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## A) Career Highlight

- Tier 2 Canada Research Chair - Advanced Polymer Materials and Organic Electronics
- 2015 John Charles Polanyi Prize - Chemistry
- Over \$1.6M in Research grants obtained (NSERC, CFI, ORF, CRC, uOttawa)
- 40 Peer-reviewed Journal publications
- 14 in high-impact pubs. (J. Mater. Chem. A.: 7.44, Appl. Mater. Interfaces: 6.72, Macromolecules: 5.93)
- 5 Patent applications
- h-index = 16
- NSERC Banting Post Doctoral Research Fellow

## B) Education

**Ph.D.** Chemical Engineering, McGill University, 2012  
**M.Eng.** Chemical Engineering (Thesis), McGill University, 2008  
**B.Eng.** Chemical Engineering, McGill University, 2007

## C) Employment History

2015 - present **Tier 2 Canada Research Chair**, Dept. Chem. & Bio. Eng. University of Ottawa  
 2015 - present **Assistant Professor**, Dept. Chem. & Bio. Eng. University of Ottawa  
 2013 - 2015 **Banting Research Fellow**, Dept. Chem. Eng. & Appl. Chem. University of Toronto  
 2012 - 2013 **Post Doctoral Research Fellow**, Dept. Chem. Eng. & Appl. Chem. University of Toronto

## D) Awards and Fellowships

- 2015 John Charles Polanyi Prize - Chemistry (Council of Ontario Universities)  
 Prestigious prizes awarded annually to five outstanding researchers in five different fields - Provincial prize
- Banting Post Doctoral Fellowship (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council), 05/2013-05/2015  
 23 distributed annually to Canadians or international students studying in Canada in all Science and Engineering -  
 Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 180 pre-screened applicants.
- MSED/LANXESS Graduate Thesis Award (Macromolecular Science and Engineering Division of the  
 Chemical Institute of Canada in collaboration with LANXESS inc.), 02/2012  
 Doctoral Thesis Award: 1 or 2 distributed annually throughout Canada for accomplishments in polymer science
- NSERC CGS (Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship), 05/2009 - 05/2012
- General Electric Foundation Fund McGill Engineering Doctoral Award (named MEDA), 01/2009 - 01/2012  
 McGill University / Faculty of Engineering : Doctoral Fellowship
- CGS - MSFSS (Canada Graduate Scholarships - Micheal Smith Foreign Study Supplement), 01 / 2012  
 NSERC: funding for pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions abroad (Declined)
- Graduate Travel Award, 03/2011
- GREAT (Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award), 02 / 2010
- Sigma Xi - Grant-in-Aid of Research, 05/2009
- Engineering Graduate Recruitment Fund Award 01/2009
- Eugenie Ulmer Lamothe (EUL) Scholarship, 05/2007 - 08/2007

## E) Professional and Scholarly Activities

**Faculty Research Advisory Committee (FRAC)** 10/2015 - Present  
*One of 2 Representatives for the Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering* University of Ottawa  
 FRAC aims to develop action plans for our Faculty so that we can submit strong,  
 well-coordinated, winning proposals for major research applications such as CFI

