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and Chair, ACS Princeton Section

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ADVANCE NOTICE

SEPTEMBER MEETING Thursday, September 19, 2019

6 – 9 PM

Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Fisher
Senior Scientist, Decernis LLC

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Comments From the Chair



Jim Murray

Greetings to all on a lovely spring afternoon! I am enjoying the bright sunshine and a refreshing breeze as I write this month's column. Things are very active now as the Section prepares to celebrate our 50-, 60-, and 70-year members. I am hoping for a repeat of the current weather on June 20th as we gather at the William Penn Inn in North Wales, PA for this event. Please feel free to join us and encourage others to do so.

The Section is also proud of the recipients of this year's awards for excellence in teaching; both at the pre-college and college level. Ms. Amanda Coopersmith of Holy Ghost Preparatory High School and Dr. Roy Keyer of Temple University. Let us all extend our congratulations to these two individuals who work tirelessly to inspire the next generation of chemistry students!

Joe Martino and I had the pleasure of attending the May meeting of the Chemical Consultants Network and ChemPharma at the Smokehouse Tavern in Lansdale, PA. The evening's presentation by Dr. Peter Mlynek on patents was very interesting and informative. Do you know that the Chemical Consultants Network (CCN) is a topical discussion group within the ACS Philadelphia Section? If not, I encourage you to check them out along with the other topical groups within the Section. I want to extend my thanks to Dr. Keith Wing (Chair of CCN) for inviting us and for the hospitality and thoughtful discussion.

Please know that just because summer is around the corner, I will still be giving my full efforts to leading the Section. There are ideas and plans that I want to see become reality and I will do my best to make that happen. If during your down time over the summer months you have any ideas, suggestions, questions, or concerns regarding the Section please bring them to my attention. It is only through the spirit, dedication, and creativity of our membership that new ideas come forward and become reality.

My best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer season!

To all our members:

We have a new website !

As of June 1st you can find us at PhillyACS.org

NEWS ATOMS—*Alan Warren*

The American Chemical Society named 22 students as 2019 SCI scholars. The outstanding undergraduate chemistry and chemical engineering students will receive industrial internships supported by the Society of Chemical Industry. Among the winners is **Zoeb Mohammedshah** of the University of Pennsylvania who will be placed with W.R. Grace.

The ACS division of chemical toxicology will present its 2019 Founders' Award to Penn's **Trevor Penning** during the San Diego meeting in August. He teaches biochemistry, biophysics, pharmacology as well as obstetrics/gynecology. His research in chemical toxicology and environmental science has yielded over 500 publications.

DEATHS

Peter N. Haytko, pharmaceutical scientist, age 74. He was a senior associate scientist with Janssen Pharmaceuticals. No further details available.

Brian McGuinness, organic chemist, April 10, 2019 at 55. He was director of chemistry at Venenum Biodesign in the field of drug discovery.

Jose E. Valentini, chemical engineer, April 11 at 68. He held various R&D positions with DuPont at several locations and also spent four years with Huntsman Textiles in Europe. He was an aviation instructor as well. Valentini was a 40+ year member of ACS.

Charles Maris Tatum, Jr., research chemist, April 21st at 71. After teaching three years at Middlebury College in Vermont, he joined Rohm and Haas as a senior scientist. He retired as senior vice president and CTO.

ACS CAREER CONSULTANTS

Would you like to speak to a local ACS Career Consultant? The Philadelphia Section career consultants can provide one-on-one career advice, resume reviews, or mock interviews. Please send an email request to acsphillycareerservices@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

JUNE MEETING

THE PHILADELPHIA SECTION, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

presents

Luncheon Honoring 50-, 60- and 70-Year Members

Featuring:

Mukund S. Chorghade, PhD

THINQ Pharmaceuticals, and Chair, ACS Princeton Section

Fascinating Adventures in Chemistry: A Personal Perspective

Thursday, June 20, 2019

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

William Penn Inn
1017 Dekalb Pike (US 202)
Gwynedd, PA 19436

Register [here](#)

Or by contacting the Section Office PhilaACS@gmail.com (215)-382-1589

Board of Directors Meeting
William Penn Inn
1:30 PM

SPEAKER'S ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Mukund S. Chorghade

