Message from the Chair

Dr. Luis Montes

Greetings! As I write this, the weather in Oklahoma is starting to get cooler, and the winds are shifting from south to north. The winds of change are also at work in our department. On the personnel front, Dr. Steve Meier left academia to pursue other professional interests, and some faculty have begun to talk about retirement plans. We hired Mr. Murthy Koutha as a temporary replacement for Dr. Meier this year, and we are in the process of hiring a tenure-track replacement to begin in August 2014. At the same time, our department is looking at revisions to the curriculum in our various academic programs. For example, we have added a capstone course and two courses addressing professionalism in the discipline for the Chemistry – Health Sciences program. We have also been discussing the possibility of new tracks in biochemistry or environmental chemistry, and more recently we have been studying the addition of a professional science master’s (PSM) degree in the department.

One of the factors driving this review of our degree and course offerings is UCO’s recent reclassification as a metropolitan university. As a metropolitan university we need to be sure that we are having a positive impact on the OKC metro area, and that we are addressing the higher education needs of the citizens and employers in the area. One approach to understanding the needs of the metropolitan area is to get input and feedback from members of the community. In order to do this, the Department is in the process of identifying individuals to serve on a department advisory board. We anticipate that the board will meet one or two times each year to review the workings of the department and provide feedback on ways in which we can better serve our students, the OKC metropolitan area, and the citizens of Oklahoma. The advisory board would help us align our academic offerings with the needs of the area. If you feel that you can contribute to these discussions and you can spare one or two days each year, we are still looking for people to serve on the advisory board. If you are interested in helping the department in this way, please contact me by February 15 so we can begin making plans for the first advisory board meeting toward the end of the spring semester.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements and activities of the faculty, students, and alumni from our department. We always enjoy hearing from former faculty and students, so feel free to send us a quick note to let us know what you are up to. If you ever find yourself in the area, you are also welcome to stop in and get a short tour of the department to see how things have changed since you last visited.

Top News

Dr. Cheryl Frech Named American Chemical Society Fellow

Dr. Cheryl Frech with former ACS President, Dr. Bassam Shakhashiri at the ACS Fellows Ceremony in Indianapolis, IN, September 2013

The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently named University of Central Oklahoma chemistry professor Cheryl Frech, to the 2013 class of ACS Fellows. Frech is the first ACS Fellow from UCO and one of seven in Oklahoma. The ACS Fellows Program was created by the ACS Board of Directors to recognize members of ACS for leadership and excellence in science, the profession, education, management and volunteer service to the ACS community.

Dr. Frech has been at UCO since 1991, and has taught thousands of general chemistry students. “The bulk of my students are 18-, 19-, and 20-years old, and they usually have a dream. They’re taking chemistry because they’re trying to become something. Helping them through that stage of their life, and helping them understand how they learn – that’s great,” Frech said.
Dr. Albahadily is working on immobilizing amine-containing compounds to variety of surfaces using chitosan as mediator. He is directing an undergraduate chemistry student in studying e-liquid/cartridges, used in e-cigarettes, for their contents of nicotine and possibly other additives.

Dr. John Bowen, in conjunction with Dr. Albahadily are starting up the final lab projects for Quantitative Analysis. Students select and perform an analytical procedure, and present to the class in a mini-symposium. Dr. Bowen works with three undergraduates and three high school researchers on two research projects: development of a paper-based biosensor for animal viruses, and the detection of endocrine disruptors in Oklahoma waters using SPME GC MS.

Dr. Lilian Chooback works with six students (3 chemistry and 2 biology majors). She works in HOH 215, which has been converted into an interdisciplinary laboratory that is shared with Mr. James Creecy of the Forensic Science Institute/Biology. Her research involves enzyme kinetics and crystallography.

Dr. Mike Jezercak is currently working with Directed Research student, Kellye Cupp, trying to produce reaction coordinate surfaces via quantum ab initio calculations. Such constructed surfaces may serve as an effective tool in visualizing the dependence of reaction energies on molecular parameters.