<b>Faculty Council Member</b> <i>Representatives for the Department of Chemical &amp; Biological Engineering</i>	07/2016 - Present University of Ottawa
<b>Departmental Space Committee Member</b> <i>Department of Chemical &amp; Biological Engineering</i> Committee that plans Departmental space optimization, distribution and acquisition	07/2016 - Present University of Ottawa
<b>Conference Division Co-Organizer</b> <i>Canadian Chemical Engineering Society, 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, CSChE 2013</i> Designed the program for various symposiums and invited keynote speakers for the Macromolecular Science and Complex Fluids Symposium	1/2012 - 10/2012 Fredericton, NB, Canada
<b>Conference Session Chair</b> 63 <sup>rd</sup> Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference, CSChE 2013 -Fredericton, NB, Canada 97 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, CSC 2014 -Vancouver, BC, Canada 64 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference, CSChE 2014 -Niagara Falls, ON, Canada	
<b>MSED Executive Member at Large</b> <i>Macromolecular Science and Engineering Division of the Chemical Institute of Canada</i> Offer opinions on the future of the MSED as well as help organize and meet at regional and national meetings	6/2013 - present
<b>KAUST workshop on Applied Functional Materials Chemistry</b> <i>ACS hosted King Abdul University Science and Technology</i> Postdoc Travel Support fund which paid for travel and lodging to KAUST	10/2014 KAUST , Saudi Arabia
<b>Visiting Scientist</b> <i>Prof. Dwight Seferos, Dept. of Chemistry</i> Fabricating and testing organic bulk hetero junction solar cells	3/2013 - 1/2014 University of Toronto, ON, Canada
<b>Visiting Scientist</b> <i>Prof. Robin Hutchinson, Dept. of Chemical Engineering</i> Determining propagation kinetic rate constants using PLP paired with SEC	3/2012 Queen's University, ON, Canada
<b>Visiting Scientist</b> <i>Dr. Didier Gimes, Institut de Chimie Radicalaire</i> Determining dissociation constants for copolymers synthesized by NMP using ESR	7/2011 - 10/2011 Université Aix-Marseille / CNRS, France
<b>CSChE Student Design Project Judge</b> <i>Undergraduate Plant Design competition at CSChE 2014</i> Judge both the written report and the oral presentations.	10/2014
<b>Global Shaper</b> <i>Global Shapers - An Initiative of the World Economic Forum</i> Network of hubs developed and led by young people who are exceptional in their potential, their achievements and their drive to make a contribution to their community. Under 30 and peer nominated	7/2013 - present Toronto Hub
<b>Toronto Science Fair Judge</b> <i>High school science project Judge grade 7-10</i> Volunteer judge for the annual high school toronto science fair.	4/2014 Toronto, On, Canada

## F) Media and Outreach

- Canada Research Chair Ceremony: I was guest speaker at ceremony and had a personal interview with Minister Catherine McKenna (12/2/2016)  
[Interview with Catherine McKenna, Government of Canada Website, National Observer, Ottawa Business Journal, Yahoo Finance](#)
- 2015 Polanyi Prize - Chemistry (18/11/2015)  
[Ontario Government website, Ottawa Citizen, Council of Ontario Universities website, uOttawa Gazette, Exchange Morning Post, Ottawa Business Journal](#)
- My published research article on the synthesis of a new polymer was highlighted in [Materials Views](#) and several other scientific news sources: [UofT news](#), [UofT Engineering news](#), [ChemE news](#), [Science Newslite Technology](#), [Materialsgate](#), [Engineering Inspiration](#).

## G) Society Membership

Professional Engineers of Ontario's (P.Eng Licence #:100221805), member since 2016

Center for Catalysis Research and Innovation (CCRI), member since 2015  
 Canadian Chemical Engineering Society member, CSChE, member since 2011  
 Canadian Society for Chemistry, CSC, member since 2011  
 Materials Research Society (MRS) member, CSChE, member since 2015  
 Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec - membre étudiant, member between 2010-2012

## H) Training of Highly Qualified Personnel

Category	Current	Last 6 years	Career Total
Doctoral (Ph.D.)	1	1	1
Master's Thesis (M.A.Sc.)	3	4	4
Master's Project (M.Eng.)	0	2	2
Undergraduate Student Project (U.Pr.) - UROP, Thesis, Summer Project or CO-OP	5	14	14

### *University of Ottawa*

- Owen Melville (Ph.D.) (08/2015 - present)
- Trevor Grant (M.A.Sc.) (07/2015 - present)
- Nirmal Kannan (M.A.Sc.) (09/2015 - present)
- Alexander Peltekoff (M.A.Sc.) (05/2016 - present)
- Nicolas Boileau (U.Pr.) (6-2016 - present)
- Benjamin King (U.Pr.) (10-2015 - present)
- Ian Therrien (U.Pr.) (10-2015 - present)
- Georgio Feghali (U.Pr.) (5-2016 - present)
- Zoe Pierce (U.Pr.) (5-2016 - present)
- Phillip Williams (U.Pr.) (10-2015 - 05-2016)
- Nada Khalil (U.Pr.) (11-2015 - 02-2016)
- Christaian Imperiale (U.Pr.) (05-2015 - 09-2015)

### *University of Toronto*

- Eun Cho (M.Eng.) - Co-Supervised with Prof. T. Bender (05/2014 - 10/2014)
- Kathleen Sampson (M.A.Sc.) Co-Supervised with Prof. T. Bender (05/2014 - 05/2015)
- Owen Melville (M.Eng.) Co-Supervised with Prof. T. Bender (01/2014 -10/2014)
- Michael Burdett (U.Pr.) - Co-Supervised with Prof. T. Bender (01/2014 - 05/2014)
- Trevor Grant (3 U.Pr.) - Co-Supervised with Prof. T. Bender (05/2013 - 05/2015)
- Kevin Saludaes (U.Pr.) - Co-Supervised with Prof. T. Bender (05/2013 - 08/2013)

