

Cheng-Yu Lai

1. Name and academic rank:

Cheng-Yu Lai, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering

2. Education – degree, discipline, institution, year

Ph.D. Chemistry, Iowa State University, December 2004

M.S. Chemistry, National Chung-Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan, June 1996

B.S. Chemistry, National Chung-Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan, June 1994

3. Academic experience – institution, rank, title

16 Years

Associate Professor, Mech. & Mater. Eng. Dept., FIU, 2020-Present

Visiting Associate Professor, Mech. & Mater. Eng. Dept., FIU, 2018-2020

Associate Chair, Dept. of Chemistry, Delaware State University, 2014-2015

Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, Delaware State University, 2012-2018

Postdoctoral Research Fellow – Department of Immunology, Scripps Research 2005-2007

4. Non-Academic experience:

Senior Research Chemist, DuPont Central Research and Development 2010-2012

Research Chemist, DuPont Central Research and Development, 2007-2012

5. Certifications or professional registrations: N/A

6. Current membership in professional organizations

Materials Research Society (MRS)

American Chemical Society (ACS)

7. Honors and awards

Research Excellence Award, Delaware State University, 2016

Professional Development Award, Delaware State University, 2013-2014

Sigma Xi Award for Excellence in Science, 2004

ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry Travel Award, 2004

Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University, 2001

8. Service activities (within and outside of the institution)

Faculty Advisor, Materials Research Society (MRS)

Panel Reviews – DoD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG)

Fellowship Program

NASA CRE2DO Center at FIU, Associate Director of Outreach and Educational Programs

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Thermodynamics and Catalysis

Faculty Search Committee member, FIU

9. Briefly list the most important publications and presentations from the past five years

Liu, M.; Radu, D. R.; Selopal, G. S.; Bachu, S.; Lai, C.-Y., “Stand-Alone CuFeSe₂ (Eskebornite) Nanosheets for Photothermal Cancer Therapy”. *Nanomaterials* **2021**.

Liu, M.; Bhandari, A.; Haqqani Mohammed, M. A.; Radu, D. R.; Lai, C.-Y., “Versatile Silver Nanoparticles-Based SERS Substrate with High Sensitivity and Stability”. *Applied Nano* **2021**.

Prado-Rivera, R.; Chang, C.-Y.; Liu, M.; Lai, C.-Y.; Radu, D. R., “Sulvanites: The Promise at the Nanoscale” *Nanomaterials* **2021**.

Liu, M.; Lai, C.-Y.; Chang, C.-Y.; Radu, D. R., “Solution-Based Synthesis of Sulvanite Cu₃TaS₄ and Cu₃TaSe₄ Nanocrystals” *Crystals* **2021**.

Mahyar Mohammadnezhad; Mimi Liu; Gurpreet Singh Selopal; Fabiola Navarro Pardo; Zhming M. Wang; Barry Stansfield; Haiguang Zhao; Cheng-Yu Lai; Federico Rosei; Daniela R. Radu, “Synthesis of Highly Efficient Cu₂ZnSnS_xSe_{4-x} (CZTSSe) Nanosheet Electrocatalyst for Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells” *Electrochimica Acta*, **2020**.

Liu, M.; Lai, C.-Y.; Zhang, M.; Radu, D. R., “Cascade synthesis and optoelectronic applications of intermediate bandgap Cu₃VSe₄ nanosheets” *Scientific Reports* **2020**.

Liu, M.; Lai, C.-Y.; Selopal, G. S.; Radu, D. R., “Synthesis and optoelectronic properties of Cu₃VSe₄ nanocrystals”. *PLOS one* **2020**.

Chen, C.-C.; Stone, K. H.; Lai, C.-Y.; Dobson, K. D.; Radu, D. R., “Sulvanite” (Cu₃VS₄) Nanocrystals for Printable Thin Film Photovoltaics”, *Materials Letters* **2018**.

Cheng-Yu Lai, Mimi Liu, Daniela, R. Radu “2D Cu₂ZnSnS_xSe_{4-x} Nanosheets for Ultra-Thin Film Photovoltaics”, **ACS National Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA, March 22 - 26, 2020**, Talk.

Daniela R. Radu, Cheng-Yu Lai, “Teaching the old mesoporous silica nanospheres (MSN) new tricks: Sensing capabilities” **ACS National Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA, March 22 - 26, 2020**, Poster.

Daniela Radu, Cheng-Yu Lai, Mimi Liu, Po-Yu Hwang, Dominik Berg, Ching-Chin Chen, Kevin Dobson, “Chalcogenide nanomaterials in thin-film photovoltaics”, **254th ACS National Meeting & Exposition, Washington, DC, August 20-24, 2017**, Talk.

Daniela Radu, Mimi Liu, Kevin Dobson, Po-Yu Hwang, Cheng-Yu Lai, “Chalcogenide Nanoparticles Precursor in Thin-Film Photovoltaics—Processing Limitations”, **43rd IEEE Photovoltaics Specialists, Portland OR, 2016**, Poster.

10. Briefly list the most recent professional development activities

- Organized NASA Workshop for engaging FIU in Space Technology Mission Directorate research in support of Artemis Mission, December 2020
- Facilitated Georgia Tech Materials Science Seminar streaming, ongoing
- Attended MRS Tutorial: 2D Layered Materials for Quantum—From Growth to Quantum Properties and Applications at MRS Fall 2020 Meeting