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**UCLA** Presents:

# The 2018 SoCal Organometallics Meeting

Sunday, May 6th

Or	al Presentations	-Young Hall CS 24
11:30-12:00	Greetings/Lunch (provided	
12:00-12:20	Julia Stauber UCLA—Spokoyny	Organometallic Gold(III) Reagents for Cysteine Bioconjugation
12:20-12:40	Haolin Yi Caltech– Fu	Mechanistic Study of a Ni/BOX-Mediated Stereoconvergent Kumada Coupling Reaction
12:40-1:00	Adam Johnson Harvey Mudd	Early Metal Complexes of Chiral, Tridentate, Imine-diol Ligands
1:00-1:20	Valeriy Cherepakhin USC—Williams	Iridium Catalysts for Acceptorless Dehydrogenation of Alcohols to Carboxylic Acids
1:20-1:40	Myles Drance UCSD—Figueroa	Revisiting the Cluster-Surface Analogy: Surface -Like Behavior in Strong Field Iron Clusters
1:40-2:10	Coffee Break	
2:10-2:30	Amy Lai UCLA—Diaconescu	Chemical Mapping and Development of an Optimal Switchable Catalyst
2:30-2:50	Mikiyas Assefa UCSB—Hayton	Utilization of Poly-dentate Macrocyclic Ligands for trans/cis Isomerization of the Uranyl Ion
2:50-3:10	Scott McArthur UCR—LaVallo	Functionalized N-Heterocyclic Carbenes
3:10-3:30	Katie Harriman Ottowa—Murugesu	Ligand Effects in 4f Organometallic Single Molecule Magnets
3:30-3:50	Camden Hunt UCSB—Menard	A Manganese Phthalocyanine Nitride for Symmetric Redox Flow Battery Applications
3:50-4:20	Coffee Break	
4:20-4:40	Jonathan Axtell UCLA—Spokoyny	Weakly Coordinating Photoredox-Active Anions
4:40-4:50	Sam Jacob UCSB—Menard	Moving Towards Bimetallic Ammonia Oxidation: Pacman Eating up the Progress
4:50-5:00	Chinglin Chan UCSD—Figueroa	$N_2O$ binding on $RCo(CNR)_3$ and $O$ -atom Transfer Reactions
5:00-5:10	Selena Staun UCSB—Hayton	Synthesis of a Thorium Nitride
5:10-5:20	Kiersten Anderson UCLA—Spokoyny	Gold Complexes Featuring Polydentate Boron Cluster Ligands
5:20-5:40	Ruxi Dai UCLA—Diaconescu	Geometry Changes During Ring-opening Polymerization with a Zirconium Complex
5:40-6:00	Danny Zeng UCSB—Abu-Omar	The Chemical Recycling of Plastics
6:00-7:30	Poster Session/Dinner	

## Poster Presentations – Young Hall 4222

Carlos Navarro USC—Williams	Mechanism and Catalysis of Oxidative Degradation of Fiber-Reinforced Epoxy Composites
Paul Lauridsen USC—Williams	Mechanistic Study into Iridium (I) Based Formic Acid Dehydrogenation System
Natwara Sutthirat UCI—Yang	Structural Studies of the P–Nax Transannular Interaction in a Modified Proazaphosphatrane: Tri(pyridylmethyl)azaphosphatrane
Rafal M. Dziedzic UCLA—Spokoyny	Deciphering Pd-catalyzed B-H Activation During "Charge-Walking" of meta-Carborane
Alejandra Arroyave UCSD—Figueroa	Low-valent Coordination Networks with M-terphenyl Isocyanide Based Linkers
Daniel Sattler SDSU—Grotjahn	Electron-Poor Bifunctional Ligands and Their Metal Complexes
Anthony Wong UCSB—Menard	Unusual C(sp3)-H Activation Using an Iron Carbene Complex
Kyle Mandla UCSD—Figueroa	Four-Coordinate Mo(0): Catalytic Hydrometallation and Activation of Elemental Phosphorus
Jun Hee Jang UCSB—Abu-Omar	Deoxydehydration of biomass-derived polyols with a Reusable Unsupported Rhenium Heterogeneous Catalyst: Performance and Mechanism
James Lawniczak Caltech—Fu	Nickel-Catalyzed Enantioselective Cross-Coupling of Tertiary Electrophiles
Dylan Freas Caltech—Fu	Photoinduced Copper-Catalyzed Alkylation of Organophosphorus Compounds
Damien Culver UCR—Conley	Using Solid State NMR to Study Traditional and Unique Bonding Modes in Cp*2ScR Complexes
Carson Matier Caltech—Fu	Copper-Catalyzed Alkylation of Aliphatic Amines Induced by Visible Light
Yi Shen UCLA—Diaconescu	Zirconium Complexes Supported by Ferrocene Based Ligand as Redox Switches for Hydroamination Reactions
Michael Neville UCSD—Figueroa	Structure and Reactivity of Mono-anionic Rhodium and Iridium Tris-isocyanides
Katelyn Michael USC	Mechanism and Catalysis of Oxidative Degradation of Fiber-Reinforced Epoxy Composites
Madeline Riffel UCLA—Diaconescu	Redox Switchable Polymerization with Aluminum Complexes

# Other Participants

### **Faculty:**

Professor Mahdi Abu-Omar UCSB
Professor Gab Menard UCSB
Professor Trevor Hayton UCSB
Professor Travis Williams USC
Professor Paula Diaconescu UCLA

#### **Post-doctoral Scholars:**

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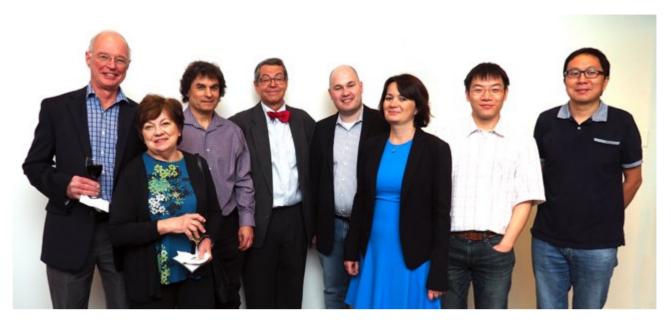
#### **Graduate Students:**

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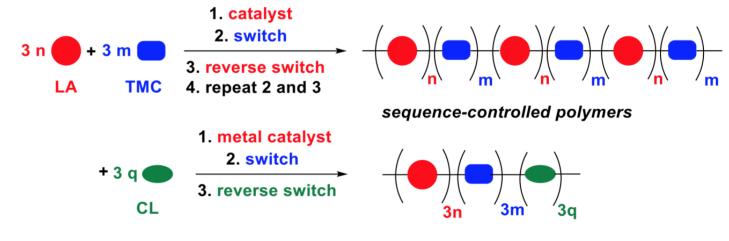
## **Undergraduate Students:**

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UCLA inorganic chemistry faculty with the honored speaker, Stephen Buchwald, at the 2018 Hawthorne dinner at the UCLA Faculty Center. From left: Jeffrey Zink, his spouse Helo Zink, Richard Kaner, Stephen Buchwald (MIT), Alexander Spokoyny, Paula Diaconescu, Chong Liu, and Xiangfeng Duan.



Special thanks to Maria Barrera and the Diaconescu group members for their help in organizing the event!



