

**Ventura Beach Marriott** 2055 Harbor Boulevard, Ventura, CA, USA

# Gordon Research Conference Cutting-Edge Developments and Characterization of Cement-Based Materials

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 16:00 – February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Chairs: Kamal H. Khayat and R. Doug Hooton

Gordon Research Seminar Concrete Solutions Towards Carbon Neutral Construction by 2050

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 15:30 – February 23<sup>rd</sup> 14:30 Chairs: William Wilson and Nima Farzadnia



## **GRC Description**

The objective of this Gordon Research Conference (GRC) is to **bring together leading experts from industry and academia to stimulate discussion** related to new approaches to improving sustainability of cement-based materials and to hear about the latest developments. The effort to improve the sustainability of infrastructure requires development and utilization of less carbon intensive materials as well as extending the service life of infrastructure though design for durability and resilience.

Potential new sustainable material compositions need to be characterized not only for their physical properties, but also for their robustness in variable construction environments, **compatibility** with other materials, and their **durability** in severe exposures. Due to limited materials availability, environmental conditions, and different levels of technology available in different global regions, there is no single solution to improving sustainability, and there is a need to consider a range of approaches including those that may be incremental as well as potentially disruptive. Materials professionals. researchers and representatives from infrastructure owners are encouraged to attend and contribute to the discussion on needs for new approaches.

### **GRC** Application and Registration

In addition to keynote speakers listed in the GRC program, participants are encouraged to submit posters to present their work during three sessions dedicated for poster presentations. Participants can also apply to register without a poster. Registration fees for the GRC include the five-night stay at the Ventura Beach Marriott on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> as well as all meals and coffee breaks during the GRC and the attendance at the GRC. The fees are \$1,415 for a single room and \$1,180 for a shared room.



# **GRS** Description

Organized in conjunction with the GRC, this Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) aims to gather **graduate students, postdocs and young professionals** to envision and discuss the drastic shifts necessary for the cement and concrete technologies to meet ambitious and necessary sustainability goals. Concrete specialists of tomorrow are invited to present their contributions to the field, including their vision for the future development of a carbon neutral industry.

The **call for abstracts is open** to the different fields of cement and concrete science and technology: from novel binders with low-CO<sub>2</sub> footprint and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestering systems, to extending service life of concrete structures, including the recycling and optimal use of resources, the development of highly efficient concrete solutions for specific applications, the life-cycle assessment of these solutions, low-carbon design and construction methods and other outside-the-box carbon-neutral approaches.

Attending this GRS represents an **excellent opportunity for young researchers** not only **to share ideas about the future of concrete**, but also to attend the associated GRC (for which applications are strongly encouraged).

#### **GRS Application and Registration**

The seminar chairs will select speakers from abstracts submitted by November 22, 2019. All applications must be received by January 25, 2020. Registration fees for the GRS include the stay at the Ventura Beach Marriott on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and all meals and coffee breaks during the GRS and the attendance at the GRS. The fees are \$295 for a single room and \$250 for a shared room.

# Gordon Research Conference (GRC) Program

Alternative Binders		
Discussion	Caijun Shi	
Leader	Hunan University, China	
Keynote	Gaurav Sant	
Speakers	University of California, Los Angeles, USA	
	Claire White	
	Princeton University, USA	
	Arezki Tagnit-Hamou	
	Université de Sherbrooke, Canada	
Nanostructu	re of C-S-H and Hydration of	
Cementitious		
Discussion	Paulo Monteiro	
Leader	University of California, Berkeley, USA	
Keynote	Karen Scrivener, Alexandra Ouzia	
Speakers	ÉPFL, Switzerland	
	Barbara Lothenbach	
	EMPA, Switzerland	
	Peter McDonald	
	University of Surrey, United Kingdom	
	Ippei Maruyama	
	Nagoya University, Japan	
Corrosion Science and Mitigation		
Discussion	Carolyn Hansson	
Leader	University of Waterloo, Canada	
Keynote	Alberto Sagues	
Speakers	University of South Florida, USA	
	Mette Geiker, Klaartje De Weerdt, Alisa	
	Machner	
	Norwegian Uni. of Science and Technology	
	Ueli Angst	
	ETH Zurich, Switzerland	
Measureme	nt and Control of Rheology	
Discussion	Olafur Wallevik	
Leader	Innovation Center Iceland, Iceland	
Keynote	Nicolas Roussel	
Speakers	IFSTTAR, France	
	Viktor Mechtcherine	
	TU Dresden, Germany	
	Geert De Schutter	
	Ghent University, Belgium	

	Dimitri Feys
	Missouri Uni. of Science and Tech., USA
Advances ir	n Chemical Admixtures
Discussion	Claude Bédard
Leader	Euclid Canada, Canada
Keynote	Robert Flatt
Speakers	ETH Zurich, Switzerland
	David Myers
	GCP Applied Technologies, USA
	Jiaping Liu
	Southeast University, China
Sustainabili	ty and Life Cycle Assessment
Discussion	Vanderley John
Leader	University of São Paulo, Brazil
Keynote	Julie Buffenbarger
Speakers	Beton Consulting Engineers, USA
	Ravindra Gettu
	Indian Inst. of Technology Madras, India
	Lawrence Sutter
	Michigan Technological University, USA
	Sean Monkman
	CarbonCure Technologies, Canada
Durability a	nd Service Life
Discussion	Jason Weiss
Leader	Oregon State University, USA
Keynote	Tracy Marcotte
Speakers	CVM Professional, USA
	Michael Thomas
	University of New Brunswick, Canada
	Andreas Leemann
	EMPA, Switzerland
Emerging T	echnologies for Performance Prediction
Discussion	Kimberly Kurtis
Leader	Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
Keynote	Mohsen Ben Haha
Speakers	Heidelberg Cement Tech. Center, Germany
	Nathan Tregger
	GCP Applied Technologies, USA
	Aditya Kumar
	Missouri Uni. of Science and Tech., USA
	Nemkumar Banthia
	University of British Columbia, Canada

#### Specialty Materials Discussion Surendra Shah Leader Northwestern University, USA Konstantin Sobolev Keynote Speakers University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA Christopher Leung Hong Kong Uni. of Science and Technology David Lange Uni. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA The GRC Power Hour<sup>™</sup> Organisers Kimberly Kurtis Georgia Institute of Technology, USA Jason Ideker Oregon State University, USA

Complete program with titles and schedule available at: https://www.grc.org/advanced-materials-for-sustainableinfrastructure-development-conference/2020/

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Keynote	Rémi Barbarulo	
Speaker	LafargeHolcim, France	
Discussion	Sabbie Miller	
Leaders	University of California Davis, USA	
	Hongyan Ma	
	Missouri Uni. of Science and Tech., USA	
	Shiho Kawashima	
	Columbia University, USA	
Mentoring	Mourad Ben Amor	
Speaker	Université de Sherbrooke, Canada	
* Session themes and speakers will be selected from submitted abstracts.		

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