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SIoux VALLEY ACS

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TRIANNUAL NEWSLETTER

In this newsletter...

Hear a word from our Chair and ...

We celebrate our newest **ACS Fellow** and have updates from the
2026 Fall ACS meeting .

Learn about **upcoming events** in the region and nationally.

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LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

DR. RACHEL WILLAND-CHARNLEY

A Reminder to Get Involved

As we continue building the Sioux Valley ACS Section, we want to remind our members of a few ways you can help strengthen our regional chemistry community.

Help us build industry connections. If you work in industry or have connections with local companies, please consider introducing the section to potential partners interested in programs, facility tours, speakers, internships, sponsorships, or hosting events. Even a simple introduction can open the door to valuable new opportunities for our members.

Help us expand our academic network. We are always looking to connect with new institutions, faculty, staff, and student groups throughout the region. If you know someone who may be interested in getting involved with the section, a personal invitation or introduction can go a long way toward building a lasting connection.

Help us create opportunities to connect. We encourage all members to attend section events, share ideas for informal gatherings, and consider hosting an activity of your own. Through our BOND grant program, members can also receive support for community-focused events that bring chemists and the public together.

If you've been thinking about getting more involved, **this is a great time to reach out, make an introduction, share an idea, or host an event.** Every connection helps us grow.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sioux Valley ACS Section.

Together, we can continue creating opportunities for collaboration, connection, and engagement across our regiona

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COUNCILOR REPORT

DR. JETTY DUFFY-MATZNER

We are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the ACS. The ACS started in 1876, when a group of chemists assembled after the centennial of Joseph Priestly's discovery of oxygen. They created the ACS to encourage original research, enhance chemistry education, and increase awareness about chemistry to the general public. Fifty years later, the US Congress granted a charter to the ACS. They also added the duties of the distribution of scientific knowledge and fostering the public welfare with good science. Our charter gives ACS the authority to advise the government about science policy. Unfortunately, the current administration can be resistant to advice.

There were some noteworthy news given at the Fall National ACS meeting. CAS is doing well and published its 300th million substance in May. It has launched a science smart AI (CAS Newton) to users of CAS SciFinder, BioFinder, and IP Finder. It is sad to note that the US Postal Service will not create stamps for the 150th anniversary.

ACS is offering career consultations and workshops at national meeting and has included an immigration attorney for legal counsel. ACS Advocacy efforts have been increased to help support federal research funding and more. Please look at the councilor report for links to support science, a healthy environment, safe workplaces, and more.

There are two ways you can make a real difference. One is to become a member of Act4Chemistry (<https://www.acs.org/policy/memberadvocacy.html>). This program gives you the tools to easily contact government officials. The other is to help ACS gather stories to support the need for increased and continued funding of science. Please send messages on how federal policies have affected your lab/school/business at policy@acs.org.

ACS UPDATES

ACS COMMITTEE ON NOMENCLATURE, TERMINOLOGY, AND SYMBOLS

DR. ADAM STURLAUGSON

The ACS Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols (NTS) met in Chicago on August 24, 2026. The committee's mission is to educate, facilitate, and advocate for the effective use of representations in chemistry, with an emphasis on developing resources, fostering partnerships, and promoting a common language for chemistry.

NTS continues to collaborate with the ACS Society Committee on Education (SOCED), the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT), and the ACS Divisional Affairs Committee. The committee is also developing a "Traveling Show" that will allow members to present at regional ACS meetings and other venues, highlighting the importance of effective chemical representations.

The committee recently presented its inaugural NTS ChemLuminary Award, recognizing the Midland Local Section for an event that advanced the common language of chemistry. NTS also continues work on an American Sign Language project designed to improve accessibility in the communication of chemistry, as well as collaborations with the ACS History Division.

Additional committee work includes reviewing provisional recommendations from IUPAC, including current work related to the definition of valence and terminology for polymer modeling and simulation. NTS is also planning a presentation for the 2027 IUPAC World Chemistry Congress in Montreal.

