

Faculty Recognition

FAAAS

Dr. **Jennifer Lewis** (professor of Chemistry) was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Dr. Lewis

Dr. **Paul Sanberg**, USF senior VP, said, “To be recognized as an AAAS Fellow is a significant career achievement. It honors the profound impact these individuals have in developing new knowledge and advancing the understanding of our World on every level....”

FRSC

Dr. **Xiaopeng Li** was elected Fellow of the Royal society of chemistry.

Dr. **Wayne Guida** provided background information for this signal honor:



Dr. Li

“The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) is the largest organization in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences. Supported by a worldwide network of members and an international publishing business, RSC activities span education, conferences, science policy, and the promotion of chemistry to the public. The designation FRSC is given to a group of elected Fellows who have made outstanding contributions to chemistry. The names of newly elected Fellows are published each year in *The Times* (London).”

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The Chair of the L&D committee was host of a pre-Thanksgiving lunch for available staff members. It was held at the top of the Palms in The Marshall Center on November 16th. Regrettably all who were invited were not able to attend.



Host, Mr. Avergonzado, Mr. Jahn, Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Kroner, Ms. Ives

Dr. Sheshanka Kesani (Dr. Abdul Malik)
Dr. Minhphuong Mala (Dr. Abdul Malik)



Dr. Kesani



Dr. Mala

Dr. Faez SisanMahzamani (Dr. Ed Turos)
Dr. Alekhya Nimmagadda
 (Dr. Jianfeng Cai)



Dr. Mahzamani



Dr. Nimmagadda

End-of-the term celebration

This was scheduled for December 8th to be held under a tent in the Botanical Gardens to also welcome our honorary degree recipient President **Andrew Hamilton**, New York University. Owing to a delay in his arriving it was necessary to shift the arrangements to early January

Dr. Kia Williams (Dr. Shengqian Ma)
Dr. Justin White (Dr. Lee Woodcock)

December Commencement

Doctoral graduates (and their advisors in parentheses) are listed below



Dr. Williams



Dr. White

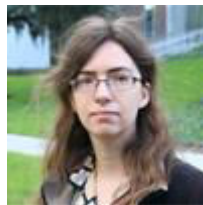
Dr. Boliang Dong (Dr. Xiadong “Mike” Shi)

Dr. Katherine Forrest (Dr. Brian Space)

Dr. Josanne-Dee Woodroffe
 (Dr. Jianfeng Cai), (Dr. Mark McLaughlin)



Dr. Dong



Dr. Forrest

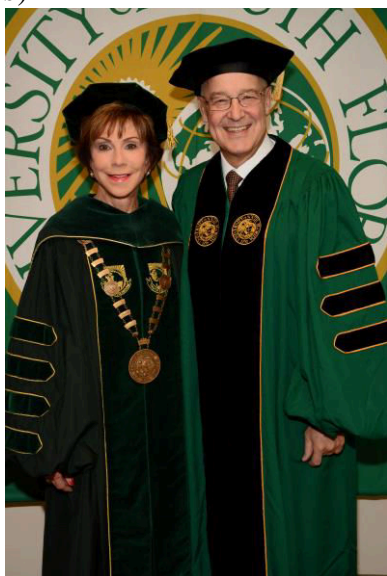


Dr. Woodroffe

Honorary Degree

On Saturday, December 9th Dr. Andrew Hamilton, 16th president of New York University became the ninth chemist to be awarded an honorary degree (D.Sc. *honoris causa*).

He was previously vice chancellor and professor of chemistry at Oxford University and a fuller background may be found at the Department Web page (see *Honorary Degrees*)



System President Genshaft Dr. Hamilton

The History Project

As part of an on-going department history project, a picture board was constructed by Mr. **Ryan Jahn** and placed on a wall of the reception area. This shows the Department chairs, past and present, individually framed. Captions provide their term as chairs and as faculty members. The first was Dr. **P. Calvin Maybury**, chair 1963-74.



