

**Chemistry Invited Faculty Seminar**  
**Tomorrow (Friday) January 25 at 3:30 PM in HEC 125**  
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## **A Physical Organic Chemist's Approach to Precursors for the Deposition of Inorganic Nanostructures**

### **Abstract**

Nanostructured materials can be deposited from organometallic and inorganic precursors by a variety of techniques including chemical vapor deposition (CVD) and focused electron beam induced deposition (FEBID). Precursor choice requires consideration of the reaction conditions and possible decomposition mechanisms for the particular method. Mechanism-based design of precursors for CVD will be presented in case studies for contrast with strategies for design of FEBID precursors. The examples for CVD will be low temperature deposition of tungsten carbonitride (WNXC<sub>Y</sub>) and tungsten oxide (WOX) films and nanoparticles. In contrast, the conditions for FEBID are surface reactions under high electron flux, necessitating different precursor design rules. Strategies for adapting selected CVD precursor types for FEBID and efforts to identify privileged ligand classes and optimal coordination spheres for FEBID precursors will be discussed in the context of studies on Ru, Pt and Au complexes.

### **Education**

1979 B.S., Chemistry, University of Kansas  
1983 Ph.D., Chemistry, California Institute of Technology

### **Professional**

2017-present Chair, Department of Chemistry  
2016-present Affiliate Professor of Chemical Engineering  
2015-present Colonel Allan R. and Margaret G. Crow Professor of Chemistry

1998-2002	Professor and Associate Dean, University of Florida
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