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# Schedule of Events

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## Friday, February 6th

4:00 PM – Conference check-in begins (Duff Center Main Desk)

4:00-5:00 PM – Tours of Coulter Hall (Coulter Hall Atrium)

5:00-7:00 PM – Dinner and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ashley Ringer McDonald

Welcome by Dr. John Higginbotham, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic  
Development, University of Mississippi

(Duff Center Main Floor)

7:00-8:30 PM – Poster Session 1 (Duff Center Hallways)

## Saturday, February 7th

8:30-10:15 AM – Oral Presentations Session 1 (Duff Center 122 & 134)

10:15-10:30 AM – Break

10:30-12:30 PM – Oral Presentations Session 2 (Duff Center 122 & 134)

12:30-1:30 PM – Lunch (Duff Center Main Floor)

1:30-3:00 PM – Poster Session 2 and Grad and Career Fair (Duff Center Hallways)

3:30 PM – Awards Ceremony (Duff Center Main Floor)

# Keynote Speaker

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## Dr. Ashley Ringer McDonald

*Professor and Beres/Dahl Faculty Research Fellow in  
Computational Science*

*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

*Bailey College of Science and Mathematics*

*Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*



Ashley Ringer McDonald received her B.S. in Chemistry from Mississippi College in 2004. She was an undergraduate research student with Prof. David Magers, using computational chemistry to study organic reaction mechanisms. She went on to get her Ph.D. at Georgia Tech, working with Prof. David Sherrill, using electronic structure methods to study non-covalent interactions. Dr. McDonald did a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in the Center for Computer-Aided Drug Design, where she was an NIH NRSA post-doctoral fellow. She joined the faculty of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in 2011 where she is now a full professor.

Broadly, Dr. McDonald's research interests include studying molecular level interactions in complex chemical contexts, using a variety of computational chemistry techniques to characterize molecular interactions over different timescales and length scales. Current projects include studying signaling pathways in proteins, elucidating mechanisms of natural product synthesis, and studying how naturally occurring peptides can impact the human microbiome.

Prof. McDonald is a strong advocate for helping students develop strong computational and data science skills to become better students, researchers, and critical thinkers. She is on the Board of Directors for the Molecular Sciences Software Institute, where she serves as director for education, training, and faculty development. In 2023, she served as the Chair of the American Chemical Society's Division of Computers in Chemistry. She is the editor of two books, published by the American Chemical Society, *Teaching Programming Across the Chemistry Curriculum* and *Engaging Students in Physical Chemistry, Volume 2*.

In her free time, Dr. McDonald is an avid baker who particularly loves making French style pastry and Viennoiserie, including croissants, Danish, and brioche. She lives in San Luis Obispo, California, with her husband and her dog.



# Titles by Session

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## Oral Session 1

8:30 a.m. in Duff Center 122

Moderated by Dr. Emily Rowland, University of Mississippi

**8:30-8:45      Leveraging Desymmetrization to Design Norcantharidin Derivatives with Enhanced PP5 Selectivity**

Mary Helene Marmande, Bailey Baxter, Hannah Lawley, Caleb Lopansri, Lucy Orr  
*Department of Chemistry, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*  
*Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*

**8:45-9:00      Evaluating a Norcantharidin-Based Scaffold for Selective PP5 Inhibition: Lessons Learned from Design to Biochemical Testing in Tumor-Related Pathways**

Kathryn Mayeaux, Bailey Baxter, David Forbes, Hannah Lawley, Caleb Lopansri, Mary Helene Marmande, and Lucy Orr  
*Department of Chemistry, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*

**9:00-9:15      Positional Effects of Electron-Deficient Heterocycles on the Emission and Aggregation Behavior of polycyclic-1,2-BN-heteroarenes**

Skylor Seetaram, Blaise Williams, Carl Jacky Saint-Louis  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA*

**9:15-9:30      Diastereoselective Addition of Masked Acyl Cyanides to Nitroalkenes Using Achiral Squaramide Organocatalysts**

Darrien C. Carter, Francis K. Kekessie, Julie A. Pigza  
*Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*

**9:30-9:45      Pyridine-based HIV Integrase Inhibitors: Pyridine-Core Development**

Tyler D. Twedt, Brenna R. Macaluso, A. Margaret Miller, Hannah J. N. Mattke, Christopher T. Bruni, Sharon E. Suffern, R. Victor Mishoe, Gavisha Mugon, Sarah J. Hayek, Jacques J. Kessl, Julie A. Pigza, Matthew G. Donahue, Wolfgang H. Kramer  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS*  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*

**9:45-10:00      Design and Optimization of Sprayable Peptide Amphiphiles for Skin Regeneration**

Jessica Shrestha, Penelope Jankoski, Tristan Clemons  
*School of Polymer Science and Engineering, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*

**10:00-**      **Formation of Novel Starting Materials for Rhodamine Synthesis**  
**10:15**      Veronica Trice, Mathew Bratton, C.J. Stephenson  
*Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA*

