

# Abbott Workshop Series in Synthetic Organic and Medicinal Chemistry

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Associate Professor Frontier's research program is devoted to the planning and execution of syntheses of biologically and structurally interesting natural products.

A particular focus is the use of transition metal catalysis to rapidly construct complex molecular architecture from simple starting materials.

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#### New Twists in Nazarov Cyclization Chemistry

#### Abstract:

In the past few years, reports of catalytic versions of the Nazarov cyclization have attracted renewed attention to this  $4\pi$  conrotatory electrocyclization. The study of unusual variations of the reaction and their impact on the synthetic utility of the cyclization will be discussed. Applications of these methods to the synthesis of natural products will also be presented.

### 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 331 Smith Hall

Host: Christopher Douglas

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