

- ***They always come back.....***  
**1997 REU Alumni, Tristan Lambert**  
**Mentor:** *Joseph Heppert*

Professor Lambert returns as a guest lecturer for the Chemistry Department. No doubt flashbulb memories of the time spent here as a former REU Participant were vividly recalled during his visit. Prof. Lambert is currently at Columbia University. His research focus is in the area of catalysis with an interest in the development of novel catalytic strategies for selective organic synthesis. Prime projects include dehydrative reactions, enantioselective Bronsted base catalysis, and carbonyl-olefin metathesis.

**Other highlights of his life since leaving KU**

In November 2014 he served as a scientific consultant for the “Tonight Show” with Jimmy Fallon; The book *Organic Synthesis: State of the Art 2011-2013* by Doug Taber and Tristan Lambert was published.