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Electrochemical Energy Storage: Progress and Opportunities to Impact Energy and the Environment

Amy C. Marschilok Stony Brook University

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 2021

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00PM

PLACE: Your Computer

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Amy Marschilok is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Stony Brook University, where she also holds an Adjunct Faculty position in the Department of Materials Science and Chemical Engineering. She holds a joint appointment as Scientist and Energy Storage Division Manager in the Interdisciplinary Science Department at Brookhaven National Laboratory. She serves as Deputy Director for the Center for Mesoscale Transport Properties, an Energy Frontier Research Center funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Marschilok was previously employed as a Senior Scientist in the Medical Battery Research and Development Group at Greatbatch, Inc., where she was recognized as a Visionary of the Year.

Her current research centers on materials and electrode concepts for high power, high energy density, extended life batteries. She is also interested in electrochemistry-based approaches for materials synthesis and characterization. She has mentored over 50 student researchers and co-authored over 185 publications.

THE PRESENTATION:

Batteries are ubiquitous in our everyday lives and often appear as black boxes. However, the chemistry inherent to their function is diverse and complicated. This talk will highlight progress and opportunities for employing electrochemical energy storage to build a green energy future. Examples of mechanistic insight gained from *in-situ* and *operando* characterization of functional systems will be highlighted.

CHAIR NOTES

Dear ACS Members,

I hope the start of spring is treating everyone well. We had our third Executive Committee Meeting of 2021 virtually on Zoom on Thursday, March 4th. We had a great turnout to discuss upcoming events, including exciting seminars as well as outreach activities and Mad Science programs.

On Thursday, March 8th, **Ainissa Ramirez, PhD**, an award-winning materials scientist and science communicator, joined us and presented "How Materials Shape Us". During her talk, which was based on stories in her book "The Alchemy of Us", she detailed how the invention & development of items such as the telegraph cable & the actual copper cable, the light bulb, the clock & the accuracy of it, and the Polaroid film shaped how we behaved and experienced, both positive and negative. She highlighted some of the lesser-known inventors whose accomplishments may have been overshadowed by the more well-known inventors who received much of the credit. We had over 220 online registrations and over 130 attendees.

On Thursday, April 22nd, at 7PM, we will have **Amy Marschilok, PhD**, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Stony Brook University, to discuss "Electrochemical Energy Storage: Progress and Opportunities". This talk will highlight progress and opportunities for employing electrochemical energy storage to build a green energy future.

Here are some upcoming, community-wide, large-scale events (held virtually):

- ACS Spring National Meeting & Exposition, April 5 16, 2021 https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/acs-meetings.html
- San Diego Festival of Science & Engineering STEAM Week, April 22–May 2 https://www.lovestemsd.org/steam-week-events-2021

Our next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, April 1st, at 6pm on Zoom. I invite all members who wish to become more involved in the Section to join us. Bring your ideas, your suggestions, and your unique talents to help make 2021 a wonderful year. Please contact me at jshih@sandiegoacs.org to receive Zoom log in details.

James J. Shih, 2021 Chair

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Mad Science - Stage demonstrations for 4th and 5th graders which make science fun for kids! Last year the program was viewed by over 8000 students in low-income areas and from military families.

ChemExpo - A science event for middle and high school students held in Balboa Park annually for the past 27 years. It features live stage demonstrations and interactive booths that teach kids about applied science. Last year over 1000 local students participated!

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POSTPONED

HPLC 2020 IN SAN DIEGO

Due to the extraordinary circumstances we have all found ourselves in surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are genuinely disappointed to announce that we must postpone the HPLC conference based on CDC guidance and shelter-in-place orders. As the health and safety of all of our participants remains our primary concern, the HPLC conference is postponed and will take place at the same location on **June 18-23, 2022** at the Town and Country Hotel and Conference Center in San Diego, CA.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Executive Committee of the <u>Division of Organic Chemistry</u> of the American Chemical Society and the



Department of Chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, invite you to attend the 47th National Organic Chemistry Symposium. **This biennial event will be held from Sunday, June 27, to Thursday, July 1, 2021, at UCSD.**

For more information please see https://nationalorganicsymposium.org/.
For volunteers please see https://nationalorganicsymposium.org/organizers/

Volunteer opportunities include chairing sessions during the plenary talks, judging the poster sessions, and running registration tables and social events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EARTH DAY - EARTHFAIR 2021

http://www.earthdayweb.org/

New Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021, Balboa Park ● 10am - 5pm

San Diego ACS volunteers will set up a table in the Children's Activity Area. This special area has crafts, games, face painting, storytelling, and hands-on activities for children of all ages. Activities are intended to educate, entertain and inspire youth, in the spirit of Earth Day.

Please contact James Caldwell, <u>icaldwell@sandiegoacs.org</u>, to volunteer Sunday, September 19, 2021. We need 3-4 persons for each of the 3-4 hour shifts on **September 19.** Please support us and share your care for our earth, chemistry education, and the San Diego ACS!

THE YCC PRESENTS CHEMISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT!

Join us for a night of fun, excitement, and teamwork. Register a team or register on your own and make some new friends. This event is open to all.