Mr. Ryan Jahn, Manager,
Fiscal and business administration



The display was arranged with the assistance of Mr. **Roberto Avergozado** and Ms **Erin Ives**.



Mr. Avergozado



Ms Ives

Other pictures were placed on the north wall and show scenes from past events using photos from the Department collection.

Frames were provided by the chair of the L&D Committee

New Staff Member

Mr. **Matt Castro** is the joined the Department in early December as the Fiscal and Business Specialist.

Originally from West Virginia, he attended school in Tampa and graduated from USF with a B.A. in Economics.



Mr. Casto

He worked a few years for Pasco County Schools, then moved to the corporate staffing world where he enjoyed supporting the financial operations several strategic clients.

Wanting more than just a corporate salary, he accepted his current role in order to support the exceptional individuals who are pursuing innovative research in their respective fields.

Mr. **Ryan Jahn** noted, “He brings tremendous showcase if knowledge and the\ Willing demeanor that we embrace within our department.”

What are they doing?

The Chemistry Department has tried to keep track of graduate advisors for a number of years creating the so-called “Tracking Project.” Results may be found at our Web page under “Graduate” and “Alumni”. Some recent additions follow:

Zhenming An (Ph.D. '10) Director, Ailu Pharmaceutical in Jinan City, Shandong, China. *Advisor:* Dr. **David Merkler**.

Wenyang Cao (Ph.D. '17) Postdoc in Powers Group, Chemistry, Texas A&M. *Advisor:* Dr, **Shengqian Ma**

Todd Gatlin (Ph.D. '14) Chemistry Teacher at Greenhills School, Ann Arbor, MI. *Advisor:* Dr. **Sandi-Urena**.

Yujan Liu (Ph.D.'17) Lecturer in Chemistry, Univ. Wisconsin-Lakeside *Advisor:* Dr. **Jennifer Lewis**.

Christopher Lizardi (M.S. '15) is chief chemist and owner of Clear Waters Testing LLC in Tampa. In August 2017, at the Philadelphia ACS meeting, he described his work on arsenic testing in Bangladesh using kits that he had developed. *Advisor:* Dr. **Peter Zhang**.

Mark McClure (Ph.D.) professor of chemistry and physics UNC-Pembroke, recently wrote and sent greetings. *Advisor:* Dr. **Jay Worrell**

Sreyra Mukharjee (Ph.D. '16) Postdoc Research fellow at Univer. of Maryland School of Medicine. *Advisor:* Dr. **Wayne Guida**.

Shruti Padhee (Ph.D. '14) Post doc at USF College of Pharmacy. *Advisor:* Dr. **Jianfeng Cai**.

Tony Pham (Ph.D. '15) working as a part-time postdoc with Dr. Space in Chemistry.
Advisor: Dr. Brian Space.

Tanise Shattuck (Ph.D. '07) Employed at SSCI, West Lafayette, IN. *Advisor: Dr. Mike Zaworotko*

Adrian Villarta-Cerdas (Ph.D. 2014). Asst. Prof. Sam Houston State University, recently Received a five-year NSF grant (\$2 million, five years) that will support the formation of a STEM Center at SHSU. *Advisor: Dr. Santiago Sandi-Urena.*

Xiaoying Xu (Ph.D. '14) Data analyst in USF Muma College of Business. *Advisor: Dr. Jenifer Lewis.*

We would be grateful for additional information concerning Chemistry's graduate alumni.

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The following is a list of those who made gifts to the Department during July 1-December 31, 2017.

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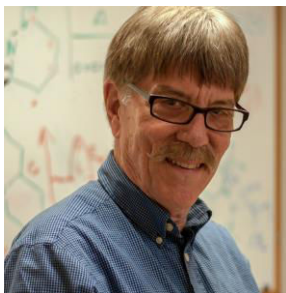
Ann Serota, CAS, provided information on the names of donors to the chemistry department

News and feedback Abbreviations

L&D: Liaison and Development Committee

AAAS: American Association for the Advancement of Science

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