



ACS-KC SECTION MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Our Annual Holiday Networking Celebration!



Please RSVP to Sarah Leibowitz:
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December 5, 2025.
Thank you!



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WHEN: Thursday, December 11, 2025; 5:00-8:00pm

WHERE: Boulevard Brewery's Smokestack Room, located upstairs in their Beer Hall, 2534 Madison Ave., KCMO

WHAT: Holiday celebration including giveaways!

WHO: Everyone is welcome to join in the holiday fun!

MENU: Bountiful Platters of Appetizers included. Purchase drinks on your own.

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Thanks for voting!!

Welcome to our new Chair! Executive Officers are listed on the following page

Chair: Dr. Gary Clapp

Dr. Clapp retired from his duties with Missouri Western State University in 2022 and received his B.S. (ACS) from Minnesota State-Mankato and his PhD in Physical Organic Chemistry from Oregon State University. He has been an active member of the American Chemical Society for the past 30+ years serving the KC section as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman for more than 20 years. Before joining the efforts at MWSU, Dr. Clapp spent 20+ years on contract pharmaceutical development and in aiding and guiding business start-ups. Dr. Clapp has a master's in business development, over one hundred publications and presentations, and eight U.S and International patents. He continues to assist local laboratories including CIA Labs and Green Orchard Labs as a contractor, keeping him current on today's laboratory technologies.

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW 2026 ACS-KC SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Thank you to our new Executive Officers for their willingness to serve our Section this year!
Terms begin Jan. 1, 2026, and are 1-year terms except for the Councilor whose term is 3 years.

***Our thanks to Dr. Gary Clapp who will serve as our new Chair in the coming year!**

Chair-Elect: Dr. Bill Gutheil

Dr. William Gutheil has been an ACS Member since 1982. Current Position: Professor, UMKC School of Pharmacy. EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science (1983), Biochemistry, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Doctor of Philosophy (1989), Chemistry, University of Southern California; Postdoctoral Research Fellow (1989-1991), Harvard Medical School, Boston MA; Postdoctoral Research Associate (1991-1994), Department of Biochemistry, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston MA; 27 Career Publications. PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: American Chemical Society, 1982-present; American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1989-present; American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 1987-present; Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, 1987-present; American Society of Microbiology, 2011-present; American Society of Mass Spectrometry, 2013-present and Patents Committee of the Council. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: Treasurer, KC ACS, 2002-2005; Treasurer, Steering Committee for the American Chemical Society Midwest Regional Meeting, 2002-2005; Chairman Elect/Chairman, 2005/2006; Alternate Councilor for the Kansas City ACS section, 2008-2012; National ACS Committee on Patents and Trademarks, 2009-2016; Councilor, KC ACS, 2013-2016. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: I have served the local KC-ACS section in several capacities over the last 14 years and am interested in representing the local section as Councilor at National ACS Meetings. As our local section transitions to internet-based communications with our membership, it is my intention to use email to notify our members of issues and to solicit feedback on important issues confronting the American Chemical Society. A key concern to all members in the present economic climate is high dues, and I will endeavor to ensure that dues accurately reflect the value of ACS membership.

Treasurer: Dr. Jeff Woodford

Dr. Jeff Woodford, Associate Professor of Chemistry, earned his B.S. in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University, and his PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He served as a professor at Eastern Oregon University before coming to Missouri Western State University in 2010. His research interests include computational studies of cyclic peroxides, conformational studies of natural products, and the pseudo-Jahn-Teller effect. Dr Woodford also served as the Chair of our section in 2021.

Secretary: Ms. Michele Sanders

Michele Sanders BSMT, ASCP (NCA) currently serves as Alternate Councilor (2024 – 2026) for the Kansas City local ACS section to help bring our local section value to the overall American Chemical Society. She also serves as the Safety Committee and Women Chemists Chair. In the past, Michele served as Kansas City ACS Secretary (2016), Chair Elect (2017), Chair (2018), and Alternate Councilor (2021 – 2023). As Chair Elect, she organized the Spencer Award activities and committee. She still serves as editor for the yearly Spencer Award pamphlet and medallion and name plaque engraving.

Michele is a member of the ACS Analytical Chemistry, Industrial & Engineering, and Professional Relations Divisions. She serves on the national ACS Committee on Analytical Reagents (CAR) and its Organics and Validation subcommittees and University Taskforce. The committee members determine analytical testing and chemical specifications for chemicals to be labeled as ACS grade. They also develop monographs and validated methods for analytical testing.

Michele received her Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology from Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri. She is an Analytical - Product Development Chemist and Chemical Hygiene Officer at Harcros Chemicals Inc. in Kansas City, Kansas. Throughout her career, she has been involved in the laboratory profession in medical, pharmaceutical, specialty chemicals, research and development, and regulatory compliance.

ACS-KC Standing Committees & Chairs

Please consider volunteering on one (or more) of our committees!

We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and contribution!

*Please contact Gary Clapp (geclapp424@yahoo.com) if you are interested in joining one of the committees. Thank you! We would appreciate it and we welcome your input and assistance!



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