

2011 50-Year Members of the ACS



Malcolm Bourne was born and raised in South Australia, received his BSc in chemistry from the University of Adelaide and then worked as a chief chemist at the largest food company in the state for 9 years. Then he went to the University of California, Davis where he earned a MS in Food Science and PhD in Agricultural Chemistry after which he joined the Faculty of Cornell University, Geneva Campus, where he has been for 49 years. The color, flavor, texture and nutrition of any food is based on its chemical composition; if any changes occur in these properties during processing or storage it is due to changes in the chemistry. That motivated Malcolm Bourne to apply his training in chemistry to measure and control the quality of our food.

At Cornell he pioneered the use of strength of materials testing machines to measure the texture of foods (these ma-

chines are now widely used in food laboratories around the world). The second edition of his book, *FOOD TEXTURE AND VISCOSITY* was published by Academic Press in 2002 and has become the standard text in the field. From studies of the kinetics of thermal softening of fruits and vegetables he developed a processing technology that optimizes the activity of endogenous pectinmethylesterase and gives greatly increased firmness in canned, frozen and dehydrated vegetables.

He has also been active in using food chemistry to ameliorate world hunger. He has been an advisor to the United Nations Environment Program, Food and Agriculture Organization, US Agency for International Development, World Bank and other groups on how to use food preservation technologies to reduce postharvest food losses in developing countries and he taught a course on this subject at Cornell for 27 years.

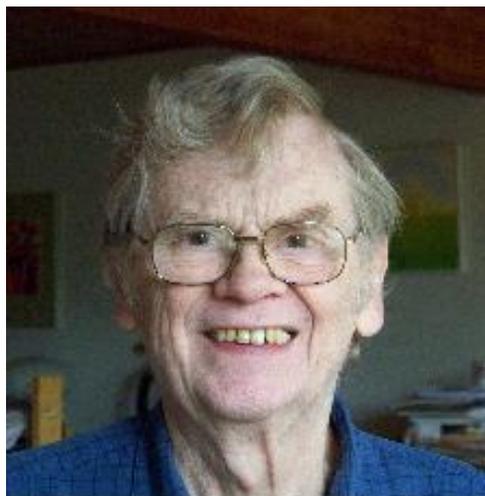
Malcolm is the author or co-author of 130 refereed papers, 34 chapters in books or encyclopedias, 4 patents, and numerous other publications. He has given invited lectures in 40 countries. He was one of 25 food scientists invited to the Advanced Food Technology Workshop at NASA in Houston in April 2002 to develop strategies for the food supply for a colony that will be sent to Mars in about 20 years. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Food Science & Technology (UK), Institute of Food Technologists (US), Royal Australian Chemical Institute, International Academy of Food Science & Technology (President of the Academy: 2003-2006), Honorary Fellow of the Australian Institute of Food Science and

Technology and Honorary Life Member of the Philippine Association of Food Technologists.

Malcolm married a beautiful nurse, Elizabeth Schumacher in September 1953. They had five children, Gwendolyn and Jonathan born in Adelaide, Lincoln born in Davis CA, Virginia and Andrew born in Geneva NY. They have ten grandchildren. Sadly, Elizabeth died after 53.76 years of a very happy marriage. He married Janice Robinson who was Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Geneva three years ago. Janice has one daughter, Janee, and one son, Les, both born in Pennsylvania.

Outside of work, Malcolm is active in his church and enjoys gardening, cutting and splitting firewood, listening to music and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Norm Allentoff



ALBERT V. BUETTNER was born in New York City in 1933, grew up on Long Island and commuted to Regis H.S. in Manhattan. The course work was very demanding, but rewarded him with excellent preparation in math and science. His developing and printing high school yearbook photos gave him experience to work his way through college. He credits his father for teaching him how to do research and approach practical problems, such as car repair. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry at Fordham University ('55) and a

Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry under Prof. Robert Livingston at University of Minnesota ('60). His thesis project involved building a flash photolysis spectroscopy unit to study the kinetics of excited states in acridine/phenazine solutions. Sir George Porter, an expert in the field, was impressed to hear Bert report on cracking a very difficult problem.

