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Honorary degree awarded

Dr. Joanna Fowler (B.A., 1964), who is Senior scientist, Medical Division, at the Brookhaven National Laboratory was the recipient of an honorary D.Sc. degree at the Commencement ceremonies on May 6th. She is also Professor of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of medicine, as well as being an adjunct Professor of Chemistry at SUNY Stony Brook.

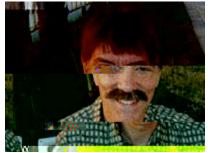


Joanna Fowler, Ph.D., D.Sc., (h.c.)

She was named a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 2003, and recent honors received include the President0s Medal of Science (2009) and the NF4lae295(of)-444.995(Sci 6)' 0.0208028(.S)-5(c)-2.98477(., ()-1.0133.254 ()Tj /coTj 13.62BTm 15.84ct Tl Td n /R9 cs 0 n /R9 cs)

Dr. GuidaÖs appointment

Dr. Wayne Guida, Professor of Chemistry, was elected Associate Chair in order to advance the CMD5 center proposal, interface this proposal with the new CDDI (USF Center for Drug Discovery and Innovation, formerly FCoE-BITT) and to aid in developing the department0s five- year plan.



Dr. Wayne Guida

Cai award recipient!

Dr Jianfeng Cai (Assistant Professor) has been awarded a 2011 ORAU Junior Faculty Achievement Award. **Dr. Randy Larsen** noted, ÒHe joins the ranks of researchers for the Univ. of Michigan, Georgia Tech., Duke, Vanderbilt and the Univ. of Texas-Austin (as well as others) in receiving this prestigious award!ó



Dr. Jianfeng Cai

"The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards provide seed money for research by junior faculty at Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). These awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty and result in new funding opportunities."

Ninth Castle Conference

The ninth Raymond N. Castle Student Research Conference was held Saturday April 9th.

Our thanks to the Organizing Committee: Christi Whittington Young (Chair) William Maza (Co-Chair) and Rachel Alessio, Janelle Arjoon, Chris Cioce, Jason Cuce, Shraddha Desai, Naga Duggirala, Todd Gatlin, Joey Gill, Parul Jain, Sridhar Kaulagri, Ushiri Kulatunga, Justin Moses, Ranjani Muralidharan, Shruti Padhee, Prajit Pillai, Jingran Tao and Justin White.

Faculty Advisors were **Dr. H. Lee Woodcock** and **Dr. Patricia Muisener.**

Jeremy Beau served as Web Site Administrator.

24th Annual Scholarship and Alumni Celebration!

This year the event was held on April 7th at the Gibbons Alumni Center in Traditions Hall. It was organized by Dr. Patricia Muisener (Assistant Chair), Christina Nelson (Academic Services Coordinator), and Kimberly Read (Manager, Business and Fiscal Administration). The award recipients determined bv were the department0s undergraduate council facilitated LaToya by Lee (Lead



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Dr. Jennifer Lewis returns!

Dr. Eric Eisenberg, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences announced an appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Bell to a four-year term as chair of WGS.

He expressed è tremendous gratitude to **Dr. Jennifer Lewis**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, who has served admirably as Interim Chair of Womenès and Gender Studies. Under her able leadership, WGS has tripled the number of undergraduate majors, offered a wide range of cross-listed courses across the college, and reinvigorated the WGS Community Board.ó

ÒIn August, Jennifer returns to her home department, Chemistry, to continue her work with her doctoral students in Chemistry education. She will retain her role as an Affiliate Faculty member in WGS.Ó

On the move!

Three computational chemists have moved from Chemistry to the Interdisciplinary Research Building to take advantage of additional research space. They are **Dr**, **Brian Space** (Professor), **Dr. Lee Woodcock** (Assistant Professor) and **Dr. Arjan van der Vaart** (Assistant Professor).

Does the program work? Yes. Ten students were supported in 2009, mostly for travel to American Chemical Society meetings. In 2010, 18 students received support.

It is a truly valuable program administered by the Department0s Graduate Council.

The endowment donors are pleased with the program and note that investing in students is one of the best investments they can make these days.

An on-line donation to the Endowment (426039) will increase the amount of the endowment, and in time the interest in the Spendable Account.

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