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Dear esteemed members,

November has long been a month of discovery and reflection in the chemical sciences. On **November 7, 1867, Marie Skłodowska Curie was born**—a pioneer whose groundbreaking research on radioactivity earned her two Nobel Prizes and transformed our understanding of **atomic science**. Her legacy continues to inspire chemists around the world to push boundaries and pursue innovation with courage and curiosity.

October was a vibrant month for our section. We celebrated the **Women's Trailblazing Award Banquet on October 4th**, recognizing extraordinary contributions by women in chemistry and their impact on the next generation of scientists. The event brought together members across academia and industry to honor leadership, mentorship, and scientific excellence. Later in the month, we launched the first installment of our new **Career Development Seminar Series** with **Andrea Baldwin's** talk on **"Project Management: The What, Why, and How."** It was a great success, sparking lively discussion on how chemists can apply project management principles to drive innovation.

Looking ahead, **November** brings two engaging professional development opportunities. On **Thursday, November 13**, we'll host **"Medical Writing: The What, Why, and How,"** featuring **Wing Tuet, PhD**—an excellent chance to explore alternative career pathways that bridge science and communication. [Click here](#).

Then on **Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 PM**, join us online for our next Food Chemistry Seminar, **"Food Chemistry for a Sustainable and Safe Food Future,"** presented by **Professor Changqi Liu** from San Diego State University. Dr. Liu will explore the chemistry of emerging sustainable food sources—such as plant proteins, edible insects, and microalgae—and how molecular insights into flavor, nutrition, and allergenicity are shaping the foods of tomorrow.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for our **End-of-Year Celebration on December 2**—always a wonderful time to come together, reflect on the year's accomplishments, and look ahead to what's next for our community. [Click here](#)

As always, thank you for staying active in ACS San Diego. Your participation in our picnics, banquets, and seminars keeps this section thriving. We also invite members to participate in our 2025 local section elections—a great opportunity to take on a leadership role, connect with peers, and help shape the future of our society.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and celebrating another successful year in the San Diego chemistry community!

Warm regards,

Max Mahler and Jackie Trischman
Co-Chairs, ACS San Diego Section

Food Chemistry for a Sustainable and Safe Food Future

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Dr. Changqi Liu
SDSU



About the talk:

Food Chemistry for a Sustainable and Safe Food Future

Many novel ingredients like plant proteins, edible insects, and microalgae are emerging as sustainable food sources. But they are not always easy to work with. Their unique composition influences how they taste, behave, and nourish, demanding chemical insight to unlock their full potential. In this talk, the presenter will share how chemistry helps shape a sustainable and safe food future by revealing the molecular foundations of nutrition, flavor, functionality, and allergenicity.

About the speaker:

Dr. Changqi Liu is an professor in the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University. He received his M.S. in Animal and Food Sciences from University of Kentucky and Ph.D. in Nutrition and Food Sciences from Florida State University. Dr. Liu's research interests include sustainable food systems, food allergy, and functional foods.

Location: Live Online Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting, with this link

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Meeting ID: 826 8546 5050

ACS San Diego Local Chapter Women Chemist Committee San Diego Women Chemist Trailblazer Awardees 2025



Angie R. Angeles, PhD

Head of Process Chemistry at [Vertex San Diego 2024 Chair](#),
ACS Division of Organic Chemistry ([DOC](#))
Board of Directors ([BOD](#)) Organic Reactions
Editorial Advisory Board ([EAB](#)) ACS OPR&D

Angie was nominated by a colleague at Vertex: "Angie has made significant contributions to the chemistry community through her groundbreaking work in the pharmaceutical industry and her dedicated service to the ACS Division of Organic Chemistry."

Angie earned her B.Sc. in Chemistry from UC San Diego and began her research journey with Jeffery Kelly at Scripps Research. She went on to pursue her Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania under the mentorship of Ralph Hirschmann and Amos B. Smith III, followed by postdoctoral studies as a Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center with Sam Danishefsky. In 2008, Angie began her independent career in medicinal chemistry at Merck, later transitioning into process chemistry as a cross functional collaboration lead. In 2017, she joined Gilead as a Pharmaceutical Development & Manufacturing Lead. Since 2022, Angie has led the process chemistry group at Vertex Pharmaceuticals in San Diego, where she plays an integral role in bridging medicinal chemistry with process chemistry to enable the progression of key programs from discovery to clinical development.

WCC: What accomplishment(s) are you most proud of?

