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# **AWARD SYMPOSIUM**

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McCormick Convention Center  
Room W184d

**Tuesday, 25 August 2026**  
**8 AM – 12 PM &**  
**2 PM – 6 PM**

- 8:00 AM.** *Marsha I. Lester Award for Exemplary Impact in Physical Chemistry*  
Dynamics of multi-spin molecular systems for quantum sensing.  
**Michael Wasielewski, Northwestern University**
- 8:35 AM.** *Emily A. Carter Award in Theoretical Chemistry*  
Polaritons: When light meets molecules, mysteries, challenges and opportunities.  
**Pengfei Huo, University of Rochester**
- 9:10 AM.** *ACS Award in Theoretical Chemistry sponsored by the Pariser Family*  
Quantum materials as theoretical chemistry.  
**Garnet Chan, California Institute of Technology**
- 9:45 AM.** Intermission.
- 10:05 AM.** *Senior Award in Experimental Physical Chemistry*  
Nonlinear optics at charged aqueous interfaces.  
**Franz Geiger, Northwestern University**
- 10:40 AM.** *E. Bright Wilson Award in Spectroscopy*  
Ultrafast functional structural dynamics in excited state transition metal complexes.  
**Lin X. Chen, Northwestern University & Argonne National Laboratory**
- 11:15 AM.** *Young Investigator Awardee*  
An initial charge-transfer excited state in Cr(III) chromophores monitored via time-resolved infrared spectroscopy.  
**Alexandra Barth, North Carolina State University**

- 2:00 PM.** *Louis E. Brus Award in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*  
Imaging and localizing excitons in 2D materials.  
**Tony Heinz, Stanford University**
- 2:35 PM.** *Ahmed Zewail Award in Ultrafast Science and Technology*  
The Three Pillars of Ultrafast Molecular Science – Time, Phase, Intensity.  
**Albert Stolow, University of Ottawa**
- 3:10 PM.** *Jack Simons Awards in Theoretical Physical Chemistry*  
Theoretical physical chemistry of optoelectronic responses in symmetry broken quantum materials.  
**Andrew Rappe, University of Pennsylvania**
- 3:45 PM.** Intermission.
- 4:05 PM.** *Richard P. Van Duyne Early Career Award in Experimental Physical Chemistry*  
Reshaping light via photon up- and down-conversion.  
**Sean Roberts, The University of Texas at Austin**
- 4:40 PM.** *Peter Debye Award in Physical Chemistry*  
Pchem fun from quantum to cell.  
**Martin Gruebele, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana**



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