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## Iota Sigma Pi Honors Three Outstanding Students in 2004

by Vicki Grassian, MAL, Director for Student Awards

### ANNA LOUISE HOFFMAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN GRADUATE RESEARCH

Jennifer Heemstra

University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign

Jennifer Heemstra's graduate research on phenylene ethynylene oligomers as synthetic enzyme mimics has led to an impressive number of scientific accomplishments in the past three years including five publications, two in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. Her research advisor, Professor Jeffrey Moore, describes Jennifer as smart with an excellent work ethic. He goes on to say that she is one of the very best graduate students at the University of Illinois in recent years. Professor Steven Zimmerman predicts that Jennifer and her work will become well known to the entire chemistry community in due course.



### Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry

Laura M. Wally

Colorado State University

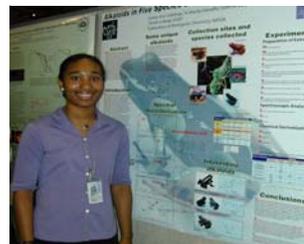


This year's recipient of the Undergraduate Award for Excellence went to Laura M. Wally. Laura's academic record is described as outstanding by her professors at Colorado State University. Professor Nancy Levinger described Laura as having an exceptional intelligence and aptitude for chemistry. She has used her talents and creativity in outreach efforts to teach chemistry to K-8 students. Her development of chemistry activities for young students has led to a recently submitted publication to the *Journal of Chemical Education*, with Laura as first author on the paper. Laura's professional goal is to be a science educator and to make science accessible to all.

### Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship

Lesley-Ann Giddings  
Smith College

Professor Kate Queeney describes Lesley-Ann Giddings as the hardest working student she has ever met. Lesley-Ann is an outstanding student at the top of her class, a team leader and a superb mentor of other students; she has also been a peer-mentor for underrepresented students. As an undergraduate researcher, Lesley-Ann spent a summer at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD where she characterized the presence of alkaloids by GC-MS and infrared spectroscopy. Her future plans include pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry where she wants to combine her interests in physical and organic chemistry and apply them to biomedical problems.



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# ΙΣΠ Chapter News

by Jodye Selco, MAL

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**Aurum Iodide** has had a busy year in 2003-2004. This chapter in Chicago, IL has monthly meetings that feature talks such as "Mars from the Perspective of Meteorite Studies and Spacecraft Observation." **AuI** held its annual initiation on January 30, 2004; this year initiates included 2 Professional Members and 10 student members. Each year Aurum Iodide Chapter members judge several science fairs and give the best female a certificate and a savings bond. These awards are called the Hoyland Young Failey Awards in honor of Dr. Hoyland Young Failey charter initiate of Aurum Iodide and also National President. **Anne Sherren - Ats@noctrl.edu**

Do you live somewhere without a chapter? in an area with an inactive chapter? If you want to get a chapter going, contact **Julie Teetsov** at [teetsov@crd.ge.com](mailto:teetsov@crd.ge.com)

## To all Chapter Treasurers

During the weeks of September/October, you should receive your chapter rebate checks and a Financial Report form. The Financial Report should be filled out and returned to me. These forms are required by the IRS to be on file. Each Chapter has a unique Federal (or Employer) Identification Number (FIN or EIN) and is requested on the last sheet of the form. If you do not know this number please let me know. These numbers are usually required when opening a checking account for the chapter. Most important, when your Chapter has elected a new treasurer, please notify the Membership Chair. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Kathryn Louie, Ph.D.**  
National Treasurer

## Do you know your chapter affiliation?

Are you a member of a chapter, or MAL? If you reside within a reasonable distance of a chapter, move into an area with an active chapter, or a new chapter forms in your area, you will be assigned to that chapter. If you reside in or move to an area without a chapter, you will be assigned to MAL. If you would like to find out your chapter affiliation, please contact **Julie Teetsov** - [teetsov@crd.ge.com](mailto:teetsov@crd.ge.com)

# Rose Ann Clark Receives 2004 Iota Sigma Pi Centennial Award for Excellence in Teaching



## Rose Ann Clark Saint Francis University

by Christine K.F. Herman (Ag)

Rose Ann Clark, Ph. D., Associate Professor at Saint Francis University is the 2004 recipient of the **Iota Sigma Pi Centennial Award for Excellence in Teaching**. This award is given for excellence in teaching chemistry, biochemistry, or a chemistry-related field at an undergraduate institution that does not offer a graduate program in that field.

