

CBGSA Presents: A Post PhD Discussion

March 1st, Tuesday

4:00 pm in 2033 Young Hall



Dr. Rusty Blanski

- Worked in Industry for 3 years
- Government for nearly 18 years
- Maintains Academic Collaborations

Background: Dr. Blanski is a nano materials chemist who has worked on everything from catalyst to coatings to quantum dots to plastics and more. He received his BS in Chemistry here at UCLA, his PhD at UCI and did a post doc at MIT before going into industry to work for W. R. Grace and Company. After a few years he moved into the government sector where he was stationed as a researcher at Edwards Air Force Base where he has worked now for nearly 18 years. He has created materials used in rockets and is the inventor of the backfluorinated NHC carbene technology used in coating noble metals on complex surfaces. He most recently returned from a sabbatical with Prof. RH Grubbs and co-invented the synthesis of backfunctionalized imidazolium salts.

Bring questions and prepare for a rousing discussion on life after PhD.

Coffee, cookies and sign-in sheet will be provided.

Hosted by Ben Lesel and Prof. Alex Spokoyny