### *McGill University*

- Xeniya Savelyeva (2 U.Pr.) - Co-Supervisor with Prof. M. Marić (09/2011 - 12/2011)
- Edwin Ling (3 U.Pr.) - Co-Supervisor with Prof. M. Marić (05/2009 - 08/20011)
- Sarah Mackay (U.Pr.) - Co-Supervisor with Prof. M. Marić (09/2010 - 12/2010)
- Chi Zhang (U.Pr.) - Co-Supervisor with Prof. M. Marić (05/2009 - 08/2009)
- Chris Tervo (U.Pr.) - Co-Supervisor with Prof. M. Marić (05/2008 - 08/2008)

## I) Teaching

### **Course Instructor**

#### *University of Ottawa*

- Princ.& Appl. de Thermodynami. (CHG 3724) (09/2016 - 12/2016)
- Organic Electronics (CHG 4360) (01/2016 - 05/2016)

#### *University of Toronto*

- Chemical Properties of Polymers (CHE 562), co-taught with T. Bender (09/2013 - 12/2013)
- Materials Engineering, (CHE 341) co-taught with G. Coates (09/2013 - 12/2013)

### **Teaching Assistant**

#### *University of Toronto*

- Chem. Properties of Polymers (CHE 562), taught by P. Yaneff (09/2014 - 12/2014)
- Chem. Properties of Polymers (CHE 562), taught by T. Bender (09/2013 - 12/2013)
- Chem. Properties of Polymers (CHE 562), taught by T. Bender & M. Winnik (09/2012 - 12/2012)

*McGill University*

- Project Laboratory 2 (CHEE 393), taught by S. Coulomb (01/2012 - 05/2012)
- Polymer Engineering & Science (CHEE 582), taught by M. Marić (01/2012 - 05/2012)
- Process Design (CHEE 453), taught by N. Tufenkji (09/2011 - 12/2011)
- Separation Processes (CHEE 351), taught by J. Gostick (01/2010 - 05/2010)
- Fluid Mechanics (CHEE 314), taught by R. Leask (09/2010 - 12/2010)
- Chem. Eng. Thermodynamics (CHEE 220), taught by D. Cooper (01/2009 - 05/2009)
- Introduction to Chemical Engineering (CHEE 200), taught by V. Yargeau (09/2008 - 12/2008)
- Materials Engineering (CHEE 484), taught by M. Marić (01/2008 - 05/2008)

## J) Research Funding

Year	Source	\$ Total	/yr	( Type )	Title	Investigator(s)
2016	NSERC	\$ 25,000		( G )	Engagement with Epocal Inc. to explore material property variations	Lessard
2015-2016	uOttawa	\$ 1,500		( G )	UROP Grant New Fluorinated Materials for Next generation Fuel Cells (3 students)	Lessard
2015	NSERC	\$ 1,876		( G )	Connecting uOttawa and Element Instrumentation	Lessard
2015	NSERC	\$ 24,825		( G )	Engagement with OTILumionics Inc. to explore surface grafted polymers for organic electronic applications	Lessard
2015-2020	CRC	\$ 500,000	/5 yr	( G )	Smart polymer organic electronic sensors	Lessard
2015-2020	ORF	\$ 310,833	/5 yr	( C )	Research Infrastructure program : Smart polymers for Organic Electronics	Lessard
2015-2020	CFI	\$ 310,833	/5 yr	( C )	John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) : Smart polymers for Organic Electronics	Lessard
2015	uOttawa	\$ 75,000		( C )	Faculty Renovations top up - CFI: Smart polymers for Organic Electronics	Lessard
2015-2020	NSERC	\$ 125,000	/5 yr	( G )	Discovery Grant : Smart-sensors, exploring the use of smart-polymers in organic electronics	Lessard
2015	NSERC	\$ 140,000		( G )	RTI Equipment : Organic electronic Sensor testing using Environmental Chamber	Lessard
2015	uOttawa	\$ 40,000		( G )	Department Start-up package	Lessard
2015	COU	\$ 20,000		( A )	Charles Polanyi Prize in Chemistry	Lessard
2013-2015	NSERC	\$ 140,000	/2 yr	( C )	Banting Post Doctoral Fellowship	Lessard
2009-2012	NSERC	\$ 105,000	/3 yr	( C )	Canada Graduate Scholarship	Lessard
2012	MSED	\$ 1000		( A )	Graduate Thesis Award	Lessard
2009	NSERC	\$ 3500		( C )	CGS - MSFSS	Lessard
2009	Sigma Xi	\$ 800		( A )	Operating Grant-in-Aid of Research	Lessard
2011	McGill U.	\$ 3,000		( A )	Travel - Visiting scientist in France	Lessard
2010	McGill U.	\$ 1,600		( A )	Travel - Conference in Denmark	Lessard
2009	McGill U.	\$ 5,000		( A )	Eng. Grad. Recruitment Fund Award	Lessard

