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**Feb 2, 9, and 16, 2022**



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American Chemical Society Website

<https://www.acs.org>

Puget Sound Section Website

<https://www.acs.org/pugetsound>

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## February 2022

The Career Event will be a virtual event this year. It covers three days, February 2, 9 and 16, 2022 with each event being from 5:00pm-6:00pm. [Register here](#). Details on [page 4](#).

All ACS members, prospective members and guests are welcome to attend the virtual February Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022. An ice-breaker social time starts at 6:30pm. The meeting itself will commence at 7:00pm. Here is the [ZOOM Link](#) for the meeting. It is great to know that you intend to attend, however, no registration is needed.



*Jonathan Clark*

Newsletter Editor

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB

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## Career Event (1 of 3)

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Virtual Event. [Register here.](#)

FEB

9

## Career Event (2 of 3)

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Virtual Event. [Register here.](#)

FEB

16

## Career Event (3 of 3)

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Virtual Event. [Register here.](#)

FEB

21

## Executive Committee Meeting

Time: 6:30pm (Ice-breaker Social) / 7:00pm (Meeting)

Location: Virtual Event ([ZOOM Link](#)) No registration needed.

MAR

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MAR

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## [ACS National Meeting - Spring 2022](#)

Theme: Bonding Through Chemistry

Location: San Diego, CA

AUG

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AUG

25

## [ACS National Meeting - Fall 2022](#)

Theme: Sustainability in a Changing World

Location: Chicago, Illinois and Online

# PUGET SOUND SECTION

## Career Event 2022

February 2, 9, and 16, 2022 | 5:00pm-6:00pm | Virtual Events

Register here: <https://forms.gle/Y5s7gp8GvCnpvMA99>



ACS Local Section  
Puget Sound

American Chemical Society- Puget Sound Section  
presents three informative sessions on

### Careers in Chemistry (18<sup>th</sup> Annual) for Undergraduates

Recommended for all STEM undergraduates (not just chemistry students)

- Event 1: Feb 2, 2022 at 5-6 pm (PST) - Dr. Ginger Shultz, Department of Chemistry, University of Michigan. “Applying and Getting Accepted to Graduate School in Chemistry”
- Event 2: Feb. 9, 2022 at 5-6 pm (PST) – Ms. Nishanthi Perera, EIT, Geotechnical Specialist, WA State Department of Transportation. “Successful Approaches to Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviews, and LinkedIn”
- Event 3: Feb. 16, 2022 at 5-6 pm (PST) - Panel discussion on Careers in Chemistry with a diverse panel representing various employment options

Please register (free) for all events to reserve your spot at

<https://forms.gle/Y5s7gp8GvCnpvMA99>

Registration will remain open until events end. To be entered into raffles to win memberships to the ACS (students only), please register at least 2 days before each event.

For more information: [bopegedd@evergreen.edu](mailto:bopegedd@evergreen.edu)



ACS Local Section  
Puget Sound

## Dr. Gary Christian

The Executive Committee Says Thank you to Dr. Gary Christian!



Dr. Gary Christian Emeritus Professor retired from his volunteer leadership role with the local section at the end of 2021. Dr Christian has been a member of ACS for 62 years and remained active in the local section after his retirement from the UW.

Dr. Christian attended the University of Oregon and obtained his PhD from the University of Maryland in analytical chemistry. He worked at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in DC, and at the University of Kentucky before coming to the University of Washington in 1972 as Professor of Chemistry. He served as Divisional Dean of Sciences for 9 years at UW and retired as Emeritus Professor in 2006. Dr. Christian is a nationally and internationally recognized analytical chemist and researcher. His textbook Analytical Chemistry is in its seventh edition.

He served as Chair (1983) and was a Councilor in the section for fifteen years. In addition to his leadership roles within the local section, Dr Christian served as Chair of the Division of Analytical Chemistry and was the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Talanta* until the end of 2019, retiring after thirty years. Dr. Christian is a Fellow of the ACS.

