

Seventh Debra Dolliver Memorial Lecture

Meet the Speaker: Prof. Justin R. Ragains Louisiana State University

Title: New Developments in the Area of O-Glycosylation



Justin graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from Ball State University in 2000, and got his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania under the tutelage of Jeffrey D. Winkler (2006). His dissertation research focused on the synthesis of analogs of manzamine A as potential anti-malarial agents and the development of crossed [2+2] photocycloadditions as key complexity-forming steps in the synthesis of bridged bicyclic alkaloids like peduncularine. He was then a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School under the guidance of Jon Clardy and Ralph Mazitschek. He joined the Department of Chemistry at LSU in 2010, where he is currently an Associate Professor of Chemistry. His research interests include the development of visible light photochemistry as a vehicle for synthetic method development and the deposition of highly stable thin films with diverse applications.