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Dr. Jetty Duffy-Matzner, Professor of Chemistry at Augustana University, has been named a 2026 Fellow of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Dr. Duffy-Matzner is among just 59 ACS members nationwide selected for the 2026 class of ACS Fellows. The ACS Fellows program recognizes members who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions to science, the chemistry profession, education, and the Society.

A longtime member and leader within ACS, Dr. Duffy-Matzner has been an active contributor to the Society for more than two decades. She currently serves as a councilor for the Sioux Valley Local Section and has held numerous leadership roles within ACS throughout her career. She has contributed extensively to chemistry education and the development of undergraduate chemists, including serving as editor of *Advances in Teaching Organic Chemistry*, published as part of the ACS Symposium Series.

Her commitment to students and chemistry education has been evident through her work with Augustana University's ACS student chapter and generations of undergraduate researchers. Her dedication to mentoring has helped students develop not only as chemists, but also as scientists prepared to pursue careers and further education.

The Sioux Valley Local Section is delighted to celebrate Dr. Duffy-Matzner's well-deserved recognition and, more importantly, the many years of scholarship, teaching, mentorship, and service that have earned her this distinction.

Congratulations, Dr. Duffy-Matzner!

CELEBRATE

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

FALL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Mears Library on USF Campus
1101 W 22nd St
Sioux Falls, SD



Tentative Schedule

9:30am - 10:00 am

- Registration and Poster Set-Up

10:00am - 12:00pm

- Poster Session

12:00pm - 1:00pm

- Lunch and Judges Convene

1:00pm - 1:50pm

- Panel

1:50pm - 2:10pm

- Awards and Closing Remarks

2:10pm - 2:30pm

- Photos and Poster Removal



POSTER SESSION

for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research. Opportunity to win a \$400 travel award to an ACS meeting!

**REGISTER BY
SEPTEMBER 7**

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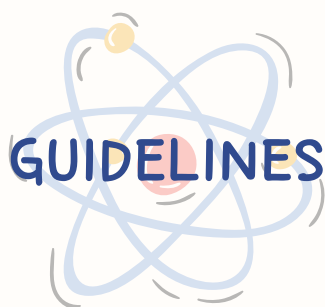


BOND GRANT

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
NETWORKING AND DISCOVERY



The Sioux Valley ACS BOND Grant supports local events that build connections across the regional chemistry community. Funding is available for gatherings that promote networking, career awareness, recruitment, outreach, and community-building among students, educators, and industry professionals.



- Apply once each calendar year
- Submit your request 4–6 weeks before the event
- Use funding for approved event expenses
- Recognize Sioux Valley ACS in event promotions
- Share a short summary after the event
- Welcome broad participation from the chemistry community



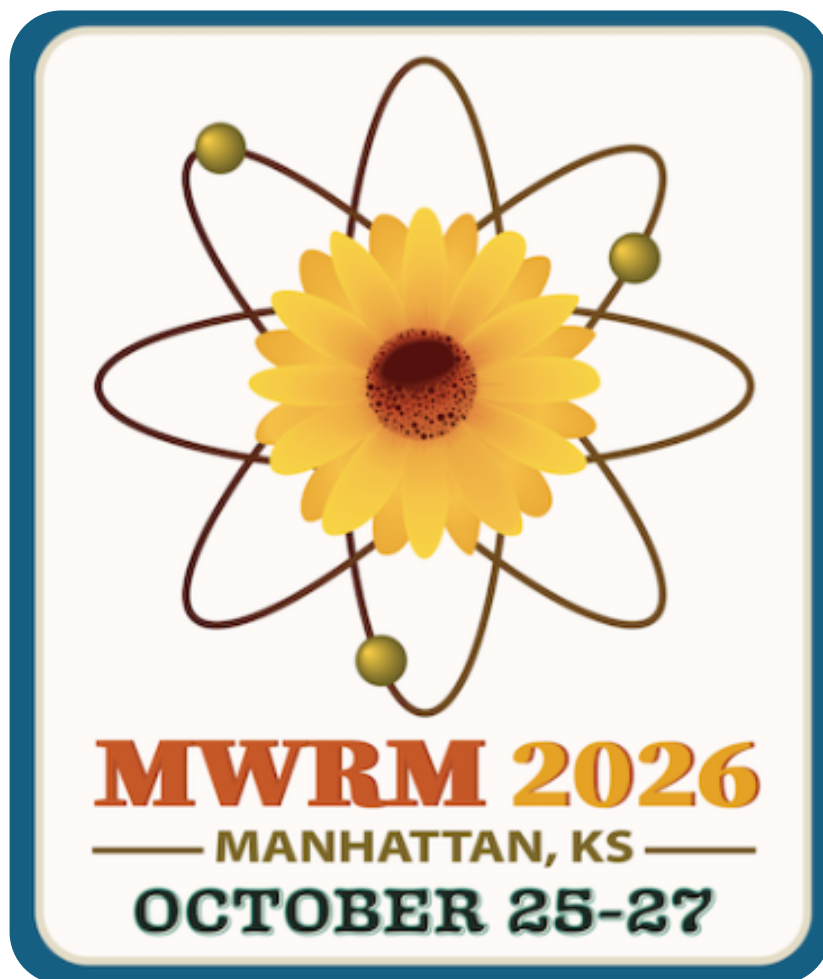
- Propose a networking event, site visit, panel, outreach activity, or recruitment event
- Create opportunities for career exploration and community-building in chemistry
- Learn more and apply for support at