\*C = contract, A = Award, G = Grant

## K) Publication Summary

Summary since 2007.

- Papers in refereed journals ..... 40+2
- Patents and Patent Application ..... 5
- Book chapters..... 1
- Papers in refereed conference proceedings ..... 3
- Invited and/or Keynote conference proceedings ..... 3
- Other Presentations (Invited talks at other Universities)..... 6
- Papers in other conference proceedings (Refereed abstracts)..... 34
- Total # of citations : **582** - *h*-index : **16** - *i10*-index : **20** (According to [GoogleScholar](#))

## L) Refereed Journal Publications

40. **Lessard, B. H.**; Bender, T. P. *Crystal Structures of Bis(phenoxy)-Silicon Phthalocyanines: increasing  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions, solubility and disorder and no halogen bonding observed.* ActaE, 2016, E72, 988-994. doi: [10.1107/S205698901600935X](#)
39. **Lessard, B. H.\***; Mackay, S.; Marić, M.\* *Poly(styrene-alt-maleic anhydride)-block-poly(methacrylate-ran-styrene) Block Copolymers with Tunable Mechanical Properties by Nitroxide Mediated Controlled Radical Polymerization.* Macromolecular Research, 2016 ( ) 1-6. doi: [10.1007/s13233-016-4096-3](#) (Corresponding Author, impact factor: 1.590)
38. Plint, T.; **Lessard, B. H.**; Bender, T. P. *Assessing the potential of group 13 and 14 metal/metalloid phthalocyanines as hole transporting layers in organic light emitting diodes.* J. Appl. Phys., 2016, 119, 145502. doi: [10.1063/1.4945377](#) (impact factor: 2.276)
37. **Lessard, B. H.\***; Marić, M.\* *Thiophene decorated block copolymers templated from poly(styrene-alt-maleic anhydride)-block-poly(styrene) one-shot block copolymer: effect of thiophene inclusion on morphology".* Journal of Polymer Research, 2016, 23, 1-6 doi: [10.1007/s10965-016-0931-7](#) (Corresponding Author, impact factor: 1.982)
36. **Lessard, B. H.**; Grant, T. M.; Thibau, E.; White, R. T.; Lu, Z. H.; Bender, T. P. *One small change in the fluorophenoxy structure: one huge change in the acceptor and donor properties of silicon phthalocyanine J.* Mater. Chem. A, 2015, 3, 24512-24524. doi: [10.1039/C5TA07173A](#) (impact factor: 7.443)
35. **Lessard, B. H.\***; Bender, T. P.\* *Controlled and Selective placement of Boron Subphthalocyanines on Either Chain End of Polymers Synthesized by Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization.* AIMS Macromolecular Science, 2015, 2, 411-426. doi: [10.3934/molsci.2015.4.411](#) (Corresponding Author, OPEN ACCESS)
34. **Lessard, B. H.**; Sampson, K. L.; Plint, T.; Bender, T. P. *Boron Subphthalocyanine Polymers: Avoiding the Small Molecule Side Product and Exploring their use in Organic Light emitting Diodes.* J. Polym. Sci. A: Polym. Chem., 2015, 53, 1996-2006. doi: [10.1002/pola.27685](#) (Inside Cover, impact factor: 3.245),
33. Melville, O.; **Lessard, B. H.\***; Bender, T. P.\* *Phthalocyanine Based Organic Thin-Film Transistors: A Review of Recent Advances.* Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2015, 7, 13105-13118 doi: [10.1021/acsami.5b01718](#) (Corresponding author, OPEN ACCESS, impact factor: 6.723),
32. **Lessard, B. H.**; White, R. T.; Al-Amar, M.; Plint, T.; Castrucci, J. S.; Josey, D.; Lu, Z. H.; Bender, T. P. *Assessing the potential roles of silicon and germanium phthalocyanines in planar heterojunction organic photovoltaic devices and how pentafluoro phenoxylation can enhance  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions and device performance.* Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2015, 7, 5076-5088. doi: [10.1021/am508491v](#) (impact factor: 6.723)
31. **Lessard, B. H.**; Al-Amar, M.; Grant, T. M.; White, R. T.; Lu, Z. H.; Bender, T. P. *From Chloro to Fluoro, Expanding the Role of Aluminium Phthalocyanine in Organic Photovoltaic Devices.* J. Mater. Chem. A, 2015, 3, 5047-5053. doi: [10.1039/C4TA06759B](#) (impact factor: 7.443)
30. **Lessard, B. H.\***; Beouch, L.; Goubard, F.; Wantz, G.; Marić, M.; Gimes, D.; Dumur, F.\* *Poly(2-(N-carbazolyl)ethyl acrylate) as Host for High Efficiency Polymer Light-Emitting Devices.* Organic Electronics, 2015, 17, 377-385. doi: [10.1016/j.orgel.2014.12.019](#) (Corresponding author, impact factor: 3.929)

