

Alumnus of the Month June 2022

Dr. Acree graduated from Missouri S & T with a bachelor's degree (1975), a master's degree (1977), and a doctorate degree (1981) in Chemistry. He did his postdoctoral research at the University of Kansas in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. He taught at Kent State University from September 1982 to August 1988 before moving to the University of North Texas, where he is currently a Professor in the Chemistry Department.

Research interests: Chemical and solution thermodynamics, spectrofluorometric probe studies, and the development of Linear Free Energy Relationships to mathematically describe solute transfer properties of chemical, biological, pharmaceutical and environmental importance. Specific process that have been successfully described include the partitioning of drug molecules between the blood and various body tissues and fluids, the toxicity of organic compounds to various aquatic organisms, the gas chromatographic and liquid chromatographic retention behavior of organic solutes on several hundred different chromatographic stationary phases, and the partitioning behavior of both molecular and ionic solutes. Dr. Acree's research has resulted in the publication of more than 1,000 peer-refereed research articles, one research monograph on solution thermodynamic properties of nonelectrolyte solutions, six volumes in the IUPAC-NIST Solubility Data Series, as well as several encyclopedia articles, book chapters and educational articles in the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

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Recent publications:

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