



Fall 2026

August 23–27 • Chicago

Community Programming Highlighted Events

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Pharma Community Program

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Networking Event

Deep Learning Co-Folding
Models versus Computational
Physics Based Models of
Protein-Ligand Interactions
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM | W192b

Celebrating 150 Years of ACS: Shaping Safer
Science for All

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | W190b

C&EN Talented 12

2:00 PM – 5:20 PM | W190b

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Networking Event

Rock Stars
Regenerative Engineering
8:00 AM – 5:43 PM | W196b

Division of Biochemistry and Chemical Biology
Featured Talks

8:00 AM – 11:55 AM | S106a

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

MEDI First Time Disclosures

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | W196b

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Hidden Switches: Harnessing Allosteric
Control in Medicinal Chemistry

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | S105bc



ACS150 Keynote Lecture



**Prof. M.
Stanley
Whittingham**

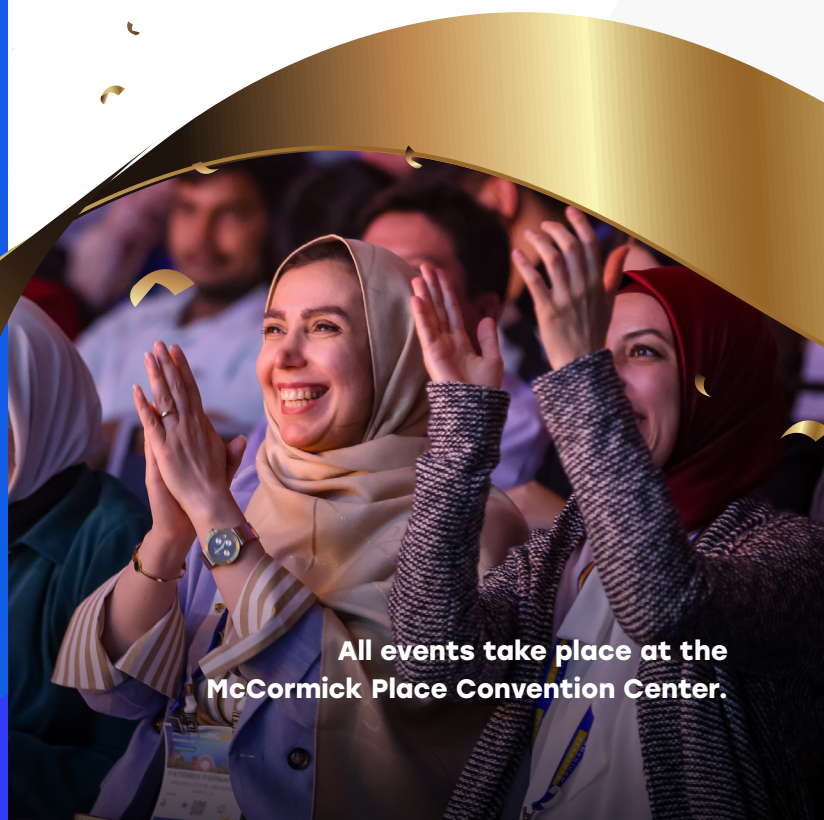
2019 Chemistry
Nobel Laureate,
Binghamton
University (SUNY),
United States

*Solid State Chemistry transformed energy
storage, impacting renewable energy,
transportation and communication over the
last 60 years*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

McCormick Place, Skyline Ballroom, W375ab



**All events take place at the
McCormick Place Convention Center.**

Sustainability Community Program

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Sustainable Recovery of Critical Minerals and Materials

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM | W196a

Greener Solvent Selection in Research and Teaching Laboratories

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | W185a

Networking Event

Good Science in Water-Soluble Polymers
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | W192b

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Advancing a Circular Water Economy

8:30 AM – 5:05 PM | W192b

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Networking Event

Chemistry is Everything We Eat: Building the Next 150 Years of Food
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | W192b



THE FRED KAVLI INNOVATIONS IN CHEMISTRY KEYNOTE LECTURE



John C. Warner

Green Chemistry: The Missing Elements

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Skyline Ballroom

The Plastic Detox Netflix Documentary Screening

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM | W190b



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Start-Up Community Program

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

How to Start a Start-Up

1:30 PM – 2:20 PM | Expo Hall, Periodic Talks Expo Theater

Accelerating a Start-Up

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Expo Hall, Member Lounge

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

CME/NASA Symposium: CME Lectures and STEM Leadership Awards

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | W194b

Networking Event

Advancing a Circular Water Economy
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | W192b

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Networking Event

Heroes of Chemistry: 30th Anniversary – Heroes Past, Present, and Future
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | W196a

Networking Event

Start-Up Community Networking Reception sponsored by  **GOODWIN**
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | W190a

Cosmetic Technology Showcase sponsored by 

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM | W192b

Driving Energy Innovation: Academic and Industrial Synergy in Catalysis and Materials Science

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | W196a



Data Science & AI Community Program

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Extrapolative and Experimentally Validated AI Models in Drug Discovery

8:00 AM – 10:50 AM & 2:00 PM – 5:10 PM | N427d



THE KAVLI FOUNDATION
EMERGING LEADER IN CHEMISTRY
KEYNOTE LECTURE



Professor Connor W. Coley
AI and the Expanding Computational Toolbox for Chemistry
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Skyline Ballroom, W375bc

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Pushing the Boundaries of Quantum Computing in Chemistry Towards Advantage

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | W190b

Debate

Should Patent Law Recognize Non-Human Inventors?

12:30 – 1:20 PM | Expo Hall, Periodic Talks Expo Theater

Tutorial

Quantum Computing with Qiskit for Quantum Chemists

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | W190b

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

AI Meets Chemistry: Generative AI, Virtual Screening & Ligand Discovery

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM | W181c