Dr. Rose Ann Clark received a B.S. in chemistry at the University of North Carolina – Wilmington and a Ph. D. in analytical chemistry from North Carolina State University under the direction of Edmond F. Bowden. After spending two years as an NSF postdoctoral fellow at Pennsylvania State University with Dr. Andrew Ewing, she joined the Chemistry Department at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA.

Dr. Clark has been instrumental in transforming the Chemistry Department at Saint Francis. Besides completely revising the curriculum by adding concentrations in forensic chemistry, biochemistry and a

neuroscience minor, the method of teaching has also changed. Dr. Clark adopted new active learning textbooks to engage students in learning general chemistry and helped redesign labs by incorporating cooperative learning at all levels.

Dr. Clark is driven to educate undergraduates and to get more students interested in the field of chemistry. She is a very caring person and would do anything to help her students reach their goals. Dr. Clark measures her success by the success of her students. Since research is the ultimate teaching tool to excite students, she encourages all students to get involved in a research project as soon as possible, ideally during their freshman year. Her success at making research an effective teaching tool for undergraduates is reflected in the progress of students she has mentored. Undergraduates conducting research with Dr. Clark have presented a large number of papers at conferences locally, regionally, and nationally. Dr. Clark has also made 30 research presentations and was an invited speaker for a Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Education: A Showcase of Faculty at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions held

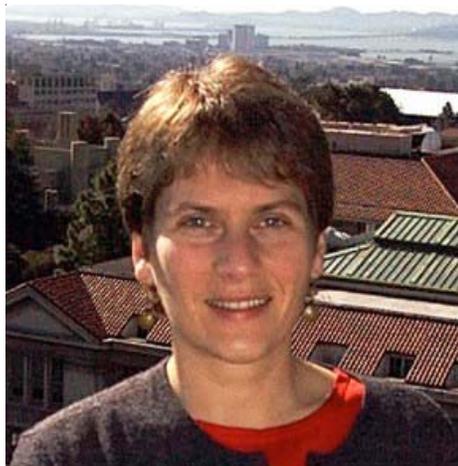
at the 2004 Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy. She has 15 publications in various journals including, Analytical Chemistry, the Journal of Physical Chemistry and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

To further improve chemistry education at Saint Francis, Dr. Clark has been a strong force in grant writing for teaching and research. She has obtained funding from the NSF, Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, ACS, and others. Dr. Clark is continuing her quest for new equipment by submitting a 2003 NSF-CCLI to provide more instrumentation for the forensic science concentration. Improvements to the department have produced a record number of chemistry majors. Saint Francis Chemistry now has 32 majors (an 8 fold increase) and with 9 chemistry majors graduating and 15 students committed for the Fall 2004 the numbers continue to grow.

In addition to teaching, mentoring, and research, Dr. Clark is very involved in community outreach. The Chemistry Department and student volunteers run the Rural Outreach Chemistry for Kids Program, reaching 1,500 students and conducting 65 plus events. Some of her other activities include promoting women and minorities in science by participating in the Department of Labor U.S. Women's Bureau Girl's E-Mentoring in Science, Engineering and Technology, the ACS Project Seed Program, and the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science.

**Save the date! The Eta Chapter will host the ISP National Convention 9 June through 12 June 2005 in Lynchburg, Va. Please consider joining us and volunteering to serve as a national council member.**

# Professor Carolyn Bertozzi Wins 2004 Iota Sigma Pi Agnes Fay Morgan Research Award



Carolyn Bertozzi  
University of California,  
Berkeley

by Christine K.F. Herman (Ag)

Professor Carolyn Bertozzi, Professor of Chemistry and Molecular Biology, is the 2004 recipient of the **Iota Sigma Pi Agnes Fay Morgan Research Award**. This annual award is given for research achievement in chemistry or biochemistry. The nominee must be a woman chemist or biochemist, not over forty years of age at the time of her nomination.

Prof. Carolyn Bertozzi is a native of Boston, MA and attended Harvard University as an undergraduate where she earned her A.B. in Chemistry in 1988. She moved to Berkeley, CA to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry working with Professor Mark Bednarski on the synthesis and biological activity of C-glycosides. After graduating in 1993, she pursued postdoctoral research at UCSF with Professor Steven Rosen, studying the activity of endothelial oligosaccharides in promoting leukocyte adhesion at sites of inflammation.

