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THIS MONTH IN CHEMICAL HISTORY

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A few weeks ago I marked my retirement from the Cal. State, Los Angeles teaching faculty, after 62 years, by clearing out my office. I came across a few books that I plan to include in my series of columns on great chemistry books of the 20th. Century. Since one of these that I plan to cover in my next month's column is by a distinguished chemist, now largely forgotten or overlooked, and almost certainly unknown to most of my readers, I am devoting this month's column to that chemist: Nevil Sidgwick.

Sidgwick was born in May 1873 in Oxford, England. His father was an academic. He was educated at the famous private Rugby School (where the game of rugby was invented!) and earned a scholarship to Christ Church College, Oxford. His tutor there was Vernon Harcourt, a pioneer in chemical kinetics. He earned first class honors in both science and "Greats" (a mix of classical Greek and Latin literature, philosophy, etc.) a quite rare distinction. He followed his first love, science, by spending a short time in. Ostwald's laboratory, but illness forced him to go back to England. After he recovered he travelled to Tübingen and worked for two years in the laboratory of Hans von Pechmann. His dissertation on acetone-dicarboxylic acid earned him a D.Sc. in 1901. On the strength of this achievement he was elected to a Fellowship at Lincoln College Oxford. He took up this appointment in Fall 1901 and remained a Fellow of Lincoln until his death in March 1952.

Sidgwick devoted his career to the study of chemical valence and the chemical bond. He wrote several books on this and related subjects, three of which: "The Organic Chemistry of Nitrogen" (1910); "Electronic theory of Valency" (1927); and "The Chemical Elements and their Compounds (1950, 2 volumes); I regard as among the great chemistry books of the 20th. Century. Quite remarkably two of them were published forty years apart.

Sidgwick was very active professionally. He was sent as a representative of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to its meeting in Australia in 1914. A fellow passenger on the outward voyage was Sir Ernest Rutherford and the two became friends. On the return journey Sidgwick became acquainted with another famous scientist, Professor Arthur Eddington, astronomer, cosmologist, and extraordinary science writer. (I recommend Eddington's book "The Nature of the Physical World"). He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1922. He spent a semester at Cornell University in 1931 and presented the Baker Lecture series for that semester on "Physical Properties of the Covalent Link in Chemistry". A rare "double" at Cornell, Sidgwick was invited back in 1950 to share a lecture series with Schlesinger on "The Hydrides of Boron"; Schlesinger for the experimental aspects and Sidgwick for the state of then-current theory. Sidgwick was elected president of The Faraday Society (the physical chemists' society in the U.K. at that time) for 1932 – 34; vice-president of the Royal Society in 1935-37; and President of The Chemical Society for 1935 – 37.

Sidgwick was a chemical theoretician who made important contributions to the understanding of chemical bonding, including the effects of hydrogen bonding on physical properties. His biographical memoir, published by the Royal Society, is by Henry Tizard, an Oxford chemist and inventor. It covers 26 pages, lists well over 100 publications, and does full justice to the life and career of this important 20th. Century chemist.

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NORTH JERSEY ACS'S MIRLINDA BIBA HONORED AS ACS FELLOW

The officers of the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society congratulate Dr. Mirlinda Biba, 2021 Chair of the Section and Senior Principal Scientist at Merck and Co., for being chosen as a 2024 ACS Fellow. Mirlinda is one of thirty-seven eminent research scientists, business leaders, educators, and entrepreneurs who were honored at the Fellows Award Ceremony which took place during the ACS Fall Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

The American Chemical Society Fellows Program was created by the ACS Board of Directors in December 2008 to recognize members of the ACS for outstanding achievements in and contributions to science, the profession, and the Society. Mirlinda is credited for her contributions to the field of analytical chemistry for the



discovery and development of pharmaceuticals, for strong scientific mentorship, and for outstanding service and leadership to the ACS North Jersey Local Section, the ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry, and commitment for diversity and inclusion in the chemistry community.

CHEMLUMINARY AWARD FOR NORTH JERSEY ACS

The North Jersey ACS Younger Chemists Committee were honored with the Outstanding Local Section Younger Chemists Committee ChemLuminary Award at the ACS Fall Meeting in Denver, Colorado. The NJACS YCCs activities in 2023 included the "How to Translate Your Academic Studies into an Industry Career" series of seminars as well as hosting a symposium at the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting. Congratulations to Mary Okorie and Tiffany Olivera!



Pictured (L-R) Katherine Johnson (YCC Chair), Mirlinda Biba (NJACS Past Chair), Bettyann Howson (NJACS Secretary), Michael Peddicord (NJACS Councilor), Mohammed Elshaer (NJACS Councilor) and ACS President Mary Carroll

DR. BENJAMIN F. CRAVATT SELECTED AS THE 2025 WILLIAM H. NICHOLS MEDALIST FOR DEVELOPING ACTIVITY-BASED PROTEIN PROFILING AND ADVANCING COVALENT DRUG DISCOVERY

The New York Section of the American Chemical Society proudly announces Professor Benjamin F. Cravatt has been selected to be the William H. Nichols Medalist for 2025. Professor Cravatt is the Norton B. Gilula Chair of Chemical Biology in the Department of Chemistry at The Scripps Research Institute. He is being honored for developing activity-based protein profiling and advancing covalent drug discovery. The Nichols Medal Award will be presented following the Distinguished Symposium in his honor, entitled:

Advancing biology through innovations in chemistry

Full details will be featured in upcoming editions of The Indicator and on the New York ACS website.



