



American Chemical Society - Orange County Section

High School Awards Dinner Banquet

Thursday, May 23, 2013

**University of California, Irvine, Student Center
Corner of West Peltason Drive and Pereira Drive**

Registration	- 5:45 pm	Dinner	- 6:15 pm
Speaker	- 7:15 pm	Awards Presentations	- 8:00 pm

Reservations: Register online through the Orange County American Chemical Society website www.ocacs.org. On the 'Community' tab, click on the 'High School Exam' button and then the 'Awards Dinner link', or go to www.ocacs.org/reghighschool dinner.htm. Follow the directions to pay with a credit/debit card or PayPal and then fill out and submit the Registration form.

Both payment and Registration must be completed by **5:00pm on Wednesday, May 15th 2013**.

Cost: \$23 per dinner. The teacher of each student awardee and the student attend as guests of ACS, but reservations are required. No one can be seated for dinner without advance reservations.

To be seated with a particular high school's students, enter "ACS Member and the name of the High School" and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Please remember to pay AND complete the registration form.

E-mail questions to Helen Wagner hwagner0227@gmail.com .

Directions: Exit the 405 freeway on Culver Dr. going South. Turn right onto University Dr. and then left onto Harvard Ave. Turn right onto Bridge Rd. and finally left onto Pereira Dr.

The parking structure is across from the Student Center. Tell the parking attendant that you are there for the AirUCI/ACS Awards Banquet. There is a reduced parking fee of \$6 for this event.

A Random Walk to Graduate School

Dr. Matthew Dawson

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Abstract: Matthew Dawson is doing postgraduate work with the AirUCI Research Program under the direction of Dr. Barbara Finalyson-Pitts. AirUCI is an interdisciplinary research group involved in climate change research with an emphasis on atmospheric chemistry. He will describe his route to higher education and the somewhat circuitous route he took to graduate school.

Biography: Dr. Dawson's talk will emphasize his academic journey from high school student to UCI postdoctoral researcher with specific attention to navigating the educational advancement process, finding a mentor, and maintaining focus.