When: Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 7 PM Register here: https://forms.gle/Qvd67aqxP29vov1Z7

HOW MATERIALS SHAPED US Ainissa Ramirez, PHD

A remarkable 130 people Zoomed in to hear **Dr. Ainissa Ramirez** talk about "How Materials Shape Us" on Tuesday, March 9. **Dr. Ramirez** shared her gift as both a material scientist and as a storyteller as she led us through events in history where technology influenced our lives in unexpected ways. She amused us with the story of the woman who sold time, charmed us with the explanation of how the necessary brevity of the telegram influenced the writing style of Hemingway, and inspired us with the persistence of a young chemist who exposed the use of Polaroid's cameras to create passbooks to track Black citizens in apartheid South Africa.

The stories that **Dr. Ramirez** related can be found in more complete form in her new book titled "The Alchemy of Us: How Humans and Matter Transformed One Another". As a self-proclaimed science evangelist, **Dr. Ramirez** brought home the notion that our work as chemists often shapes the lives of people in our community. Though there was a cautionary tone to some of the stories, she left us all full of hope and wanting to hear more about this diverse group of inventors and the ways they changed our culture and our everyday lives.

Jackie Trischman

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 67th ANNUAL GREATER SAN DIEGO SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Senior Awards

1st Jessie Gan

12th Grade, San Diego Jewish Academy Calculating ENTH Domain Membrane Bending Constants for Continuum Modeling through CGMD

2nd Alejandro Berkowitz

9th Grade, Canyon Crest Academy

The Structure and Mechanisms of Alpha-Synuclein in Relation to Parkinson's Disease

3rd Daniel Wang

11th Grade, Torrey Pines High School

Tackling COVID-19: A General Approach to Develop Novel "Superglue" Drugs

Junior Awards

1st Sarah Gao

8th Grade, Pacific Trails Middle School

Stop the Staph: Targeting the Antibiotic Resistant Protein NorA

2nd Hafsah Kazi

8th Grade, Bright Horizon Academy

Impact of Metals and Natural Remedies on Planaria

3rd Kai Kinslev

 7^{th} Grade, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

Bubble Mania

The 2021 GSDSEF was conducted virtually using the zFairs.com app, in which judges could view the student projects online in advance and then conduct live interviews with selected students on our judging day, Tuesday, March 16th. We thank our colleague ACS judges: **Jerry Albert**, **Tom Beattie**, **Mark Glassy**, **Jim Shih** and **Jackie Trischman** for their indispensable efforts.

Ken Poggenburg

SUMMARY OF THE SAN DIEGO ACS SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MARCH 4, 2021

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Deferred Treasurer's Report as Desiree was unable to attend the meeting

<u>Feb. Monthly Seminar</u> – Ajay Nirula, SARS-CoV-2 Neutralizing Antibodies for the Treatment of COVID-19, 80-90 attendees, good Q&A following presentation

Chemistry Olympiad – March 27, two volunteers as proctors at this point, ~2-hour commitment

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Committee recommendation is to liquidate ~\$100K in VWENX shares, proposal to purchase \$50K bond fund VBIRX and put the balance in SDCCU Great Rate Savings account to be used for education and outreach; recommendation to revitalize fundraising committee

Motion: liquidate 1300 shares of VWENX fund, invest \$50K of proceeds from Vanguard Admiral shares, place balance in SDCCU savings, -- **Approved**

<u>March Monthly Seminar</u> – Tuesday, March 9, Ainissa Ramirez, 142 registrants to date, link to the meeting to come to those registered by email 2 days before

<u>Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair</u> – Three judges registered at this moment, some problems with judge registrations, March 16

<u>Law Committee</u> – Planning a Chemical Angel Network seminar -- part of AIChE / ACS, cost \$20 to participate

<u>Future Monthly Seminars</u> – April: Amy Marschilok on batteries; May: Janan Hayes on development of traditional dyes; June: Ryan Shenvi – Scripps Research on challenges of being researcher and parenting; July - William Tarpeh on wastewater; Aug. - Oscar Vasquez-Mena on sensors; Paul Jagodzinski on inclusion

<u>Discussion to Return to In-Person Events</u> – ExComm members asked to consider when it will be deemed safe to hold add in-person options to meetings

<u>Mad Science</u> – Scheduled five shows in 2021, two already held; outside entities not welcomed to support presentations even where schools hold in-person sessions

<u>YCC</u> – The Meet-and-Greet in December proved successful, so committee has scheduled similar event at Miramar College as a virtual event for March 5, 10:45 to 11:45; another event in planning for April or May, may ask ExComm for judges

<u>Setting Up Mechanism for Processing of Credit Card Purchases</u> – Looking into setting up credit card processing for paying for Newsletter advertisements; SDCCU business credit card would charge annual fee; other options include Venmo and Square, neither has transaction fee

<u>USPS Bulk Mailing Permit</u> – USPS says no need to pay until we need it, then pay the fee, which will allow bulk mailing for the following 365 days

<u>Section's Website</u> – Betasoft - company in India - offers to rebuild Website for \$1000 and will optimize for mobile devices, appears to be a legitimate organization; Orange County Section has a volunteer from the Section who manages their website; however, this arrangement requires extensive learning and time investment for the webmaster

<u>Earth Day</u> – No plans for Section to participate with ACS National's event, James working on local Earth Fair in the Fall

Next meeting: April 1





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https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/acs-meetings.html
April 5-16, 2021

VIRTUAL EVENT

ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE:
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AMY C. MARSCHILOK
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EARTH DAY - EARTHFAIR 2021
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
http://www.earthdayweb.org/
New Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021

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