Angie: Being named an [ACS Fellow](#) in 2021 remains one of my proudest moments. It was an incredible honor to be recognized for my contributions to drug discovery, therapeutic development, and leadership within the ACS. Since then, I've had the privilege of serving as the 2024 Chair of the ACS Division of Organic Chemistry (DOC) and as a member of both the OPR&D Editorial Advisory Board and the Organic Reactions Board of Directors. Through these roles, I've helped launch several philanthropic initiatives that provide opportunities for others to grow—whether through learning new skills, gaining visibility, or being recognized for their work. Volunteering within ACS has been a true passion of mine. I'm especially committed to

mentoring underrepresented minorities, first-generation college students, and the next generation of scientists.

My involvement with the [National Organic Chemistry Symposium](#) (NOS) has been significant. I started as a graduate student poster presenter and later served as Executive Officer for the 2022 NOS. That year, we expanded travel awards, added more plenary speakers, and introduced the "Industry Sessions"—lightning seminars that highlighted industry careers and research, strengthening connections between academia and industry. These efforts were later recognized with a 2024 [ChemLuminary Award](#), which deeply inspired me to continue creating meaningful programs.

One such initiative was the [ACS OPR&D Lectureship Award](#), celebrating exceptional industrial process research. I also co-founded the [ACS Future Pharma Innovators](#) program in 2024 with [Mirlinda Biba](#) and [Jarrod Cohen](#), building mentorship bridges among students, postdocs, and professionals. Another highlight is co-chairing the [Graduate Research Symposium](#) (GRS) with [P. Andrew Evans](#) and [Gary A. Molander](#). This multi time [ChemLuminary Award-winning](#) program gives graduate students a platform to present their research and connect with leaders in the field. Every year, the heartfelt messages I receive from participants remind me why I do this work.

Overall, being part of the ACS has given me a sense of purpose and fulfillment. The programs I've helped build have connected people, inspired collaboration, and strengthened the ACS mission of advancing scientific relationships. That, to me, is my greatest accomplishment.

WCC: What is the biggest challenge you have encountered and how did you overcome it?

Angie: I was born in the Philippines, where my family settled after my father's service in the U.S. Navy. When we immigrated to San Diego for his second retirement, I faced the challenge of adjusting to a new culture and environment. It wasn't always easy—but I stayed open, curious, and eager to learn. Those early experiences taught me humility, perseverance, and the importance of embracing change. They've shaped who I am today and inspired my passion for empowering the next generation of scientists to represent who they are confidently.

WCC: Do you have any advice or a message to the junior colleagues?

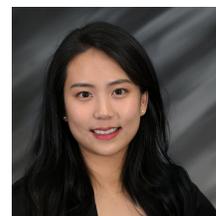
Angie: Build your network and seek out multiple mentors. Each mentor offers a different perspective that can guide your growth. And remember—you are your own brand. Networking isn't just about making connections; it's about sharing your story and building your professional identity.

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Jiyue Chen

Biochemist at UCSD



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.

CHAIR-ELECT/ COUNCILOR

Nik Chekshin, Ph.D
Scientist at Bristol Myers Squibb



Nik Chekshin currently works in Next Generation Medicine Design at Bristol Myers Squibb. After completing undergraduate and Masters studies in Chemistry from the University of Oxford, he earned PhD in Computational and Synthetic Organic Chemistry from Scripps Research, where he worked on asymmetric catalysis and rapid access to new chemical space. His postdoctoral research was in Medicinal Chemistry at the Calibr-Skaggs Institute for Innovative Medicines, where he worked on the development of next generation Mpro inhibitors for Poliovirus. Nik has co-authored 1 US patent, over 20 research publications, and numerous presentations in organic, organometallic, and computational chemistry and catalysis.

Nik is a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry and has been involved with the ACS since 2017 (full member since 2021). He has presented at multiple national ACS meetings, and has actively participated in the events of the MEDI, COMP, and ORGN divisions. Outside the ACS, Nik has been actively involved in volunteering and leadership, serving on the leadership board at Nucleate San Diego (Director of Communications, 2023-2024; Ambassador since 2024), on the SOF Executive Board at Scripps Research (Industry Bridge Program Chair, 2021-2025), and as the invited member of the Board of Directors of WSPA Associates (since 2024).