PROFESSOR PATRICIA REDDEN EARNS RARE HAT-TRICK OF ACS HONORS

Dr. Patricia A. Redden, Professor Emerita at Saint Peter's University, has been awarded three prestigious honors by the American Chemical Society. She received the 2024 Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences Award sponsored by the ACS Committee on Minority Affairs at MARM2024 in June. Dr. Redden also received the 2024 Chemists with Disabilities Inclusion ChemLuminary **Award** (detailed above) for her organization of the Students with Disabilities' 'Teaching Prof. Redden also earned the symposium. 2025 ACS Volunteer Service Award which will be presented at the Spring ACS National Meeting and Exposition in San Diego. has relentlessly advocated for chemists with disabilities, served on various ACS governance committees, and equity, and inclusion throughout her nearly 50 years **ACS** volunteer. Dr. as an Redden's enduring impact and dedication to are foundational to her being inclusion well-deserved named the recipient of these prestigious awards.



rious ACS governance *Dr. Patricia Redden (center) being presented the*promoted diversity, *Stanley C. Israel Award by ACS Board Wayne Jones (left)*and MARM Award Chair
Marsha Grimminger (at right)

NEW YORK ACS'S CHARLES BRUMLIK AND SUNGHEE LEE HONORED AS ACS FELLOWS

Each year, the American Chemical Society honors a group of its members who have distinguished themselves as outstanding contributors to the chemical science and also to the ACS Community: its Divisions, Local Sections and members. This year, on Monday, August 19, two of our distinguished NYACS members were numbered among the 37 new ACS Fellows honored at a ceremony held at the Fall ACS Meeting in Denver, CO.

Charles J. Brumlik, of Nanobiz LLC, was recognized for outstanding expertise in applications nanomaterials and commercialization; leadership the intersection of science, intellectual property, and business; and mentorship of hundreds of scientists to help solve humanity's big challenges. He was also recognized for outstanding ACS National and New York Local Section programs, including NASA symposia and Leadership Awards, and for a tireless commitment to mentoring early career scientists in their first jobs.





Pictured (L-R) Neil Jespersen, Rita Upmacis, 2024 ACS Fellow Inductee Prof. Sunghee Lee, NYACS Past-Chair Mary Virginia Orna, Frank Romano, and Marilyn Jespersen

Sunghee Lee, of Iona University (pictured above), was recognized for outstanding contributions to biointerface science, mentoring nearly 100 undergraduate students to amass a significant publication record, and excellence in the integration of undergraduate education and research. She was also recognized for dedicated service to the ACS Committee on Professional Training and for promoting excellence in chemistry at the K-12 level, the NYACS, and in the broader community while passionately developing initiatives that foster diversity.

CHEMLUMINARY AWARDS FOR NEW YORK ACS



Pictured (L-R) Lori Stepan (ACS Committee on Community Activities Chair), Maria Contel (NYACS Councilor), Mary Virginia Orna (NYACS Past-Chair), Rita Upmacis (NYACS Councilor), Alison Hyslop (NYACS Councilor), Frank Romano (NYACS Councilor), Neil Jespersen (ACS Councilor) and ACS President-Elect Dorothy Phillips

The volunteers of the New York ACS were honored at the 26th Annual ChemLuminary Awards held during the Fall ACS Meeting & Exposition in Denver. The New York ACS earned the following six ChemLuminary Awards:

- Best Activity or Program Stimulating Member Involvement honors our year-long celebration of Dr. Marie Maynard Daly including the dedication of a <u>National Historic Chemical Landmark</u> at Columbia University
- Best Overall Local Section Minority Affairs Committee honors our outreach about Dr. Marie Maynard Daly using a short documentary film
- Chemists with Disabilities Inclusion Award honors our 'Teaching Students with Disabilities' symposium at the CUNY Graduate Center
- Outstanding Ongoing National Chemistry Week Event honors our celebration of National Chemistry Week at the New York Hall of Science
- Outstanding Project SEED Program Award Large Site honors our high school summer research program that serves more than 45 students
- Outstanding Public Outreach Event Organized by a Student Group honors the 'Chemistry of Love' event organized by the Pace University student member chapter of the ACS

In addition, the New York ACS was a finalist for four additional ChemLuminary Awards:

- Fostering Interactions between Local Sections and Student Chapters the <u>Undergraduate Research Symposium</u>
- Most Creative & Innovative Use of the CCEW Theme, the <u>Chemists Celebrate Earth Week</u> at Jones Beach
- Most Innovative New Activity or Program, the New York ACS' year-long celebration of Marie Maynard Daly, including the dedication of a <u>National Historic Chemical Landmark</u> in her honor, the production of a short documentary film on Dr. Daly, and sponsoring a seminar on Dr. Daly at the Eastern Analytical Symposium
- Outstanding Sustainability Activities, the <u>Frances S. Sterrett Environmental Chemistry Symposium</u>

PROFESSOR PAMELA KERRIGAN SELECTED AS THE NEW YORK ACS 2025 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDEE

Professor Pamela Kerrigan, Director of the Division of Natural Sciences at the University of Mount Saint Vincent, was unanimously selected as the 2025 Outstanding Service Awardee for the New York ACS. Pam is being recognized for her long-standing commitment to the NYACS and its deep impact. Pam is passionate for education is clear, she has hosted three Undergraduate Symposia, participated in National Chemistry Week for almost two decades, has been the faculty advisor for the UMSV Student Chapter since 1995, and has served American Chemical on the Society Committee on Education (SOCED). Currently a NYACS Councilor, Pam has served as Secretary (2000-2004) and as the NYACS Chair (2014) which led to three ChemLuminary Awards under her leadership. At the regional level, she was instrumental in the organization of MARM2016 as General Co-Chair.





