

Dr. Frank D. Blum

Department of Chemistry

Dr. Frank D. Blum grew up in Chicago, Ill., earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Eastern Illinois University in 1976 and his master's degree in physical chemistry in 1977. He obtained his Ph.D. in 1981 from the University of Minnesota.

He was assistant professor of chemistry at Drexel University in Philadelphia from 1981 to 1986. He then moved to the University of Missouri-Rolla, where he rose to the rank of Curators' Professor of Chemistry and adjunct professor of materials science and engineering. In 2010, he moved to the Oklahoma State University as the Harrison I. Bartlett Chair and professor and chair of chemistry. Frank has held visiting positions at IBM in San Jose, Calif., and at Lund University in Lund, Sweden.

Blum's research interests are in the areas of materials science and surface chemistry with a focus on polymers. He has co-authored more than 215 publications and has supervised 25 Ph.D. students. Frank has received two Exxon Education Foundation Awards and an Alcoa Foundation Award. He has also received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Eastern Illinois University.

Blum has been secretary and chair of the Division of Polymer Chemistry of the American Chemical Society (ACS), which has honored him with distinguished service and special service awards. He has been councilor of ACS for over 20 years and formerly chairs of the ACS committees on nominations and elections and divisional activities. He is a Fellow of the American Chemical Society, and was named a Regents Professor in 2011.



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