

Administrative News-I

Dr. **Randy Larsen**, who has been department chair for seven years, announced (May 20) that he accepted Dean **Eric Eisenberg's** invitation to become CAS Associate Dean for Research starting August 1.



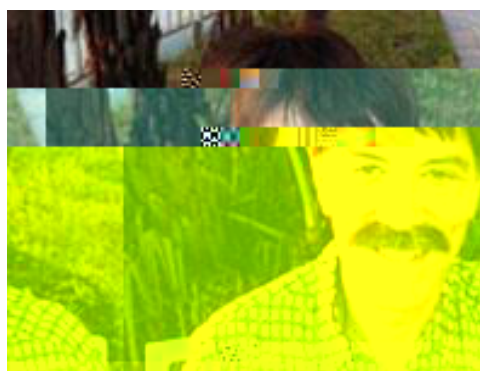
Dr. Larsen

He added, "I strongly believe that we have developed into one of the strengths of the college and have continued our rise in national and international recognition...."

Dean Eric Eisenberg wrote, "As an accomplished scientist and administrator, [Dr. Larsen] brings a wealth of valuable experience to the role."

Administrative News-II

Dr. **Wayne C. Guida** (professor of chemistry) was named *Chemistry Professor of the Year* and Dr. **Jennifer Lewis** (*Associate Professor of Chemistry*) was named *Associate Professor of the Year*.

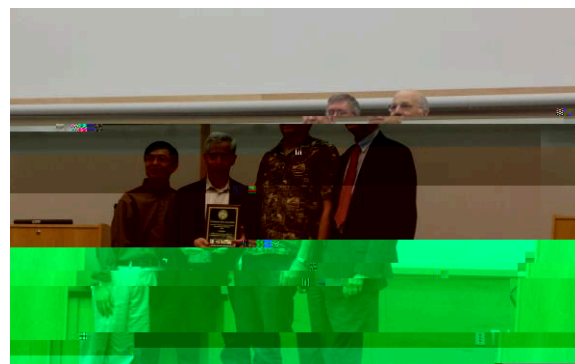


Dr. Wayne C. Guida

First Schneller Chemistry Legacy Lecture

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The inaugural lecture was presented on April 30 by Dr. **Eric N. Jacobsen**, Seldon professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Harvard University. His topic was "Anion-Binding Catalysis."



Drs. Peter Zhang, Eric Jacobsen, Randy Larsen, Stewart Schneller

The lectureship is being funded by contributions from Mrs. **Aina Schneller** and Dr. **Stewart Schneller**, professor of

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Dr. Lewis named ACS Fellow

Professor **Jennifer Lewis** was cited for having contributed significantly to research in chemistry education by introducing measurement standards for instrument development and conducting influential research on the impacts of curricular change.



Dr. Lewis

She was also recognized for a deep and active commitment to an inclusive ACS via activities to welcome new members and engage multiple perspectives in committee service for the Division of Chemical Education.

Dr. Lewis is the first USF faculty member to be named an ACS Fellow

She was formally recognized at the August ACS meeting in Boston.

Honorary degree to Dr. Buchwald

Dr. **Stephen Leffler Buchwald** was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science at USF's 105th convocation commencement Saturday May 2nd. Dr. Buchwald is the

Camille Dreyfus Professor of Chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



USF System President Judy Genshaft and Dr. Stephen Buchwald prior to the ceremony

He was also advisor to chemistry faculty Dr. **Jon Antilla** and Dr. **Peter Zhang** when they were postdoctoral research associates at MIT.

FAME 2015 meeting

The Department was well represented at the 91st meeting of state chemists, held in Innisbrook, May 7-9. Papers were presented (in some cases more than one) by Drs. **Xin Cui**, **Ioannis Gelis**, **Randy Larsen**

Smith (Dr. **Peter Zhang**), Mr. Phillip **Hudson** (Dr. **Lee Woodcock**) Mr. **Ali A. Husain** (Dr. **Kirpal Bisht**), Dr. **Li-Mei Jin** (Dr. **Peter Zhang**), Ms. **Fiona Kerns** (Dr. **Lee Woodcock**).

Women's Leadership...

Dr. Jennifer Lewis, professor of chemistry, was among the speakers at the meeting of the "Women's Leadership in Doctoral Education & Careers in Academia" held at the USF College of Public Health May 9th.

She spoke in the "Advancing Research and Scholarship" section and in the plenary session ("Finding a Good Mentor – Building a Foundation for your Success"), a session that President **Judy Genshaft** introduced.

Featured faculty

Research by Dr. **Julie Harmon** and six collaborators was featured on the cover of *Journal of Chemical Education* A (July 2015).