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NEW YORK ACS MEMBERS EARN PRESTIGIOUS 2024 MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL AWARD AT MARM 2024

Three New York ACS members were honored at the <u>2024 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting</u> Congratulations to Dr. Patricia A. Redden, Ms. Xue Qing Liang, and Mr. Hector Gonzalez for their outstanding achievements!

Ms. Xue Qing Liang of New Utrecht High School has won the 2024 ACS Award for Excellence in High School Teaching sponsored by the ACS Division of Chemical Education. Ms. Liang's innovative teaching methods, such as the 10-Points-Bingo strategy and the I-Can-Statement self-assessment tool, address diverse learning needs and promote inclusive education. Her leadership extends beyond the classroom, with significant contributions to STEM initiatives, including coaching Science Olympiad teams and mentoring research projects. Her continuous professional growth and passion for chemistry education have earned her this esteemed honor.



Ms. Xue Qing Liang (center) with ACS District I Director Katherine Lee (left) and MARM Award Chair Marsha Grimminger (at right)



Mr. Hector Gonzalez

Mr. Hector Gonzalez of New Jersey City University was presented with the inaugural Bill Suits Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society at the 2024 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting in lune. Hector is President of the ACS Student Chapter at NICU, a graduate of the New Jersey Governor STEM Scholars Program, and a supplemental instruction leader for students in general chemistry II. He aspires to earn his Ph.D. in chemistry and we wish him well as we thank him for his service. Ms. Hannah **Priller** of Pennsylvania State University also honored with the Bill Suits Award at MARM 2024. These awards honor Bill Suits, a long standing and beloved volunteer in the North Jersey ACS.

NORTH JERSEY SECTION MEETINGS

https://www.njacs.org/

2024 NORTH JERSEY ACS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2024 North Jersey ACS Chair Sandra Keyser and the Executive Committee welcome you to our monthly NJACS meetings. Each meeting is held **Wednesday night from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. All members are welcome to attend and become more involved in section activities. The dates for 2024 are, as follows:

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (hybrid) Wednesday, November 13, 2024 (virtual)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 (hybrid) 2025 Planning Meeting in December, TDB

For links to the virtual meetings and RSVP for in-person attendance at hybrid meetings, please check out the calendar on our website.



Poster Abstracts Due September 4, 2024

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NORTH JERSEY ACS ELECTION

The North Jersey Section ACS 2024 election will take place online from the **middle of September through the middle of October.** Balloting will be electronic and managed by <u>Vote-Now.com</u> Ballots will be sent to all current North Jersey ACS members via the email address that they registered with ACS.

The candidates for the positions of Chair–Elect, Treasurer, and Councilor are as follows:

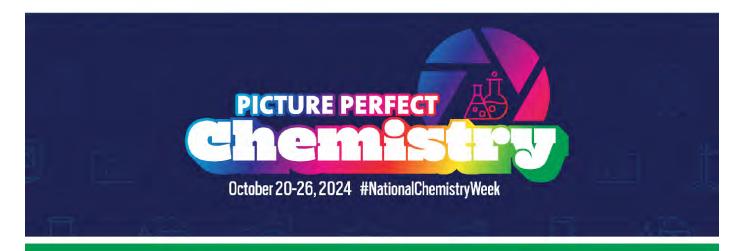
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NORTH JERSEY ACS CHEMEXPO 2024

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October 19, 2024 | 12 pm - 4 pm

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Contact skeyser@njacs.org if you have questions about the event or if you'd like to volunteer!

We hope to see you there!



NORTH JERSEY ACS TO HOST MARM 2025

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NORTH JERSEY ACS MASS SPECTROMETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Ambient Mass Spectrometry Imaging: Recent Developments and Opportunities

Speaker: Dr. Julia Laskin (<u>website</u>)

Department of Chemistry

Purdue University

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Place: Somerville Elks Lodge 1068

375 Union Avenue Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Time: 3:30 - 8:30 PM

RSVP here

Abstract: Mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) is a powerful technique for studying the localization of lipids, metabolites, and proteins in biological samples. We have developed nanospray desorption electrospray ionization (nano-DESI), ambient ionization an technique enables label-free that molecular imaging of biological samples with minimal sample pretreatment. Nano-DESI relies on the localized liquid extraction of analyte molecules from the sample into a liquid bridge formed between two glass capillaries. The extracted analytes are transferred to a mass spectrometer inlet and ionized by electrospray ionization. Quantification is performed by adding an internal standard to the solvent and normalizing the signals of endogenous analytes to the corresponding adduct of the standard. Recent developments nano-DESI MSI instrumentation have enabled quantitative imaging of lipids, metabolites, and proteins in tissues with high sensitivity and spatial resolution down to 8-10 microns using finely pulled Furthermore, we capillaries. developed a microfluidic nano-DESI MSI



experiments by coupling it with ion mobility spectrometry and online photochemical derivatization of the extracted analytes. These complementary approaches have been used for isomer-selective imaging of biomolecules in tissue samples. Collectively, these new spatial omics approaches provide unique insights into the biochemical pathways in biological systems.

