

ACS ILLINOIS HEARTLAND SECTION BANQUET & POSTER SESSION



The Illinois Heartland Section of the American Chemical Society will present its Annual Awards Banquet and Poster Session this year at the Peoria Gateway Building on April 6, 2016. The poster session starts at 5 p.m. followed by the dinner at 6 p.m.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Please welcome our newest faculty member, Dr. Christopher Weitzel, who will be joining the Department of Chemistry as an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry in August. Dr. Weitzel received his A.B. in Chemistry with Honors from Wabash College and his Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry from Indiana University. He is currently a Research Scientist at the University of Illinois.



WIFE OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR PASSES

Gayl West, wife of Professor Emeritus Doug West, passed away on March 10th. For more information: http://www.penttilaschapel.com/sitemaker/sites/pentti0/obit.cgi?user=73910095_GWest#.

ALUMNI NEWS

The Department was saddened to learn that Mike Petro (B.S. 1989; M.S. 1991, DeLuca group) passed away in October 2015 from liver cancer.

Leah Stateman (B.S. 2015, Lash group), who is currently in her first year of the Chemistry Ph.D. program at Ohio State University, received a 2016 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. This program provides three years of financial support within a five-year fellowship period (\$34,000 annual stipend and \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance to the graduate institution). Less than 12% of the applicants received this prestigious award.

SPRING 2016 SEMINAR SERIES

3:00 p.m. in Julian Hall room 225

- April 1 Dr. Alex Lippert (Southern Methodist University), "Shaping Light and Matter to Illuminate the Chemistry of Life". This event is sponsored by the Harold K. Sage Foundation and the Illinois State University Foundation Fund.
- April 8 Dr. Ryan Bailey (University of Illinois), "Silicon Photonics: A Versatile Platform for Solving Problems in Bioanalytical Chemistry, Clinical Diagnostics, and Molecular Biology"
- April 15 Dr. Belgin Canturk (Dow Agrosciences)
- April 22 Mark Servos (Research)
- April 29 Daniel Hart (Literature)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- April 8 University Research Symposium – 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Bone Student Center
- April 12 Spring College Address – 3:30 p.m., Old Main Room
- April 29 Chemistry 50th Anniversary & Senior Awards Banquet – 6 p.m., Marriott Redbird Room C**
- April 30 Chemistry 50th Anniversary Golf Outing – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Weibring Golf Club, Normal**



ACS CALENDAR

- April 1 DEADLINE to RSVP to Dean Campbell (campbell@fsmail.bradley.edu) about the Illinois Heartland ACS Awards Banquet regarding choice of main entrée (chicken breast with plum and Dijon sauce) or vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free options
- April 6 5-9 p.m. – Illinois Heartland ACS Awards Banquet and Poster Session (Gateway Building, Peoria, IL)
- April 15-16 Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville)

DATES AND DEADLINES

- April 1 -Transfer Day
-Deadline for Thesis Oral Defense for May 2016 graduates.
- April 4 -Deadline (2:00 p.m.) to file final thesis with the Graduate School for May 2016 graduates.
-Deadline to file Right to Defend MFA materials with the Graduate School for May 2016 graduates.
- April 8 -Last day for undergraduate students to apply for August 2016 graduation and still be eligible to participate in May Commencement.
-Transfer Day
-Last day to withdraw from a second-half semester course. A withdrawal grade of WX is assigned. No adjustment of charges or financial aid.
-Last day to remove the Credit/No credit (Pass/Fail) option from a second-half semester course.
-Last day to officially withdraw from the University.
- April 15 Deadline for MFA Oral Defense for May 2016 graduates.

STUDENT, FACULTY and STAFF ACTIVITIES

Publications

1. **Timothy D. Lash**, "Out of the Blue! Azuliporphyrins and Related Carbaporphyrinoid Systems," *Accounts of Chemical Research* **2016**, 49 (3), 471-482.

Student Presentations

1. ^(G)Ruixiao Gao, **Timothy D. Lash**, "Synthesis of a PAH-porphyrin Hybrid," Division of Organic Chemistry, 251st ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 12-15, 2016.
2. ^(UG)William T. Darrow, **Timothy D. Lash**, "Synthesis of Key Intermediates for the Generation of Benziporphyrins," Division of Chemical Education, 251st ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 12-15, 2016.
3. ^(UG)Alissa N. Latham, **Timothy D. Lash**, "Preparation of Tripyrrane Intermediates for the Synthesis of *N*-methylbenzocarbaporphyrins," Division of Chemical Education, 251st ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 12-15, 2016.