Dr. Thomas Jourdan's paper titled, “The Quantitation of Cocaine on U.S. Currency: Survey and Significance of the Levels of Contamination” was recently published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences.

Dr. Dana Rundle currently works on a research project on an experimental cancer drug with collaborators at Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Emeritus Faculty and Staff News

Fred Grosz (Professor, 1978-2000) The Grosz' again spent the winter in Arizona hiking, playing senior softball and tennis and enjoying the weather. This summer Fred and Karlene assisted as both daughters got married and they helped babysit their great grandson. Dr. Grosz is active in the UCO Retired Faculty Association and he spends time staying in contact with Chemistry/FS alumni.

David Hart (Professor, 1976-1994) Dr. Hart reports that 2013 has not been a good year due to family illnesses and deaths. He and his wife, Karen, have not taken any trips other than those to Illinois for visits to relatives, and to their place in Colorado. David is still doing family history and genealogy, conducting related research in libraries and courthouses when time permits, and buying too many books and reading too few.

Verlin Richardson (Professor, 1962-1996) Dr. and Mrs. Richardson travelled to Denver to visit their grandson and his family in October and to Dublin, CA to visit their son, Kent and his family for Thanksgiving. Dr. Richardson still does some volunteer work and he has two sisters left of his large family. Dr. Richardson also reports that his garden was not a big success this past summer.

Terry Smith (Professor, 1968-1997) is still remembering what a great time he had at the reunion last fall and being able to participate in the awards event in April. The last newsletter was also very full of information about many of the graduates and was much appreciated. For Dr. Smith, 2013 was a year of give-and-take, as in giving up some of the activities associated with being an officer in two professional organizations, ACS and Sigma Xi, and taking advantage of some of the miracles of modern medicine. He says, “In other words, chronological giftedness has its share of problems and benefits, though not usually in equal amounts.” Dr. Smith still plays tennis and visits the University of Texas at San Antonio to attend seminars.

Kat Taylor (Chemistry Associate, 1999-2006) is still living a quiet, contented life in Cleveland, OK and is as busy as she wants to be with crafts, gardening, reading, walking local parks, and just hanging out with family. She now has two tornadoes disguised as kittens that provide endless entertainment.

Larry Westmoreland (Professor, 1969-1995) reports that 2013 has been another year of great travel for him and his wife, Leah: 9 trips, over 50,000 miles, 7 countries, 2 beautiful sailing ships, 9 operas and many plays and concerts. Says Larry, "Retirement is fun, I highly recommend it!" One highlight this summer was 2 weeks spent in the Galapagos where the Westmorelands saw nesting albatrosses, sea lions, penguins, iguanas, land tortoises, 3 species of boobies, the elusive "green flash", and crossed the equator 4 times. Another very special event was a "Titanic" party hosted by UCO graduate, and my former student, Dr. Joni McClain. And finally, here's some advice from "Romeo & Juliet" by Friar Lawrence - "Wisely and slow; they stumble that run fast."
Faculty Updates

**Dr. Albahadily** has decided to retire effective July 2015. He continues to maintain and repair many of the department instruments. He plans to spend few days in Copenhagen, Denmark after finals. He lost all of his peacocks, a guest house, and more than half of his koi to Oklahoma natural disasters.

**Dr. Robert Bost** – Serving as lead instructor for Introductory Chemistry keeps Dr. Bost busy since the course has the largest enrollment of any offered in the department. He also teaches “Pharmacological Basis of Forensic Toxicology”. Outside of UCO, Dr. Bost and his wife, Kay, sing in their church choir and are active square dancers.

**Dr. John Bowen** – Dr. Bowen continues to enjoy white-water rafting in the summers, running the middle fork of the Salmon River and the Gates of Lodore of the Green River in 2013. He is running a series of fun outdoor trips for chemistry students called the Westmoreland Adventures.

**Dr. Lilian Chooback** – Biochemistry courses continue to be enjoyable for Dr. Chooback. She maintains an active research group and attends several meetings a year with students. She keeps busy with her son’s music and swimming activities.

