

Shelley Minter and ACS Au

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Some of you may remember **Shelley Minter**, who served in the Section Chair succession in [looking it up] 2009-2011. She was on the faculty at Saint Louis University, and left to take a new position at the University of Utah.

Some others of you may know that the American Chemical Society is launching a suite of nine fully open-access journals collectively known as ACS Au*.

Only a very few of you likely know how these two seemingly unrelated facts are in fact related.

Shelley has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the new ACS Au journals. Each of the nine will have its own Deputy Editor, but Shelley is head honcho.

In **their announcement**, ACS Publications Division had this to say about their new E-i-C, quoting at length:

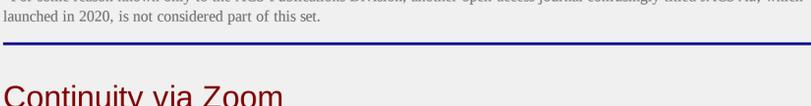
Professor Minter is the Dale and Susan Poulter endowed chair of biological chemistry and associate chair of chemistry at the University of Utah. She manages a multi-disciplinary research group with a broad range of projects, including work on electrocatalysis, batteries, organic electrosynthesis, synthetic biology, and electrochemical biosensors. Minter received her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Iowa. She has been an associate editor for the Journal of the American Chemical Society since 2016.

ACS Publications selected Professor Minter to lead these essential journals due to her research expertise, familiarity with open access developments, and her editorial experience. She is also noteworthy for her commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusivity, as noted by her current service as Chair of the Chemistry Department Diversity and Equity Committee at the University of Utah.

We heartily congratulate Professor Minter (or, as we know her, Shelley) for this prestigious appointment. The new journals will begin accepting submissions from authors in January, 2021.



Shelley Minter



ACS Au journals

*For some reason known only to the ACS Publications Division, another open-access journal confusingly titled JACS Au, which launched in 2020, is not considered part of this set.

Continuity via Zoom

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The normally festive Continuity Dinner had to take a back seat to COVID-19 this year. We did the best we could via Zoom to maintain the special traditions of this last-meeting-of-the-year.

Although most of the attendees already knew most of the other attendees, we started with a round of self-introductions, from Ackerman to Znosko (though not in that order).



Attendees at the 2020 Continuity Dinner. In the interest of journalistic integrity, we must admit that this is a composite of several screen caps. And still we missed Joe Ackerman and Henry Rohrs. Sorry fellas!

For an extra helping of COVID upheaval, we were not able to conduct the St Louis Award Symposium and Banquet this year. So our awardee, Rich Loomis regaled us with a light-hearted soupçon of **his research** — which will have to hold us until the pandemic loosens its grip and we can do a proper St Louis Award Day.

Spoiler alert: the Distinguished Service Award ... which will not be officially conferred until spring ... in long overdue recognition ... goes to ... Ben Outlaw.

The Henry Godt secret speaker was revealed to be ... Jeramia Ory, whose capsule review of the-year-we'd-all-like-to-forget was delivered in an utterly unforgettable fashion. No transcript, no screenshot could do it justice. You will just have to **see it for yourself**.

And finally, virtually, the sacred book and gavel were passed from outgoing Chair Sophia Hayes to incoming Chair Samina Azad.

Meeting adjourned.

Put me in, Coach!

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Greetings STL section members! I hope this message finds you well.

One silver lining of the COVID-19 crisis is that we had to learn and be really comfortable with online programming and events. The new trend of on-line events makes it easy for us to offer zoom workshops and presentations at multiple locations at the same time!

My goal for next year is to start an initiative to help bridge the gap between graduating student members and the employers who are looking to hire fresh graduates with BS in chemistry. This Spring, we will pilot a "Coaching the Outgoing Undergrads" program via the STL local section. This will include presentations by career consultants in combination with hands-on sessions where the students will practice using job search engines and self-analysis tools and building resumes tailored for a specific job posting.

In the first round, the workshops will be held at SIUE, UMSL, SLU, Marryville University and Principia College. Three Zoom workshops are planned in Feb, March and April – focused on Resume, Interview and Job Search Techniques. We will add more schools to the Fall event. Although the main target audience is the graduating class, the event will be open to anyone who is interested. Stay tuned for a zoom event invite in the next few weeks!

The presentations will focus on the main employment sectors, traditional and non-traditional jobs for BS level chemists, how to match your strengths and values with available opportunities in industry, academia, government and non-profit organizations. We will provide examples of good resumes and tips on how to prepare for an interview and negotiate salary. Prior to the workshop, you will be asked to take free self analysis tests, draft a resume for an industrial chemist position, practice using search engines – indeed.com, LinkedIn and USAJOBS.GOV using key words.

Down the road, we will invite local employers (HR teams) to present their companies to the graduating class and go over the available positions that are applicable to BS level chemists.

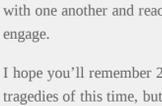
Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2021!

Samina Azad
Chair 2021

Farewell, and Hello! Messages from our chairs.

