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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

*Harvard* 2011–Present Postdoctoral researcher, THE BROAD INSTITUTE OF HARVARD AND MIT

- Established structure–activity relationships for a number of biologically active small molecules
- Discovered novel modes of covalent small molecule–protein interactions
- Elucidated structure of an inhibitor of transcriptional machinery
- Directed effort on synthesis and rapid annotation of compounds via multiplexed phenotypic assays

### References:

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*UCSB* 2006–2011 Research Assistant, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

- Developed catalytic, enantio-, regio-, and chemoselective copper hydride-catalyzed reactions.
- Established “green” synthetic methodologies (aqueous micelles, solid-supported catalysts)

### References:

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*University of Niš* 2004–2006 Researcher, UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ

- Characterized essential oils and plant extracts by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry and linked the composition to geographic origin of plants.
- Graph theoretical computational analysis of organic molecules

## EDUCATION

	<i>2006-2011</i>	University of California, Santa Barbara
<i>PhD</i>	GPA: 3.97 / 4.00	· <i>Organic Chemistry</i> Thesis: <i>A. Advances in Copper Hydride-Catalyzed Reactions B. Bimetallic Heterogeneous Catalysis C. Tandem Olefin Metathesis/Elimination.</i> Advisor: Prof. Bruce H. LIPSHUTZ
	<i>2001-2004</i>	University of Niš, Serbia
<i>BSc</i>	GPA: 9.72 / 10.00	· <i>Chemistry</i> · School: Faculty of Science and Mathematics

## PUBLICATIONS

1. R. Linstadt, C. Peterson, C. Jette, **Z. Boskovic**, B. Lipshutz  
“Control of Chemo-, Regio-, and Enantio-Selectivity in Copper Hydride Reductions of Morita-Baylis-Hillman Adducts”, *submitted to Journal of the American Chemical Society*
2. **Z. V. Boskovic**, M. Kemp, A. Freedy, V. Viswanathan, M. Pop, J. Fuller, N. Martinez, S. Figueroa Lazú, J. Hong, T. Lewis, D. Calarese, J. Love, A. Vetere, S. Almo, S. L. Schreiber, A. N. Koehler “Inhibition of zinc-dependent histone deacetylases with a chemically triggered electrophile”, *ACS Chemical Biology*, **2016**, *11*, 1844–1851
3. C. J. Gerry, B. K. Hua, M. J. Wawer, S. D. Nelson Jr., O. Verho, S. Dandapani, B. K. Wagner, P. A. Clemons, **Z. V. Boskovic**,\* S. L. Schreiber\* “Synthesis and real-time biological annotation of isomeric small-molecule triads”, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, **2016**, *138*, 8920–8927, \* - corresponding authors
4. S. Haftchenary, S. D. Nelson Jr., L. Furst, S. Dandapani, S. Ferrara, **Z. V. Boskovic**, S. Figueroa Lazú, A. Guerrero, J. Serrano, D. Crews, C. Brackeen, J. Mowat, T. Brumby, M. Bauser, S. L. Schreiber, and A. J. Phillips “Efficient Routes to a Diverse Array of Amino Alcohol-Derived Chiral Fragments”, *ACS Combinatorial Science*, **2016**, *18*, 569–574.
5. S. Byun, S. G. Kim, K. W. Yoon, S. H. Shin, **Z. V. Boskovic**, J. Li, Y. J. Jang, K. W. Lee, A. Mandinova, J. Blenis, and S. W. Lee “Synthetic lethality by targeting the RUVBL1/2-TTT complex in mTORC1-hyperactive cancer cells”, *accepted for publication Nature Communications*
6. Z. Zhang, **Z. Boskovic**, M. Hussain, W. Hu, C. Inouye, H.-J. Kim, A. K. Abole, T. Lewis, L. MacPherson, D. Trauner, A. N.

Koehler, S. L. Schreiber, R. Tjian "Chemical Perturbation of an Intrinsically Disordered Region of TFIID Distinguishes Two Modes of Transcription Initiation", *eLife* 2015;10:7554/eLife.07777