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NEW YORK ACS ELECTION RESULTS

New York ACS 2024 election results are given below. The Board of Directors extends a most sincere thank you to all the candidates and expresses its appreciation for their time and efforts on our behalf. The officers elected, and their terms of service are given below:

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for 2025-2026

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Dr. Justyna Widera-Kalinowska

Councilors Dr. Brian R. Gibney for 2025-2027 Dr. Barbara Hillery

Dr. Rita Upmacis

Alternate Councilors

for 2025-2027

Dr. Pamela Kerrigan Dr. Ruben Savizky

Dr. Patricia Redden

for 2025 Dr. Katheen Kristian

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2024

The remaining board meetings dates for 2024 are, as follows:

Monday, September 16, 2024 (hybrid) Monday, November 25, 2024 (hybrid)

These meetings are open to all, but an RSVP for in-person attendance is required 5 days before the meeting.

All members who would like to attend any of the meetings should inform the New York Section office by emailing Ms. Bernadette Taylor. Ping Furlan, Ph.D. will Chair all meetings. The meetings will start at exactly 6:30 PM.

LONG ISLAND SUBSECTION

Synthesis of Natural-based Nanocomposites and Their Applications



Speaker: Dr. Zari Fallah

Mazandaran Univeristy
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024

Place: Queensborough Community College

Science Building, Room 112

and via **Zoom** (Registration is required)

Time: 6:45 PM

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Abstract: In this presentation, preparation and various applications of newly synthesized naturalnanocomposites based will be discussed. **Nanocomposites** cellulose containing and cyclodextrin substrates were synthesized using titanium dioxide nanoparticles as fillers. These composites have been applied in several fields such as water treatment. The adsorption behavior of cellulose and cyclodextrin nanocomposites (Cell.Com and CD.Com) for removal of heavy metal ions (Pb²⁺, Cd²⁺, Zn²⁺, and Hg²⁺) and fluoride anion from aqueous solutions was performed through the batch technique. These highly porous nanocomposites with high surface area and active sites exhibited high adsorption capacity, good selectivity, recyclability, and environmental friendliness. The results of our investigation into the antibacterial properties of Cell.Com and CD.Com illustrated that the synthetic composites have a wide range of activities against gram-positive (S. aureus and B. subtilis) and gramnegative (E. coli and P. aeruginosa) bacteria.



October 20-26, 2024 #NationalChemistryWeek

HUDSON-BERGEN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

In celebration of National Chemistry Week 2024

Activation and Incorporation of Rare Sugars into Bacterial Surfaces

Speaker: Dr. Tania Lupoli, Assistant Professor

Chemistry Department New York University

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024
Place: Dickinson Hall, Room 4468

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Teaneck, NJ 07666

Time: 5:00 PM Pizza and Refreshments

5:30 PM Lecture

RSVP Reservations required by October 19, 2024,

email Dr. Mihaela Leonida, or Dr. Ish Kumar



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Abstract: Our planet is inhabited by trillions of bacteria that live inside and outside of humans. The "skin", or surface, of bacteria is called the cell envelope, which mediates infection of the host and protects bacteria from host immune defense tactics. While Gram-negative bacteria contain a protective outer membrane layer absent in most Gram-positives, almost all bacteria contain polymers composed of unique monosaccharides that extend from the cell surface. Gramnegative bacteria typically contain lipopolysaccharide (LPS) in the outer leaflet of the outer membrane with attached polysaccharides called O-antigens that help mediate interactions with the environment. O-antigens are composed of repeating oligosaccharides that define particular bacterial serotypes, which distinguishes bacterial strains within a single species. Foundational chemical biology work has contributed to our understanding of eukaryotic cell surface composition. However, we still lack a clear understanding of assembly of bacterial surface glycan polymers that contain prokaryote-specific or "rare" sugars. Here, we describe synthetic and chemoenzymatic methods to construct rare nucleotide sugars to study substrate recognition by bacterial glycosyltransferases that build O-antigens. We identify key regions in sugar substrates that are required for substrate binding and activity, and we use this knowledge to design chemical probes that will be used for the construction of synthetic O-antigens and small molecule inhibitors that will stall O-antigen synthesis. This work will expand our understanding of cellular mechanisms underlying bacterial polysaccharide synthesis, and will teach us about the roles that rare sugars play in bacterial cellular interactions.

WESTCHESTER CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Advocating for Pharmaceutical Drug Production in Africa

Speaker: Rolande Hodel, Ph.D.

