

An Oxford-style debate on Jobs and Career Development in Chemistry

Location: The Hotel Zags - 515 SW Clay St, Portland, OR 97201

Date: Wednesday, October 8th, Time: 6 pm to 9 pm

Guest of honor: Dr. Lisa Balbes, ACS Career Consultant

Debate opponent: Dr. Jim Tung, ACS Career Consultant and Portland Section councilor

Join us for our monthly dinner series at The Zags Hotel in Portland, featuring dinner and an Oxford-style debate between Dr. Lisa Balbes and Dr. Jim Tung.



Dr. Balbes has been an American Chemical Society volunteer career consultant since 1993, providing career management advice and information to literally thousands of scientists. She is the author of the book “Nontraditional Careers for Chemists: New Formulas in Chemistry”, published by Oxford University Press, and over 300 published articles. She is an ACS certified master workshop facilitator, and an internationally invited speaker on various career topics, with over 300 presentations to date. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (2013), the American Chemical Society (2017), and the AAAS (2023). She shares her office with house rabbits Octavia and Cookie, and has volunteered weekly at the local house rabbit shelter since 2005.

The debate resolutions:

"Resolved: Once a chemist, always a chemist—even if you're working in finance."

"Resolved: A chemist's future depends less on peer review and more on peer networking."

Doors open at 6 PM - Dinner starts at 6:30 PM - Debate starts at 7:30 PM

This event is all ages welcome and encouraged.

Register for a dinner ticket before the event for \$25/person (\$15 for undergraduate students, high school teachers, unemployed members). \$5 added for tickets purchased at the event.

Limited to 50 attendees