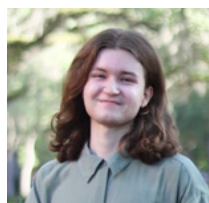


Queer in STEM: A Historical Quandary

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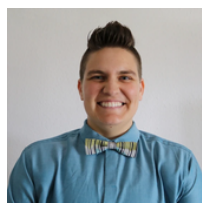
Panelists



Steph Meikle
(They/Them)
UCSD



Tyler Brown
(He/Him)
President of OutBio
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Jeanette Starpine
(She/They)
Climate Science Alliance



Molly Hedin
(She/Her)
UCSD

Thursday, October 10, 2024
6 - 8:30pm
Cost: \$10
HomeLab at UCSD

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Dear valued members,

The month of October is a busy time for the chemistry community! This month, we look forward to celebrating **National Chemistry Week (NCW)**, from October 20–26, 2024, with the theme "Picture Perfect Chemistry". This theme focuses on the exciting topics of photography and imaging in chemistry. If you haven't checked out the official ACS website, I encourage you to do so! ACS National has loads of fun activities and resources to celebrate this year.

This month, we have also planned an enlightening discussion on queer history in science. If you identify as a queer person or are an ally of queer empowerment, please consider joining us at our **Queer in STEM: A Historical Quandary** event on **Thursday evening, October 10th, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at HomeLab UCSD!** This event, funded by a National ACS DEIR grant, will include dinner, a keynote presentation from a local historian, and a panel session that will aim to give a platform for queer voices in STEM. Spread the word to friends, and I hope to see you there! [Click here](#)

The following week, on **Wednesday evening, October 16th, from 6:00 - 8:30 PM**, we will also be hosting our annual **Distinguished Scientists Award Dinner, held at The Butchershop** restaurant. This year's Distinguished Scientist, **Dr. Liangfang Zhang**, will accept his award and be recognized for his outstanding contributions and achievements in biomimetic nanotechnology. Come on out to join us for an evening of dinner, connections, and a peek into Dr. Zhang's work! [Click here](#)

Switching gears, I'd like to thank those who attended our recent events in September. Our **"Chemistry of Art Conservation"** event was a true highlight. Learning how chemistry plays a vital role in preserving cultural heritage through the intersection of science and the arts is always a wonderful application to admire. A huge thank you to our speakers for their insightful presentations and to all who participated in the discussions. We look forward to more events that bridge these fascinating fields!

We also had a fantastic time at our **annual picnic** last month! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces enjoying the beautiful weather, delicious food, and engaging conversations. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day a success—your enthusiasm is what makes our community so special.

Best,
Christina Vialva
San Diego ACS Chair

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Randall Smith



Brief biography: I have been an ACS member since 1990, and have been active in the section in 2007-10, having served as Member-at-large during that period. In addition, I served as section chair in 2008-9, and led the section to be awarded “Best Large Section” by the National ACS in 2008 for our program. I am an organic chemist by training, having received a BA in chemistry from Franklin and Marshall college in 1990 (one of the few ACS-recognized BA chemistry programs) and my PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Colorado in 1994. I then held an NIH postdoctoral position at Pennsylvania State University in 1994-6. After my postdoc appointment, I was hired into the pharmaceutical and drug discovery industry with a job at NexStar Pharmaceuticals in 1996. Since then, I have specialized in drug discovery and combinatorial chemistry, oligonucleotide therapeutics, outsourcing and contract research, and oligonucleotide diagnostics. I have spent time in the industry in Colorado, Arizona, West Bengal in India, and San Francisco. I moved to San Diego in 2006, where I have spent time working for Discovery Partners, a contract research drug discovery firm, Illumina, a genomic and genetic instrumentation company, and finally at Hologic, developing new oligonucleotides for use in PCR diagnostics that are utilized to improve women’s health outcomes.

I hope that I can become more active once again in the San Diego ACS section in ways that will allow me to contribute to the promotion and advancement of chemists and chemistry in the local area.

Alternate Councilor

Jim Shih



Jim is a protein and bioanalytical chemist at Eli Lilly & Co's Lilly Biotechnology Center - San Diego. In the past 30 years he has worked in protein chemistry and analytical chemistry in companies including Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Amgen, and QuidelOrtho Corporation, currently focusing on biophysical & biochemical characterizations of drug candidates. A volunteer with the San Diego Section since 2007, he has been the section chair as well as chairs of the picnic and nomination committees in the past years. Currently he is an Alternate Councilor. Jim received both his B.A. and M.S in biology (parasite biochemistry) from University of California at Riverside.

