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Title of Lecture: "A Soft Materials Overview, from Graphene to

Nanomachines"

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**Education:** 

1986 Ph.D. Organic Chemistry, Purdue University 1981 BS Chemistry, Syracuse University

## **Research and Professional Experience**

School or Company	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>	Type of Work
Univ. of Wisconsin	Postdoctoral Fellow	1986-1987	Organometallic Chemistry
Stanford University	Postdoctoral Fellow	1987-1988	Organic Chemistry
Univ. of South Carolina	Guy F. Lipscomb Professor	1988-1999	Chem. & Biochemistry
Rice University	T.T. and W.F. Chao Professor	1999-present	Chem. & Materials Science

### **Research Interests**

General: green carbon research, graphene, organic chemistry, nanomedicine, nanotechnology, materials science, polymer chemistry, K-12 educational outreach.

### **Awards and Honors**

- 2005 American Chemical Society, Southern Chemist of the Year
- 2005 American Chemical Society's #1 Most Accessed Journal Article, "Directional Control in Thermally Driven Single-Molecule Nanocars"
- 2006 Alan Berman Research Publication Award, Department of the Navy
- 2006 Nanotech Briefs Nano 50 Innovator Award
- 2006 Small Times Magazine's Innovator of the Year Award
- 2007 George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2007 Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award from the American Chemical Society
- 2008 NASA Space Act Award
- 2008 Feynman Prize in Nanotechnology
- 2009 Houston Technology Center's Nanotechnology Achievement Award
- 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award, Purdue University
- 2009 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS),
- 2009 Ranked one of the Top 10 chemists in the world over the past decade (citations per publication), by Thomson Reuters
- 2012 Won the ACS Nano Lectureship Award from the American Chemical Society,
- 2012 George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2013 Named "Scientist of the Year" by R&D Magazine
- 2014 Recipient of the Trotter Prize in "Information, Complexity and Inference"
- 2014 Listed in "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds" by Thomson Reuters ScienceWatch.com
- 2014 Named one of TheBestSchools.org "The 50 Most Influential Scientists in the World Today"
- 2014 Lady Davis Visiting Professor, Hebrew University