29. Josey, D. S.; Castrucci, J. S.; Dang, J. D.; **Lessard, B. H.**; Bender, T. P. *Evaluating thiophene electron donor layers for the rapid assessment of boron subphthalocyanines as electron acceptors in organic photovoltaics; solution or vacuum deposition?*. ChemPhysChem, 2015,16, 1245-1250  
doi: [10.1002/cphc.201402751](https://doi.org/10.1002/cphc.201402751). (impact factor: 3.360)
28. **Lessard, B. H.**; Dang, J. D.; Grant, T. M.; Gao, D.; Seferos, D.; Bender, T. P. *Bis(tri-n-hexylsilyl oxide) silicon phthalocyanine is a unique additive in ternary bulk heterojunction organic photovoltaic devices*. Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2014, 6, 15040-15051. doi: [10.1021/am503038t](https://doi.org/10.1021/am503038t) (impact factor: 6.723)
27. Wang, J; **Lessard, B. H.**; Marić, M.; Favis, B. D. *Hierarchically Porous Polymeric Materials from Ternary Polymer Blends*. Polymer, 2014, 55, 3461-3467 (Communication, impact factor: 4.224).  
doi: [10.1016/j.polymer.2014.06.042](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polymer.2014.06.042)
26. Kazemi, N; **Lessard, B. H.**; Marić, M.; Duever, T. A.; Penlidis, A. *Reactivity Ratio Estimation in Radical Copolymerization: From Preliminary Estimates to Optimal Design of Experiments*. Industrial & Eng. Chem. Research, 2014, 53, 7305-7312. (impact factor: 2.235) doi: [10.1021/ie402765k](https://doi.org/10.1021/ie402765k)
25. **Lessard, B. H.**; Bender, T. P. *Boron subphthalocyanine polymers by facile coupling to poly(acrylic acid-ran-styrene) copolymers synthesized by nitroxide mediated polymerization and the associated problems with auto-initiation*. Macromol. Rapid Commun., 2013, 34, 568-573. (Communication, impact factor: 4.929).  
doi: [10.1002/marc.201200787](https://doi.org/10.1002/marc.201200787) (Materials View Article, U of T News, U of T Eng. Faculty News, U of T Chem. Eng. Dept. News, Cover Article)
24. Wang, Z. J.; **Lessard, B. H.**; Marić, M. *Thermo-Responsive Micelles based on Poly(Phenyl Acrylate)-b-Poly(Diethyl Acrylamide) Block Copolymers*. eXPRESS polymer letters, 2013, 7, 1020-1029. (impact factor: 2.953) doi: [10.3144/expresspolymlett.2013.100](https://doi.org/10.3144/expresspolymlett.2013.100)
23. **Lessard, B. H.\***; Guillaneuf, Y; Mathew, M.; Liang, K; Clement, J.-L.; Gimes, D.; Hutchinson, R.A.; Marić, M. *Understanding the Controlled Polymerization of Methyl Methacrylate with Low Concentrations of 9-(4-Vinylbenzyl)-9H-Carbazole Comonomer by Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization: The Pivotal Role of Reactivity Ratios*. Macromolecules, 2013, 46, 805-813.(Corresponding author, impact factor: 5.927).  
doi: [10.1021/ma3023525](https://doi.org/10.1021/ma3023525)
22. **Lessard, B. H.**; Savelyeva, X.; Marić, M. *Smart Morpholine-Functional Statistical Copolymers Synthesized by Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization*. Polymer, 2012, 25, 5649-5656.(impact factor: 4.224)  
doi: [10.1016/j.polymer.2012.10.020](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polymer.2012.10.020)
21. Dang, J. D.; Virdo, J.; **Lessard, B. H.**; Paton, A.; Bultz, E.; Bender, T. *A boron subphthalocyanine polymer: Poly(4-methyl styrene)-co-poly(phenoxy-boron-subphthalocyanine)*. Macromolecules, 2012, 5, 7791-7798.(impact factor: 5.927) doi: [10.1021/ma301247p](https://doi.org/10.1021/ma301247p)
20. **Lessard, B. H.**; Marić, M. *Optimization of 4-Vinylpyridine Nitroxide Mediated Controlled Radical Polymerization: Effect of Initiator Protection and Complexation with C<sub>60</sub>*. e-Polymer, 2012, 063, 1-16.(impact factor: 0.330) doi: [10.1515/epoly.2012.12.1.741](https://doi.org/10.1515/epoly.2012.12.1.741), Citations = 1
19. **Lessard, B. H.**; Ling, E. J.; Marić, M. *Fluorescent, Thermoresponsive Oligo(ethylene glycol) Methacrylate/9-(4-vinylbenzyl)-9H-carbazole Copolymers Designed with Multiple LCSTs via Nitroxide Mediated Controlled Radical Polymerization*. Macromolecules, 2012, 45,1879-1891.(impact factor: 5.927)  
doi: [10.1021/ma202648k](https://doi.org/10.1021/ma202648k)
18. **Lessard, B. H.**; Marić, M. *Water-Soluble/Dispersible Carbazole-Containing Random and Block Copolymers by Nitroxide Mediated Radical Polymerization*. Can. J. Chem. Eng., 2012, 91, 618-629.(impact factor: 1.313)  
doi: [10.1002/cjce.21676](https://doi.org/10.1002/cjce.21676)
17. Savelyeva, X.; **Lessard, B. H.**; Marić, M. *Amphiphilic poly(4-Acryloylmorpholine)-block-poly(2-(N-Carbazolyl) Ethyl Acrylate) Random Copolymers and Block Copolymers Synthesized by Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization*. Macromol. React. Eng., 2012, 6, 200-212.(impact factor: 1.336)  
doi: [10.1002/mren.201100076](https://doi.org/10.1002/mren.201100076)
16. **Lessard, B.**; Marić, M. *"Smart" Poly(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl Methacrylate-ran-9-(4-Vinylbenzyl)-9H-Carbazole) Copolymers Synthesized by Nitroxide Mediated Radical Polymerization*. J. Polym. Sci. A: Polym. Chem., 2011, 49, 5270-5283. (Inside Cover Article, impact factor: 3.245) doi: [10.1002/pola.25004](https://doi.org/10.1002/pola.25004)

