

# Darien J. Morrow

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Wisconsin–Madison

2015 - Present

*PhD: Physical Chemistry. GPA: 4.0/4.0*

Madison, WI

- Adviser: John C. Wright.
- Developing ultrafast multidimensional spectroscopies to investigate coherent charge transfer in transition metal dichalcogenide heterostructures

### Missouri Western State University

2011-2015

*BS: Chemistry; Minors: Mathematics & Physics. GPA: 4.0/4.0*

Saint Joseph, MO

## RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

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### John C. Wright Research Group

2015 - Present

*Graduate Assistant*

Madison, WI

- Using and developing a suite of ultrafast techniques to explore excited state dynamics of thin film semiconductors relevant to photovoltaics (perovskites and transition metal dichalcogenides)—these techniques include transient transmittance, transient reflectance, and transient grating spectroscopies all with tunable pump and probe colors
- Developing fully coherent probes that are exquisitely sensitive to coherent transfer between layers of a heterostructure
- Studying non-linear mixing in non-resonant media
- Practicing open science; for instance, see our work on GitHub: [github.com/wright-group](https://github.com/wright-group) & [github.com/darienmorrow](https://github.com/darienmorrow) and the Open Science Framework: [osf.io/x9743](https://osf.io/x9743)

### Christopher G. Elles Research Group

2014

*REU Fellow*

Lawrence, KS

- Investigated the excited state dynamics of substituted thiophene photo-rearrangement reactions
- Developed and implemented reaction quantum yield measurement technique
- Used ultrafast transient absorption spectroscopy to probe singlet and triplet excited state manifolds

### Michael W. Ducey Research Group

2011 - 2012

*Undergraduate Assistant*

Saint Joseph, MO

- Investigated the solvatochromism of room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) in common solvents
- Demonstrated the solvents can induce order in the alkyl side chains of methylimidazolium RTILs

### Morrow Contracting and Construction LLC

2011 - 2015

*Skilled Laborer*

Saint Joseph, MO

## PUBLICATIONS

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3. **Morrow, D. J.**; Kohler, D. D.; Wright, J. C. Group and phase velocity mismatch fringes in non-resonant triple sum-frequency spectroscopy. **in preparation**
2. Fu, Y.; Rea, M. T.; Chen, J.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Hautzinger, M. P.; Zhao, Y.; Manger, L. H.; Wright, J. C.; Goldsmith, R. H.; Jin, S. Selective Stabilization and Photophysical Properties of Metastable Perovskite Polymorphs of CsPbI<sub>3</sub> in Thin Films. *Chem. Mater.* DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.7b02948. **2017.**
1. Chen, J.; **Morrow, D. J.**; Fu, Y.; Zheng, W.; Zhao, Y.; Dang, L.; Stolt, M. J.; Kohler, D. D.; Wang, X.; Czech, K. J.; Hautzinger, M. P.; Shen, S.; Guo, L.; Pan, A.; Wright, J. C.; Jin, S. Single-Crystal Thin Films of Cesium Lead Bromide Perovskite Epitaxially Grown on Metal Oxide Perovskite (SrTiO<sub>3</sub>). *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* DOI: 10.1021/jacs.7b07506. **2017.**

## POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

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6. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Jenna M. Wasylenko, Christopher G. Elles. Kinetics and Dynamics of the Photorearrangement Reactions of Aryl-Substituted Thiophenes. ACS National Meeting, Denver, CO. March 2015.
5. Poster. Michael W. Ducey, **Darien J. Morrow**, Bethany Thornton, Varun Lahoti. Conformational behavior and applications of mixed room temperature ionic liquid solvent systems examined with a panel of solvatochromic probes. ACS Midwest Regional Meeting, Columbia, MO. November 2014.
4. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Jenna M. Wasylenko, Christopher G. Elles. Kinetics and Dynamics of the Photorearrangements of Conjugated Thiophenes. Council on Undergraduate Research, Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium, Arlington, VA. October 2014.
3. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Jenna M. Wasylenko, Christopher G. Elles. Kinetics and Dynamics of the Photorearrangements of Conjugated Thiophenes. The University of Kansas, REU Poster Session, Lawrence, KS. July 2014.
2. Poster. Melanie Edlin, David J. Freeman, Nathan Harms, Xu Ho, Torin McKinley, Alexander Moore, **Darien J. Morrow**, Christopher Phillips, Jeffrey N. Woodford, Determination of Dimerization Constant of N-(isoquinolin-3-yl)Benzamide and N-(isoquinolin-2-yl)Benzamide. ACS Midwest Regional Meeting, Springfield, MO. October 2013.
1. Poster. **Darien J. Morrow**, Michael W. Ducey, Solvatochromic Properties of Ionic Liquid: Solvent and Polymer Systems Examined with PRODAN. Missouri Western State University, Multidisciplinary Research Symposium, St. Joseph, MO. May 2012.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics</b>	Fall 2016
<i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Gilbert M. Nathanson</i>	Madison, WI
<b>General Chemistry</b>	Fall 2015 - spring 2016
<i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Ive Herman and Dr. Paul Hooker</i>	Madison, WI
<b>Organic Chemistry II</b>	Fall 2013
<i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Steven P. Lorimor</i>	Saint Joseph, MO

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Pei Wang Fellowship. Fall 2015 - spring 2016.
- Golden Griffon Honors scholarship. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.
- NSF funded Midwest Apex Project scholarship. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.
- Missouri Bright Flight scholarship. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable mention. 2017.
- MWSU Department of Chemistry, Edgar C. Little Outstanding Student Award. 2015.
- ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry, Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry. 2015.
- ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry, Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry. 2013.
- MWSU President's Honor's List. Fall 2011 - spring 2015.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Taught/supervised electronics for a week to high schoolers in the PEOPLE program. Summer 2017.
- Served on panel to talk to REU students about experiences applying to and surviving graduate school. Summer 2017.
- Served as a moderator for the 3rd annual Wisconsin Middle School Science Bowl (sponsored by the DOE). Spring 2017.
- Talked and demonstrated to Institute of Chemical Education summer camp attendees about my research, renewable energy, and how solar cells work. Summer 2017.
- Served as vice-president (2014-2015) and member of Missouri Western State University's ACS affiliated Chemistry club. 2011-2015.
- Aided in the organization and implementation of Super Science Saturday and Chemathon at Missouri Western State University. 2011-2015.

## REFERENCES

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