## **Oral Session 2**

8:30 a.m. in Duff Center 134

Moderated by Dr. Jinchao Lou, University of Mississippi

**8:30-**      **Influence of Ligand Charge on DNA Binding by Ruthenium Complexes with Light-**  
**8:45**      **Activated Anticancer Activity**  
Elena Kuehner, Sarah Khweis, Elizabeth Papish  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL*

**8:45-**      **Synthesis and native gel analysis of the PRMT1 R353P protein variant**  
**9:00**      Isabella Robertson, Tamar B. Cáceres  
*Union University, Jackson, TN*

**9:00-**      **Dual CDK and MEK Inhibition potentiates CD8 T cell mediated antitumor immunity**  
**9:15**      **by inducing pyroptotic cell death in high mutational head and neck cancer**  
Fanghui Chen, Fang Yang, David O Popoola, Jianqiang Yang, Chris Tang, Alexis Payne, Lynn Zhang, Nicole C Schmitt, Jin Xie, Nabil F Saba, Yamin Li, Yong Teng  
*Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Emory University, 201 Dowman Dr, Atlanta, GA*  
*Department of Pharmacology, State University of New York, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY*  
*Department of Otolaryngology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA*  
*Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, Atlanta, GA*  
*Department of Chemistry, University of Georgia, Athens, GA*  
*Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University, Atlanta, GA*

**9:15-**      **Optimizing synthesis of Cyclic Orthoamide via Microwave**  
**9:30**      Wyatt Kirkpatrick, Feliciano Rivera, Ajay Lajmi  
*University of West Florida, Ferry Pass, FL*

**9:30-**      **Development and Characterization of Ester-Linked NSAID-Polymer Conjugates**  
**9:45**      **Towards Limiting Suture Site Inflammation**  
Mia Kirby, DSharon Hamilton  
*Department of Chemistry, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR*

- 9:45- **Synthesis of Boronium Salts for Study as Antimicrobials Agents**  
 10:00 Gabriel A. Merchant, Margaret E. Crowley, Edgar E. Escalante, Richard A. O'Brien,  
 Terrence J. Ravine, James H. Davis Jr.  
*Department of Chemistry, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*  
*Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*  
*Department of Civil, Coastal, and Environmental Engineering, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*
- 10:00- **Drug Release in Imine-Conjugate Chitosan-Based Hydrogels**  
 10:15 Cole Sullivan, Sharon Hamilton  
*Department of Chemistry, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR*

### Oral Session 3

10:30 a.m. in Duff Center 122

Moderated by Dr. Yuan (Mike) Xue, University of Mississippi

- 10:30- **Hidden Intermediates in DH270-Induced Structural Transitions of HIV-1 Env**  
 10:45 **Identified by a Bayesian Integrative Approach**  
 Alaina Vrable, Ashley L. Bennett  
*Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Barton College, Wilson, NC*  
*Department of Biology, Barton College, Wilson, NC*
- 10:45- **Microsolvation effects of 1,1-dimethyl-biguanide hydrochloride (metformin)**  
 11:00 Jasmine Sanders, Steve Davis, Kurt Olinde, Kim Poland, Kailey Bell, Taylor Cole,  
 Ryan Fortenberry  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- 11:00- **Multireference evaluation of substituent effects on singlet-triplet splittings in anti-Bredt olefins**  
 11:15 Emily Huang, Francesco Evangelista  
*Department of Chemistry and Cherry Emerson Center for Scientific Computation, Emory University, Atlanta, GA*
- 11:15- **Understanding Conductance Trends in Single Molecule Acene Junctions**  
 11:30 Shelby Belt, Dakota Landrie, Sharani Roy  
*Department of Chemistry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN*
- 11:30- **A Raman Spectroscopic Analysis of Synthetic Single-Layer Graphene Nanoribbon Architectures**  
 11:45 Brandon Y. Suh, Conner R. Brower, Xiaozhou Meng, Chao Duan, Penghao Li, and Nathan I. Hammer  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- Numerical studies of a multidimensional interpolant of on-the-fly generated quantum mechanical data for MD simulations of diverse molecular systems**

- 11:45- Andrew Myers, Michael Salazar  
 12:00 *Department of Chemistry, Union University, Jackson, TN*
- 12:00- **Chemical Pressure Effect in the Magnetocaloric Candidate CrNiP**  
 12:15 Miriam Raggs, Madalynn Marshall  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA*