Research by Dr. **LiJune Ming** and Dr. **Vasilliki Lykourinou** was featured on the cover of *Journal of Chemical Education* (February 2015).

Research by Dr. **David M. Rogers** was featured on the cover of *Journal of Chemical Education* (February 2015).

Two research articles by Dr. **Jeffrey R. Raker** and collaborators were *Journal of Chemical Education* selections. The selections are granted free access to all readers in recognition of their importance to the global scientific community.

Dr. Raker's external appointment

Once again, a member of the USF Chemistry faculty has been appointed to the leadership of the ACS Examinations Institute (ACS-EI). Dr. **Jeffrey R. Raker** was appointed Associate Director of the ACS-EI effective July 1st. Dr. Raker follows



Dr. Raker

in the footsteps of two former USF Chemistry faculty: Dr. **Theodore Ashford** (Director of the ACS-EI from 1946-1986) and Dr. **Jeff Davis** (Director of the ACS-EI in 1987). The ACS-EI was housed at USF from 1960-1987.

New Faculty

Joining our department in August were

Dr. **Theresa Evans Nguyen**,
Dr. **Michael Shi**, and
Dr. **Juan del Valle, Jr.**

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Staff Appreciation Luncheon

A semi-annual luncheon was held May 5th in appreciation of the hard work done by

Staff members and to recognize their vital role in the operation of The Department. Guests perused a menu from a nearby Chinese restaurant, and the meals of their choice were delivered to the Chemistry conference room. About 12 Staff members were able to attend.



Photo courtesy Ms. Lorene Hall-Jennings

The event was hosted by Mrs. **Barbara Martin** and her husband. Mrs. **Linda Lowe**, fiscal and business assistant, coordinated the event.



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A loss of a treasured person

Samantha Santos DaSilva joined the Department of Chemistry in January 2008 as a student assistant. She worked with us throughout her undergraduate career and when she graduated she stepped into the role of a laboratory technician and continued her education pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health.



Samantha

She completed her Master's degree this spring, and now she is leaving us to join the Peace Corps. At the end of July, Samantha will start a two-year appointment in Cambodia with the Peace Corps.

Ms. Kimberly Read (Manager, Fiscal and Business affairs) wrote, "She has been an exemplary member of our team and we will miss her, but we wish her all the best as she takes this next important step in her career."

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Masters students

- Ms. **Megan Barber** (Dr. **Roman Manetsch**; Dr. **Ed Tuross**)
- Ms. **Tran Khanh Bao Hoang** (Dr. **Shengqian Ma**)
- Ms. **Lacey Lux** (Dr. **Shengqian Ma**)
- Mr. **Christopher Lizardi** (Dr. **Peter Zhang**)
- Mr. **Perry Mitchell** (Dr. **Ed Tuross**).

Chemistry graduates- August

Doctoral graduates

- Dr. **Tony Pham** (Dr. **Brian Space**)
- Dr. **Christian Cioce** (Dr. **Brian Space**;
Dr. **Lee Woodcock**)
- Dr. **Tara A. Word** (Dr. **Randy Larsen**)
- Dr. **Qiao** (Dr. **Cai**)

Masters candidate

- Ms. **Veri Michael** (Dr. **Bill Baker**)

More than 2800 students at Tampa and USF-St Petersburg received diplomas.

***Chem-Seeds* program**

The 2015 NSF-sponsored REU participants and their current schools are listed below

- Mr. **Reinoldo Colon**, U, Puerto Rico
- Mr, **Nathan Frantz**, Manchester U.
- Mr. **Joseph Lee**, Western Carolina U.
- Mr. **Kevin Petersen**, USF
- Mr. **Anthony Howcroft**, U. Kansas
- Mr. **Vincent Ovalle**, Loyola Marymount U.
- Ms. **Ashley Parisi-Goldblatt**,USF
- Mr. **Giovanni Rodriguez- Diaz**, U. Puerto Rico
- Ms. **Sylvia Umegbolu**,

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The section's Awards Dinner was held May 5th at the 7th Floor of the Interdisciplinary research building. The leading organizer w8.88n391m6ans

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For over 15 years, we have been trying to keep track of our chemistry alumni in what we call the “Tracking Project,” and the results may be found on our web page. Look for “Directory” and find either “Graduate Alumni” or “Undergraduate Alumni.”

It is far from complete, but we lack the necessary resources to be as good as we would like to be. We value the help of loyal alumni in bring2.0234s0nn6 g ke.i8.991(iB19.2383()JTJ 2

New USF recognition

USF was designated (June) an “Innovation and Economic Prosperity University” by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. It is now one of 48 so designated.

USF with a budget of \$1.5 billion exerts an economic force of \$4.4 billion to the Tampa Bay Area, according to a survey made by a committee of 50 judges.

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