<https://www.siuoxvalleyacs.com/>

Learn more about the Midwest Regional Meeting

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TRAVEL GRANTS HERE



 ACS Spring 2027

Submit Your Abstract Today!

New Orleans, LA | March 21-25

Share your research, expand your network, and connect with the community driving global innovation.

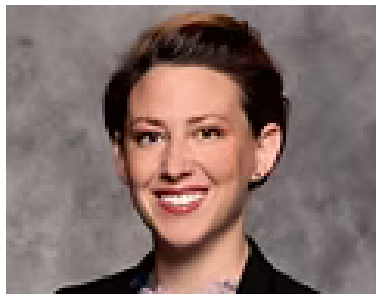
Abstract Deadline: Monday, September 28

[Submit an Abstract](#)

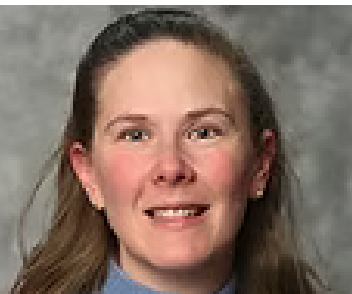
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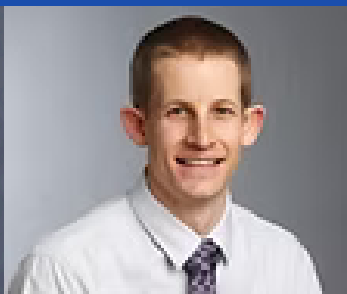
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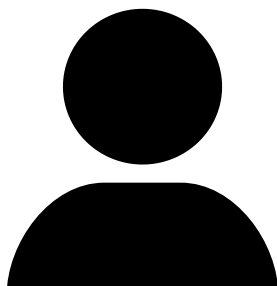
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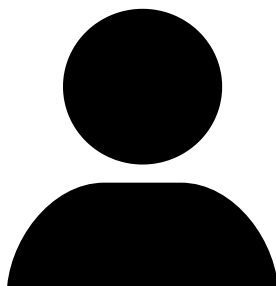
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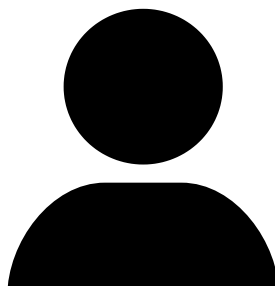
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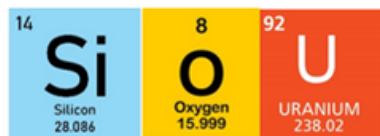


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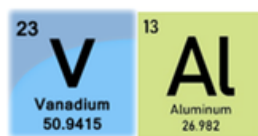


NATIONAL CHEMISTRY
OLYMPIAD COORDINATOR

We are still seeking volunteers for: Minority Women's Affair Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, and National Chemistry Olympiad Coordinator!



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