SECRETARY

Marta Vuckovic, PhD
Research Scientist and
Lecturer at SDSU



Marta is a Research Scientist and a Lecturer at San Diego State University, working with Connie Weaver. And her work focuses on food chemistry and calcium metabolism. Marta joined the ACS San Diego local section in 2025 as a volunteer and quickly found multiple opportunities to get involved and become an active member of the local section. Currently, she is a member of ACS San Diego Women Chemist Committee, and member of the Annual Picnic Committee. She received the 2025 Tony Bottone local section award for the outstanding service. Marta's motivation to run for the local section secretary stems from her passion to engage with the local chemistry community in San Diego and bridge the widening gap between science and the public. Marta completed undergraduate studies in Biochemistry at University of Belgrade in Serbia, and graduate training in Molecular Biology at the Max-Planck Research School in Gottingen, Germany. She holds PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and completed postdoctoral training in Metabolic Biology at UC Berkeley, in the Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology department. She also holds Instructor position at UC Berkeley Extension where she teaches evening classes in Nutrition, Pharmacology and Toxicology to working professionals preparing to enter the field of medicine and health care.

TREASURER

Desiree Grubisha

Desiree has been an active volunteer with the San Diego ACS Section since 2004. She is currently serving the San Diego Section as a Councilor, as the section Treasurer, and the Communications Committee. She is a past member of the ACS National Local Section Activities Committee, and has been active in the ACS Western Regional Meeting Board as Secretary from 2017-2019. She has been involved with ChemExpo, YCC, and WCC activities, the planning committee for the 41st Western Regional Meeting in 2007, and has served on the Public Relations committee.

Desiree currently works in CMC Quality Control at Heron Therapeutics. She has also worked in QC at Halozyme, and in Lab QA in Commercial QC at AstraZeneca/Amylin Pharmaceuticals supporting diabetes medicines in the worldwide market. Desiree earned a PhD in inorganic chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and did postdoctoral research developing novel detection platforms for molecular diagnostics in the Microanalytical Instrumentation Center at Iowa State University. She has coauthored 1 U.S. patent and over 30 journal articles and presentations in analytical, organometallic, and inorganic chemistry.

COUNCILOR

Hui Cai
VP and Head of Content,
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Dr. Hui Cai joined WuXi AppTec in 2009 as Vice President of Business Development, and is currently Vice President and Head of Content Division.

Prior to WuXi, Dr. Cai spent 10 years at Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development leading multiple drug discovery programs in the therapeutic areas of inflammation and autoimmune diseases. She is a co-author and co-inventor to over 50 scientific publications and issued or pending patents. Dr. Cai is a Councilor of the American Chemical Society (ACS), a member of BayHelix, and a member of the UCSD Alumni Board. In her past capacity, she served as a Commissioner at the City of San Diego Science and Technology Commission, Chair of SABPA, and President of SDCA. Dr. Cai received her BS and MS in Chemistry from Peking University, PhD from The Scripps Research Institute, and MBA from UCSD Rady School of Management as a DLA Piper – Athena Scholar.

ALTERNATE COUNCILOR

Christina Vialva
ACS - SD Local Section
Immediate Past Chair
Research Technician at
SDSU



Christina Vialva, B.A. is a member of the inaugural cohort of the MS Food Science Program at San Diego State University. As the current chair of the Younger Chemists Committee and immediate past chair for the ACS San Diego Local Section, Vialva's relationship to the ACS began five years ago when she was introduced to the local executive committee by past Chair and Southwestern College ACS Student Affiliate Chapter advisor, Juan Gonzalez-Gonzalez. Through serving as vice president of her alma mater's ACS student chapter, Vialva aimed to foster an environment of learning and discovery in the chemical sciences, as well as promote a sense of community among undergraduate STEM students. Since elected as an ACS executive, she has used her current positions to enact synergy between our section's talented professional base and those who are just embarking on their chemistry journey. Most recently, Vialva has worked as a laboratory manager in the laboratory of Dr. Connie Weaver at San Diego State University in the Department of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, during which she gained invaluable experience with directing an advanced animal research project, using many skills developed during her term as the San Diego ACS chair. Since beginning her educational journey in 2019, Vialva has been selected for three individual NSF recognized REU opportunities, all of which have given her national speaking and research presentation experience. As a past ACS Local Section member at large, her term has included being a participant of the 2022 annual ACS Leadership Institute, where she heightened her communication and leadership skills alongside ACS executives from across the nation. These skills have fortified her ability to help develop Local Section events, both through the successful submission of ACS Innovative Project and DEIR grants, and through serving on multiple event committees.