President and Founder

AIDSfreeAFRICA

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024 **Place:** Gianfanco Pizzeria and Restaurant

88 Virginia Road

North White Plains, NY 10603

and via **Zoom** (Registration is required)

Time: 5:30 PM Social and Snacks

6:00 PM Talks and Discussion 7:30 PM Option to Order Dinner

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Abstract: Covid did not happen in Africa as feared by many in the field. However, it renewed the discussion on what will happen when the next pandemic comes along. The African continent is three times the size of the US, with four times the population of 1.4 billion. Since its inception in 2018, the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization Foundation is focused on delivering a roadmap to Africa's participation in vaccine, medical supplies, and eventually drug production. AIDSfreeAFRICA has long been focused on helping hands-on, consulting seven start up pharmaceutical companies in Cameroon. The organization recently approved a major shift to focus on international advocacy for drug production. We feel the time is ripe. So far topics that are being tackled are counterfeit prevention (Ghana, Gates), vaccine syringe manufacturing (Revital, Kenya, Gates) and compounding/packaging (UCL, Kenya, Strides). The Kilinto Industrial Park being built in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia promises incubator style capacity to host future pharmaceutical companies, but not necessarily drug producing factories. AIDSfreeAFRICA plans to make sure drug production with an eye on delivering medicine to African's will move center stage.

Save the Date

Our Chemical Heritage: Its Impact on Our Daily Lives

Speaker: Mary Virginia Orna, Ph.D.

Professor of Chemistry, Emerita

College of New Rochelle Thursday, October 10, 2024

Place: Thursday, October 10, 2024
Westchester Community College
Gateway Center, Room 110

75 Grasslands Road Valhalla, NY 10595

and via Zoom

Time: 5:30 PM Coffee Hour

6:00 PM Speaker

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WESTCHESTER CHEMICAL SOCIETY DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD 2025 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Westchester Chemical Society is now accepting nominations for the "Westchester Chemical Society Distinguished Scientist Award 2025". Scientists who live <u>or</u> work in Westchester County or the Bronx qualify. Self-nominations are acceptable. Nominees can be from private companies or educational institutions or government. The awardee is expected to attend the Awards Dinner (April/May time-frame) and to present aspects of their work. Nominations are not carried over from previous years. New and possibly updated nominations should be submitted. Please send a cover letter stating why your nominee should receive the award along with the nominee's resume by January 15, 2025 to Dr. Peter Corfield at <u>pcorfield@fordham.edu</u>.



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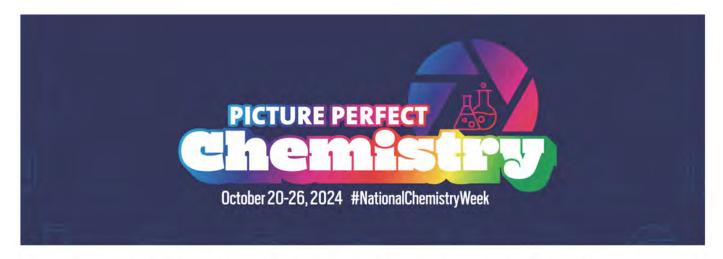
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NEW YORK ACS NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK 2024 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS / SPONSORS



Join the New York Local Section of the American Chemical Society, New York Hall of Science, and PepsiCo for our annual National Chemistry Week Celebration to celebrate the importance of chemistry in everyday life! Learn about this year's theme, Picture Perfect Chemistry, with many exciting hands-on activities put together through collaboration of Academic Institutions, Student Volunteers, Industry Professionals, and NySci.

When: October 13, 2024 (11:00 – 4:00 pm)
Where: New York Hall of Science, Queens, Ny

Questions about the event, please contact Joseph Wiener at <u>Joseph.Wiener@PepsiCo.com</u>.

If you would like to volunteer, host a demo/activity, or sponsor this event, please reach out as well via email or <u>click here</u>.

We hope to see you there!









2024 Frances S. Sterrett Environmental Chemistry Symposium

Micro-Plastics: Macro-Problem?

Saturday, November 9, 2024
Berliner Hall Room 117, Hofstra University; Hempstead, NY 11549-1000

The Frances S. Sterrett Environmental Chemistry Symposium is dedicated to presenting the public with up-to-date, factual scientific information on environmental topics. The symposium is organized by members of the Long Island Subsection of the American Chemical Society (LIACS) and cosponsored by the New York Section of the American Chemical Society (NYACS); this event is made possible with support from ACS LS-Sustainability Programming Grant, and Hofstra University's Chemistry Department. We invite you to join us and gain invaluable insights from field experts as they illuminate the pervasive issue of microplastics; and explore the latest advancements in detection methods and mitigation strategies to address this pressing environmental challenge.

Dr. J. Evan Ward

Professor and Head
Department of Marine Sciences
University of Connecticut
Interactions Between Plastic Particles and Aquatic
Suspension-Feeding Invertebrates: Searching for a
Bioindicator of Microplastics in the Environment *

Dr. Luis Medina Faull

Lecturer and IDEA Fellow School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences Stony Brook University From the Arctic to the Antarctic, Microplastics are Pervasive in the Ocean

Ms. Huiping Deng

PhD Student
Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory
Columbia Climate School
Columbia University
Microplastic and Nanoplastic Exposure Through Tap
Water

Dr. Cody Garrison

Assistant Professor
Department of Biology
SUNY Old Westbury
The Microplastic Problem Through a Microbial Lens

Dr. Matthew J. Campen

Distinguished Professor
College of Pharmacy
University of New Mexico
Silent Invasion: The Remarkable Presence of
Nanoplastics in the Human Body *

Dr. Huiyuan Guo

Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry
Binghamton University
Tracking the Biological Barrier-Crossing Behavior of
Nanoplastics *

Dr. Ashok Deshpande

Research Chemist
Northeast Fisheries Science Center
Sandy Hook Laboratory
National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration
Characterization of Microplastics by Using a Novel
Method of Pyrolysis GC-MS

<u>Note:</u> this symposium combines both in-person and virtual experiences. While the majority of talks will be held in person, those marked with "*" will be conducted via Zoom.

