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Early Career Stars of the Decade

Message from the Guest Editors

The field of liquid crystals is constantly reinventing itself, evolving from measurements of elastic constants and devices such as the simple nematic twist cell in the 1970s to topological defects, nanoparticle inclusions, and smart sensors today. Many of these advances have been made by early career investigators, some trained within the liquid crystal discipline and many others entering the field from outside. These early career innovators bring excitement and fresh ideas, and make contributions that will influence the field for years to come. This issue highlights a number of high profile early investigators, all of whom have been active for less than 10 years since receiving their PhD degrees in 2010.

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