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Young Researchers in Western North America: A Special Symposium and Workshop

These panel discussions are specially tailored to graduate students and postdocs to help guide them in their career choice and development.

PANEL 1



Golareh Jalilvand
 Assistant Professor
 University of South
 Carolina



Gabriel Veith
 Distinguished Staff Scientist
 Oak Ridge National Laboratory
 Professor
 University of Tennessee



Julia Lamb
 Founder & Consultant
 CellVision
 Adjunct Professor
 University of Washington



Donghai Wang
 Brown Foundation Chair
 & Professor of
 Mechanical Engineering
 Lyle School of
 Engineering, SMU

SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026
 8:45 - 10:00 AM

Fundamental & Frontier Electrochemistry and Critical Materials
 PANEL HOST: GAO LIU, BERKELEY LAB



Xueli (Sherry) Zheng
 Staff Scientist
 SLAC-Stanford Battery
 Center



Michael Mazza
 Director of Catalyst
 Engineering
 Calicat



Alejandro A. Franco
 Professor
 Université de Picardie
 Jules Verne
 Affiliate Professor
 University of Washington



Daniel T. Schwartz
 Boeing-Sutter Professor of
 Chemical Engineering &
 Director, Clean Energy
 Institute
 University of Washington,
 Seattle

PANEL 2

SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026
 2:45 - 4:00 PM

Modeling, Simulation, and AI for Data-Driven Electrochemistry
 PANEL HOST: APRIL LI, MICROSOFT CORPORATION



Stan Whittingham
 Distinguished Professor
 Binghamton University



**Cortney (Corky)
 Mittelsteadt**
 VP Electrolyzers
 Dioxycle



Lingping Kong
 Assistant Professor
 San Diego State University



Jinhua Sun
 Associate Professor
 Chalmers University

PANEL 3

MONDAY

MAY 25, 2026
 9:00 - 10:15 AM

**Translating Electrochemistry to Impact: Scale-Up,
 Deployment, Funding & Collaboration**
 PANEL HOST: XIONG PENG, BERKELEY LAB

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