She seeks your vote to become an alternate councilor for the ACS San Diego Local Section to both fulfill her mission of providing a voice for younger chemists from humble backgrounds, as well as to continue the legacy vision that all peoples should have a place of belonging among the chemical sciences. As a current graduate student, the ability to attend national and regional meetings as a representative of the Local Section would be an excellent

resource to strengthen her educational network. If elected, Vialva will bridge communications between the national and local executive committees by collaborating on unique, professional, and educational opportunities for the community at large. If elected, she hopes to set an example for other students and young professionals to contribute to shaping the next generation of their professional community.

MEMBER- AT-LARGE

Sign up

**We encourage you to write-in your name if you are interested in checking out the Executive Committee in this role.
Make a difference in our community!**



In Memoriam of William “Bill” Szabo

William “Bill” Szabo of San Diego devoted his life to chemistry, and to the people it could uplift. A 57-year member of the American Chemical Society and an ACS Fellow, Bill served the San Diego Section with distinction and heart. Over the years, he chaired and supported numerous committees, including Public Relations and Fundraising, and helped organize the Section’s exhibits at the 2009 and 2010 San Diego Science Festivals. He also played an integral role on the Organizing Committee for the 2007 ACS Western Regional Meeting. In 2011, under his leadership as Section Chair, the San Diego Section received the ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Performance by a Local Section (Large Size Category). Bill’s service continued as Treasurer from 2012 to 2016, earning him the Section’s Outstanding Committee Chair Award in 2014 and the Tony Bottone Award for Outstanding Service in 2015. He remained an active Member-at-Large, continuing to guide and encourage others in the community he loved so deeply.

Chemistry wasn't just Bill's profession, it was his calling, the thread that connected his intellect, his curiosity, and his compassion. He received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Lehigh University and began his career as an R&D chemist at

Johnson & Johnson's McNeil Laboratories near Philadelphia. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in heterocyclic and medicinal chemistry from the University of Florida, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in natural product synthesis at Wesleyan University with Professor Max Tishler, former President of Merck Research Laboratories and a past ACS President. Bill's professional journey took him next to Milwaukee, where he was recruited by Alfred Bader, co-founder of the Aldrich Chemical Company. Over the course of 18 years at Aldrich, Bill held key management positions in R&D, production, and advertising. Later, he relocated to Sigma-Aldrich's corporate headquarters in St. Louis, where he led sales and marketing for bulk pharmaceutical intermediates, serving as Sales Director for North America and Vice President of International Sales. In 1998, after an impressive career in the chemical industry, Bill took an early retirement, moved to San Diego, and embarked on 14 productive years as a consultant in drug and business development. In 2012, he co-authored a book chapter on transition metal-catalyzed asymmetric cross-coupling reactions, reflecting his lifelong engagement with scientific discovery.

Bill's commitment to chemistry extended well beyond his career achievements. He believed deeply that scientific training opens doors and builds confidence, especially for young people who might not otherwise see themselves in a lab coat. In that spirit, he was consistently generous. He supported others quietly and often, including contributing to ACS Project SEED, which provides paid summer laboratory experiences and mentorship to high school students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Life asked Bill to summon extraordinary resilience. Born with a single kidney, he later required dialysis three days a week. Even so, he kept showing up for colleagues, for students, and for the ACS community. Friends remember him arriving at board meetings with a smile, a thoughtful question, and a practical idea for moving an initiative forward. When travel or health made attendance difficult, he logged in and lifted others up from afar. That reliability, rooted in kindness and pragmatism, became one of his defining signatures. Bill's leadership style was inclusive and unpretentious. He made room for new volunteers, mentored emerging scientists, and celebrated the achievements of peers without seeking the spotlight for himself. He was most at ease when connecting people to opportunities, whether that meant introducing a student to a potential mentor, encouraging a colleague to step into a leadership role, forming a group to host a large event, or helping a fledgling outreach idea become a funded program.

Beyond his formal roles, Bill was the person who noticed when someone needed encouragement and offered it without hesitation. He believed that generous listening is as essential to scientific progress as careful experimentation. Those who worked alongside him will carry forward his example: serve with humility, invest in the next generation, and keep the human purpose of science at the center.

Bill leaves behind a grateful community of friends and colleagues who will miss his steady presence, wry humor, and unwavering belief in what chemistry, and people, can do together. In his honor, we suggest you consider supporting programs that expand access to hands-on science experiences for students, such as ACS Project SEED, in honor of Bill's enduring commitment to opening doors for others.

Jackie Trischman







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**Executive Committee Meeting
Dates 2025**

December 4th.

