

Chair Azad looks back on the year that was

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Greetings, Saint Louis Local Section Members! I hope this message finds you well.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the STL section as your chair in 2021. It has been another tough year – still dealing with COVID as we continue to have zoom meetings and avoid in-person gatherings. One of my focuses this year was to help the graduating undergrads with their job search efforts – we held online coaching sessions where undergrads from a few different local universities joined in. The feedback was that they found it helpful. We will plan a few online career coaching sessions for the undergrads again next year.

Cynthia Chapple (incoming chair in 2022) and Jeramia Ory launched new listening sessions and discussions on race, diversity, and inclusion (RD&I). Cynthia was awarded an IPG Grant from National ACS for this program. Next year, we will see continued focus on RD&I discussions and awareness, as this is an important topic for National ACS.

The STL section plans to have a strategic planning meeting in May. We collected your feedback on what type of programming and events we should focus on to make your membership with ACS worthwhile: we will incorporate your feedback in the section's strategic plans.

Please stay tuned for more information on next year's programming and events! Wishing you all the best in 2022!

Cheers!
Samina



Samina Azad, 2021 Chair

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Welcome back, everyone,

We have arrived in 2022 together. I would first like to thank the immediate past chair Samina Azad for her service to the St. Louis Section and the national organization. I also share gratitude and thankfulness to the governance team, committee members, and all the members at large within the chemical enterprise that we work on behalf of to foster a love for chemistry and the advancement of the profession.

It's been a privilege that we have had an opportunity to belong to a profession that brings hope and science to American communities even in the midst of tough times. The present pandemic has shown us not only the need but the value of what happens when we work together. We have also during this time seen a recommitment of our professional society to make sure we foster a love of chemistry and spread the hope of science in a way that fosters diversity, inclusion, and respect. In fact, we have seen this play out in many aspects of our greater society.

I welcome each of you to join as we put action behind our commitments, reimagine inclusion, and begin making our words our reality. Therefore, as the section chair my stated focus is clear: building inclusive chemists. We each have a solid shared understanding to go about building a more inclusive section and overall professional society.

In the words of one of my favorite chemists Dr. Bettye Washington Greene; "I am satisfied, but nothing is ever enough." I ask that with the strength of belief in our ideas, with courage and conviction, we take action to learn, grow, explore what can be, never to be simply satisfied, and look for ways in which we ourselves might think differently. This is the true measure of our human capacity to carry the profession forward. I welcome you to come with the section on this path to true inclusion, and I am more than humbled to be able to lead and serve in this capacity as your 2022 chair.



Cynthia Chapple, Chair 2022

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: Jan 13 ([via Zoom](#))

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

Business meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Future meetings: The next meetings are February 10th and March 10th

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.

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.

University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis

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](#).

University of Missouri–St Louis

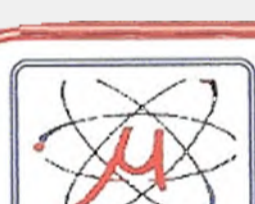
Mondays at 4 pm in 451 Benton Hall, unless otherwise specified. Refreshments 15 minutes prior to seminar time. For timely information on visiting seminar speakers, contact the Chemistry Department, 314.516.5311, or visit the [seminar schedule](#). The department has additional seminar series which are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