Member-at-Large

Jessica Le

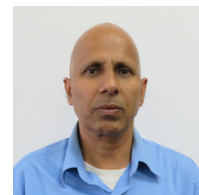


I am currently an upcoming 4th year Chemistry undergraduate at UC San Diego. Concurrently I also serve as the Media Chair for the ACS student chapter at UC San Diego with the goal of increasing membership and member retention at my local university. I will be accomplishing this through advertisement and participation in local ACS events. My intentions in running as member-at-large stems from my interest in involvement with the San Diego chapter and contributing to fostering a chemistry community and bridging the gap between local chapter and student affiliates. As I am heading towards graduation, I would love to be able to network with professionals in both academia and industry and explore career and research opportunities.

I have attended numerous ACS chapter events in the past few years and have enjoyed being able to attend social and professional events alike. In my spare time, I enjoy playing piano and singing, working on my short-form content, cooking and traveling. Recently, I spent a summer internship/research program in Taiwan and got to meet members and witness the Taiwanese ACS chapter.

Councilor

Surya De



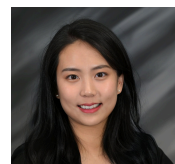
Surya K. De obtained his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Calcutta), India. He worked at the University of Washington, (Seattle), Purdue University, (West Lafayette, Indiana), The Scripps Research Institute, and Sanford-Burnham Medical Discovery Institute prior to joining a biotech company.

He has published over 120 papers in reputed international journals, covering a broad array of specialized topics in science, and he holds fifteen United States and international patents. He has published four solo-authored books: Applied Organic Chemistry- Reaction Mechanisms and Experimental Procedures in Medicinal Chemistry (Wiley), Fundamental of Cancer Detection, Treatment, and Prevention (Wiley), Medicines for Cancer (Elsevier), and Drug Design and Discovery- Inhibitors of Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinases (Springer Nature). He has been a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (London, UK), the Royal Society of Medicine (London, UK), the Indian Chemical Society, the Scholars Academic and Scientific Society, and the International Organization for Academic and Scientific Development. He was a recipient of P. R. Vijayalaxmi Award for Innovation in Cancer Research (2023, USA) and Lifetime achievement award from the International Organization for Academic and Scientific Development (2024, India).

He has been actively involved in the ACS – San Diego Section since 2007. Currently, he is serving as a councilor, member of Distinguished Scientist Awards Nomination Committee, and communications committee.

Chair-elect

Jiyue Chen



Jiyue is a biochemist at the University of California, San Diego. She enthusiastically conducts research projects in bio-conjugation reactions and artificial lipid membrane synthesis. She is committed to teaching science classes in women's jails and serves as the chair of Women Chemist Committee at American Chemical Society, San Diego Section to advocate for and empower female scientists. In 2024, She helped establishing a new award, Trailblazer Award for Women in Chemistry to recognize and celebrate local women chemists in San Diego. She envisions continuing to participating and organizing ACS events in the future. She is running for Chair-elect and Councilor positions in ACS San Diego, looking forward to strengthening community connections and organize events in the upcoming year.

Secretary

Harshada Sapre



Harshada Sapre is a first-year master's student in Cell and Molecular Biology at San Diego State University. Her research focuses on the Tumor Necrosis Factor-Like Weak Inducer of Apoptosis (TWEAK) and its role in activating the NFκB signaling pathway through interactions with the inducible cell-surface receptor Fn14. Specifically, she investigates the mechanisms by which TWEAK influences chemosensitization or chemoresistance in ovarian cancer cells. Sapre earned her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) in 2024. During her time as an undergraduate, Sapre was actively involved with the American Chemical Society (ACS). She held leadership positions in the UCSD Student Affiliates chapter, serving as Treasurer and Vice President-External. Additionally, she contributed to the San Diego ACS community by serving as Secretary of the local section from 2023 to 2024.

Celebrating a Local Superstar: Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Wang's 2024 ACS Award in Analytical Chemistry!