**Dr. Jim Dechter** – Dr. Dechter reports that he has found the time to do some reading this past year. His most ambitious effort was a re-reading of Lawrence Durrell’s *Alexandria Quartet* that he had originally read while in graduate school. Upon hearing of that, Dr. Frech loaned him a book written by Durrell’s naturalist brother, Gerald, describing the period when the Durell family lived on the island of Corfu.

**Dr. Mike Ferguson** – The past year has been a busy one for Dr. Ferguson. He and his wife, Dayna, carried out home projects, including brightening up their yard with some new flower gardens. This year, he serves as a co-sponsor for the Chemistry Club, and organized the annual Oklahoma Section National Chemistry Week mall event.

**Dr. Cheryl Frech** – Dr. Frech and her husband are experimenting with an empty nest, having sent their youngest daughter to college this fall. They do have three cats to keep them company. Cheryl remains active in the ACS, serving on the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs, which makes visits to Capitol Hill on behalf of science interests and she is the associate editor for book and media reviews for the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

**Mr. Don Gibson** attends UCO ice-hockey games and the team is playing better than ever. He visited with Kim Pham and Eric Crossely, both UCO chemistry graduates, in the Dallas metro area in October. He had a bumper crop from the garden with lots of vegetables canned for the winter. All the rain in 2013 brought the sand burrs back with a vengeance.

**Dr. Mike Jezercak** – Dr. Jezercak continues as the maintenance and go-to guy for the chemistry web site, newsletter and lab assistants. However, P-Chem still holds as his number one favorite form of amusement.

**Dr. Thomas Jourdan** – Continuing his consulting work with INTERPOL and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Dr. Jourdan served on several international teams teaching and developing curriculum on nuclear crime scenes and forensics. His work has taken him to Morocco, Austria, Ukraine, the Czech Republic and Canada in recent months.

**Dr. Luis Montes** continues to serve as Chair of the Chemistry Department, and is preparing to teach his seminar course, The Nature and Development of Chemistry, in the spring 2014 semester. This course allows him to share his interest in the history and philosophy of chemistry with majors in the department. In his spare time, he has taken to running 5K races (on the recommendation of Fred Grosz), while also playing Ultimate Frisbee in the summer months. Always interested in travel, Luis and Alyson took a quick trip to Hong Kong over Thanksgiving break.

**Dr. Dallas New** – Dr. New serves as faculty advisor for the Chemistry Club and the Gamma Beta Phi honor society, and is now the Assistant Chair of the department. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Pam, and his children, being a Boy Scout leader, and cooking for church youth retreats.

**Dr. Dana Rundle** – Dr. Rundle and her husband have moved to Edmond and have been fixing up their house. They are excited about the recent arrival of their first grandchild.

**Dr. David von Minden** – Tomato update! Central Oklahoma ended its drought in 2013 (receiving almost 50 inches of rain through mid October) and had an unusually cool spring and early summer. Unfortunately this resulted in very few plants actually producing any fruit.

The University of Central Oklahoma recently honored Dr. New with the College of Mathematics and Science Vanderford Faculty Award for teaching excellence. This award is presented annually at the beginning of the academic year in each college. Vanderford Faculty Awards include $1,000 and a plaque funded from the estate of Austin (B.Ed. ’26) and Cleo Patra Vanderford to each recipient. Dr. New has taught organic chemistry at UCO since 1996.
New Student Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the following recipients of a New Student Recruitment Scholarship. All three are majoring in Chemistry.

Jennifer Fessler (left) is a freshman transfer student from Yukon, OK. Kaleigha Fields (center) is a freshman from Muskogee. Susana Mann (right), is a Bartlesville freshman. Applications for the 2014 new student scholarships will be available in Spring and due in June. Check the department website and spread the word.

Going Places

UCO Chemistry faculty attend a variety of chemistry, biochemistry, and forensic science conferences and workshops. Here is a partial summary for 2014. If you plan to attend the same event, or if you live in the area, please let us know and we can plan to meet for a meal or a short visit.