7. V. Viswanathan , B. Seashore-Ludlow, A. Aguirre , K. Shimada, S. Chattopadhyay, P. Tamayo, W. Yang, M. Rees, J. Cheah, J. Paulk, S. Chen, **Z. Boskovic**, S. Javaid, C. Huang, X. Wu, Y.-Y. Tseng, A. Tsherniak, J. Cleary, B. Wolpin, J. Mesirov, D. Haber, J. Engelman, J. Boehm, J. Kotz, W. Hahn, P. Clemons, A. Shamji, B. Stockwell, S. Schreiber "Dependency of high mesenchymal state cancer cells on a glutathione-selenoprotein pathway", *in revision Nature*
8. B. H. Lipshutz, **Z. Boskovic**, C. S. Crowe, V. K. Davis, H. C. Whittemore, D. A. Vosburg, A. G. Wenzel "Green "Click" and Olefin Metathesis Chemistry in Water at Room Temperature Enabled by Biodegradable Micelles" *J. Chem. Ed.*, 2013, 90, 1514-1517.
9. Y. Yuan, K. Hartland, **Z. V. Boskovic**, Y. Wang, D. Walpita, P. A. Lysy, C. Zhong, D. W. Young, Y.-K. Kim, N. J. Tolliday, E. M. Sokal, S. L. Schreiber, and B. K. Wagner "Small molecule-mediated expression of PDX1 causes acquisition of beta cell-like characteristics in a human ductal cancer cell line" *Chemistry and Biology*, 2013, 20, 1513-1522.
10. **Z. V. Boskovic**, M. M. Hussain, D. J. Adams, M. Dai, S. L. Schreiber "Synthesis of piperlogs and analysis of their effects on cells" *Tetrahedron*, 2013, 69, 7559-7567. Invited submission for special issue honoring Professor Paul Wender.
11. D. J. Adams, **Z. V. Boskovic**, J. R. Theriault, A. J. Wang, A. M. Stern, B. K. Wagner, A. F. Shamji, and S. L. Schreiber "High-throughput screening identifies small-molecule enhancers of reactive oxygen species that are nontoxic or cause genotype-selective cell death" *ACS Chem. Biol.* 2013, 8, 923-929.
12. R. Moser, **Z. V. Boskovic**, C. S. Crowe, B. H. Lipshutz "CuH-Catalyzed Enantioselective 1,2 Reductions of  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Ketones" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2010, 132, 7852-7853.
13. B. H. Lipshutz, **Z. V. Boskovic**, D. H. Aue "Synthesis of Activated Alkenylboronates from Acetylenic Esters by CuH-Catalyzed 1,2-Addition/Transmetalation" *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2008, 47, 10183-10186.
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- unsaturated carbonyl derivatives" *Tetrahedron*, **2008**, *64*, 6949–6954.
15. B. H. Lipshutz, D. M. Nihan, E. Vinogradova, B. R. Taft, **Z. V. Boskovic** "Copper + nickel-in-charcoal (Cu-Ni/C): A bimetallic, heterogeneous catalyst for cross-couplings" *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 4279–4282.
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  17. **Z. Boskovic**, N. Radulovic, G. Stojanovic "Essential Oil Composition of Four Achillea Species from the Balkans and its Chemotaxonomic Significance" *Chem. Nat. Compd.*, **2005**, *41*, 674–678.
  18. I. Gutman, G. Stojanovic, **Z. Boskovic**, N. Radulovic, P. Rasic "Comparing the Randic-Balaban and the Clar Models for Partitioning of pi-electrons in Rings of the Benzenoid Hydrocarbons: the Case of Phenes and Starphenes" *Polycycl. Aromat. Comp.*, **2005**, *25*, 345–355.
  19. I. Gutman, B. Furtula, B. Arsic, **Z. Boskovic** "On the Relation between Zenkevich and Wiener Indices of Alkanes" *J. Serb. Chem. Soc.*, **2004**, *69*, 265–271.

#### REVIEWS & COMMENTARIES

1. M. Dai, **Z. Boskovic** "Ruthenium Complex of N,N,N-Trimethyl-1,4,7-triazacyclononane and Ruthenium Complex of cis-Diaquabis (6,6-Dichloro-2,2-bipyridine) - First update", e-EROS Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis.
2. B. H. Lipshutz, **Z. V. Boskovic** "1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)benzenecopper Hydride [(BDP)CuH]" e-EROS Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis.
3. B. H. Lipshutz, A. R. Abela, **Z. V. Boskovic**, T. Nishikata, C. Duplais, A. Krasovskiy "Greening Up Cross-coupling Reactions" *Top. Catal.* **2010**, *53*, 985–990.

#### PATENTS

1. Compounds, Compositions, and Methods for Cancer Therapy,  
U.S. Patent No. 9,108,923; Filed: March 13, 2013, Approved:  
August 18, 2015
  
2. Compositions and Methods for Treating Multiple Myeloma, U.S.  
Provisional Patent Application No.: 62/205,382

#### TEACHING AND MENTORING

*Mentor*                    2016 · Masahiko Yoshimura · Nagoya University

2015 · Bruce K. Hua · Harvard

2015 · Christopher J. Gerry · Harvard

2014 · DeMarcus K. Crews · Morehouse College

2013 · Allyson M. Freedy · Harvard

2012 · Samuel O. Figueroa Lazú · UPR Humacao

2010 · Chris S. Crowe · UC SB

*Teaching Assistant*                    Chemistry 6a · UC SB · Introductory organic chemistry lab

Chemistry 6b · UC SB · Intermediate organic chemistry lab

Chemistry 6c · UC SB · Advanced organic chemistry lab

#### OTHER INFORMATION

*Awards*                    2016 · BroadNext10 Scientific Frontiers award (\$40,000)

2011 · Howard Hughes Medical Institute postdoctoral fellowship

2010 · Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara

2009 · Sam L. Nguyen Fellowship

2006 · Fellowship of the Government of Republic of Serbia

2005 · Best Student, Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics, University of Nis, Serbia

2005 · Serbian Chemical Society Yearly Award

2004 · Nenad Kostic Fund for Chemical Sciences Award

#### *Invited Lectures & Posters*

2015 · American Chemical Society National Symposium; Two poster presentations

"Does Your Molecule Do Anything", **Zarko V. Boskovic**, Christopher J. Gerry, Bruce K. Hua, Stuart L. Schreiber  
"Elucidating Mechanism of Action of a Bioactive Small Molecule With the Aid of Isotopic Labeling", **Zarko V.**

**Boskovic, Shrikanta Chattopadhyay, Cherrie Huang,  
Stuart L. Schreiber**

2013 · Juniata College, "How do you oxidize cells? Use Michael  
acceptors"

2010 · Graduate Research Symposium, Boston College, "A Shift  
In Regioselectivity of Copper Hydride Catalyzed Reductions: An  
Inroad to Chiral Allylic Alcohols"

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