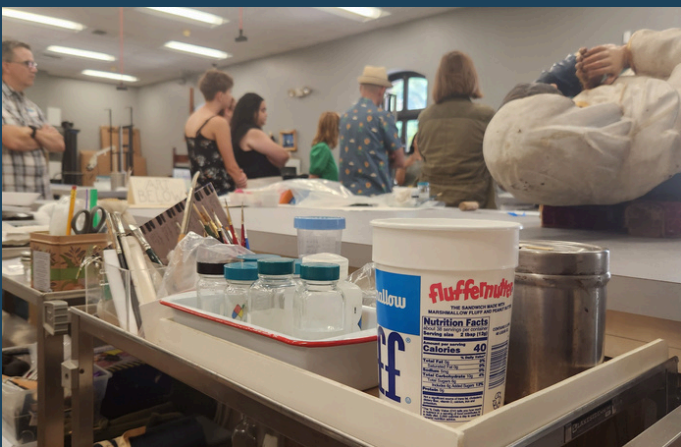


2024 Recipient Joseph Wang (Center) is Presented with His Award by Mary K. Carroll, ACS President (Left), and Sponsor Representative Mirlinda Biba (Right)

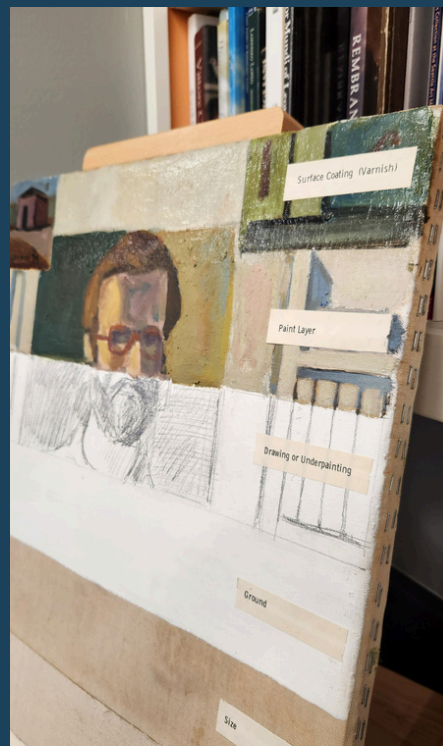
**Joseph Wang Ph.D
UCSD**

Joseph Wang is a Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Nano Engineering, a SAIC Endowed Professor and the Director of the Center of Wearable Sensors at University of California San Diego (UCSD), USA. Over the past 2 decades, Professor Wang has made pioneering contributions to the fields of analytical chemistry, including biosensors for health, environmental and defense applications, and of wearable sensors for non-invasive biomarker monitoring. Wang is a member of the US National Academy of Inventors and a fellow of the RSC, ECS and AIMBE. He has authored over 1250 research papers, 12 books, and 60 patents. He has been a Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher since 2015, published over 1300 papers that received 170,000 citations (H Index 209). Wang holds Honorary Professor from 8 different universities. Wang is the recipient of 3 National American Chemical Society Awards for Analytical Chemistry (2024), for Electrochemistry (2006) and Chemical Instrumentation (1999). He also received the Ralph Adams Pittcon Award in Bioanalytical Chemistry, the 2022 Talanta Medal, the 2021 IUPAC Analytical Chemistry Medal, and the 2021 IEEE Sensor Achievement Award and the 1994 Heyrovsky Medal of Czech Republic.

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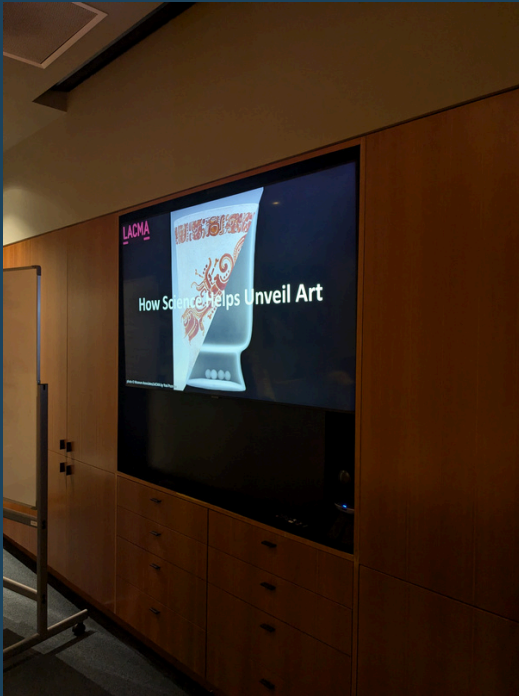
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October 3rd

