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Paul Jackson received his B.A. in Chemistry from St. Olaf College in 1992 and his Ph.D. in Analytical/Organic Chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1997. While working on his Ph.D., Paul was involved with the Teaching Opportunities Program for Doctoral Students, a precursor to the Preparing Future Faculty program, from 1995-97.

After obtaining his Ph.D., Paul became a Camille and Henry Dreyfuss Postdoctoral Fellow with the Chemistry Department at St. Olaf College from 1997-99. He was later appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry at St. Olaf and is now an Associate Professor.

At St. Olaf Professor Jackson teaches general, analytical, and environmental chemistry as well as introduction to environmental studies. He directs independent undergraduate research related to chemical profiling of freshwater habitats, determination of pharmaceutical related substances in wastewaters, and incorporating green chemistry into the undergraduate science curriculum. Currently Paul serves as a member of the college's Sustainability Task Force, the Science Complex Design Team and the Green Building Team.

Paul has been active in the chemistry profession as a peer reviewer for the following scientific journals and organizations: Journal of Chromatography, Environmental Science and Technology, Analytica Chimica Acta, Advances in Environmental Research, Journal of Chemical Education, National Science Foundation, and the American Chemical Society – Petroleum Research Fund. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, W. M. Keck Foundation, Merck-AAAS Undergraduate Research Program, National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, and St. Olaf College.

Professor Jackson's current interests include: the use of technology in chemical education; environmental health and education; scientific communication; diversity within the chemical professions; Truman and Rudy, his family's Boston Terriers; home repair and improvement; and interpersonal communication.