



## Physical Sciences Seminar

# Molecules, Materials, and Methods for Advanced Electrocatalysis, Sustainable Synthesis, and Energy Storage

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Facing the continuously growing population, energy demand, and environmental damage, sustainability in all facets is the overarching challenge for our society towards a livable future. From a chemistry and materials science perspective, this implies to develop innovative catalysts, to improve large scale chemical processes, and to enable fluctuating renewable energies by efficient energy storage technology. This seminar will cover, how the systematic development of the first uranium electrocatalyst, active for H<sub>2</sub>O reduction to H<sub>2</sub>, might enable a broad variety of hitherto elusive uranium catalysis; thereby, converting currently stockpiled only mildly radioactive depleted uranium waste into a valuable resource. Furthermore, porous metal-organic framework materials will be showcased as a solution for the challenges associated with H<sub>2</sub> storage for its use as a carbon free energy carrier. Finally, future applications of electrocatalysis for the sustainable, atom economic, and redox efficient direct synthesis of usable products via electrochemical CH, CC, C=O, CN, NH, and NO bond formations will be introduced.

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:00am - 11:00am**

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