Zoom Meeting

Evaluating drug-drug interactions – a framework from lab to clinic

November 12, 2025

8:00 AM PST

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ACS SoCal joint Chemistry science seminar

Food Chemistry at Work for a Sustainable and Safe Food Future

Prof. Changqi Liu, School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, SDSU

Food Chemistry for a Sustainable and Safe Food Future

Thursday, November 20, 2025

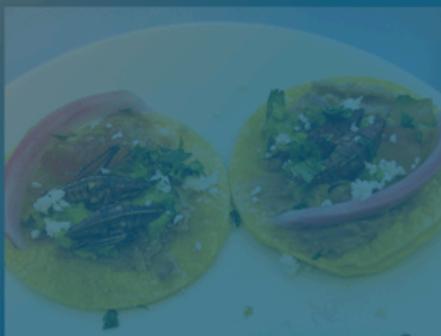
6:30-7:30 pm

Location: Live Online via Zoom

Zoom meeting link: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/82685465050>



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Early Career Scientists: Professional Development series – American Chemical Society, San Diego chapter

Medical Writing: The What, Why, and How

Speaker: Wing Tuet, PhD

Nov 13, Thursday

Doors open at 6:15.

Seminar starts 6:30

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Food science talk

Speaker: Dr. Changqi Liu

On November 20, 2025

Time: 7pm

We will host the first of a 2-part food science series with a talk on food and protein chemistry.

We will offer this as a joint ACS SoCal chapters meeting via Zoom. Dr. Liu discuss alternative protein sources in the human diet. More details coming in the November newsletter.

**San Diego Section, American Chemical Society
Executive Committee Hybrid Meeting**

**September 4, 2025 6:00 pm dinner at WuXi AppTec
6:30 pm start of business meeting in-person and on Zoom**

Attendees: Hui Cai (Councilor), Jiyue Chen (Chair-elect), Surya De (Councilor), Vanessa De Ley Cox (Prof Dev), Desiree Grubisha (Treasurer/Councilor), Valerie Kuck (Councilor), Max Mahler (Co-chair), Sharai Mendez, John Palmer, Jim Shih (Alt Councilor), Randall Smith (MAL), , Christina Vialva (Past Chair)

Absent:

Juan Gonzalez (Alt Councilor, sent affirmative vote on minutes), Jessica Le (MAL), Ben Pratt (Alt Councilor), Bill Szabo (MAL), Jesus Cordova (WRM Chair), Ryan Smith (Alt Councilor), Jackie Trischman (Co-chair/Sec/Councilor), Marta Vuckovic (rep WCC), David Wallace (Councilor)

Meeting convened: 6:42 pm

- I. Recap of 50-year/60-year member luncheon
- II. Upcoming meetings and events
 - A. Picnic
 - a. The vendor has received the deposit, and insurance approval for all vendors has been secured.
 - b. Max will handle procuring the prizes.
 - c. There will be enough volunteers; currently, there are 42 registrations as of September 4th.
 - B. Distinguished Scientist Awards Banquet
 - a. Will be held on September 23rd.
 - b. Chair will also award the Committee Chair of the Year and Tony Bottone Volunteer of the Year Award for the local section.
 - c. Will need the name soon so Jim can start engraving.
 - d. Carolina: need to advertise asap, need the picture and title for the newsletter.
 - e. Will get the information out early next week.
 - f. Executive member can have ticket, Max will set up with Carolina for the Eventbrite to offer free tickets.
 - C. Professional development workshop
 - a. Location: Mira mesa library (potentially)
 - b. First one in 3rd week of Sept – Sept 25?
 - c. October 7th have another one, north university library, Nobel Park. Potential events happening end of October and November.
 - d. Currently gathering information on locations and speakers.
 - D. Trailblazer award update
 - a. October 4th at Encore Event Center
 - b. Hui suggested combination of distinguished scientist award and Trailblazer award.
 - E. Chris Wellons (VP of manufacturing) at Taylor Guitars will give the October

- talk on the drying and curing process in guitars.
- III. Western regional Meetings
 - A. Jesus provided a progress update at the EC meeting.
 - B. Motion to allocate \$1000 for each of six people to attend this year's Oct 23-25 Western Regional meeting. Desiree brought up by ACS guideline and IRS to be non-profit, we need more details of business purpose. Jesus will work on revising the motion.
 - C. MOU finalized. MMA in progress.
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. ChemExpo
 - A. Revisit ChemExpo next meeting
- VI. Upcoming talks
 - A. Food Science Talk
 - B. Blue Nalu, maybe incorporating a talk about AI as well.

Meeting adjourned: 8:14pm

Next meeting: October 2nd will be a virtual meeting

Thank you to Jiyue Chen for taking the minutes for this meeting.



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