My favorite author (fiction) is Tim Winton.

My top three films of all time are *The Big Lebowski*, *Pulp Fiction*, and *Goodfellas*.

The downside of my job is dealing with the ever-expanding university administration.

My favorite food is Thai ... and fried Dim Sims on the way home from the pub.

My favorite saying is “If it ain’t published, it never happened”.

If I won the lottery, I would buy more many more lottery tickets.

If I were not a scientist, I would be in jail, probably.

The most exciting thing about my research is dealing with enthusiastic and intelligent research students. They keep me feeling young on the inside, while the outside crumbles.

I am guaranteed to make me laugh is American comedian Bill Burr.

The best advice I have ever been given is never pursue derivative chemistry. Always aim to break new and exciting ground. It will pay off in the long term.

The worst advice I have ever been given was don’t become a university academic. Get a real job! If I could go back in time and do any experiment, it would be Frankland’s synthesis of diethyl zinc under an atmosphere of H₂. That takes some **cojones**!

I can never resist a margarita on the rocks, with a rack of Texas barbequed spare ribs.

My 5 top papers:


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