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Laurel has received numerous awards recognizing her research excellence including a Humboldt Research Award (2010), an NSERC Discovery Grant Accelerator Award (2011), a UBC Sustainability Research Fellowship (2011), the Clara Benson Award (2014) and she is a Canada Research Chair in Catalyst Development (2011 – 2021). She is also an FSRC, FSRC(UK) and FAAAS and an Associate Editor at Organometallics. Laurel is a leader in the development of new catalysts using early transition metals for the efficient, atom economic and selective synthesis of amine functionalized small molecules and materials of interest to the pharmaceutical, agrochemical, fine chemical and polymer industries.