

## Plenary lecturers research summaries.

### RSC Prize and Award Winners



**Dr Christopher Barnard (Johnson-Matthey)**

Research in the field of platinum group metal chemistry for catalytic and medicinal applications in industry.



**Professor Peter Ford (UC Santa Barbara)**

Fundamental studies of mechanisms of inorganic photochemistry, homogeneous catalysis and the bioinorganic chemistry of nitric oxide and related nitrogen oxide species.



**Professor Todd Marder (Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg)**

Fundamental studies of the synthesis, structure, bonding, reactivity and photophysical properties of organometallic compounds, and their applications in homogeneous catalysis and materials chemistry.



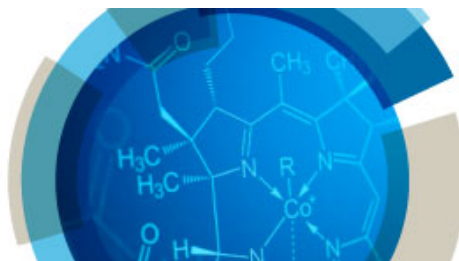
**Professor Pedro Pérez (Universidad de Huelva)**

Development of alkane C-H functionalisation reactions, including those of methane, and other reactions catalysed by metal carbenes.

### John Dalton 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lecture

**Rachel Dunn (Durham)**

Doctoral postgraduate student in the Department of Philosophy at Durham University. Her PhD working title is Seeing and Believing: John Dalton and the Visual Culture of Experimental Science in British Dissenting Academies, 1770-1840.



## Interest Group Plenaries



### **Professor Claire Carmalt (UCL)**

Application of organometallic chemistry to problems in materials deposition, most notably the development of "designed" molecular precursors targeted for thin film growth by chemical vapour deposition (CVD).



### **Professor Eric Rivard (University of Alberta)**

Fundamental synthetic inorganic chemistry with focus on the stabilisation of reactive intermediates/new bonding environments across the period table, and the generation of new polymeric materials for solar cell devices and active components for the electronics industry.



### **Professor Martin Warren (Kent)**

Biosynthesis and biology of the pigments of life, encompassing metallocofactor molecules such as vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, heme and siroheme, and synthetic biology approaches to reconstructing whole synthetic pathways in cells.



### **Professor Jonas Peters (Cal Tech)**

Synthesis of novel first row transition metal complexes with relevance to living systems and energy materials, and studies of their electronic structures and reactivities.



### **Professor Martha Greenblatt (Rutgers)**

Synthesis and crystal growth of novel transition metal compounds with quasi-low-dimensional properties, including perovskite-related manganates, cobaltates and ferrates, transition metal oxide bronzes, metal cluster chalcogenides, transition metal nitrides, and high temperature superconductors.



### **Professor Antoni Llobet (The Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia, ICIQ)**

Mechanistic studies of redox catalysis by transition metal complexes for technological applications, including catalytic oxidation of water to dioxygen (artificial photosynthesis) and photo-production of hydrogen from water and sunlight.