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Presents

## Professor Maurice Brookhart

William R. Kenan, Jr.  
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University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill

**February 7, 8, and 9, 2012**

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## Lecture Topics

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

4:20 pm, Room 138 Chemistry

**“Alkane Metathesis: A Route to Tomorrow’s Fuels?”**

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

4:20 pm, Room 136 Chemistry

**“Generation of Transition Metal Alkane Complexes and Related Chemistry”**

Thursday, February 9, 2012

2:30 pm, Room 136 Chemistry

**“Catalysis via Iridium Silyl and Silane Complexes”**



**M**aurice Brookhart (b. 1942) grew up in the mountains of western Maryland and attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore where he received an A.B. degree in chemistry in 1964. He carried out his doctoral work in physical organic chemistry at UCLA under the direction of Saul Winstein. After finishing the Ph.D. degree in 1968, he spent six months as a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow at UCLA, followed by a year of study at Southampton University

as a NATO postdoctoral fellow. Brookhart joined the University of North Carolina faculty in 1969 and is currently a William R. Kenan, Jr. professor of chemistry. He has spent research leaves at Rennes, Oxford, UC-Berkeley, Seville, Marburg and the Max Planck Institute, Muelheim. Brookhart served as associate editor of *Organometallics* (1990-96) and received the 1992 ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry, a 1994 ACS Cope Scholar Award and the 2003 ACS Award in Polymer Chemistry. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1996 and the National Academy of Sciences in 2001 and received the Gibbs Medal in 2010.

Professor Brookhart’s research interests span mechanistic, synthetic, and structural organometallic chemistry. Most recently his efforts have focused on the development and mechanistic understanding of late transition metal complexes for olefin polymerizations and employing carbon-hydrogen bond activation processes for catalytic transformations of small molecules.