNCCH}_3$  and  $\text{F}_6\text{Xe}(\text{NCCH}_3)_2$ ", *Angew. Chem. Intl. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 14169–14173, **VIP (Very Important Paper)**.  
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18. M.R. Bortolus, H.P.A. Mercier, B. Nguyen, and G.J. Schrobilgen,\* "Syntheses and Characterizations of the Mixed Noble-Gas Compounds,  $[\text{FKr}^{\text{II}}\text{FXe}^{\text{II}}\text{F}][\text{AsF}_6] \cdot 0.5\text{Kr}^{\text{II}}\text{F}_2 \cdot 2\text{HF}$ ,  $([\text{Kr}^{\text{II}}_2\text{F}_3][\text{AsF}_6])_2 \cdot \text{Xe}^{\text{IV}}\text{F}_4$ , and  $\text{Xe}^{\text{IV}}\text{F}_4 \cdot \text{Kr}^{\text{II}}\text{F}_2$ ", *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, 60, 23678–23686, **VIP (Very Important Paper)** and inside cover page.  
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