SEMINAR SPEAKERS WANTED

The New York Section wants to add to add you to our Speakers Bureau database of local speakers who are available for Section-wide seminars and symposia. If you have an area of research or interest that would provide an interesting talk appropriate for our Section. members, and would like to be included in our Speakers Bureau, please send an email to Ms. Bernadette Taylor with the following information that will be posted on the Section's website: your name, affiliation, a seminar title, and 5-6 words briefly summarizing your area of specialty. We look forward to hearing from you about topics that you wish to share with your fellow members!

Remember

the October Indicator submission deadline is September 16th



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COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE **NEW YORK LOCAL SECTION**

The New York Section has participated in the designation of seven National Historic Chemical Landmarks and four New York Section Historic Chemical Landmarks, as detailed on its website. landmark programs recognize achievements in the chemical sciences and related areas, in order to enhance public appreciation for the contributions of the chemical sciences to modern life.

Please consider making a nomination for a landmark historic chemical be it achievement, a building or association. Send your nomination, with supporting documentation, to Dr. Neil Jespersen, Chair, Committee on the History of the NY Section.

MEETING REPORTS

NORTH JERSEY ACS 2024 PROJECT SEED HAPPENINGS

Contributed by Bobbi Gorman & Emily Tenenbaum Co-coordinators, North Jersery ACS Project SEED



The Project SEED program is underway and the North Jersey Section is supporting ten students in various research labs of Rutgers University, New Brunswick and Piscataway, along with two high school students at Rutgers University, Newark, and four students at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. All together there are ten professors who are volunteering to mentor, along with some of their graduate students. This year's cohort of scholars are from South Brunswick High School, New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology HS, Highland Park HS, Piscataway HS, Bayonne HS, Hillsborough HS, McNair Academic HS, St. Paul's Academy, the Lawrenceville School, Irvington HS, North Bergen HS, East Orange HS, and Science Park HS.

The high school students have started to take pre-surveys and have begun attending some required digital workshops presented during the month of June. Most in-person lab research takes place in July and August.

The final requirement of North Jersey SEED students is to present their research results at a poster session at Seton Hall University on Thursday, August 15th, from 1- 4 pm. Parents are invited and chemistry undergraduates, professors, mentors and teachers are asked to please come and engage our students, and Project SEED students from other sites in New Jersey, in conversation about this experience. More publicity will be shared soon. If you have questions related to this function, please contact Bobbi Gorman (<u>rosellerams@yahoo.com</u>) or Emily Tenenbaum (<u>emilytenenbaum@gmail.com</u>).

We thank all of you who have supported this program and encouraged students to participate. Here's part of the correspondence received May 31, 2024, from Frank Peprah, a former Project SEED student from Irvington HS, who was mentored for two years under Dr. Huixin He and her graduate students at Rutgers University, Newark:

Firstly, I graduated this past Sunday from Amherst with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. My senior thesis was voted the best by the STEM department and was recommended for summa cum laude honors. I also passed my rigorous courses and secured a job at Dana-Farber in Boston as a research technician. I plan to work there for two years before applying to medical school to pursue a doctorate in medicine.

Another proud moment for me this year was achieving my first first-author publication in the research lab I had been working in throughout my college career. In that moment, I felt immense gratitude for my past experiences in Project SEED. My PI entrusted me to write about 70% of the paper in my own words, and I can confidently say that I wouldn't have been able to do it as well without the foundation in scientific writing that Project SEED.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT SUMMER RESEARCH AT ACS PROJECT SEED POSTER SYMPOSIUM



Group photo of SEED students at the symposium

On August 15th, the annual North Jersey ACS Project SEED Poster Symposium took place at Seton Hall University, celebrating the summer research achievements of New Jersey high school students. Now in its 55th year, Project SEED is an ACS program that places interested high school science students in research labs to conduct hands-on summer research projects. This year's symposium, organized by Seton Hall chemistry Professor Joe Badillo and local SEED site coordinators Bobbi Gorman and Emily Tenenbaum, brought together 60+ attendees including high school students, their families, educators, and university mentors.

The North Jersey ACS Section Project SEED Committee sponsored the symposium lunch and provided a portion of student stipends for the Rutgers and Seton Hall sites and Seton Hall provided the venue space in Bethany Hall. The event showcased 16 student posters, highlighting research conducted at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, Rutgers University-Newark, Seton Hall University, Ramapo College, and Rowan University.

The SEED scholars in attendance represented a geographically diverse group of high schools, including Bayonne High School, Highland Park High School, Piscataway High School, East Orange Campus High School, Irvington High School, North Bergen High School, Science Park High School in Newark, McNair High School in Jersey City, South Brunswick High School, St. Paul's School, New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology High School, The Lawrenceville School, Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology, John F. Kennedy High School in Paterson, Glassboro High School, and Hillsborough High School.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT SUMMER RESEARCH AT ACS PROJECT SEED POSTER SYMPOSIUM (continued)

A highlight of the symposium was the keynote speech delivered by Mirlinda Biba, Senior Principal Scientist at Merck, and ACS fellow. Dr. Biba inspired attendees with her personal journey from Bayonne High School to majoring in chemistry at Rutgers-Newark, and then embarking on a successful R&D career at Merck while simultaneously earning a PhD in analytical chemistry from Drexel University. In her talk, Dr Biba emphasized the pivotal role that mentors played in her career, starting with her high school guidance counselor, and she encouraged students to leverage the connection with their SEED mentors.



