University of Louisville Department of Chemistry

## Renee Pace Literature Seminar

When: October 9, 2023 Time: 3:00 p.m. Location: CBLL-16

## "The C-F functionalization of ArCF<sub>3</sub>"

## Abstract:

Selectively functionalizing the inactive C(sp3)-F bonds in pursuit of the interesting aryldifluoromethylated compounds for medical and agricultural purposes is a challenging task. The most common precursor, used for its availability and low cost, are trifloromethylarenes (ArCF3). A reoccurring problem is preventing the over defluorination due to the subsequent lowering of bond energies as the process ensues (i.e. going from aryl-CF3 inadvertently to aryl-CR3). We will explore current researchers' approach to this unique problem and the best methods to prevent the over-defluorination. This includes, base promoted reductive coupling, cleavage with metal complexes, and Lewis-pair-mediated selective fluoride substitution.

## References:

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3. Cleavage of C(sp³)–F Bonds in Trifluoromethylarenes Using a Bis(NHC)nickel(0) Complex Hiroaki Iwamoto, Hiroto Imiya, Masato Ohashi, and Sensuke Ogoshi *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 2020 *142* (45), 19360-19367 DOI: 10.1021/jacs.0c09639