- American Chemical Society Spring National Meeting, Dallas, TX: Drs. Ferguson, Frech (March)
- Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Grand Rapids, MI: Drs. Montes, Frech (August)
- Protein Folding Dynamics Gordon Conference, Galveston, TX, Dr. Chooback (June)
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA, Dr. Bost (February)
- Higher Learning Commission, Chicago, Dr. Montes (April)

Next Chemistry Alumni Reunion

Mark your calendars and let us know what you would like to do and how you might be able to contribute to the 2nd Chemistry Alumni Reunion, tentatively planned for Fall 2015. We will organize a Friday/Saturday event with tours of the Chemistry Department, Howell Hall, and the UCO campus. If you have not been on campus lately, you will find extensive beautification efforts have occurred. Sculpture and art are placed throughout campus. Gardens are carefully planned and tended, and plants are identified by name and scientific information. A beautiful labyrinth was dedicated in November just west of the Y-Chapel.
NEWS FROM CHEMISTRY AND FORENSIC SCIENCE GRADUATES

The Chemistry Department faculty and emeritus faculty have been fortunate to have had contact with or enjoyed the company of a large number of our alumni during this past year. Please send updates with your current job, life happenings, and contact information via email to Dr. Grosz or Dr. Montes.

1970’s
Earlene (76) and Robert (77) Posselt – Earlene retired as a physician and is now working with her husband in their oil and gas analytical laboratory in Edmond. They specialize in analyzing well-head gasses from wells throughout Oklahoma and parts of other states.

1980’s
Mark Miller (80) – Mark worked for an oilfield service company after graduation and got a degree in computer science. He works for a software company contracting to Ft. Sill in Lawton, OK.
Jeffrey Folks (82) – Jeff and his family live in Shawnee Mission, KS. Jeff is the account manager at Catalent Pharma Solutions based in Kansas City.
Moshood Leshi (83) – Moshood works for KBR Corporation as an environmental advisor. He is currently working in Ghanii, Libya.
James Schmidt (86) - Jim continues to work on metabolite profiling by LC/MS and has been invited to write book chapter on this topic. He still continues to write on Civil War topics.
Lane Gardner (89) – Lane Gardner has worked at the Lubrizol Corporation since graduation. He is currently the supervisor for Lubrizol warehouses, which involves some travel. He is raising twins who are now in high school.
Graylon Williams (89) – Graylon has completed his first year at Phillips 66 in Bartlesville as director of Thermal, Surface and Elemental Analytical Services. His administrative duties continue to expand. He reports that his children’s activities continue to demand more of his time.
Gregg Meidl (89) – Gregg continues to work as the account manger for Siemens Industries, Inc. in Bartlesville, OK. His wife works at ConocoPhillips and their sons are active in sports.

1990’s
Suzanne McGinnis (90) – Suzanne is retired and is experiencing some major medical issues; however she has her usual positive outlook.
Rebecca (Rangel) Johnson (90) – Rebecca is the President of Allergy Labs in Oklahoma City, which recently completed a large expansion of the facilities. Several retired chemistry faculty recently toured the very impressive facilities. Becky is now also a very accomplished tennis player.
Derek Ponder (93) – Derek continues to increase his tenure at Tinker AFB as technical director of QA/QC and director of the Analytical and Industrial labs and does much instrument trouble-shooting. He enjoys vintage autos.
Dan Bolton (93) – Dan and his family live in Kingsport, TN where he works for Eastman Chemicals. Dan has taken up running and has run in an 8K race. In the Spring he and his family skied in Breckenridge, CO and relived the days when they skied with the Chemistry Club.
Andy Hogue (95) – Andy continues his optometry practice with Dr. Gourley at the Edmond Regional Eye Assoc., Inc. in Edmond. Drs. Grosz and Richardson recently had a nice visit with him over lunch.
Richard McAroy, DVM (95) - Besides his veterinary practice in New Hampshire, Richard is a captain in the US Army Veterinarian Corp. His wife Sheena (O’Brien) (96) has received her second certification as a Nurse Practitioner.
Crystal Stearns (96) – Crystal has worked at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for over 12 years. She has many interests as evident from her Facebook entries.
Myron Storozyzyn (96) – Myron has completed 10 years at the Astellas Corporation where he now is in the Process and Engineering group working on analytical technology.
Paul Langevin (97) – Paul, his wife Jennifer, and their family have recently moved to Kaulua, HI where he has accepted a position as a physician for the US Navy.
Shawn (McCleskey) Rimassa (98) – Shawn is a Team Leader for BASF and is involved with building a $10 M oilfield lab. Her daughter is now walking, so look out.
Mike Angier (99) – Mike has worked at the FAA in OKC since graduation. He and his wife have two daughters.