In 1961 Bert joined Bill West's Phototheory Group, which reported directly to Kodak Research Lab's director, W. T. (Bunny) Hansen. His flash photolysis studies showed that color dye images in film could be stabilized against fading by incorporation of dihydroxynaphthol. On excitation by light this scavenged the entrained oxygen; dry gelatin was very impermeable to more oxygen entering. This finding enabled color prints and large Colorama displays to resist fading and led to Bert's early promotion to Senior Staff. Other studies involved solar energy conversion, dye excitation mechanisms, and dye lasers. He was the first to measure a radiationless transition from an excited singlet state - work which laser pioneer Sorokin found very helpful in developing dye laser theory.

A favorite focus was determining the photosensitizing mechanism for electrophotographic processes in printers and copiers. It was unusual but very effective to be doing basic research as the "group guru" in a lab devoted to applied electrophotography. He was able to describe photosensitizing decay processes in film and electrophotographic charge/discharge processes. His resulting patent showed the power of computer algorithms and mathematical formulas to predict printer outcomes, such as color balance and exposure control, for changes made in photosensitive elements. Crucial to this work was the use of random numbers in computer modeling processes he learned during an MIT sabbatical.

In 1998 Bert's KRL group was spun off to Heidelberg USA, where his basic research on applied problems led to a method for complete process control of the Nextpress Printer. He and Larry Contois won an award for dis-

covering that using higher charging levels allowed use of less photoconductor. Bert retired in 2003.

Bert met his wife Joyce at University of Minnesota, where she was a student in a chemistry class he was teaching. They enjoy travel - especially to Italy, Greece, and Paris - and photography. His color slides won awards from the Kodak Camera Club. They have 3 children – Brian, Carol, and David – and 7 grandchildren. In the turbulent 60's, Bert was a vice president of the Friends of Fight and also VP of the Catholic Interracial Council. He sang in a rock choir at Immaculate Conception Church.

Bert is still applying calculations using random numbers to invest in the stock market. Throughout his career Bert feels he had wonderful opportunities, mentors, bosses, and co-workers and was lucky to be paid for doing what he enjoyed.

J. Dolf Bass



Dr. Teh Hsuan "David" Chen was born in Nanking on July 29, 1935 and where he received his early education. He moved with his family to Taiwan where he received his secondary education and attended the University of Taiwan from where he received a B.Sc. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1961. After serving in the National Chinese Army, he attended Kansas State College (now called Pittsburg State University) and obtained a Master's degree in Physical Che-

mistry. He then attended the University of Minnesota where he worked with Professor Lipsky on the Photochemistry of Benzene obtaining a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry.

After a year as a post-doctoral researcher with Prof. Schlack at Northwestern University where he worked on the time-delayed measurement of the lifetime of benzene in the Excited State, he joined the Eastman Kodak Company Research Laboratories in 1968. His first assignment was with Bill West's Phototheory Group working on the role of sensitizers in latent image formation. He later joined Jack Williams' group in the Chemistry Division where he worked in Charles Bishop's group on the Chemistry of dye fading and the photoreduction of dyes. He continued this work in Carl Kohrt's Lab in the Color Instant program, where he investigated the fading of the cyan dye. He later joined Jon Staples' Laboratory in the Color Photographic Division where he worked on new magenta DIAR dyes collaborating with Bob Romoniat and Will Bagley, a collaboration that resulted in 20 US Patents. He later worked with Dave Gighorio on polymeric dispersions for photographic paper.

After a short visit to Taiwan, "David" met and later married Cheng-Hsiu "Janice". Together they have 2 sons and a daughter and 6 grandchildren.

"David" retired from Eastman Kodak in 1998. He keeps active in retirement playing Bridge, Mah Jong and physical fitness. He is a member of the "Silver Sneakers" where he swims, does weight training and tread-milling. He and Janice also spend time with their children and grandchildren. When asked if he would do anything differently if he could to do it again, "David" said that while he has no regrets, he would probably had majored in Physics as it was closer to his temperament and inclination.