THINQ Pharmaceuticals, and Chair, ACS Princeton Section

Fascinating Adventures in Chemistry: A Personal Perspective

Abstract: While biotechnological advances, genomics and high throughput screenings or combinatorial and asymmetric syntheses have opened new vistas in drug discovery and development, the industry is facing a serious innovation deficit. Critics suggest that “we have become high throughput in technology, yet have remained low throughput in thinking.” Process Chemistry/Route Selection are important activities in the path of a drug from discovery to market. We will exemplify these principles and the fun I have personally had in a sometimes chequered career in Chemistry. My path from an Indian foreign student to an American immigrant and then a US citizen has been a cherished one and I have benefitted from the generosity, magnanimity and wisdom of Americans at all stages of my life.

Biography: Dr. Mukund S. Chorghade is a serial entrepreneur, President and Chief Scientific Officer, THINQ Pharma/MVRC Research/Chorghade Enterprises. He is the Chief Scientific Officer of Chicago Discovery Solutions, and has had Adjunct Research Professor/Visiting Fellow/Scientists appointments at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Cambridge, Caltech, University of Chicago, Rutgers, Strathclyde and several other universities.

Dr. Chorghade earned his BS and MS from the University of Poona, and a PhD in organic chemistry at Georgetown University. He completed postdoctoral appointments at the University of Virginia and Harvard University, visiting scientist appointments at University of British Columbia, College de France/Université Louis Pasteur, Cambridge and Caltech and directed research groups at Dow Chemicals, Abbott Laboratories, CytoMed and Genzyme. He has been a recipient of three “Scientist of the Year Awards” and is on the Scientific Advisory Board of several corporations/foundations.

He was privileged to be Section Chair of Brazoria (1990) and of Northeastern Section in 2007. He is Chair of the Princeton Section for 2019 and is currently on its Board of Directors. He is an active participant in ACS' Career Services/Professional Development/Entrepreneurship and the Small Chemicals Businesses Division. He is the Chair of the RSC Committee on Process Chemistry and Technology (2018-2020)

Volunteers Needed: 259th ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, Spring 2020

Philadelphia will be the site of the 259th ACS National Meeting in Spring 2020 (March 22 – 26, 2020). The theme of the 2020 Spring meeting is “Macromolecular Chemistry: the Second Century.” This is the Section’s call for volunteers to help plan: (a) items for display and give-away at the Host Section booth; and, (b) connect with technical program organizers seeking local professionals for session proposals and organizing.

We are seeking a group of volunteers with differing interests and time availability: (a) individuals who can staff the host booth at the Convention Center for 1 to 2 hours; (b) individuals who are creative and devise ideas for giveaways to attendees. We are seeking memorable giveaways that will connect with the macromolecules theme and/or Philadelphia. Some technical divisions are seeking local scientists willing to assist in generating session programs.

Please contact Sharon L. Haynie, PhD (SLHaynie55@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.

2019 Scholastic Achievement Award Winners



Back Row from Right to Left: Gabriel Braun, Gabrielle DiEmma, Julia Dorsheimer, Nicolie Aoki, Elise Brutschea, Diana Rachii, Thi Tran, Lynnsey Rebner, Erica Knorr, Ashley Rivera-Galletti, Patrick Reagan. **Front Row from Left to Right:** Colin Howell, Daniel Coyle, Morgan Bailey, Haley Varnum, Morgan Hesser, Borna Novak.

