

**THE FORTY-FIRST HERBERT C. BROWN  
LECTURES IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

**Stewart Center (STEW), Room 218**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:50 – 9:00 a.m. (EDT) *Opening Remarks*  
**Lucy Flesch**, Frederick L. Hovde Dean of the College of Science  
**Scott McLuckey**, Interim Head, Department of Chemistry
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. **John L. Wood**, Baylor University  
*Recent Advances in the Synthesis of Natural Products*  
(Chair: Betsy Parkinson)
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Discussion
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break / Poster Session (STEW 214)
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. **Robert Knowles**, Princeton University  
*Excited-State Catalysts for Selective Bond Activations*  
(Chair: Gabriel Lovinger)
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Discussion
- 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Group Photo
- 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch (STEW 302/306)
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 – 2:55 p.m. **Raymond Martinez**, Purdue University  
(H.C. Brown Graduate Student Research Award Winner)  
*Chloroalkane-Derived Carbenes and Carbynes for Catalytic Asymmetric Cyclopropanation* (Advisor: Chris Uyeda)
- 2:55 – 3:20 p.m. **Ashutosh Agrahari**, Purdue University  
(H.C. Brown Graduate Student Research Award Winner)  
*Metal-Ligand Interactions Drive Epitaxial Growth of Coiled-Coil Peptide Crystals* (Advisor: Jean Chmielewski)
- 3:20 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break / Poster Session (STEW 214)
- 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. **Brian Stoltz**, California Institute of Technology  
Recipient of the 2025 ACS Herbert C. Brown Award for Creative Research in Synthetic Methods  
*Complex Natural Products as a Driving Force for Discovery in Organic Chemistry* (Chair: P. V. Ramachandran)
- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. Discussion
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Reception and Announcement of Poster Award Winners** (STEW 302)
- 7:00 p.m. **VIP Dinner at Boilerhouse Prime (by Invitation)**  
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