Dan Daniels

Dr. Donald De Clerck graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1950 and began his college education at Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute (RPI). He transferred to the University of Rochester where he earned his B.S. degree in chemical engineering in 1954. He continued his studies at the University of Rochester studying under Dr. Gouq-Jen Su specializing in surface chemistry and colloidal science, receiving his M.S. in 1956 and Ph.D. (Ferro Fellowship) in 1960 both in chemical engineering. He then did a year of postdoctoral study with Rustrum Roy, Guy Rindone and Woldemar Weyl in materials science at Penn State University.

Dr. DeClerck began an association with Pfaudler, Inc. while in graduate school that continues to this day. He worked full-time at Pfaudler until 1996 and continues on a part-time basis. At Pfaudler, he worked to provide technical insight into glass-lined reactors along with other corrosion resistant materials and molecular process systems to the chemical process industries. He has worked in a number of areas at Pfaudler including research, quality assurance, instructive manual preparation, process troubleshooting, and customer educational seminars.

He is a member of many professional societies and organizations including the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), where he served as a director and, for several years, as a national lecturer. He is the author of 25-30 publications and contributed a chapter in the book Corrosion Engineering Handbook, edited by Philip A. Schweitzer (published by Marcel Dekker). He has also taught courses in materials engineering at the University of Rochester.

Don and his wife, Marianne, have 6 children and 11 grandchildren and currently live in Hemlock, NY. He is a long-time amateur astronomer and works as a volunteer for the local Astronomy Club assisting at the University of Rochester's Mees Observatory in the Bristol Hills. His other hobbies include listening to classical music along with hunting and fishing, the latter two of which, he greatly enjoys doing with his grandchildren.

John Cullen



Csaba A. Kovacs has faced adversity many times, yet with much persistence and a little luck has come out ahead. Born in 1935 in Hungary, he was only nine when his family fled from the advancing Russian army. As a military engineer, his father had traveled the country to help decide which factories should be rescued and which destroyed. One corner of the apartment house where they lived was hit by a Russian bomb, but their car was spared so they could flee to Austria. There they lived in refugee camps and when the International Refugee Organization was established they applied for emigration to 3 countries; they had to wait 4 years until the U.S. accepted them.

Csaba's early education was disrupted by WW-II. He learned German in Austria, but knew no English when he arrived in the US. In spite of that, by 1959 he had earned a B.S. in Chemistry at Elmhurst College. During the college summer vacations he worked for Prof. Bryce Maxwell at Princeton University's Polymer Laboratories as a technician testing polymers with the Mechanical Spectrometer. After his father died, he worked with urethane foams for one year as a research assistant at Thiokol Company. In 1960 he enlisted in the US Army's Six months - Six years program. From 1961-66 he was employed by the National Drug Company, a research lab division of Richardson-Merrell in Philadelphia as an

synthetic organic chemist. There, searching for biologically active compounds, he synthesized a large number of new organic materials.

Csaba attended St. Joseph's University for his M.S. in Organic Chemistry and Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. for his Ph.D. with Professor J. J. Eisch. Since job opportunities had suddenly dried up, he continued to work for Dr. Eisch as research fellow experimenting with organometallic compounds. The following 2 years he worked as a Resident Research Associate at Wright-Patterson AFB in the polymer lab. Csaba studied polycarbonates-siloxane copolymers to be used in the lamination of glass to polycarbonate.

In 1974 he joined Heseltine's sensitizing dye synthesis group in the Kodak Research Labs and was successful in finding stable dyes for lithographic plate imaging. He subsequently worked in the KRL Photographic Research, Black and White, Electronic Materials, and Optical Technology Divisions, resulting in a number of technical reports, 34 patents, the Distinguished Inventors' Award and the Kodak Research Scientific Council's Team Achievement Award. He participated in a large number of development projects, such as 14 inch, CD and DVD disks and retired in 1999 as a Senior Staff Research Associate. Besides the ACS he has been a member of Sigma Xi and the Society of Imaging Science and Technology.