2019 Scholastic Achievement Award Winners (cont'd)

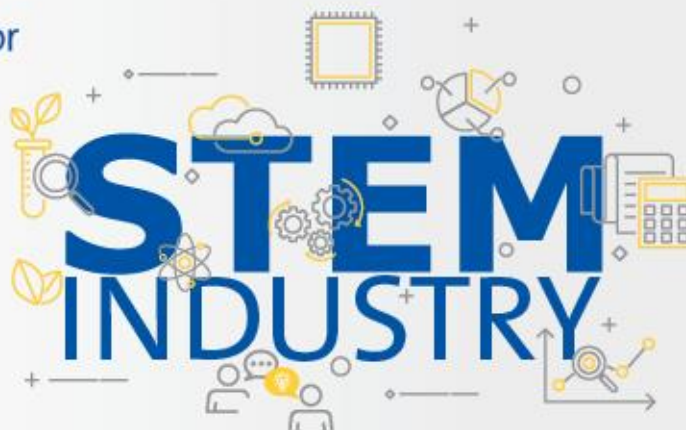
Gabrielle DiEmma	Arcadia University
Haley Varnum	Bryn Mawr College
Diana Rachii	Delaware Valley University
Morgan Hesser	Drexel University (Chemistry)
Lynnsey Rebner	Eastern University
Gabriel Braun	Haverford College
Morgan Bailey	Immaculata University
Daniel Coyle	LaSalle University
Ashley Rivera-Galletti	Rutgers University
Elise Brutschea	St. Joseph's University
Colin Howell	Swarthmore College
Noah Sheedy	Temple University (Biochemistry)
Thi Tran	Temple University (Chemistry)
Eric Arellano	University of Pennsylvania (Chemistry)
Kyle Kersey	University of Pennsylvania (Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering)
Borna Novak	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (Biochemistry)
Patrick Reagan	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (Chemistry)
Julia Dorsheimer	Ursinus College
Claire Teahan	Villanova University (Chemistry)
Erica Knorr	West Chester University
Nicolie Aoki	Widener University



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- When: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 | 9 AM - 4 PM
- Cost: \$149 for ACS members | \$329 for non-members

Your registration includes on-site lunch, as well as morning and afternoon networking breaks.

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CHEMISTS CELEBRATE EARTHWEEK—*Bill Smith*

The Section celebrated Earth Week in April as K-12 students wrote and illustrated poems using the CCEW theme, “Take Note: The Chemistry of Paper.” The poems came in the form of Haiku, Limerick, free verse, and blank verse. Topics included Bioplastics, Cellulose, Fiber, Lignin, Plastic, Polymer, Pulp, and Slurry.

Each of the students who participated received a certificate of Honorable Mention from the Section. First Place winners in each of the grade categories received a First Place certificate and a \$50 dollar prize. Additionally, our Section’s winners have been submitted to National for possible further prizes and recognition at that level.

We congratulate the following first place winners:

Section Winners:

K-2 Norah Wichterman, Concord Elementary School, Glen Mills, PA

6-8 Noelle Lehrman, Paxon Hollow Middle School, Broomall, PA

9-12 Sigourney Sherlaw, Conestoga High School, Berwyn, PA

Thank you to the following Education and Outreach Committee volunteers: Elizabeth Bish, Lindsay Davis, Steven Fleming, Laura Grande, Lee Hoffman, Jean Mihelcic, Robert Stanley, and Deborah Walsh.

Norah Wichterman (grade 2)



Noelle Lehrman (grade 8)



Paper Poem
By: Noelle Lehrman

Paper lots of fun
Paper helps me get work done
It makes my day run

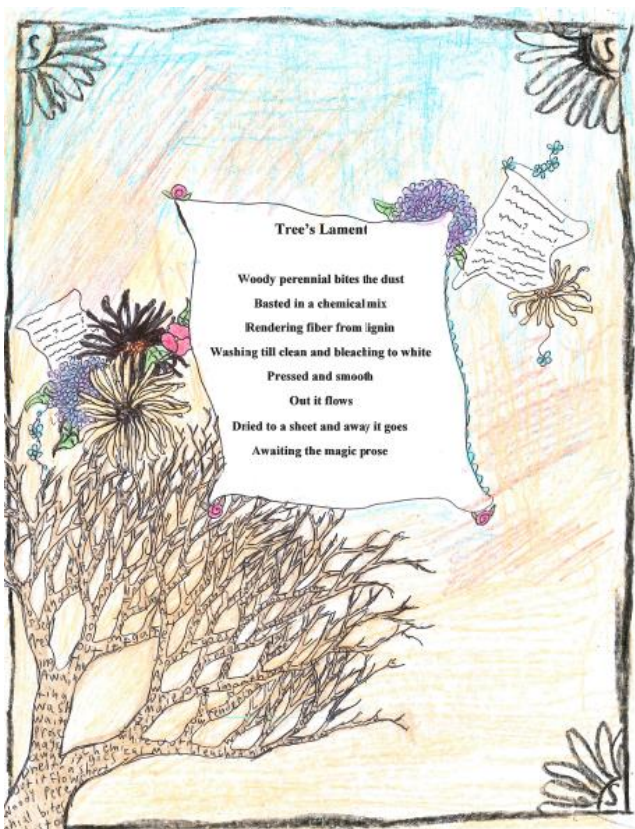
Lots of paper planes
Found in Russia and Ukraine
Paper boats and chains

