

*Direct Functionalization of  $sp^2$  and  $sp^3$   
Carbon-Hydrogen Bonds*

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**Professional Career**

Olafs Daugulis was born in Riga, Latvia in 1968. He obtained the BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Riga Technical University. His PhD research was performed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the group of Prof. E. Vedejs. After obtaining the PhD in 1999 he joined the group of Prof. M. Brookhart at UNC-Chapel Hill as a postdoctoral associate. In 2003 he joined the faculty at the University of Houston. Since 2014, he is a Professor and Welch Chair in Chemistry at the University of Houston



**Research Interests**

His research interests include development of synthetic organic and organometallic methodology, Group 9-11 metal chemistry, and design of new catalysts for olefin polymerization.

**Awards**

His accolades include 2008 A. P. Sloan Fellowship, 2008 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, 2010 University of Houston Teaching Excellence Award, 2013 Norman Hackerman Award in Chemical Research, and 2014 ACS Cope Scholar Award.