



American Chemical Society

Nebraska Section Newsletter

<http://nebraskaacs.nebrwesleyan.edu/>

MARCH 2009

OFFICERS

- **CHAIR**
Andrea Holmes
Doane College
andrea.holmes@doane.edu
402.826.6762
- **CHAIR-ELECT**
Nathanael Fackler
Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.
nfackler@nebrwesleyan.edu
402.465.2261
- **SECRETARY**
Kerry Lucas
Doane College
kerry.lucas@doane.edu
402.826.8243
- **TREASURER**
Nicholas Madhiri
Union College
nimadhir@ucollege.edu
402.486.2600 ext. 2362
- **COUNCILOR**
Scott Darveau
Univ. of Nebraska– Kearney
darveusa@unk.edu
308.865.8491
- **ALTERNATE COUNCILOR**
Michael Mosher
Univ. of Nebraska– Kearney
mosherm@unk.edu
308.865.8385
- **BOARD MEMBERS**
Fred Mattes
Hastings College
fmattes@hastings.edu
402.461.7383

Kim Richman
CCC-Hastings Campus
krichman@cccneb.edu
402.461.2489

Annette Moser
Univ. of Nebraska– Kearney
moserac@unk.edu
308.865.8719
- **WEB MASTER**
Nathanael Fackler
Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.
nfackler@nebrwesleyan.edu
402.465.2261

April Speaker: Dr. Lisa Balbes

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

“Nontraditional Career for Chemists: New Formulas for Chemistry Careers”

Venue: Student Union, Hastings College

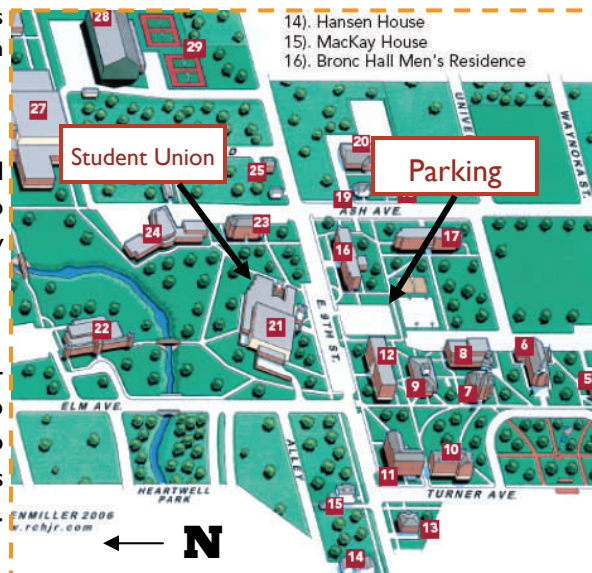
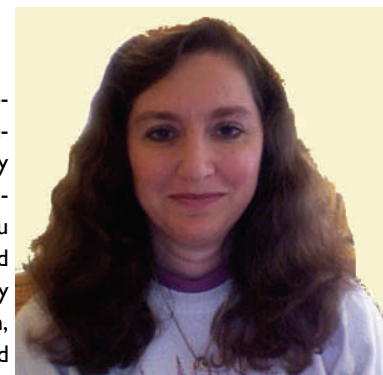
Time: 6:30pm dinner, 7:00pm talk

A chemistry background prepares you for much more than just a laboratory career. The broad science education, analytical thinking, research methods, and other skills learned are of value to a wide variety of types of employers, and essential for a plethora of types of positions. By understanding your own personal values and interests, you can make informed decisions about what career paths to explore, and identify positions that match your needs. This talk will discuss a variety of nontraditional careers for chemists, such as chemical information, patent work, technical writing, education, human resources, sales and marketing, and much more. We will discuss typical tasks, education or training requirements, and personal characteristics that make for a successful career in each field, illustrated with specific examples. Valuable tips and advice about planning career transitions will also be provided.

Biographical Sketch: Dr. Lisa M. Balbes founded Balbes Consultants (formerly Osiris Consultants) in 1992. Balbes Consultants provides scientific writing services, including documentation, grants, proposals and more for over 50 client companies. She was chair of the St Louis Section of the American Chemical Society in 2002, receiving an Outstanding Local Section Achievement Award and a Salute to Excellence Award for her work there. She is also very involved in career development for chemists, have been a volunteer career consultant for ACS since 1993, presenter since 2002, and is the author of “Nontraditional Careers for Chemists”, published by Oxford University Press in 2006. Dr. Balbes obtained a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and psychology from Washington University in St Louis.

Dinner is free for ACS members and their guests. Please R.S.V.P. to nheckman@hastings.edu or 402.461.7452 by April 8, 2009

Directions to Hastings College Student Union: Take I-80 to the Hastings/GI exit to HWY 281 or HWY 6 to HWY 281. Go into Hastings to 9th street. Go east about 2 miles and the Union is located at 9th and Elm Ave. with parking on 9th St.



May Event: Ropes Challenge Course

Saturday, May 2, 2009 Time: 11:00am– 4pm

Venue: Ropes Course and Lied Science and Mathematics building, Doane College

All ACS members and their families are invited to a fun-filled day at Doane College! ACS members will participate in the ropes challenge course, which is designed for organizations to foster team building exercises, to recognize leadership talents, and to encourage the development and use of innovative problem-solving strategies. For the younger future scientists, Doane College Chemistry club students will have lots of hands-on activities for those 16 and under. Lunch will be provided during the event. Please R.S.V.P. to kerry.lucas@doane.edu or 402.826.8243 by April 17, 2009 if you would like to participate. More details will be available at the Nebraska Local Section website: <http://nebraskaacs.nebrwesleyan.edu/>.



Driving directions from Lincoln:

1. South US-77
2. West on US-33 toward Crete
3. Turn left on Boswell Ave.
4. Turn left on 13th St.
5. Turn right at Doane College
6. Go to Lied Math and Science Building