

**2015 WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**  
**EVANSTON, ILLINOIS**  
**June 8, 2015**

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>:                      *Faculty Lunch Seminar: Danna Freedman*  
Tech K140  
12:00 – 1:00pm

***For full schedule, including Center events, please see the Department Calendar:***  
<http://www.chemistry.northwestern.edu/events/calendar.html>

**BIP**

Meets every Friday at 2:45pm in Tech K140

**Arrivals**

Salih Ertan joined the Marks Group  
Minh Nguyen joined the Stoddart Group  
Yan Xu joined the Hupp Group  
Mohamed Algaradah joined the Stoddart Group  
Waleed Alkhuraiji joined the Stoddart Group

**Announcements**

**WCAS has approved the Department's recommendations that the following students graduate with honors in chemistry:**

**Student**

Jean Chang  
Joseph Coomes  
John Coukos  
Olive Jung  
Paul Lee  
Viktorie Reichova  
Monica Sadek  
Junjie (Anna) Shangguan  
Ziyang Xu  
Michael Ziebel

**Faculty Adviser**

SonBinh Nguyen  
Thomas Meade  
George Schatz  
Richard Silverman  
Frederick Northrup / Owen Priest  
Thomas Meade  
Amy Rosenzweig  
Thomas O'Halloran  
Alexander Statsyuk  
Samuel Stupp

**Paul Lee, an undergraduate student doing research with Owen Priest and Fred Northrup,** received a second place award for his poster presentation in the Science and Engineering section of the Northwestern University Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Expo this week.

## Opportunities

**The 6th Chicago Organic Symposium** will be held this year at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Saturday, July 11, 2015. The symposium organizers would like to invite you, your students, and your colleagues to this exciting event that brings together organic chemists in the Chicago area to celebrate their research achievements, spark new ideas, and bolster collaboration. Through several highly successful prior iterations, organized by Karl Scheidt, George Sheppard, Tom Driver, and Brandon Ashfeld, the COS has moved between Northwestern, UIC, and Notre Dame and has achieved participation from a variety of local academic institutions such as Northwestern, UIC, University of Chicago, Notre Dame, Loyola Chicago, Northern Illinois University, UW Madison, Indiana University, and Wayne State, as well as local chemical companies such as AbbVie, Eli Lilly, Astellas, Kalexsyn, and Vertellus. This year, we hope to continue to increase participation and a sense of community between organic chemists in the Chicago area.

The program for the 6<sup>th</sup> Chicago Organic Symposium boasts a stellar assembly of speakers from both academia and industry including Profs. Jared Lewis (U of C), Justin Mohr (UIC), Anita Mattson (OSU), Chad Eichman (Loyola Chicago), Karl Scheidt (Northwestern), Viresh Rawal (U of C), Gary Molander (UPenn), Dr. Steve Fidanze (AbbVie), and Dr. Rebecca Ruck (Merck). Part of the reason this symposium has been so successful in the past is the outstanding poster presentations by graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, and industrial attendees. To continue this valuable tradition, please encourage your coworkers to participate by submitting an abstract through the symposium website.

Please register by July 3, 2015. There is no charge for the event but we would like to know how many people to expect. If you are interested in presenting a poster, please also submit an abstract by June 26, 2015. More detailed information on registration and abstract submission can be found at <http://www2.chem.uic.edu/COS>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the organizers at [chicago.organic.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:chicago.organic.symposium@gmail.com).

**Pharmaceutical Sciences group at Merck & Co. Inc.** has several exciting Sr. Scientist openings. The positions will be located at our Rahway NJ or West Point PA sites. We are seeking talented chemists with backgrounds in analytical, organic, physical organic, organometallic, inorganic, physical, bioanalytical, biophysical or polymer chemistry. In this role, the Sr. Scientist will work in an interdisciplinary team supporting new product development activities. Example activities include:

- Solving challenging drug development problems
- Developing innovative analytical approaches to characterize small molecules and peptides in formulation
- Elucidate drug degradation mechanisms and develop mitigation strategies
- Characterize chemical and physical properties of excipients
- Support a variety of solid oral and parenteral dosage form development from a fundamental chemistry perspective

Interested applicants should send their resume to Yun Mao, PhD, Director, Analytical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences at [yun\\_mao@merck.com](mailto:yun_mao@merck.com).

**The Stanford Cancer Imaging Training (SCIT) Program**, funded by the National Cancer Institute, aims to train the next generation of researchers in the development and clinical application of advanced

techniques for cancer imaging. Our coursework, rich mentored training opportunities, and outstanding resources, provide an active, vibrant program that attracts students nationwide. Graduates from our program are highly sought after, filling faculty and industry research positions internationally. This two-year training program only accepts US citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents, and will help develop a US workforce to make progress in the battle against cancer. Stanford Cancer Imaging Training Program Applications are now being accepted (see details at <http://scitprogram.stanford.edu/apply>) Applicants must have a PhD or MD. Inquiries to Sofia Gonzales ([sofias@stanford.edu](mailto:sofias@stanford.edu))

**Postdoctoral Fellow with the University of Missouri** Any candidate with experience in inorganic or organometallic chemistry would be considered, but candidates with backgrounds in *electrochemical catalysis* or *carbon dioxide activation* would be a plus. This position will likely be funded through a collaborative NSF funded Center for Carbon Capture and Conversions (C4) (<http://www.brown.edu/research/projects/capture-and-conversion-of-co2/>), though sufficient startup funds are available to continue the position even if this center doesn't get renewed in Phase II.

Professor Wesley Bernskoetter will be bringing a wonderful group of current personnel from Brown, but is looking to expand the program with talented new hires. The start date is flexible, but summer-early fall is preferred. Any candidates who might be interested in a position are encouraged to send a CV and cover letter to [wb36@brown.edu](mailto:wb36@brown.edu)

**The National Research Council of the National Academies** sponsors a number of awards for graduate, postdoctoral and senior researchers at [participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions](#). These awards include generous stipends ranging from \$42,000 - \$80,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience. [Graduate](#) entry level stipends begin at \$30,000. These awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals.

Detailed program information, including online applications, instructions on [how to apply](#) and a [list of participating laboratories](#), is available on the NRC Research Associateship Programs [Website](#) (see link above).

Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (phone) or [rap@nas.edu](mailto:rap@nas.edu). There are four annual review cycles.

Review Cycle: **February**; Opens December 1; Closes February 1

Review Cycle: **May**; Opens March 1; Closes May 1

Review Cycle: **August**; Opens June 1; Closes August 1

Review Cycle: **November**; Opens September 1; Closes November 1

Applicants should contact prospective Adviser(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities. More detailed information and an online application can be found at [www.nationalacademies.org/rap](http://www.nationalacademies.org/rap).