

# *The Wisconsin Idea:* **Opportunities and Challenges** *In Graduate Research and Education*

## **Analytical Seminar**



**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**12:15 p.m.**

**Seminar Hall, Room 1315 Chemistry**

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### **Four questions succinctly express the opportunities and challenges for graduate education:**

1. What is the influence of the Wisconsin Idea on graduate research and education?
2. What are the purposes of graduate education?
3. What steps should be taken to ensure that graduate education addresses important societal issues as well as the needs and aspirations of graduate students?
4. What action is under way by faculty and other academic leaders, federal and private funders, industry leaders, students and post docs, and others?

These four questions will spark conversations about the quality of graduate education at UW-Madison. The Report of the ACS Presidential Commission on Graduate Education in the Chemical Sciences is a point of departure for this conversation.

*Suggested readings:*

[The Wisconsin Idea](#)

[Summary Report](#)

*of the* [ACS Presidential Commission on Graduate Education](#)

[Better Learning Through Chemistry?](#)

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