

# Remembering Sunney Chan

Sunney was extremely important in my early career. I arrived at Caltech as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the fall of 1979. I wanted to study high-spin organic molecules, and Sunney graciously gave us unlimited access to the EPR spectrometer he had set up and maintained. That, along with the intellectual advice and support that he gave freely, really enabled me to get my research program off and running.

Sunney was always a steadying influence and a valued colleague of all of us in the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Caltech. A special honor came to me in 2002, when I was named the George Grant Hoag Chair of Chemistry, following in the footsteps of the original holder of that Chair, Sunney Chan. And, of course, I was greatly honored to give the 2008 Sunney Chan Lecture in Chemical Biology at Academia Sinica.

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