But people don't know
Paper, it doesn't just grow
Process you should know

Pulp is now reused
Machines press pulp together
With plastic it's fused

Repeatedly pressed
Pulp transforms into paper
No need to be stressed

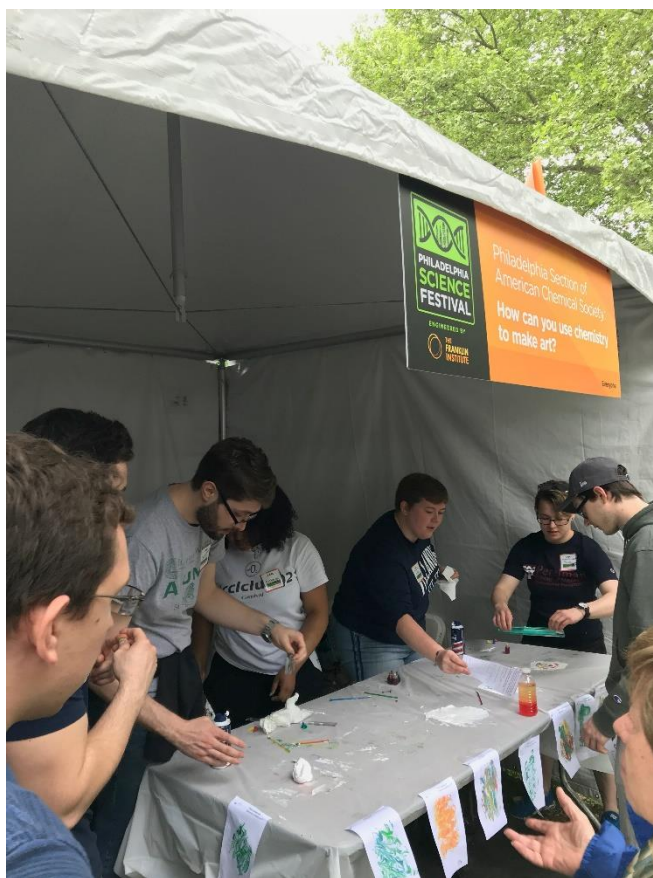
Sigourney Sherlaw (grade 11)