Csaba's was invited (2005-10) by a group of investors to become the Director of Research and Development for the Tianjin Zhaoyang Nanotechnology Co. in China. There he built up and directed a research organization in Nano-milling technology and product development.

Csaba and his wife Romana have a son Arpad, who refurbishes computers. Csaba enjoys cooking, reading, hiking, and traveling. He has won prizes for his Kodachrome photos, and headed the Kodak Camera Club transparency division for a number of years. He is dismayed that the US may be losing scientific predominance to India and China, where bright students have more drive to

attain an intensive education. However, even with a strong knowledge base, they may be less able to see things in a broader view, take initiatives, and have less willingness for risk-taking.

J. Dolf Bass



Dr. **Anthony D. Pietrzykowski** was born in Batavia, NY, in 1935, and received his elementary and secondary education there. He then studied Industrial Chemistry at the Rochester Institute of Technology, obtaining an AAS and then his BS in Chemistry in 1959. He continued with graduate work with Prof. Harvey Diehl at Iowa State, working on the novel syntheses of organic chelating agents such as terpyridine, leading to his Master's degree in 1961. His doctoral project included the investigation of organic oxidation/reduction couples bearing chelating groups and of the effects of various metal ions on the half-wave potential. In 1963 he received his PhD in Analytical Chemistry.

Tony had worked as an RIT co-op student in the Kodak Park Industrial Laboratory. He decided to continue studies at ISU and in 1963 he rejoined the lab, working under Dr. Don H. Anderson applying the electron microprobe to detect composition of imbedded particles causing defects in sensitized film and

paper and their starting materials. He was responsible for unifying the techniques of optical microscopy, electron microscopy, and electron microprobe into one team for microanalysis. The first scanning electron microscope at Kodak was introduced to supplement the microanalytical tools at the Industrial Lab. Tony also introduced the use of image analysis for measuring particle size distribution of silver halides in emulsions, and copier toners. He served as Unit Director of the Physical Characterization Unit, and the Synthetic Analytical Services Unit of the newly organized Chemical Quality Services Division. The new division incorporated the Industrial Lab and all the other testing laboratories in Kodak Park. He retired in 1991 as Acting Director of Chemical Quality Services.

Tony's wife, the former Mary Anne Grade, have a total of 10 children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He lives in Brockport, NY and spends summers at their cottage in coastal Maine. He enjoys woodworking, WWII history and is an avid reader.

Norman Allentoff



Robert E. Ross was one of the many of us who spent our entire careers at Eastman Kodak. Bob grew up in Rochester's "inner city" and graduated from Aquinas at age 17. An interview with a Kodak person landed him

in a job as a messenger in the Research Labs, and, providing he went to night school taking a tech course, Kodak would pay the tuition. He accepted the deal and then spent a second year as a lab assistant when he decided to become a chemist and was able to earn the means to attend St. John Fisher College. He received a B.S. from there in 1961. Bob speaks highly of the Basilian fathers at Aquinas and Fisher for imbuing him with the way and the joy of learning. Bob went on to Graduate School at Princeton, working with Edw. C. (Ted) Taylor in heterocyclic organic chemistry. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1966, he came back to Kodak, joining the Color Photography Division in the Research Labs.

His first big project there was successfully developing a new yellow coupler for Kodachrome. Bob was one of many who worked on the ill-fated Kodak Instant Photography product from 1970-76. After that for several years he was part of a color photography emulsion making group. One successful project there was developing a new robust magenta layer for Ektachrome, using statistical design techniques. He was also involved for a time with a film building group. Bob took the buyout offered by Kodak in 1991 but stayed on for a year to complete the project he had been working on.

Bob worked for many years after retirement was a volunteer and mentor in the Rochester ACS Adopt-A-School program. He also has been an exercise regular at the Midtown Athletic Club.

After his sophomore year at Fisher, Bob married Patricia O'Keefe. They were happily married 50 years, unfortunately ending in her death in August 2009. He continues to live in the home they established on Browncroft Blvd. in Penfield.