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Liangfang Zhang, PhD

**Discovery and Translation
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TIME: 6:00 PM No host bar

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Surya De, Jiyue Chen, Jim Shih, Juan Gonzalez, Max Mahler.
Meeting convened: 6:35 pm

Changes/Approval of August Minutes

Motion: Approve July 2024 Minutes — **Approved**

Treasurer's Report (DG)

- Expenses:
 - Line 21- Deposit for Distinguished Scientist Awards Banquet \$500
 - Line 24- 50/60 Year Member Luncheon \$198.41
 - Line 26- Holiday Party \$500
 - Line 30c- Eventbrite Fees \$45
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Councilor Reports- ACS Fall Meeting Denver

Council approved the petition for global representation on council. Allows for the creation of global electoral zones for the election of councilors by ACS members living outside the territory of existing local sections.

WCC Status Report (JC, CV)

Nomination for Trailblazer Award currently has 9 submissions. Nomination deadline is September 8th. A short video will be made about the recipients. Deadline will be extended by a couple weeks to encourage a more diverse pool of applicants.

Recap: (Photo)Electrochemical Conversion for Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals (CV)

Online seminar from Dr. Corson. Had a smaller turnout of participants, around 15 people. ACS directory is a good resource for reaching out to speakers in the future.

September Event Status Report (CV)

September 7th: IPG event "Chemistry of Art Conservation". Event sold out quickly. Taking place at the Balboa Art Conservation Center in Balboa Park. Keynote speech by an art conservationist from the LA Art Conservation Center. Will include hands-on activity with surfactants.

- September 14th: Annual Picnic. Currently 58 people registered. San Dieguito Park, Picnic Area 1. Free registration. Catering done through a local taco company, lawn games, live music, games for children etc.

National Chemistry Week- Chem Expo (JT)

- JT is the coordinator for national chemistry week. Send out an email with a call for volunteers. Need to coordinate stage demos. Photo contest flyer will be sent out shortly. Event is taking place on October 26th.

October Events Updates (CV)

- DEIR event- HomeLab UCSD x ACS Complimentary Fellowship: HomeLab is an organization that caters to non-profits. In collaboration with OutBio, the fellowship will allow SD ACS to use meeting spaces for free. Space can be used for future ExComm meetings / events. **Motion:** Accept the fellowship with HomeLab and utilize the space provided — **Approved**
- 2024 Distinguished Scientist Award Dinner: Wednesday October 16th. Initial count of the various entrees requested by catering. Can have different colored tickets for the various entree options that will be given to each participant.

ACS Storage Locker (CV)

The ACS storage locker is getting filled up. Current size is 5x5x8. Start web shopping to compare other rental companies for pricing and discounts to upgrade the locker size.

Upcoming Local Section Election

Put an announcement with JT's contact for paper ballots in the newsletter. Deadline for paper ballot will be around the end of the month. Searching for chair and alternative counselor candidates. Can contact Dale Chatfield, Peter Ioveni, or Tammy Dwyer as potential candidates.

Southern California Regional Meeting (JT)

Fall 2026 is an ideal time for the regional meeting. Great opportunity for new faculty and other members to get involved and take on tasks. Hawaii is interested in co-hosting a meeting, and can ask them to get involved with the regional meeting planning.

Next meeting: October 3, 2024

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm



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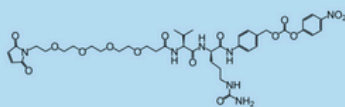
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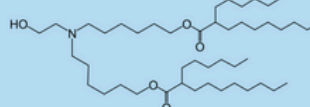
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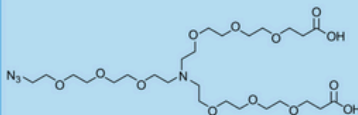
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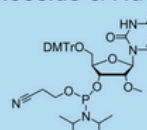
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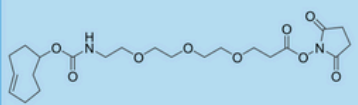
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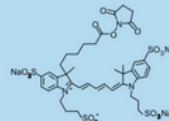
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