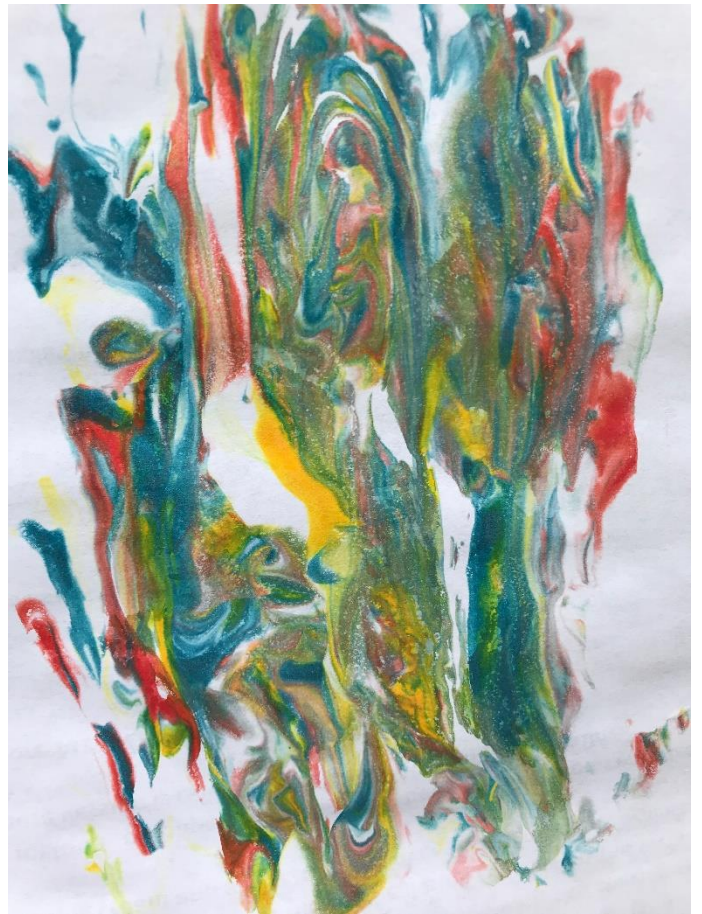


PHILADELPHIA SCIENCE CARNIVAL—*Tom Umile*

The Section joined over 150 exhibitors at the Philadelphia Science Carnival on May 4, 2019 on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Volunteers from the Section helped over 475 visitors investigate the chemistry of paper marbling. Each participant used shaving cream and food coloring to make a piece of artwork they could take home. Additionally, a description of the chemistry behind the marbling process and links to other science and art activities from the ACS website were printed in the back of each “canvas” so participants could continue exploring after the event.

Thank you to all our volunteers who made the day a success: Vanessa Boschi, Mike Brignone, Jim Gamrat, Taylor Keller, Joe Boscia, Jack Roireau, Dan Zuschlag, Destini Stanton, Bria Gillard, Eric Slaweski, Julia Tasca, Elle Gordon, and Jim Healy.







CHEMICAL CONSULTANTS NETWORK

JUNE 12, 2019 MEETING



ANNUAL OPEN FORUM BUFFET

SPOUSES WELCOME!!!

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 12, at The Cynwyd Club, Bala Cynwyd, PA; Networking, 5:30 PM; Buffet, 6:15 PM; Forum and Business Session, 7:30 PM

Program: As in the past, we will informally exchange questions and experiences relating to our activities as independent chemical consultants or our interests in becoming one. This gathering has been one of our most popular and enjoyable events, so don't miss it.

Location: The Cynwyd Club, 332 Trevor Lane, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. [MAP](#)

Reservation: [Click here to register to attend the event.](#) Fee, including dinner and non-alcoholic beverages is \$25 for individuals or \$40 per couple. Reservation/cancellation deadline is at noon **Monday, June 10, 2019.** DRESS IS CASUAL.

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All committees are looking for new members and several are looking for "take charge" chairs. Some, like the Teller's Committee, involve minimal work—one night per year and pizza provided. Others, like positions on Communications or Social Committees, involve one or two hours per month.

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CURRENT CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Date and Time	Event	Location/Information
May 30 th – June 1 st	MARM 2019: <i>Seeking Solutions Through Chemistry</i>	Hosted by the Maryland Section of the ACS UMBC Baltimore, MD www.MARM2019.org
Wednesday, June 12 th 5:30 – 8:30 PM	Chemical Consultants Network Annual Open Forum Buffet	The Cynwyd Club 332 Trevor Lane Bala Cynwyd, PA http://chemconsultants.org/event-3364938
Tuesday, June 18 th 9 AM – 4 PM	ACS Workshop: Essential Workplace Skills for STEM Industry Professionals	Philadelphia Marriott Downtown 1207 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/campaigns/essential-workplace-skills-for-stem-industry-professionals.html?sc=190409_acq_em_STEMwkspJK_od
Thursday, June 20 th 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Philadelphia ACS Section Meeting 50-, 60- and 70-Year Member Recognition: <i>Fascinating Adventures in Chemistry: A Personal Perspective</i> by Mukund Chorghade (THINQ Pharmaceuticals)	William Penn Inn 1017 DeKalb Pike (US 202) Gwynedd, PA 19436 http://bit.ly/2VfwW8d
Thursday, June 20 th 5:30 – 9:30 PM	Princeton ACS Section Meeting: <i>Current Developments within the ACS, with Special Emphasis on Meeting Needs of Chemical Scientists Across the Global Chemical Enterprise</i> by Tom Connelly (ACS)	Frick Chemistry Laboratory Princeton University Princeton, NJ http://chemists.princeton.edu/pacs/event/princeton-acs-june-20-meeting/
Friday, June 28 th 8 AM – 5 PM	Empowering Women in Organic Chemistry 2019: Various talks from industrial and academic chemists, poster session, panel discussions and networking.	Chemistry Building University of Pennsylvania 34th and Spruce Streets Philadelphia, PA 19104 https://ewochem.org/EWOC/ewoc-2019/
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