The Executive Committee is grateful for Dr. Christian's dedication to chemistry, and the ACS, especially his volunteer service to our local members. We wish Gary and his wife Sue well in the future.

## Volunteer Opportunities

ACS Puget Sound Section | 2022 Invite Message

Despite the lack of in-person events, there are opportunities to get involved with the Puget Sound Section in a volunteer capacity. There are roles that are easy and there are roles that involve greater responsibility and scope. Volunteering offers opportunities to add things to your resume, exposes you to networking opportunities and gives you opportunities to develop soft skills. If you have had an extensive career in chemistry, you can 'pay-it-forward' by becoming a mentor for younger chemists. Volunteering can be a richly rewarding activity.

If you are interested, please reach out to us! There are many ways to get in contact with us, but one easy way is through the [Contact Form](#). Learn more about the Puget Sound Section by reading our [Mission/Vision Statement](#). You can get a sense of how things operate by reading the '[Bylaws of the Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society](#)'\*. Member involvement is an important aspect of the continued success of the Puget Sound Section.



\*Note: The committee dedicated to reviewing and proposing revisions to the bylaws this has completed the first major step in the process. Please get in contact with us with any suggestions and comments. Feel free to use the [Contact Form](#) for this.

## Younger Chemists Committee

Puget Sound Section YCC

The YCC advocates for and provides resources to early-career chemists and professionals in the chemical sciences and related fields. If you may not be an 'early-career professional', the YCC still welcomes you to help ignite the curiosity and success of young minds.

We would love to have you join us every month and learn how you can get involved with your local ACS section! Anybody is welcome to attend these meetings so please feel free to invite your friends/colleagues.



## Science Cafés

Grassroots Speaker Events Open to the Public

Science Cafés are gatherings open to the public held in pubs, restaurants, or bookstores where non-scientists can meet and talk with scientists about the latest issues in an informal atmosphere. There is no central organization for these grassroots Science Cafes which reflect their focus on local communities. You can learn more at: <http://www.sciencecafes.org/>

## Science in the City

Lectures by the Pacific Science Center

The Pacific Science Center organizes an excellent Science Lecture series. The lectures are free and open to the public. They are held at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, WA.

Website: <https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/science-in-the-city/>

## Science on Tap

Seattle Science Café

Science on Tap events are free and open to the public.

Website: <http://www.scienceontap.org/>

## Olympia Science Café

Science Café in Olympia, WA



## Puget Sound Section | Awards and Scholarships

The ACS PSS Education Committee offers the following awards and scholarships:



### K-12 Educator Grants

For Supplies, Books, Courses,  
Symposia and Continued Education  
Up to \$500

Grant applications are accepted at any time during the year. Click on the application link for details.

[K-12 Grant Application Form](#)

**Applications are accepted year round.**



### William J Wasserman Memorial Scholarship

2-year College Student Scholarship  
\$1500

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))

Resources: ([Article](#)) ([Puget Sound Colleges List](#))

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2022**



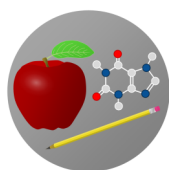
### Julia Ann Rutherford Memorial Scholarship

4-year College Student Scholarship  
\$1500

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))

Resources: ([Article](#)) ([Puget Sound Colleges List](#))

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2022**



### High School Teacher of the Year Award

\$250 Cash Award and  
\$750 for Chemistry Lab Supplies

The Education Committee accepts nominations all year round and selects one teacher for this award per year.

[HS Teacher of the Year Award Application Form](#)

**Awarded: January 1 each year**



### ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Grants

For Activities and/or Travel  
Up to \$500

A request must be submitted to the Education Committee with details well in advance of the need.

[ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Grant Application Form](#)

**Applications are accepted year round.**

The committee welcomes new members! Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in joining.

