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The Role of Hydrogen in a Sustainable Future:

An Overview of Production, Delivery, Uses, and Required Workforce

UN Sustainability Goal #7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 • 7:30 - 9:00 PM (ET)
Franciscan Center Board Room

Hydrogen can be a valuable tool for the reduction of carbon emissions in chemicals production, heavy industry, and transportation. In this presentation, Professor Mason will briefly overview the national and regional hydrogen economy, and discuss efforts to assess hydrogen-related workforce needs in Ohio and Michigan and to develop appropriate training, certification, and academic programs to address these needs.

Dr. Mark Mason is Professor of Chemistry and former Director of the School of Green Chemistry and Engineering at the University of Toledo. His research and scholarly activities focus on sustainable chemistry, catalytic materials, and the development of hydrogen-related workforce training programs. Prior to joining the University of Toledo, Mark was a postdoctoral associate with Professor Andrew Barron at Harvard University (1991-1993) and an Assistant Professor at the University of Louisville (1993-1998). He received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University with Professor John G. Verkade (1991) and his B.S. in Chemistry from Bowling Green State University.



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