Poster presentations in action

This summer's SEED research projects covered a wide range of topics from glass engineering, to organic synthesis and molecular dynamics modeling. The complete list of the poster presentations is provided on the following page.

Teachers, counselors, and administrators from nine New Jersey high schools, as well as professors, postdocs, and graduate students attended the symposium and engaged with students discussing their summer research. North Jersey ACS has been hosting Project SEED Poster Symposiums for 36 years, missing the two years when Project SEED was virtual due to COVID-19. Overall, the successful event brought together students and their families, and new professional connections and friendships were made among students, chemistry researchers, and high school science educators.





High school students from Science Park and South Brunswick High Schools presenting their posters

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT SUMMER RESEARCH AT ACS PROJECT SEED POSTER SYMPOSIUM (continued)

Seton Hall University

Prof. Joe Badillo

Synthesis and Study of Second-Generation Photoacids - Mallike McDonald (East Orange Campus HS) Photoacid Generator-Catalyzed Pictet-Spengler Reaction - Jushny Joseph (East Orange Campus HS)

Prof. Nada Khan

• The Recommended Course of Action for the Adoption of Synthesis of 5,10,15,20 tetraphenylporphyrin for CEM Microwave - Naiya Bharvad (The Lawrenceville School) & Oluwatoni Ariyibi (Irvington HS)

Rutgers Newark

Prof. Frieder Jaekle

• Synthesis and Characterization of a Pyrimidine Boron Complex and its Precursor Ligand - Cristian Leon (North Bergen HS)

Prof. Huixin He

 Plasma Assisted Synthesis of N-WO3 for Green Synthesis of Ammonia from Nitrogen and Water -Michael Adeleke (Science Park HS, Newark)

Rutgers New-Brunswick

Prof. Mark Lipke

Synthesizing a Ga^{III}-based Metaloviologen Complex - Yumna Arif (South Brunswick HS)

Prof. Enver Izgu

 Increased 1,6-elimination Leveraging Installation of Trifluoromethyl Group - Oscar Wong (McNair Academic High School)

Prof. Ashutosh Goel

Effect of the Crystallization Behavior on Oxide-Glasses - Miley Le (Piscataway HS)
The Comparison Between 45S5 Glass and Di-TCP Glass - Oluwatosin Adeniji (Highland Park HS)

Prof. Meenakshi Dutt,

- Molecular Dynamics Visualizations and Analysis of Enzymes with Special Decorations Princess-Awa Diakhite (Bayonne HS)
- Real World Applications of Python Mayrin Bravo Martinez (New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology HS)

Prof. Donald Schaffner

• Food Microbiology Risk Reduction in Rutgers Dining Facilities - Jason Monge (Hillsborough HS), Daniela Pemberton (Piscataway HS)

Prof. Shishir Chundawat

- Effect of Galactose on CHO Cell Galactoslyation Nicole Onuoha (St. Paul's School)
- Characterizing Binding Strength for Supercharged Carbohydrate-Binding Modules Using Acoustic Force Spectroscopy Genesis Martinez (New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology HS)

Rowan University

Prof. Rashanique Quarels

• The Development of New Cyclization Methods Using Visible Light - Olayinka Osinowo (Glassboro High School)

Ramapo College

Prof. Catalin Martin

• New Approach to the Use of Infrared Spectroscopy for Olive Oil Extraction - Emma Martin (Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology)

ACS SPRING 2025



ACS SPRING 2025

Abstracts for the 2025 Spring ACS National Meeting and Exposition being held March 23-27, 2025 in San Diego, CA are due September 30th.

Submit here



Abstract Submission Deadline is Sept. 30111!

Are you planning to attend ACS Spring 2025? Submit an abstract to present your CURE experiences!

CHED: CUREs Across the Chemistry Disciplines

Course-based undergraduate research experiences (CUREs) are recognized as a well-established and impactful practice in higher education. Despite the evidence highlighting their value, especially for undergraduate students in the early stages of their STEM degrees and those from underrepresented backgrounds in STEM, the adoption of CUREs in the field of chemistry has been limited. As part of the Chemistry Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), the symposium organizers are deeply committed to promoting undergraduate research in all its forms, including the integration of research experiences into laboratory courses. In line with this commitment, this symposium will showcase the exceptional work of chemistry education practitioners who have successfully implemented CUREs into their curricula. Chemistry education practitioners are invited to share their innovative approaches and best practices in incorporating CUREs into their teaching. Those submitting abstracts are encouraged to reflect on and include in their presentation how they assessed or plan to use programmatic assessment to demonstrate the value of a well-executed CURE. By highlighting chemistry CURE achievements, this symposium will aim to inspire and encourage other chemistry educators to embrace this high-impact practice and provide their students with the transformative opportunities offered by undergraduate research.



Sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research Organizers:

Kari Stone (kstone1@lewisu.edu), Bridget Gourley (bgourley@depauw.edu), Sarah Shaner (sshaner@semo.edu), Lee Silverberg (ljs43@psu.edu)



Graduate Student Symposium ACS Spring 2025

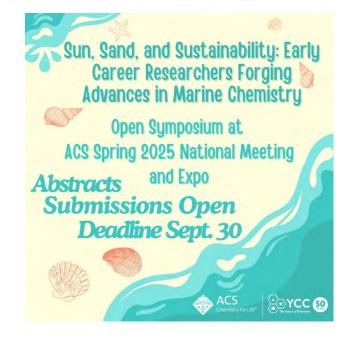
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION

Join the SCALACS for a virtual symposium on climate change on **Friday, September 27**th **from 5:00 – 7:00 PM EDT**. Dr. Doris Lewis will present stories from a career in STEM that will inspire you to persevere and take opportunities to influence public policy. Dr. Shelley Minteer presents a talk on using electrocatalysis and biocatalysis to improve sustainability and decarbonize chemical industry.



CHICAGO SECTION



The Chicago ACS invites you to a hybrid meeting featuring Sherri Rukes, AP and Honors Chemistry Teacher at Libertyville High School. Ms. Rukes will be presenting "Communicating My Passion for Chemistry" for the Chicago ACS' Education Night on Thursday, September 19th, from 6:30 – 9:30 PM EDT.

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EAS's short courses provide a valuable service to both students and professionals who seek to refine or augment their scientific development. These short courses include fundamental analytical techniques and principles, novel technologies and regulatory affairs. EAS short courses are designed to help the practicing analyst develop new skills and enhance knowledge. Taught by experts, the short courses emphasize practical knowledge of a variety of important topics to help one keep current with best practices and new techniques. This year's offerings include the following:

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- Analytical Atomic Spectroscopy and its Environmental Applications
- Collecting Infrared Spectra and Avoiding the Pitfalls

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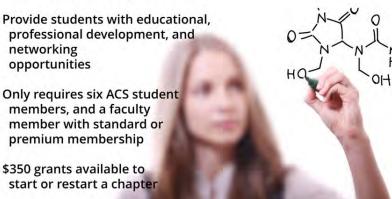
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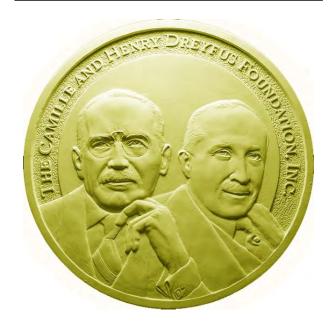








CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



DREYFUS PRIZE IN THE CHEMICAL SCIENCES: ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSES

The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation is seeking nominations focused on electrochemical processes for its 2025 Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences. Awarded to an individual the award recognizes exceptional and original research that has led to major advances in the field.

Due December 5

The Indicator is posted to the web 1ST of the month at

http://www.theindicator.org/

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ACS PETROLEUM RESEARCH FUND

Proposals for fundamental research in the petroleum field for new investigators and experienced investigators moving in new research directions.

Due September 6

EARLY CAREER POSTDOCTORAL-FACULTY BRIDGE GRANT

Provides a postdoctoral scholar with \$125,000 to support a postdoctoral fellow in their independent lab once the new research group is launched.

Due September 20

SCIENCE CAFÉ MINIGRANTS

\$500 to facilitate discussions of current topics between scientists and non-scientists in a relaxed, open venue.

Due September 30

LOCAL SECTION DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCUSION AND RESPECT (DEIR) GRANT

Up to \$3,000 to foster inclusiveness and participation within local sections, and to support interactions with other local sections, divisions, committees and other professional associations or community groups.

<u>Due September 15</u>

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR DEVELOPMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY GRANT

\$50,000 for a mid-career investigator to spend 6-12 month in the laboratory of a private company, a national lab, or an academic lab at another institution to foster collaborations.

Due September 20

OPPORTUNITIES

For High School Students & Teachers

ChemClub Community Activities Grant

Due November 1

James Bryant Conant Award in High School Chemistry

Due November 1

For Undergraduates

ACS Student Communities Professional Meeting Grant

<u>Due September 15</u>

Joseph Breen Memorial Fellowship

<u>Due November 1</u>

DoD Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship

Due December 6

For Graduate Students / Postdocs

Arnold O. Beckman Postdoctoral Fellowship

Letter of Intent due September 6

Truman Fellowship - Sandia National Laboratory

Due September 12

Chemical Computing Group Excellence Award for Graduate Students

Due September 12

Wiley Computers in Chemistry Outstanding Postdoc Award

Due September 12

Early Career Postdoctoral-Faculty Bridge Grant

<u>Due September 20</u>

Younger Chemists Leadership Institute Award

Due October 15

NRC Research Associateship Program

Due November 1

Joseph Breen Memorial Fellowship

Due November 1



For Professionals

Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Career Awards at the Scientific Interface

Due September 4

OpenEye Cadence Molecular Science Outstanding Junior Faculty Award in Computational Chemistry

Due September 12

Teaching Green Fellowship

Due September 15

Fulbright Scholar Program

Due September 16

Rising Stars in Green Chemistry Education Award

Due September 20

National Chemical Technician Award

Due September 30

2024 Alan T. Waterman Award

Due September 20

Macromolecular Rapid Communications Junior Researcher Award

Due October 15

Younger Chemists
Development Award

Due October 15

Leadership

ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Younger Chemists Conference Travel Grants

Due November 1

ACS National Awards

Due November 1

The Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences

<u>Due December 5</u>



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