Our current committee members are: Leonard Andrews, Sailaja Arungundram, Clarita Bhat, Gwen Gross, Jennie Mayer (Chair), David Munch, Alyssia Snow, Despina Strong, Lauren Wugalter, Amar Yahiaoui

Please [send us a message](#) or email Jennie Mayer (Education Committee Chair; [jmayer@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:jmayer@bellevuecollege.edu)) with any questions.

## Heros in Chemistry Award

National American Chemical Society Award

[Heroes of Chemistry](#) is an annual award sponsored by the American Chemical Society that recognizes talented industrial chemical scientists whose work has led to the development of successful commercialized products ingrained with chemistry for the benefit of humankind.



The 2022 nominations submission window for Heroes of Chemistry will close February 1, 2022.

For more information on the application process, please email [chemhero@acs.org](mailto:chemhero@acs.org).

## ACS-HACH Professional Development Grants

Professional Development Grants for High School Teachers

The application period for the [ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant](#) is currently closed. With this grant, high school chemistry teachers can request up to \$1,500 to pursue opportunities that advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry. Applications are accepted between October 15-January 4 annually.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## ACS National Meeting | Spring 2022

March 20-24, 2022 | San Diego, CA and Online | Bonding Through Chemistry



## ACS National Meeting | Fall 2022

August 21-25, 2022 | Chicago, IL and Online | Sustainability in a Changing World



# CAREER RESOURCES

## ACS Career Resources

Powerful Career Advancement Tools

Many opportunities and career resources are available on the ACS website for ACS members! Check them out!

[ACS Career Resources](#)

[ACS Career Consulting](#)

[ACS National Job Postings \(C&EN\)](#)



## ACS Puget Sound Section Career Event

Annual Event Focused on Chemistry Careers

The Puget Sound Section hosts a Career Event each year (usually held in February) at a local business or governmental facility. These events present great opportunities to see the scope of the activities of the hosting organizations. The event is recommended for all undergraduate science students. Admission is free. The event is open to all, however, space is usually limited and registration is required. Keep an eye out for future announcements and details regarding the next event.

# JOB POSTINGS

## Example Job Position Title

## Job Posting Key

Company or Organization Name | City, State | ACS PSS Posting Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Short description of the job position.

The company or organization's name will include a hyperlink to their website.

The job position title will include a hyperlink to any pertinent web posting for the position, if available.

## Full-time, Tenure-track Assistant Professor

[Saint Martin's University](#) | Lacey, WA | ACS PSS Posting Date: 2/1/2022

Saint Martin's University, a private Catholic, Benedictine university located in Western Washington, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Chemistry program to begin in August 2022. The successful candidate will have a Ph. D. in Chemistry with expertise in Biochemistry. The candidate will be expected to teach classes such as Introduction to Chemistry and Biochemistry with lab, as well as other courses as needed. The candidate should have a strong desire to teach at the undergraduate level. In addition, the candidate is encouraged to perform original research involving undergraduate students.

# MEMBER BENEFITS

## Join the American Chemical Society!

The American Chemical Society (ACS) was founded in 1876

“With more than 150,000 members, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is the world’s largest scientific society and one of the world’s leading sources of authoritative scientific information.” ([ACS Fast Facts](#))

Watch a video about the American Chemical Society [here](#). Read about the history of ACS [here](#).

