



## Dr. Robert A. Gossage



**Date of birth:** April 12

**Awards:**

**2012** – Dean's Teaching Award

**2007** – Tetrahedron Letters Most Cited Paper Award (2004-2007)

**Current research interests:** coordination chemistry, catalysis, ligand design.

**Hobbies:** I spend way too much time a work to have hobbies! However, when I am not organizing 'staff retreats' for Professor Danby, I try to get out and capture the moment with fine wine and photography.

*My best investment was... an education.*

*A good work day begins with... a cool crystal structure.*

*If I could have dinner with three famous scientists from history, they would be... Alfred Werner, Hedy Lamarr, Alfred Nobel.*

*My favorite drink is a... glass of wine.*

*My first experiment was the synthesis of... ( $\kappa^2$ -N,N'-bipyridine)tetracarbonylmolybdenum(0)*

*If I could be a piece of lab equipment, I would be... a rotovap.*

*My favorite book is... "Youth" by J. Conrad.*

*My favorite composer/musician is... Miles Davis.*

*My favorite chemical reaction is... the Grignard Reaction.*

*The biggest problem facing scientists... is the availability of funding for research.*

*What I look for first in a publication is... an intriguing graphical abstract.*

*I can never resist... a good laugh.*

*My biggest motivation is... fear.*

*My top three films of all time are... Ninth Gate (1999), Casablanca (1942) and La vie et rien d'autre (1989).*

*The most important thing I learned from my students is... that I have a lot to learn.*

*My science "heroes" are... Maru the Cat.*