Gene Oliver



Dr. **Yen Tan** was born in Hong Kong and moved to New York City at the age of 8. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School, earned his BS in Material Science from Columbia University and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Yale University.

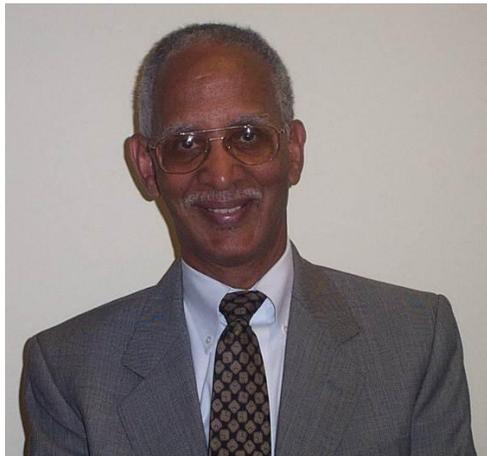
He worked in the Research Laboratories of Eastman Kodak from 1966 – 1991 on projects that included the surface science of silver halide crystals, computational models of solids and solid surfaces, and CCD imaging devices. He also taught courses at RIT on photographic theory. Dr. Tan is a Fellow in the Society of Imaging Science and Technology. After Kodak, he went on to work for Sterling Winthrop Pharmaceuticals on computational science and rational drug design. Subsequently, he was a consultant for Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore.

Dr. Tan and his wife Julia, a polymer chemist, have a son, Derek, who is Tri-Institutional Associate Professor for Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery Research at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Tan currently enjoys SCUBA diving in the Caribbean, interior design, and website design. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, New York Branch, where his focus has been on legislative issues in New York State.

Ken Schlecht

The Annual Awards Dinner was held on October 28, 2011 at Mario's. Deborah Janes (2011 Chairperson for Rochester Section of the ACS) and Dr. Nancy Jackson (2011 President of the ACS and Guest Speaker) presented the awards. In addition to honoring The 50 year members, several other awards were given out.

Dr. Lewis Allen was recognized as Volunteer of the year for his 25 years of service to the Rochester Section of ACS.



Dr. James Reynolds was given the Salutes to Excellence Award for his long time support of the Rochester Section as webmaster.



Dr. Todd Pagano, an Associate Professor and Director of NTID's Laboratory Science Technology Program in NTID's Science & Mathematics Department, was elected a Fellow of ACS.



Mary Courtney was awarded High School Chemistry teacher of the Year. She is currently teaching at the Rochester Early College International High School.



Candidates for Elected Offices

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILOR

Candidate: Richard Hartmann

Position Statement:

I am pleased to run for one of the 2 councilor positions representing the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society. In the past three years I have learned a great deal about the working of council and the ways that a local section councilor can be involved in the governance of the ACS. I was fortunate to become a member of the international activities committee and have been pleased to meet and work with an incredible group of very internationally minded councilors from around the country. Recently we have engaged in a number of activities designed to increase the presence of ACS around the globe as well as enlarge the representation of members and partner groups from many other nations. I believe that the work we are doing is having a very positive impact on the image ACS presents around the world as well as encouraging us to view the world of chemical enterprises from viewpoints other than our own. I am also constantly amazed at the high regard our organization enjoys around the world and hope to continue to foster this with your continued support.

I have also been encouraged by the many interesting and in depth conversations that take place in the council meetings. I am proud to be a representative of an organization that strives to give opportunity to all the members to have their voice heard, and then sincerely takes into consideration the things that they have said. At times our meetings have been intense as councilors voiced their opinions on matters that were extremely important to them and it is this freedom of expression that makes me want to continue to be a part of this representative body

I am thankful for the great group of people who make up the executive committee of the Rochester section and am honored to have had the opportunity to serve alongside them most recently as a councilor, but also previously as Chair and member at large. I believe that we have a promising future as a section and have great ideas and vision for the path forward and hope that you will graciously allow me to continue to represent you and serve in this capacity.

