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Comes the Picnic!

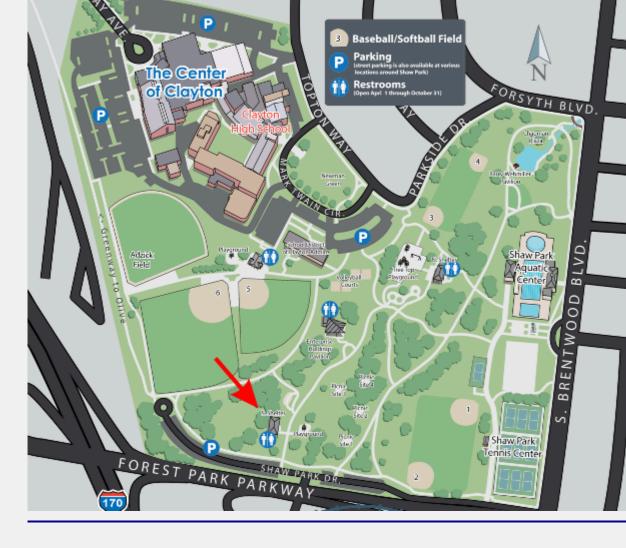
The mumbleteenth annual St Louis ACS Section picnic is coming on Sunday, September 7th (the weekend after Labor Day). This is a little later in the season than usual, which is probably a good move toward slightly cooler temps. We think it's the nineteenth picnic, but we kind of lost track during pandemic hiati (hiatuses?).

The venue this year is the South Shelter in Shaw Park, Clayton, Missouri. It will start at 11 a.m. and continue as long as there is interest. Follow the fat red arrow in

the map below to the "S. Shelter". There is limited parking along Shaw Park Drive at the south edge of the park, and lots of parking in parking lots off Mark Twain Circle at the north edge of the park — just a short, shady stroll from the South Shelter. The Section will provide beef hot dogs and hamburgers, buns, condiments, drinks (beer, NA beer, and soft drinks), with brownies and cookies for dessert, and

conversation throughout. If you would like to bring a salad of any sort (fruit, tossed, macaroni, slaw, whatever) to share, please feel free, but that's completely optional. Lawn game equipment, too: if you got 'em, bring 'em. We hope to see everyone there. Spouses/SOs and kids are all welcome. Just please RSVP to Jim Bashkin with the total number attending (and how many of you are

ACS members).



Michael Harmata was born in 1959 in Chicago, Illinois, and spent his first 20 years in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. He graduated as valedictorian from St. Michael the Archangel elementary school in 1973 and from

Michael Harmata is the 2025 ACS Midwest Award Winner

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Thomas Kelly High School in 1977. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 1980 without debt, aided by Campbell's Soup and a research experience with Jacques Kagan. He completed his PhD under Scott Denmark at UIUC in 1985. Seeking a California experience, he pursued an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University with Paul Wender. In 1986, he began his career at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he is now the Norman Rabjohn Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. Professor Harmata's research focuses on pericyclic reactions of reactive intermediates, with additional interests in

molecular recognition and supramolecular chemistry, particularly involving Kagan's ether and Tröger's base. He has published over 350 peer-reviewed articles with more than 7,000 citations and has secured extensive funding from the

NSF and other organizations. He has received the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship, is a Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and has delivered numerous invited lectures. He has also won several teaching awards at the University of Missouri-Columbia and is active in the American Chemical Society and Organic Chemistry Day. In his spare time, Professor Harmata, who has earned a black belt in Taekwondo, enjoys N scale model trains, building and flying model rockets, collecting stamps and coins, and keeping tropical fish. He has a growing stack of books to read, including Angela Merkel's "Freedom." While he embraces the philosophy of "Dare to be Dull," he enjoys exploring its limits.



The award will be presented at the 2025 Midwest Regional Meeting of the ACS, October on Monday, October 13th, held at the University of Missouri-Columbia.



next meeting.

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Date: September 11th Join internet meeting at 6:00 pm for social/chit-chat

Business meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Future meetings: October 9th, November 13th 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.

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

University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis

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

endowed seminar series and the WU med school biochemistry series, are linked here as well.

Department of Chemistry

Seminars are in McMillen 311 at 4 pm unless otherwise noted. For information, consult the departmental events page. Related seminars, including



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