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History and Chemistry of Mirror Through the Centuries

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6:30-7:30 PM on Zoom

Register to receive the Zoom link:

https://suny-ow-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/e_tKbLBMTTud7pX7ysR9UA

Abstract: The concept of mirror has been adopted by humans since the early history of ancient civilizations. The various ways of image reflections will be presented throughout the many societies over the centuries with emphasis on the social, artistic, religious as well as the various ways of mirror manufacture.

Biography: Paris Svoronos earned his PhD in Organic Chemistry at Georgetown (1979) and has served as a full-time faculty at CUNY Queensborough Community College (CUNY-QCC) for over 40 years (1981-2021). He was the first Chemist to be selected as Professor of the Year by the CASE/Carnegie Foundation (2003) and the only community college faculty to be presented the James Flack Norris Award by the ACS-NE section (2021). He has served Long Island Subsection of the American Chemical Society (LI-ACS) as its Chair (2002), Director-at-Large and Secretary. He was selected as the ACS-NY Section Chair (2015), Community College first Professor of the Year (2019) and alternate counselor. He is an ACS fellow (2018), as well as a recipient of the Stanley Israel Award for advancing diversity in the chemical sciences (2018), and the Ann Nalley Regional Award for volunteer service (2016). He chairs the ACS-Long Island Section Frances Sterrett Environmental Symposium held annually at Hofstra University. He has served MARM as co-General Chair (2008, QCC), co-Program Chair (2016, Mount St. Vincent), the poster co-chair (2023, CUNY, New York) as well as an ACS-General Chemistry Test Committee member (2018-2021).

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