Prof. Bertozzi returned to Berkeley as a member of the faculty in 1996, where

she is now Professor of Chemistry and Molecular Biology and a member of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Her research focuses on profiling changes in cell surface glycosylation associated with cancer, inflammation and bacterial infection, and exploiting this information for development of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches. Prof. Bertozzi is a member of several Scientific Advisory Boards of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and a co-founder of Thios Pharmaceuticals. She also serves on the editorial advisory boards of numerous journals, including *Chemistry & Biology*, *J. Med. Chem.*, *J. Org. Chem.*, *Acc. Chem. Res.* and *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*

Prof. Bertozzi's awards include the Irving Sigal Young Investigator Award of the Protein Society, the ACS Award in Pure Chemistry, Merck Academic Development Program Award, Glaxo Wellcome Scholars' Award, Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering, MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award, Horace S. Isbell Award in Carbohydrate Chemistry, Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, Donald

Sterling Noyce Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the UC Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award. She is also an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

## *In Memory of Dr. Daniel Ng*

Dr. Daniel L. Ng, beloved husband of Dr. Lily Ng died unexpectedly in March 2004. Dr. Daniel Ng studied physics and mathematics at the University of Hong Kong (First Class Honors in 1966 and a BS Honors in 1967); he received his Ph.D. in Physics at Purdue University in 1974. He worked as a Physicist at University of Chicago and The Bureau of Mines in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before moving to Cleveland in 1990 to work at the NASA Glenn (Lewis) Research Center. He received two patents for his work with multiwavelength pyrometers in 1992 and 1997 and NASA's Medal for Exceptional Engineering Achievement before retiring in 2002. A generous donation from Drs. Daniel and Lily Ng started the Iota Sigma Pi Centennial Teaching Award; please consider making a contribution to the Iota Sigma Pi Centennial Teaching Award Fund or the general Award Fund in memory of Dr. Ng or in friendship with Lily - current president of IΣΠ.

## *The Iotan*

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Manuscripts for *The Iotan* may be submitted to the Editor at the above address. Suggestions for articles are appreciated. Feature articles and book reviews are acceptable. Documents should be on floppy disk, or emailed, typed, double spaced, and no longer than one page.

Deadlines for consideration for the November, February, and May issues, respectively, are September 15, December 15 and March 15. Manuscripts will not be returned and are subject to editing. Publication is based on editorial assessment of reader interest and space available.

Letters to the Editor are encouraged and may be published. Letters should be no longer than 250 words.



# Member News

## Chapter News

**Elizabeth Weisburger, Cm (formerly Ra)**, was the first recipient of the William Wagner Award of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) in October 2003 at an ACGIH meeting in Cincinnati, OH. She continues to be active in the local ACS chapter in Washington, DC plus other scientific societies.

**Kathryn A. Thomasson, MAL**, tells us that she just received word that she has been promoted to full professor of chemistry at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

**Mamie Moy, Np**, has been selected as this year's winner of the *Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach*, by the American Chemical Society. Professor Moy is director of the SMART Center and professor of chemistry at the University of Houston. She is being recognized for a lifetime achievement in outreach to everyone from young learners to teachers to underrepresented groups. She has made chemistry 'real' for each audience and has ensured the future of her efforts by training others to perform outreach activities as well. She is also commended on the year-round range of her activities and the large number of people they benefit. The award will be presented at the fall national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia, August 24, 2004.

**Susan Marine, Ra**, writes that she celebrated her tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Miami University, Middletown with a 50/50/50 trip. Susan and her family managed to celebrate her 50th birthday and her son's 50th state in the United States' 50th state all with one trip to paradise. Susan, the past-president of IΣΠ also wanted everyone to know that she could not have done it without the support and friendship from IΣΠ members.

**Mary L. Good, MAL**, has been honored again. The National Science Board (NSB) has named Mary Good to receive the 2004 *Vannevar Bush Award* for her life-long

contributions to science, engineering and technology, and for leadership throughout her multi-faceted career. Mary is known for her interdisciplinary research, contributions to science, education, and science and technology policy all woven throughout a career which has included positions in academia, government and industry. She has also been a member of IΣΠ for over 50 years.

