

# American Conference on Theoretical Chemistry

## Agenda

### Locations

**All Sessions and Registration**– Boston University [Law Auditorium](#)

*The Law School and Auditorium are located behind the School of Theology.*

*Access the Law School from Marsh Plaza or from the George Sherman Union plaza.*

**Breaks**– Boston University [Law School](#) Barrister's Hall

**Lunch**– [George Sherman Union](#) Food Court, 775 Commonwealth Ave. 1st floor

**Poster Sessions & Reception**– [George Sherman Union](#), 775 Commonwealth Ave. 2nd floor

Monday, July 17

8:00-8:45 am	Registration	
8:45-9:00am	Welcome Opening Remarks	Sharon Hammes-Schiffer Gloria Waters, Vice President & Associate Provost for Research Boston University
	<b>CHAIR:</b> Sharon Hammes-Schiffer	
9:00-9:40am	Alan Aspuru-Guzik	<i>Can Computers Dream of Electric Molecules? Generative Models for Molecular Design</i>
9:40- 10:20am	Teresa Head-Gordon	<i>New Methods and Models for Condensed Phase Simulations</i>
10:20-10:40am	Break	
10:40-11:30am	Victor Batista	<i>Studies of Natural and Artificial Photosynthesis</i>
11:20-12:00pm	Rigoberto Hernandez	<i>Exact Classical TST in Dissipative and Driven Chemical Dynamics</i>
12:00-1:20pm	Lunch	
	<b>CHAIR:</b> Jack Simons	
1:20-2:00pm	Rommie Amaro	<i>Multiscale Dynamics: Molecules to Cells</i>
2:00-2:40pm	Joe Subotnik	<i>Surface Hopping All Around Us</i>
2:40-3:20pm	Jim Skinner	<i>Supercooled Water: Simulations, Theory, and Experiment in No Man's Land and the Liquid-Liquid Critical Point</i>
3:20-3:40pm	Break	
3:40-4:20pm	Andrew Rappe	<i>Quantum Mechanical Study of the Bulk Photovoltaic Effect</i>
4:20-5:00pm	Weitao Yang	<i>Going Beyond Conventional Density Functional Approximations</i>
5:00-5:30pm	Preparation for Poster Session	
5:30-7:30pm	Poster Session	

Tuesday, July 18

	<b>CHAIR:</b> John Straub	
9:00-9:40am	David Beratan	<i>Engineering Nanometer-Scale Electronic Coherence in DNA</i>
9:40-10:20am	Anastassia Alexandrova	<i>Statistical Ensemble Nature of Cluster-Decorated Surface Catalysts</i>
10:20-10:40am	Break	
10:40-11:20am	Filipp Furche	<i>Chemistry beyond the Born-Oppenheimer Approximation</i>
11:20-12:00pm	Tom Markland	<i>Decoding the Spectroscopy and Dynamics of Proton Defects using ab initio Quantum Dynamics Simulations</i>
12:00-1:20pm	Lunch	
	<b>CHAIR:</b> Heather Kulik	
1:20-2:00pm	Abe Nitzan	<i>Electron Transfer across Thermal Gradients</i>
2:00-2:40pm	Monica Olvera de la Cruz	<i>Polymer Electrolytes Thermodynamics and Microstructures</i>
2:40-3:20pm	Peter Rossky	<i>Relating Spectroscopy to Structure for Conjugated Polymers</i>

Tuesday, July 18 (Continued)

<b>3:20-3:40pm</b>	Break	
<b>3:40-4:20pm</b>	Garnet Chan	<i>Metalloenzymes from Many-Particle Quantum Mechanics</i>
<b>4:20-5:00pm</b>	Qiang Cui	<i>Recent Progress in Understanding Mechanochemical Coupling in Biomolecules</i>
<b>5:00-5:30pm</b>	Preparation for Poster Session	
<b>5:30-7:30pm</b>	Poster Session	

Wednesday, July 19

	<b>CHAIR:</b> Troy van Voorhis	
<b>9:00-9:40am</b>	Emily Carter	<i>Quantum Solutions for Sustainable Energy</i>
<b>9:40-10:20am</b>	Gus Scuseria	<i>Symmetry Projected Coupled Cluster Theory</i>
<b>10:20-10:40am</b>	Break	
<b>10:40-11:20am</b>	Laura Gagliardi	<i>Multireference Methods for Electronically Excited States and Transition-Metal Containing Systems</i>
<b>11:20-12:00pm</b>	Greg Voth	<i>Ultra Coarse-Graining: Theory and Applications</i>
<b>12:00-1:20pm</b>	Lunch	
	<b>CHAIR:</b> David Coker	
<b>1:20-2:00pm</b>	Francesco Paesani	<i>Chemical Accuracy from the Gas to the Condensed Phase through Many-Body Molecular Dynamics</i>
<b>2:00-2:40pm</b>	George Schatz	<i>CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> Reduction: New Directions</i>
<b>2:40-3:20pm</b>	Evelyn Goldfield	<i>NSF's Ten Big Ideas and Their Relevance to Chemistry</i>
<b>3:20-6:00pm</b>	Free Time	Travel to Seaport World Trade Center Marine Terminal
<b>6:00-7:00pm</b>	Boarding	Spirit of Boston
<b>7:00-9:00pm</b>	Dinner Cruise	Spirit of Boston

Thursday, July 20

	<b>CHAIR:</b> Todd Martinez	
<b>9:00-9:40am</b>	David Coker	<i>Modeling Excitation Energy Transfer Dynamics and Spectroscopy in Photosynthetic Light Harvesting Systems</i>
<b>9:40-10:20am</b>	Heather Kulik	<i>New Computational Tools for Inorganic Molecular Design</i>
<b>10:20-10:40am</b>	Break	
<b>10:40-11:20am</b>	Francesco Evangelista	<i>Multireference Electronic Structure Theories Based on the Similarity Renormalization Group</i>
<b>11:20-12:00pm</b>	Nancy Makri	<i>Interference, Decoherence, and Quantum-Classical Path Integral Simulations with Thousands of Atoms</i>
<b>12:00-1:20pm</b>	Lunch	
	<b>CHAIR:</b> Sharon Hammes-Schiffer	
<b>1:20-2:00pm</b>	Ed Valeev	<i>Reduced Scaling and Controlled Precision: Extending the Reach of Many-Body Electronic Structure</i>
<b>2:00-2:40pm</b>	Lyudmila Slipchenko	<i>Polarizable Embedding in Biological Systems: When, Why, and How</i>
<b>2:40-3:20pm</b>	Ben Levine	<i>Conical Intersections and Non-Radiative Recombination in Semiconductor Nanocrystals</i>
<b>3:20-3:40pm</b>	Break	
<b>3:40-4:20pm</b>	David Reichman	<i>Optical and Excitonic Properties of Emerging Materials</i>
<b>4:20-5:00pm</b>	Todd Martinez	<i>Nonadiabatic Excited State Dynamics from First Principles</i>