2000’s
Russell Busby (MSFS 02) – Russell works as Director of Security for Aramco in Saudi Arabia.
Prinya Charoennimuang (MSFS-TI 03) – Prinya is a pharmacist at Walmart in Houston and also helps at Health Bridge Children’s Hospital. Prinya recently completed the MS150 Bike ride and enjoys golf and fishing.
Cecily (Boyett) Hamilton (MSFS 03) – Cecily will soon be moving to West Virginia from Kansas.
Kristi (Waggoner) Rhoda (MSFS 03) - Kristi is the PREA Coordinator for the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. She is applying for admission to the Ph.D. program in Sociology at OSU.
Ricardo Manmohan (MSFS 04) - Ricardo is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia.

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Please send to both:
Carla Supon, csupon@uco.edu and Luis Montes, lmontes@uco.edu.
**Chemistry Adjunct Faculty**

This year we welcome several new adjunct faculty to the department, and a few adjuncts have moved on to other opportunities.

2013-14 adjuncts:
- Dr. Sam Awuah, OU Chemistry graduate, field? – new
- Ms. Tracy Fugate, Stillwater high school teacher – new
- Dr. May Griffin – returning
- Dr. Anthony Harmon – returning
- Dr. David Holder – returning
- Dr. Jian Liu, OU Chemistry graduate, field? – new
- Dr. Okhil Nag – returning
- Dr. Pamela New – returning
- Dr. Issa Nour-Mohammadi – returning
- Dr. Anthony Harmon – returning
- Dr. David Holder – returning
- Ms. Ruby Rahman – returning
- Dr. Roland Schultz – returning
- Mr. Lane Whitesell – new as Staffulty
- Ms. Huaqing Wu - returning

New in Spring 2014:
- Ms. Sandra Brown, Edmond North High School Teacher
- Gary Dubois, M. D., internal medicine and nephrology
- Dr. Charles Nikic, consultant

Recently stepped away:
- Dr. Ratanmani Joshi – moved to Virginia
- Ms. Tia Salvi – moved to Philadelphia
- Mr. Robert Weston – not teaching in department
- Dr. Jan Post – retired to California
- Mr. Freddie Hall

**Construction Updates**

Over the holiday break 2013-14 Howell Hall 215 is getting new cabinetry, sinks, and shelving to support interdisciplinary chemistry, biology, and biochemistry research. Dr. Lilian Chooback shares this space with Mr. James Creecy of the Forensic Science Institute. The Chemistry Department’s shared research space, HOH 350, is also getting new shelving to keep down the clutter of multiple faculty and student researchers sharing space. In addition, the basement of Howell Hall is being cleared out. This space has been used for junk storage for many years. The university is completing asbestos abatement in order to make this space available for future use by the College.

**Game Show Stars**

Dr. Mike Ferguson was recently a contestant on the locally-produced television game show “Wild Card”. He became the first undefeated five-time champion on the show. He won five gift certificates to Bob Mills Furniture and seven restaurant gift certificates.

