



## Research Triangle MRSEC/Industry outreach symposium

### Purpose

In February 2015 The Research Triangle MRSEC will host an industry outreach symposium. The goal of the symposium is to build bridges between academia and industry through an open forum between participating industrial panel members (see below) and the MRSEC community. All participating industrial panel members have collaborated in the past with various academic institutions and are thus fairly familiar with the way we conduct research in universities. In contrast not all members of the academic community are intimately familiar with the way research & development activities are carried out in industrial settings. Considering that a substantial portion of graduate students seeks industrial positions after obtaining their PhD, it is prudent to start an open dialog between the two communities of scientists and engineers.

### Format

The symposium will consist of two sessions. In the first (open Q&A forum) session, the industry panelists will provide basic insight into how industry operates, and will lay out expectations (technical skills, professional development, team work, *etc.*) that are expected of new potential hires. The MRSEC fellows will have the opportunity to ask specific questions they feel are important in making a decision about their future careers in industry. We plan to keep a major portion of this session as interactive as possible. After a short coffee break, we will follow with a poster session, during which the MRSEC Fellows will have an opportunity to discuss their research with our industry visitors (as well as other participants of the symposium). The MRSEC Fellows are encouraged to generate questions of interest they plan to ask the panelists even before the symposium date. Any questions can be sent to Jan Genzer ([jgenzer@ncsu.edu](mailto:jgenzer@ncsu.edu)), who will forward them to the industry panel members.

### Panel members

Dr. Andrea Liebmann-Vinson, Director of BioSense, Becton Dickinson Technologies  
Dr. Barclay Satterfield, Sr. Chemical Engineer, Eastman Innovation Ctr., Eastman Chemical Co.  
Dr. Damon R. Billodeaux, Visiting Scientist, Eastman Innovation Ctr., Eastman Chemical Co.  
Dr. Timothy D. Fornes, Senior Staff Scientist, Chemical Research, Lord Corporation

## Date and time

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 12:00-5:00 PM

## Program

12:00 - 1:00 PM	lunch
1:00 - 2:30 PM	open forum with industry panelists
2:30 - 3:00 PM	coffee break
3:00 - 5:00 PM	poster session

## Venue

Hunt library, NC State's Centennial Campus, Duke Energy Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

## Directions

Directions to the NC State's Centennial campus: <http://centennial.ncsu.edu/map-directions.php>

Map: [http://centennial.ncsu.edu/elements/pdf/overall\\_map.pdf](http://centennial.ncsu.edu/elements/pdf/overall_map.pdf)

## Parking

Parking is available in NC State university parking lots close to the library. Specifically, visitors can park in the parking lots across the BTEC building, EB1 building, and P1 building. For more location details refer to the map link above. You need to get a parking pass at the visitor's booth. Alternatively, if you plan to carpool (strongly recommended), please have one person per car contact Amy Alexander ([ajmille9@ncsu.edu](mailto:ajmille9@ncsu.edu)), and she will issue you a free electronic parking pass. Please contact Amy no later than Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Fellows Social immediately following Industry Poster Session  
Raleigh Brewing Company  
Catering by Firewurst - Bratwurst, Italian & Chicken Apple Sausage (included)  
\*\* Veggie option available  
Korean street food truck will also be on site - Bo's Kitchen (self-pay)  
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