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Eric N. Jacobsen

Sheldon Emery Professor of
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Harvard University,
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Lecture Topics

Thursday, March 22, 2007

“A Search for Selective yet General Catalysts”

4:10 pm, Room 138

Chemistry Building – MSU

Friday, March 23, 2007

“Asymmetric Catalysis by Chiral Hydrogen-Bond Donors”

4:10 pm, Room 136

Chemistry Building – MSU



Professor Eric Jacobsen was born on February 22, 1960 in Manhattan. He was raised in New York City, and obtained his B.S. degree from NYU in 1982. As an undergraduate, he carried out research in the laboratories of Prof. Yorke Rhodes. His Ph.D. work was done at Berkeley in the field of organometallic chemistry under the direction of Bob Bergman. In 1986, he returned to the East Coast for an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at MIT with Barry Sharpless. In 1988, he began his independent career at the University of Illinois, where he was promoted to

associate professor in 1991. He moved to Harvard University as full professor in the summer of 1993, and he was named the Sheldon Emery Professor of Organic Chemistry in 2001. He currently directs a research group of 25 graduate students and postdocs at Harvard. He is a consultant at Merck, Amgen, Sepracor, and PTC Pharmaceuticals.

Professor Jacobsen's research interests lie in the discovery, mechanistic elucidation, and application of new reactions of practical value, with special emphasis on asymmetric catalytic processes. The awards he has received include the NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award (1990), the Packard Fellowship (1991), the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award (1992), the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship (1992), the ACS Cope Scholar Award (1993), the Fluka "Reagent of the Year" Prize (1994), the Thieme-IUPAC Prize in Synthetic Organic Chemistry (1996), the Baekeland Medal (1999), the ACS Award for Creativity in Synthetic Organic Chemistry (2001), the NIH Merit Award (2002), election to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2004), and the Mitsui Catalysis Science Award (2005).