



The College of Science Distinguished Alumni Award

Christy Landes
BS Chemistry '98

Christy Landes, BS Chemistry '98, earned a PhD in physical chemistry at the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2003. She was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Oregon and a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin. Landes started in 2006 as an assistant professor at the University of Houston, moved to Rice University in 2009, and was promoted to associate professor in 2014, full professor in 2017, and to the Kenneth S. Pitzer-Schlumberger Chair of Chemistry in 2021. Since 2023, she is the Jerry A. Walker Endowed Chair in Chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with appointments in electrical and computer engineering, chemical and biomolecular engineering, and the Materials Research Laboratory.

Landes was elected chair of the Physical Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in 2023. She is a senior editor at *Accounts of Chemical Research*. She is a fellow of the Kavli Foundation, the American Chemical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Other awards include the ACS Early-Career Award in Experimental Physical Chemistry, the Langmuir Lectureship, and the Kinosita Award in Single-Molecule Biophysics from the Biophysical Society.