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Nonlinear optics, vibrational spectroscopy, surface chemistry, electrochemistry, microscopy, batteries/ fuel cell electrodes, and polymer surfaces.



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Discovering and controlling advanced inorganic materials for applications in batteries, magnetism. quantum materials, and energy conversion; digital data management to streamline experimental materials chemistry.



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Designing energy efficient materials through synthesis, characterization, and computation; applications of functional intermetallics and complex oxides.



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Synthetic and mechanistic organometallic chemistry, applications of homogeneous catalysis in organic synthesis, olefin polymerization and oligomerization, carbon-hydrogen bond activation.



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Developing molecular probes and biointerfaces to study proteome-wide protein-protein, proteinbiomaterial, and protein-drug interactions in/ on live cells through organic synthesis, surface functionalization, and mass spectrometry analysis.



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Development of transition metal catalysis broadly applicable for organic transformations; addressing challenges in sustainable materials chemistry.



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Investigation of metal homeostasis in healthy and diseased neurons using single molecule techniques to understand causes of neurodegenerative diseases.



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Fundamental light-matter interactions: manipulating light to induce new chemical and physical phenomena and leveraging these to pursue interdisciplinary projects linking physics, chemistry, materials science, and biomedical engineering.



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Computational and theoretical materials science: novel materials discovery for optoelectronic applications; development of cost-efficient excited state calculation methods.



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Organic synthesis, polymer chemistry, organometallic chemistry. Development of new radical and metalcatalyzed methods for complex molecule and polymer synthesis.



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Synthetic organic and organometallic chemistry focusing on C-H functionalization; catalysis by Cu, Pd, Co, Ni complexes; late transition metal-catalyzed polymerization of olefins.

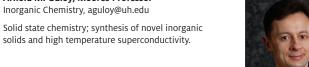


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Synthetic organometallic catalysis and bioinorganic chemistry. Development and studies of transition metal complexes for applications in medicine, polymers, and fuel/biofuel synthesis.



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Theoretical study of strongly non-equilibrium and disordered systems with applications to materials science, molecular electronics, and biophysics.



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Computational organic chemistry. Ab initio and DFT studies of organic reactions, functional π -conjugated systems, and light-induced proton and electron transfer reactions.



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Synthesis, characterization, and structure-property relationships in new functional inorganic solid-state materials; non-linear optical materials; crystal growth.



Jeremy May, Professor and Assoc. Dean for **Graduate Affairs**

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Natural product total synthesis, development of transition metal-based synthetic methods using carbenoid and vlide-like intermediates, mechanistic elucidation, medicinal chemistry, biomolecular recognition, and drug target identification.



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Developing laser-detected magnetic resonance imaging. Applications of novel and conventional magnetic resonance imaging techniques in biomedicine and materials science.



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Development of polymeric materials by implementing organometallic and radical polymerization to advance plastics and drug delivery methodologies.



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Supramolecular chemistry, self-sorting processes, metal-organic and covalent-organic frameworks, fluorescent sensors.



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Ultrafast electron diffraction and surface imaging, non-equilibrium electronic and structural dynamics, photoinduced phase transitions of condensed-matter and nanostructured materials, and at interfaces.



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Synthesis and structural characterization of mixed metal oxides; ionic and electrical conductivity in solids; synthesis of composite structures.



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First-row transition metal catalysis for organic synthesis; At-metal study of organometallics, mechanism, and catalysts for cross-coupling, C-H activation, and aromaticity.



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Using chemical and biological approaches to investigate the roles of essential metals in the gut microbiota.



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Synthetic inorganic chemistry for exploring new modes of reactivity, structure, and bonding in f-element and transition metal molecular species; Interested in odd oxidation states, multi-e-/multi-H+ chemical transformations, and metal-ligand multiple



Thomas Teets, Geanangel Professor

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Synthetic inorganic and organometallic chemistry; molecular photochemistry and photophysics with applications in photoluminescence, optoelectronics, photoredox catalysis, luminescent sensing, and nonlinear optics.



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Chemical synthesis and self-assembly to prepare nanoscale materials (e.g., organic thin films, polymers, and nanoparticles) for use in various technological and medicinal applications.