11. Marić, M.; **Lessard, B. H.**; Ling, E. J.; Consolante, V.; *Incorporating Primary Amine Pendant Groups into Copolymers via Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization*. *Reactive Funct. Polym.*, 2011, 71, 1137-1147.(impact factor: 2.822) doi: [10.1016/j.reactfunctpolym.2011.09.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.reactfunctpolym.2011.09.006)
14. Moayeri, A.; **Lessard, B.**; Marić, M. *Nitroxide mediated controlled synthesis of glycidyl methacrylate-rich copolymers enabled by SG1-based alkoxyamines bearing succinimidyl ester groups*. *Polym. Chem.*, 2011, 2, 2084-2092.(impact factor: 5.231) doi: [10.1039/C1PY00190F](https://doi.org/10.1039/C1PY00190F)
13. **Lessard, B.**; Ling, E. J.; Morin, M. S. T.; Marić, M. *Nitroxide Mediated Radical Copolymerization of Methyl Methacrylate Controlled with a Minimal Amount of 9-(4-Vinylbenzyl)-9H-Carbazole*. *J. Polym. Sci. A: Polym. Chem.*, 2011, 49, 1033-1045.(impact factor: 3.245) doi: [10.1002/pola.24522](https://doi.org/10.1002/pola.24522)
12. **Lessard, B.**; Aumand-Bourque, C.; Chaudury, R.; Gomez, D.; Haroon, A.; Ibrahimian, N.; Mackay, S.; Noel, M.-C.; Patel, R.; Sitaram, S.; Valla, S.; White B.; Marić, M. *Poly(ethylene-co-butylene)-b-(styrene-ran-maleic anhydride)<sub>2</sub> Compatibilizers via Nitroxide Mediated Radical Polymerization*. *International Polym. Processing*, 2011, XXVI, 197-204.(impact factor: 0.690) doi: [10.3139/217.2425](https://doi.org/10.3139/217.2425)
11. Zhang, C.; **Lessard, B.**; Marić, M. *Synthesis and Characterization of Benzyl Methacrylate/Styrene Random Copolymers Prepared by NMP* *Macromol. React. Eng.*, 2010, 4, 415-423.(impact factor: 1.638) doi: [10.1002/mren.200900069](https://doi.org/10.1002/mren.200900069)
10. **Lessard, B.**; Tervo, C.; De Wahl, S. ; Clerveaux.; F. J.; Tang, K. K.; Yasmine, S.; Andjelic, S.; D'Alessandro, A; Marić, M. *Poly(Tert-Butyl Methacrylate/Styrene) Macroinitiators as Precursors for Organo and Water-Soluble Functional Copolymers using Nitroxide Mediated Controlled Radical Polymerization* *Macromolecules*, 2010, 43, 868-878.(impact factor: 5.927) doi: [10.1021/ma9022185](https://doi.org/10.1021/ma9022185)
9. **Lessard, B.**; Marić, M. *One-Step Poly(styrene-alt-maleic anhydride)-block-Poly(styrene) Copolymers with Highly Alternating Styrene/Maleic Anhydride Sequences is Possible by Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization* *Macromolecules*, 2010, 43, 879-885.(impact factor: 5.927) doi: [10.1021/ma902234t](https://doi.org/10.1021/ma902234t)
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## N) Patents and Patents Applications