[American Chemical Society Website](#)

[Membership Categories and Dues/Application Process](#)

[Member Benefits](#)

[ACS National Strategic Plan](#)

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## American Chemical Society Resources

Helpful Information, Services and Resources

[ACS Local Section Information](#)

[ACS Technical Division Information](#)

[ACS Publications](#) (High Quality Publications)

[Chemical & Engineering News \(C&EN\)](#) and [C&EN Webinars](#)

[ACS Webinars](#) (Webinars on Chemistry Themed Topics)

[ACS Pressroom](#)

[ACS Orbitals: Chemistry Podcasts](#)

[ACS Network](#) (Collaborate and connect with members of the chemical community)

[ACS National and Regional Meetings](#)

[ACS Leadership Institute](#)

[ACS Public Policy Fellowships](#)

[ACS Project SEED Program](#) (Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged)

[National Chemistry Olympiads](#)

[ACS Scholars Program](#)

[ACS Get Experience](#)

[ACS Student Chapters](#) (Chemistry Clubs)

[Sustainability Resources](#)

[The Yellowbook](#)



# PUGET SOUND SECTION

## ACS Puget Sound Section

Founded in 1909, the Puget Sound Section has a rich history

The Puget Sound Section (PSS) is one of many [ACS Local Sections](#). The PSS has approximately 1,900 members in a region stretching from the mouth of the Columbia River in the southwest corner of Washington State up into British Columbia and eastward to the Columbia past Ellensburg. One out of five members lives in Canada. The Puget Sound Section was chartered in 1909.



[ACS Local Section Map](#)



## ACS Local Section Puget Sound

Website: <https://www.acs.org/pugetsound>

Website (full URL): <https://communities.acs.org/t5/Puget-Sound-Local-Section/gh-p/puget-sound>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanChemicalSocietyPugetSoundSection>

LinkedIn Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12010252/>

**Note:** In July 2019, the ACS Puget Sound Section website was moved to its new home on the ACS Network. The ACS Network moved to a new platform in late 2020. That move disrupted things a bit. Stay tuned for updates!

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROSTER

Position	Election Year	Name
Chair	N/A	Curtis Deer
Chair-Elect	Annually	Kristine Deibler
Past Chair	N/A	Natalie Merrill
Secretary	Annually	Michael Meechan
Treasurer	Annually	Sheri Tonn
Newsletter Editor	N/A	Jonathan Clark
Councilor Position 1	2023	David Patrick
Alternate Councilor Position 1	2023	Charity Lovitt
Councilor Position 2	2024	John Macklin
Alternate Councilor Position 2	2024	Sailaja Arungundram
Councilor Position 3	2022	Craig Fryhle
Alternate Councilor Position 3	2022	Carole Berg
Councilor Position 4	2023	Dharshi Bopegedera
Alternate Councilor Position 4	2023	Grady Blacken
Councilor Position 5	2024	Despina Strong
Alternate Councilor Position 5	2024	Garima Thakur

## Contact Information

[Contact Form](#)



# OTHER OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Position	Name
Awards Committee* Chair	Carole Berg
Bylaws Revision Committee Co-Chairs	Michael Meechan and Jonathan Clark
Career Event Committee Chair	Dharshi Bopegedera
Chemistry Olympiad (UNSCO) Coordinator	Clarita Bhat
Communications Committee Co-Chairs	Jonathan Clark and Craig Fryhle
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect Committee Co-Chairs	Sheri Tonn and Leonard J. Andrews
Earth Day Committee Chair	Sailaja Arungundram
Education Committee* Chair	Jennie Mayer
Finance Committee* Chair	David Munch
Hospitality Committee* Chair	Carole Berg
Pauling Award Liaison	Sheri Tonn
Long-Range Planning Committee* Chair	David Munch
Membership Committee* Chair	Jennifer Marsalla
National Chemistry Week Committee Chair	Lauren Wugalter
Nominating Committee Chair	Natalie Merrill
Program Committee* Chair	Kristine Deibler
Safety Committee Chair	Natalie Merrill
Senior Chemists Committee Chair	Despina Strong
Sustainability Committee Chair	Natalie Merrill
Undergraduate Research Symposium Committee Chair	Neal Yakelis
Webmaster	Jonathan Clark
Women Chemists Committee Chair	Despina Strong
Younger Chemists Committee Chair	Michael Meechan

\*Active Standing Committee (per the [bylaws](#))



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