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Sophia Hayes, outgoing Chair



What a year it's been! What makes me most proud of our section is how we pulled together during a challenging time to support one another and keep things moving forward both personally and professionally for our community. Members of the section did amazing things (!) ... we stayed connected with one another and reached out in new, creative ways to engage.

I hope you'll remember 2020, not for the difficulties and tragedies of this time, but how our section **came to the rescue** in the early stages of the COVID pandemic — when "Black Girls Do STEM" donated gloves and supplies, and when our section members helped when hand sanitizer was being formulated "in-house" by area medical schools!

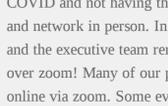
Cynthia Chapple (our Chair-Elect!) and Jeramia Ory **launched new listening sessions** and discussions on race, diversity, and inclusion. Our Coffee and Cocktails with Chemists went on-line through the efforts of Rhonda Woerndle and Tabbetha Bohac, and made **trivia and scavenger hunt** a "thing". Too many of you to name went online to engage students and educators and parents-as-educators, and our Sue Wiediger kept on top of these activities.

If there's any closing message, it's this: we learn who we are during times of difficulty. And this group made St. Louis a better, safer, healthier place. I'm proud of what we've accomplished this year, but most of all, how we showed a lot of spirit as a section. Thank you for letting me serve for this snapshot of time in our section's long history.

Be well friends and colleagues,

Sophia Hayes

Samina Azad, incoming Chair



Greetings, Saint Louis Local Section Members! I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to lead the local section as your chair this year!

The past year has been tough for all of us – dealing with COVID and not having the opportunity to meet colleagues and network in person. In spite of that, the board of directors and the executive team remained very active throughout 2020 over zoom! Many of our programs and events were held online via zoom. Some events were canceled or postponed until 2021. We will continue to meet over zoom in 2021 until it is safe to meet in person. Please stay tuned for more information on upcoming programming and events!

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2021!

With Best Regards,

Samina

Meeting & Seminars

Board of Directors

St Louis Section–ACS Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month over Zoom for the foreseeable future

Date: January 14 (via Zoom)

Join internet meeting at 6:00 pm for social/chit-chat

Business meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Future meetings: February 11, March 11

Maryville University

Seminars are approximately once a month on Thursdays, 4-5 pm. Details are available on the university's [seminar page](#). All seminars are free and open to the public. Contact [Jason Telford](#) for more information.

St. Louis College of Pharmacy

The Center for Clinical Pharmacology hosts a monthly seminar series in ARB 212 unless otherwise noted. For the most up to date information refer to the center's [seminar page](#) or contact [Jodi Maslin](#).

Saint Louis University

Seminars are generally on Fridays at 12 noon in Carlo Auditorium, Tegeler Hall, unless noted otherwise. Refreshments follow. For the most up-to-date information, refer to the department's [home page](#) and follow the link to the Seminar Schedule.

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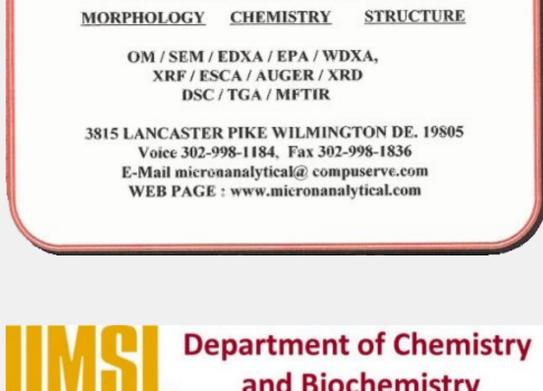
Mondays at 4 pm in 451 Benton Hall, unless otherwise specified. Refreshments 15 minutes prior to seminar time. For timely information on visiting seminar speakers, contact the Chemistry Department, 314.516.5311, or visit the [seminar schedule](#). The department has additional seminar series which are also accessible from this page.

Washington University

Seminars are in McMillen 311 at 4 pm unless otherwise noted. For information, consult the departmental [events page](#). Related seminars, including endowed seminar series and the WU med school biochemistry series, are linked here as well.

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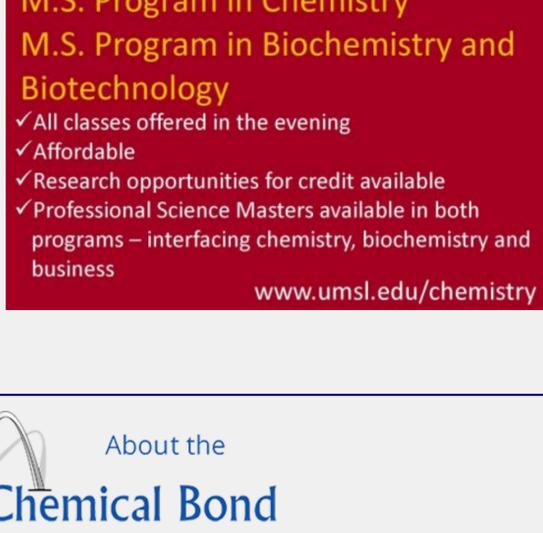
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