

Clarkson University
Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
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Prof. Ross Taylor (Clarkson University) will speak on:

**Saying No to David H. Koch (yes, THE David H. Koch)
and other tales (mostly, but not exclusively, related to
working with industry)**



Taylor joined what then was named Clarkson College of Technology as an Assistant Professor in July 1980. He had recently completed his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Taylor didn't know much about Clarkson and Clarkson didn't know much about him. More than 84 semesters later, Taylor remains a Clarkson University faculty member.

In 2001, he was named the first Kodak Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering and in 2019 became the first Liya Regel and Bill Wilcox Distinguished Professor of Engineering. From 1999 – 2004, he held a part time position as the Professor of Reactive Separations at the University of Twente in The Netherlands. He served as Chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering from January 1999 to June 2006.

Taylor writes: "This will likely be the last time I give a seminar to my home department. I am NOT announcing my retirement, but I don't expect to be here long enough to be asked to do this again."

"I am taking this last opportunity to tell you the untold (in its entirety) story of how I changed chemical engineering (as practiced by some) and, yes, I know that sounds pompous, but it also happens to be true. Along the way will be added sprinklings of advice for young faculty, and future graduates, most especially those of you that think of yourselves as a future entrepreneur."

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