

Colleagues-

I am pleased to announce the Great Plains Society's 1st Spring Symposium, to be held on April 18th, 2018 in Manhattan, KS at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Spring Symposium will feature plenary talks by Abidtya Bhan (Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering and Material Science, University of Minnesota) , Teh Ho (F.G. Ciapetta Lectureship Awardee, Exxon (Retired)), and Fabio Ribeiro (Norris and Eleanor Shreve Professor of Chemical Engineering, Purdue University):



Teh Ho

**“Ultra-Deep Diesel
Hydrosulfurization Catalysis
and Process: A Tale of Two
Sites”**



Abidtya Bhan

“Catalytic Deoxygenation”



Fabio Ribeiro

**“On the Reaction
Mechanism and the
Nature of the Active Site
for Standard Selective
Catalytic Reduction of
NO_x on Cu/SSZ-13
Zeolites”**

In addition to the plenary talks, an exciting schedule of talks is being planned that highlight outstanding catalysis research being conducted in the Great Plains area.

At this time, I'd like to invite you to register for the Great Plains Catalysis Society Spring Symposium. The cost is \$50 for professional registrants and \$15 for students if registering by April 11, 2018, after which time the cost rises to \$70 and \$20, respectively. Registration can be completed online at:

<http://www.greatplainscatalysis.org/events-1/spring-symposium-2018/registration>

The symposium will include both a continental breakfast and lunch. A block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn at a special rate for conference attendees on Tuesday, April 17th. You can book a room by calling the hotel (785-532-9116) and requesting the rate for the Great Plains Catalysis Society.

We are also accepting abstracts for the poster session at this time. This can be submitted directly to Alan Allgeier, who is in charge of the Spring Symposium technical program, at: alan.allgeier@ku.edu. The format for the abstracts can be found online at the link given above. The deadline to submit a poster is April 4th, 2018.

We hope you choose to join us at the first GPCS Spring Symposium!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Keith Hohn

President, Great Plains Catalysis Society