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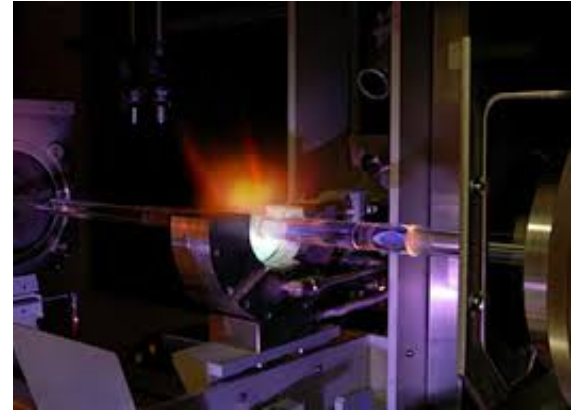
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**April 22, 2014**  
**Madren Conference Center**  
([Directions](#))

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Clemson University Advanced Materials faculty and students will make brief presentations of their research and entrepreneurial activities to prospective business partners and investors in order to make connections resulting in more detailed and private conversations.



Afterwards, a panel of university and industry professionals will discuss to create a Advanced Materials Community of Excellence that attracts, educates and retains top talent. How do we help materials students find jobs here? How do we use the talent base to attract materials company headquarters and R&D facilities? How do we build the ecosystem to support the growth of materials startups?

**Agenda**

**3:00 Introduction**  
John Ballato  
Clemson University Vice President of Economic Development

**Faculty and Students Research and Entrepreneurial Presentations**

**3:10** Thompson Mefford [Magnetic Nanotechnology for the Greater Good](#)  
**3:15** Laxmikant Saraf [Electron Microscopy Laboratory](#)  
**3:20** Terri Bruce [Light Imaging Facility](#)  
**3:25** Andrew Hurley [CUshop - Consumer Biometric Insights](#)  
**3:30** Mark Roberts [Functional Polymers for Supercapacitors and Batteries](#)  
**3:35** Srikanth Pilla [Structural Composites and Foams](#)  
**3:40** Apparao Rao [Clemson Nanomaterials Center](#)  
**3:45** Ken Marcus [Specialty & Custom Fibers](#)  
**3:50** Scott Husson [Advanced Functional Membranes](#)  
**3:55** Duncan Darby [Packaging at Clemson](#)

**4:00 Industry and University Professionals Discuss Creating a Advanced Materials Community of Excellence**

John Ballato - Clemson University Vice President of Economic Development  
Chris Desozia - Milliken & Co. Vice President of Research  
George Wofford - Sealed Air, Vice President Global Core R&D  
Lewis Gossett - South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance  
Bethany Acampora - CURF, Technology Commercialization Officer

**5:00 Reception and One-On-One Conversations**  
**7:00 Adjourn**