Wild Card is a fast-paced 30-minute quiz show that premiered on Oklahoma City station KSBI on October 28. The show is hosted by Ed Murray, a local media personality, and it somewhat resembles Jeopardy! in that it features three contestants answering trivia questions covering a wide range of topics. Contestants get points for correct answers and lose points for wrong ones. Unlike Jeopardy!, contestants can buzz in early to try to answer the questions. The winner of each show receives a gift card from Bob Mills Furniture, a prominent sponsor of the show. A contestant can win up to five shows. Additionally, contestants can win $25 gift certificates to local restaurants.

Dr. Ferguson had this to say about his experience: “It was a lot of fun being on the show. It moves very quickly. You have to try to buzz in before the other contestants and think very quickly. The range of possible topics makes it really challenging. It’s a real challenge for contestants because unlike home viewers, we can’t see the questions; we have to listen to the host read them, rather than read the question off a screen. You want to buzz in first, so you usually have to anticipate what the question will be after hearing only part of it. Sometimes, you give an answer that is way off base, because the question isn’t at all what you anticipated it would be. You just try to laugh and go on to the next question.

“My shows were taped on November 4th and 8th, but they were not broadcast until November 26-29 and December 2. “They tape five shows in a row, for a week’s worth of programming. I won shows 2 through 5 on November 4th, so I had to go back on the 8th to tape the fifth program. The host, Ed Murray, said that since the show premiered, there had been a couple of four-time winners, but they had lost their fifth game. I’m honored to be the first five-time winner.”

Dr. Ferguson’s and his wife, Dayna, regularly play trivia at restaurants in the OKC area. “We went to play trivia on our second date,” he said. “That was nearly three years ago, and we still try to play at least once per week. We enjoy the competition and we’ve made a bunch of friends through trivia.”

Interestingly, Dr. Ferguson’s wife, Dayna, also got to be a contestant on Wild Card. Her shows were taped on November 15 and aired on December 18th and 19th. She wasn’t quite as lucky as Mike, winning her first match but losing the second in a tie-breaker. Still with a handful of Bob Mills gift cards and some restaurant gift certificates, Mike and Dayna look forward to buying some new furniture for their living room.

You can watch full episodes of the show, including those with Dr. Ferguson, online at: [http://www.ksbitv.com/local/wild-card/index.html](http://www.ksbitv.com/local/wild-card/index.html).
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE UPDATE 2013

Please consider supporting one of our emeritus faculty, other faculty, or new student scholarships. We would like to endow each of the scholarship funds at the $20,000 level in order to be able to award these scholarships on a perpetual basis each year. If you would like to establish a new endowed scholarship in your name or to honor someone, please contact Dr. Luis Montes (lmontes@uco.edu), Dr. Fred Grosz (fgrosz@uco.edu) or Mark McElreath, College of Mathematics and Science Development Manager (mmcelreath@uco.edu).

2013 Scholarship Award Winners Presented at the Spring Awards Reception

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Dr. Michael Ferguson with Ed Murray on Wild Card.

Club Activities - SAACS: Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society
Keeping with tradition, SAACS started off the semester presenting demonstrations at the Student Involvement Fair and partnering with the other science clubs to host events a Halloween party and Game Night. In addition, officers have made the club more interactive, hosting monthly meetings with activities such as liquid nitrogen ice cream and Gack. For National Chemistry Week, members and chemistry students voted on faculty costumes for Element Day and participated in a demo event at Quail Springs Mall. Chemistry Club works to provide opportunities for interaction between faculty and students and to provide interesting speakers for meetings. The chapter was awarded an Honorable Mention citation for their 2012-13 efforts. 2013-14 sponsors are Drs. Dallas New and Michael Ferguson. Kelsie Magiera, 2013-14 chapter president, was awarded a 2013 Leadership Award by the American Chemical Society. Kelsie attended the 2013 ACS Leadership Training in Fort Worth, Texas in January.

ACS Election Results
Dr. Luis Montes was recently elected as the 2014 Chair-Elect of the Oklahoma Section of the ACS. Luis becomes the fourth active member of the department to serve in this role, following Drs. Dechter, Ferguson, and Frech.

Dr. Cheryl Frech was elected as Alternate Councilor for the ACS Division of Chemical Education and will serve on the Division Executive Committee.