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## O) Book Chapters

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## P) Publications in Refereed Conference Proceedings

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2. Oral Presentation - **B. H. Lessard**; M. Marić\* *Maleic Anhydride Copolymers by Controlled Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization* Polymer Processing Society 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, (PPS-26) Banff, AB, Canada - (7/7/2010)
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## Q) Invited and/or Keynote Conference Proceedings (Non-Refereed Contributions)

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## R) Other Invited Presentations (Invited Seminar)

5. **Universités Bordeaux**, Laboratoire de l'Intégration du Matériau au Système (IMS), Bordeaux, France, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 (*Invited seminar*)
4. **Université Aix-Marseille**, Laboratoire Chimie Provence Equipe CROPS, Marseille, France, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 (*Invited seminar* - Talk given in French)
3. **Queen's University**, Kingston, Canada, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 (*Invited seminar*)
2. **Université Aix-Marseille**, Laboratoire Chimie Provence Equipe CROPS, Marseille, France, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 (*Invited seminar*)
1. **Technical University of Denmark**, Danish Polymer Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 (*Invited seminar*)

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33. Oral Presentation - **B. Lessard\***, T.M Grant, T. P. Bender. *Silicon phthalocyanines as acceptor and ternary additive in bulk heterojunction organic photovoltaic devices*. Canadian Chemistry Society, 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (CSC 13-17/30/2015), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
32. Oral Presentation - **B. Lessard\***, K. Sampson, T.G. Plint, T. P. Bender. *Engineering Boron subphthalocyanine (BsubPc) Polymers and their use in Organic Electronic devices*. Canadian Chemistry Society, 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (CSC 13-17/30/2015), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
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24. Oral Presentation - **B. Lessard\***, M. Marić, T. Bender. *Utilizing the Photo-Fries Rearrangement of Poly(Phenyl Acrylate) for the Synthesis of Novel Polymer Materials*. 35<sup>th</sup> Canadian High Polymer Forum (HPF 08/16/2012), Gananoque, Ontario, Canada.
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13. Poster Presentation E.J.Y. Ling\*, **B. Lessard**, M. Marić. *Nitroxide-Mediated Polymerization of 9-(4-Vinylbenzyl)-9H-Carbazole (VBK)*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering ([SURE, 08/2010](#)) Poster Presentation, Montreal, Canada.
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