FOR THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATE COUNCILOR

Candidate: James Reynolds

Biographical Information:

Jim is a Research Associate at Eastman Kodak Company, where he has been employed since 1992. His current assignment is in Corporate Research & Engineering developing new inks and printing technologies for inkjet systems. He received a B.A. in chemistry from Colby College and a Ph.D. in physical-organic chemistry from Yale University. Jim lives in Brighton with his wife Ginny and his daughter Maya.

Rochester Section Activities: ACS Member since 1983. Rochester Section Chair (2010), Section Councilor (2000-2008); Member-at-Large (1994-1995, 1998-1999); National Chemistry Week Chair (1998-2000); Section Webmaster (1996-2011), Audit Committee Chair (2002-2011), Section Awards Committee (2003-2005, Chair 2003); High School Awards Committee (2001-present), NERM 2004 Committee; CHEMunicator Newsletter editor (2007-2011); Rochester Section Special Recognition Award, 1999; Rochester Section Award winner, 2002 and 2005 (with NERM Committee); Salutes to Excellence Award, 2008; Rochester Volunteerism Award, 2009.

National ACS Activities: Member of the Local Section Activities Committee and the LSAC sub-committee on Local Section Assistance and Development (2002-2008).

Position Statement:

Having completed my three years in the Chair succession, I am delighted to have been asked to continue to serve the Rochester Section as Alternate Councilor. Through my 9 years as Councilor, I am well acquainted with the workings of the National ACS and could easily step in if necessary to add my voice to the Council. I have been an active member of the Rochester Section for almost 20 years, and I will continue to be a strong advocate for the Section's signature events including the Harrison Howe Award, the High School Chemistry Awards, and its educational outreach activities. I am also committed to continue working with my colleagues on the Executive Committee as together we learn how to "do more with less" and better serve our local ACS members.

FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER

Candidate: Mark Heitz

Biographical Information

Mark P. Heitz is Associate Professor of Chemistry at SUNY Brockport. Mark teaches a variety of courses, with a primary emphasis on Analytical Chemistry. A native of Rochester, Mark began his training at The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, NY, receiving his BS in Chemistry. He also studied at Rochester Institute of Technology with Professors G. Takacs and V. Vukanovic working on surface modifications of polyimides. In 1990, he earned a MS from the University of Rochester. Following this Mark taught high-school chemistry for three years prior to attending SUNY Buffalo, where in 1995 he earned his Ph.D. under the tutelage of Professor Frank Bright. Mark's research at UB was focused on studying solute dynamics in reverse micelles formed in liquids and supercritical fluids. Mark accepted a post-doctoral position at The Pennsylvania State University with Professor Mark Maroncelli, continuing to study solute-solvent interactions in supercritical fluids. Most recently studies of solvation dynamics in ionic liquids has been the focus of his research activities at SUNY Brockport.

Rochester Section Activities:

Mark has been an active contributor to local section activities by serving on the NERM 2004 organizing committee as the Public Relations chair and Exhibition co-chair and as a member-at-large for the past two years. He has also served the Section as Treasurer since 2009.

Position Statement:

Local section treasurer is a position of significant responsibility. Having been actively involved in the local section now for 8 years, I am interested in continuing to serve the needs of the Section by working with the leadership to support, promote and enhance the Section's programs. It is easy to simply say 'I'm too busy...' but the benefits that are enjoyed by the membership are a direct result of those who take time to serve. I have benefited from the numerous people who have generously donated time to the ACS local section and I want to return 'in-kind' by contributing where I am able. Serving as treasurer is but one additional way that I can give back to the Society.

FOR THE OFFICE OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE (VOTE FOR 3)

Candidate: KIMBERLY CHICHESTER

Biographical Information

There is no biographical information for Kimberly Chichester.

Position Statement

No position statement was offered by the candidate.

