

David E. Lewis

David retired in January 2022 with the rank of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry after a 43-year career in higher education in the United States.

In October 2022, David was chosen to deliver the Golden Jubilee 'Jubilee Address' to the Adelaide University Class of 1972.

David's career in chemistry has been spent in the United States, beginning at the University of Arkansas (Research Associate 1977-1978; Lecturer in Chemistry 1979-1980) followed by an appointment to the School of Chemical Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Visiting Assistant Professor, 1980-1981).

He holds 18 US Patents and during his career, has published over 90 papers in refereed scientific journals, 6 refereed chapters in books (mainly published Proceedings of symposia where he was an invited speaker), 5 invited articles subject to editorial review only, 7 books with 3 more in press, and 12 columns in "Synform", the open-access online supplement of the Georg Thieme "Synthesis" suite of journals.

David has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Division of the History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society for the last two decades, and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (1998), a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (2015), and a member of the inaugural cohort of HIST Fellows (2022).

David received the 2018 HIST Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry, an international award supported and administered by the Division of the History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society. He was also named one of the Laureates of the Markovnikov Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Organic Chemistry in 2019, and is the only non-Russian to have won this award.

David E. Lewis attended SHS from 1964-1968 and was a Prefect in1967; Head Prefect in1968; and Dux in1968.