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What Do Jobs in Chemistry Look Like, and How Do I Find The Right Job for Me?

a talk by

Jim Tung

Lacamas Laboratories, Portland, OR

October 13, 2022

Reed College Vollum Lounge

3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

[map](#) (use East Parking Lot; Vollum College Center is number 37 on map)

Dinner Reservations

Dinner reservation FIRM deadline: **Thurs. Sept 29, 2022 8 AM**

Schedule: 6:00 pm social • 6:45 pm buffet dinner • 7:45 talk

COVID PROTOCOLS

Reed College's COVID-19 Prevention & Response Plan below considers the state of Oregon's directives and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) public health recommendations.

<https://www.reed.edu/coronavirus/>

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Jim Tung's bio and talk abstract

National Chemistry Week K-12 Illustrated poetry contest

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2022 Meeting Schedule

11/17 Ginger Schultz, University of Michigan

12/15 (flexible) Claire Lower, Lifehacker*

*the 12/15 meeting is intended to be at a food/drink related site to allow Claire, chemistry graduate and food writer, to riff a bit on food science. Tasting opportunities.

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BIO: Jim Tung

Jim Tung works at Lacamas Laboratories in Portland, OR. He has been at his current position for 11 years, working on developing new chemical manufacturing projects. An Oregon native, Jim got his B.S. in biochemistry from the University of Oregon, his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Notre Dame, with postdoctoral experience at Pfizer's laboratories in La Jolla, CA. He currently is a councilor for the Portland Section of the American Chemical Society. He has interests in chemical manufacturing, science-oriented startups and encouraging career exploration and development for younger chemists.

ABSTRACT

What Do Jobs in Chemistry Look Like, and How Do I Find The Right Job for Me? How do you find a job in chemistry? ACS Career Consultant Jim Tung will survey the available data about jobs in chemistry, how best to find the right position for you, and end with a discussion of trends for the future of chemistry jobs in America and the world.

National Chemistry Week-end

National Chemistry Week-end at Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) includes two days, October 22 and 23, Saturday and Sunday with two sessions each day, 10am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. If you'd like to volunteer email Angela Hoffman hoffman@up.edu with your preferred date and time. Complete information about volunteering will be sent by email and is available [online](#). Names of volunteers must be submitted to Angela Hoffman hoffman@up.edu by Friday morning, October 7, 2022.

K-12 Posters and Illustrated Poetry Contest

Each year as part of National Chemistry Week (NCW), ACS sponsors an [illustrated poem contest](#) for K-12 students in the US. Portland Section K-12 students have been winners and finalists in several contests. [Instructions](#) and [Entry form](#) will be sent to teachers in email. If you know a K-12 teacher, please share this information.

Message from the Chair

On behalf of the Portland ACS I warmly welcome our members and friends to a new season of outstanding local section dinner meetings organized by our Chair-Elect and Program Chair Arthur Glasfeld of Reed College. We are excited to resume more normal in-person activities with fewer COVID protocols need-

ed to maintain health and safety.

I eagerly invite you to attend the Pauling Medal Award Symposium on October 29 2022 at OHSU in Portland, Oregon where we will honor this year's outstanding winner Cynthia J. Burrows, Distinguished Professor and Thatcher Presidential Endowed Chair of Biological Chemistry at the University of Utah. Please follow this link to the event website for more information. I consider myself fortunate to be chairing the Section during a year when the Portland section hosts the Pauling Medal Award winner! I personally thank all Portland Local Section leaders who put in the hard work over many hours to successfully plan and run the event including but not limited to our Awards Chair Jim Tung of Lacamas Laboratories and our Symposium Chair Dean Atkinson of Portland State University.

We also are excited to be starting regular "Cocktails with Chemists" events in the greater Portland area. Jim Tung advanced the idea and has hosted two excellent iterations of this event already over the summer—by all accounts, these are here to stay! Please keep an eye out for announcements posted on our website and sent to our e-mail list for future events and consider joining fellow chemists on designated Thursdays to build community.

From all members of the Portland ACS executive committee, we invite each of you to join us for as many events as you are able and to reconnect with Portland-area chemists this Fall.

Andrew Baggett, Chair
Portland ACS Local Section

Poster Symposium and Pauling Medal Symposium

The Section will be hosting of the quadrennial Linus Pauling Medal Symposium, to be held in the Robertson Life Sciences Building (RLSB) in the OHSU waterfront complex. This year's Pauling Medalist is Cynthia J. Burrows from University of Utah. Three others, Alison Butler, University of California Santa Barbara, Valeria Molinero, University of Utah, and Jonathan Sessler, University of Texas are featured speakers.

Preceding the Pauling Symposium, which begins at 1pm, will be the Poster Symposium <https://sites.google.com/site/portlandacsposters/home> from 11am to 1:00pm, also at RLSB. The Poster Symposium features undergraduate and graduate research. Prizes for posters will be presented during the reception following the Pauling Medal Symposium. The Symposium will conclude with a Banquet at 7pm including dinner and presentation of the Pauling Medal to the Pauling Medal Awardee. Dinner reservations can be made [online](#).