Candidate: GLEN LABENSKI

Biographical Information:

Glen was born and raised in the suburbs of Buffalo, New York. While growing up, he developed an intense curiosity for science. Upon graduating from high school, Glen continued his study of science at Nazareth College in Rochester, eventually earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry. A continued thirst for education lead him to graduate studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he defended a thesis titled, "The Effect of Polymer Composition and Structure on the Photo-Fries Rearrangement" earning him a Master's Degree in Chemistry. While attending Nazareth, Glen was an active member of the Science Club serving as treasurer for two years. He continued to be active at RIT as a member of the College of Science Student Advisory Board (COSSAB). Glen currently works for Kelly Scientific Resources as a consulting chemist with Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics. Outside of the laboratory, Glen is an avid runner who recently participated in his first marathon (the 2011 Rochester Marathon). He currently resides in Brighton with his wife, Emily.

Position Statement:

I have been a member of the American Chemical Society for the past 5 years. My involvement with the organization has opened doors for me by providing the opportunity to present research and interact with fellow scientists across the country. As a young member of the ACS, I see great value for active involvement in the organization. Participation in networking activities is crucial for learning about chemistry and launching a career in the field. As a Member-at-Large with the Rochester Local ACS section, I plan on leveraging my Chairmanship of the Rochester Younger Chemists Committee towards building increased involvement of young professional chemists both studying at local institutions and working in the greater Rochester area.

Candidate: JAMES MCGARRAH

Biographical Information:

Jim has been an Assistant Professor at SUNY Geneseo since 2007. He was awarded his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2002 under the mentorship of Professor Rich Eisenberg at the University of Rochester. He went on to Northwestern University to work with Professor Joe Hupp in the Department of Chemistry on an ACS PRF Alternative Energy Postdoctoral Fellowship. He has authored or coauthored 13 publications and is a member of the Inter-American Photochemical Society, as well as an 18 year member of the American Chemical Society. He was president of his Student Affiliates chapter at University of California, San Diego where he obtained a B.S. in Chemical Physics. He is also the faculty adviser to the Chemistry/Biochemistry Club at SUNY Geneseo.

Position Statement:

As a member at larger and as a faculty member at a local area college I will be engaged in outreach to college age chemistry students. For the last several years I have organized the Outstanding Achievement Award in Chemistry given by the local section, I intend to continue the process.

Candidate: KEN SCHLECHT

Biographical Information:

Ken grew up in the Syracuse area, earned his BS in Chemistry at LeMoyne College (1966), and his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Iowa (1971, Iowa City). He joined the Chemistry Department at the College at Brockport in 1970. He began using lecture demonstration in earnest in 1979, which then developed into a traveling demonstration program called ***The Excitement of Chemistry***. This program has been presented to over 40,000 people. He has also run over 40 workshops on chemical lecture demonstration for teachers as well as workshops on hands-on science activities for other scientists and teachers. He retired from teaching at the end of 2007. He still does some traveling chemistry shows and is willing to run workshops.

Ken has served the Rochester Section as a member of the Education Committee (1979-1998), Alternate Councilor (1995-97), Member-At-Large (2005-06), Editor of CHEMunications (1998-2006) and Chair of the Section twice (1992 & 2009). In 1991 he received a Special Recognition Award from the Rochester Section, and in 1999 the Section Award. He currently chairs the Retired Chemists Committee, is Exhibit Chair for NERM 2012, and serves as Editor for the CHEMunicator.

Position Statement:

I look forward to continuing my activity within and for the Rochester Section of the ACS. As I am becoming "more retired" I expect to be traveling and "gone" more, but much can still be done from a distance electronically. I look forward to continuing to serve the Rochester Section as a Member-At-Large.

Job Opening:

The Department of Chemistry at SUNY Geneseo seeks well-qualified candidates for a temporary full-time lecturer position. The primary responsibility of the position entails directing all sections of organic chemistry laboratory. This includes assisting in the development of experiments with faculty, scheduling meetings with other instructors to discuss the laboratory experiments, coordinating efforts with the chemistry stockroom manager, and teaching four sections of chemistry laboratory each semester.

Additional information about the position and information about how to apply can be found at: <https://jobs.geneseo.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1319654816115>

Also, contact Professor Eric Helms, Department of Chemistry SUNY helms@geneseo.edu