Mary Good, who currently serves as Dean of the Donaghey College of Information Science and Systems Engineering at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, "went home" a few years ago to Arkansas. She received her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Her career began in Louisiana, where she was a chemistry professor at both Louisiana State University and the University of New Orleans for almost a quarter-century. She was appointed the Boyd Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at LSU before she decided to work in private industry. Good's 12 years in the private sector included key positions at UOP Inc., in Des Plaines, Ill., and at Allied Signal in N.J., where she became Allied Signal's senior vice president of technology.

As if successful stints in academia and the private sector were not enough, Mary Good then decided to work in government; she was appointed Under Secretary, Technology Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mary Good was a member of the National Science Board for 12 years under presidents Carter and Reagan, and served as its chair from 1988-91. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a past president of the American Chemical Society, and has served on numerous government advisory panels.

**Interested in meeting other ISP members? Come visit us at the Alumni Social Hour on Monday afternoon August 23 at the Fall ACS meeting in Philadelphia, PA.**

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# POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN THEORETICAL/COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY

The position is available immediately. Initial appointment will be for one year, and is renewable for the second year upon mutual consent. Currently, there are 2 major research thrusts in the group, and the postdoc can be aligned with either. Both positions require significant software development and require proficiency with either the C or Fortran language.

1. Strong laser field interactions. We are developing Floquet state-based approaches using state-of-the-art quantum chemistry techniques. A candidate with a background in quasi- or semi-classical dynamics, or from the atomic, molecular and optical physics community, who wishes to explore ab initio quantum chemistry is encouraged to apply.

2. Parallel computing multi-reference perturbation theory. We are developing efficient parallel algorithms using General-

ized Van Vleck Perturbation Theory (GVVPT) variant of multi-reference perturbation theory for molecular electronic structure for the second-order energy approximation and the energy gradient. A candidate with a background in high performance ab initio quantum chemistry is invited to apply. Experience with GAMESS is desirable.

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By Dirk Wyle; ISBN: 1568250452

Like the other Ben Candidi mysteries, a light romp containing some curious science.

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Tale of intrigue involving organic chemistry, scientific integrity, and graduate student working conditions.

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Passion, biotech, and academic politics at a Midwestern state university unfold to a hilarious climax.

### *Smilla's Sense of Snow*

By Peter Hoeg; ISBN: 0385315147

Lots of physicochemical details in this thriller.

### *Contact*

By Carl Sagan; ISBN: 0671004107

Astounding portrait of a woman's coming of age as a scientist (Ann Druyan's contribution to the project, no doubt).

### *The Frequency of Souls*

by Mary Kay Zuravleff; ASIN: 0140265120

Engineers employed by a refrigerator manufacturer collaborate on a metaphysical after-work project.

Do you need money for a SPECIAL EVENT? Receive up to \$250 for your local chapter! Apply for a Mini-grant from National Council. Simply send the following information to our National Vice President, Julie Teetsov at [teetsov@crd.ge.com](mailto:teetsov@crd.ge.com).

- Chapter and officer names
- Brief description of the proposed SPECIAL EVENT
- Reason why event will help your chapter achieve the objectives of ISP
- Estimation of costs

National Council has money put aside to support chapter activities so keep your ideas coming! We ask that the grant awardees submit a short summary of their special chapter event in a future edition of the Iotan. Pictures would be great!

## Notice of Change of Name or Address

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## Going to the BCEE Meeting?

Monday 19 July is the Women in Chemical Education sessions. There will also be a Birds of a Feather Session on Women in Chemical Education Monday at lunch. Don't miss out on hearing these stories!

## Sources of Iota Sigma Pi Supplies and Information

### Supplies

The publicity pamphlets: "Membership Information" and "National Awards". History, Constitution and Bylaws, Rituals of Iota Sigma Pi, Rules and Regulations, *The Iotan*, Speakers Bureau

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*Award for Professional Excellence*

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*Anna Louise Hoffman Graduate Research Achievement Award*

*Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship*

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National Vice President

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- 2) Publications, patents, grants awarded
- 3) New positions, appointments, promotions, awards, honors  
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- 4) Offices held in professional societies
- 5) Avocational achievements, miscellaneous

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