## **Oral Session 4**

10:30 a.m. in Duff Center 134

Moderated by Dr. Markus Langner, University of Mississippi

- 10:30- **Exploring Synthesis Methods for Quinone-Bridged Chromium Dimers Towards**  
 10:45 **Mechanistic Insight in Alcohol Oxidation**  
 Natalie Supine  
*Department of Chemistry, Union University, Jackson, TN*
- 10:45- **Towards the Development of a Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship in the**  
 11:00 **Search for a Safe and Effective Treatment for Visceral Leishmaniasis**  
 Reese Robison, E. Blake Watkins  
*Department of Chemistry, Union University, Jackson, TN*  
*College of Pharmacy, Union University, Jackson, TN*
- 11:00- **Nickel-Catalyzed Carbonylative Lactonization of Hydroxycyclopropanols to Form**  
 11:15 **Spirocyclic and Fused Bicyclic Lactones**  
 Cyrus Gudeman, Aidan Zhao, Mingji Dai  
*Department of Chemistry, Emory University, Atlanta, GA*
- 11:15- **New Electron-Rich Polycyclic 1,2-BN-Heteroarenes with Phenyl Spacer: Synthesis**  
 11:30 **and Photophysical Properties**  
 Lilianna Kocai, Lingaraju Gorla, Alexandru N. Tapu, Carl Jacky Saint-Louis  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA*
- 11:30- **Leading Through Learning: Empowering Tomorrow's Science Teachers Through**  
 11:45 **Innovative Chemistry Research**  
 Lucy A. Orr, David C. Forbes, Sarah K. Guffey-McCorrison  
*Department of Chemistry, Department of Leadership and Teacher Education, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*
- 11:45- **Comparing Extraction Methods for Cannabinoids in Hemp Edibles**  
 12:00 Juan Bernal, Amanda Burkhart  
*Department of Chemistry & Physics, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN*
- 12:00- **Analysis of Beach Microplastics via IR Spectroscopy**  
 12:15 Duha Amwas, Mya Hernandez, Andy Lau, Katelyn Ma, Gidget Tay  
*Department of Natural Sciences, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA*

**12:15-12:30**      **Quantification of microplastic release from bottled water under simulated daily use conditions**  
Grayson Kendall, Hafsa Khan, William Alexander  
*Department of Chemistry, University of Memphis, Memphis TN*

## **Poster Session 1**

7:00 PM, Friday, February 6

Posters 1-22 on the second floor – Organic/Polymer

Posters 23-40 on the third floor - Physical / Computational

- P1-1**      **Amino Acid ILs Coating Capabilities and Physicochemical Impacts on mPEG-PCL Nanoparticles**  
Deauntaye Jones, Mercedes C. Pride, Eden E.L. Tanner  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P1-2**      **Photochemical Cyclization Reactions involving Saccharin Chromophores**  
Alex A. Bremond, Elyse K. Warren, Braeden P. Brewer, Wolfgang H. Kramer  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS*
- P1-3**      **Synthesis of Isoindolone Piperidines As Kinase Inhibitors: Preparation of Photochemical Starting Materials and Photoreactions**  
Caleb A. Solangi, Davin B. Karst, Zoe O. Elder, Christian N. Hart, Tynai J. Bridges, Caroline A. McKinney, Matthew G. Donahue, Wolfgang H. Kramer  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS*  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*
- P1-4**      **Developing Biodegradable Wound Dressings to Induce Homeostasis in Traumatic Wounds**  
Kira Stevens, Sharon Hamilton  
*Department of Chemistry, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR*
- P1-5**      **Studies Toward the Non-Racemic Synthesis of *cis*-Theaspirone**  
Nathan Link, Genessa Smith  
*Department of Chemistry and Physics, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN*
- P1-6**      **Synthesizing Amino Acid Ionic Liquids**  
Mercedes Pride, Nathan Duong  
*Department of Chemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P1-8**      **Machine Learning-Driven High Throughput Block Copolymer Microscopy Analysis Pipeline**  
Mukesh Poudel, Daniel Struble, Bradley Lamb, Boran Ma  
*School of Polymer Science and Engineering, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*

- P1-9**      **Analysis of Thrombin Release from Natural Polymer-Based Nanofibers Towards the Development of Bioactive Wound Dressings**  
Gracie Moore, Sharon Hamilton  
*Department of Chemistry, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR*
- P1-10**    **Investigating Greener Methods for the Electrophilic Bromination of Alkenes**  
Sage Lambraia, Verna B. Baron  
*University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN*
- P1-11**    **Preparation of Conjugated Polyphenylethynylarene Macrocycles**  
Lori Madison, Selah Roberts, Christina Raley, Emily Huff, Catalina McCoy, Robert Carter, Jady Davis, Jacob Allen, Forrest Aby, Hannah Hinkley, Harrison Jones, Braden Clark, Makayla Stage, Ashley Carter, Swizel Fernandes, Joshua Khanna, Kaniquia Fulton, and Trent D. Selby  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-12**    **A General Synthesis of Dihalogenated Substituted Dienes**  
Jake A. Borges, Haley A. Gillin, Madison J. Sowden  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Auburn University, Auburn, AL*
- P1-13**    **Mechanochemical Synthesis of Nitrosamines for Risk Reduction**  
Lauren E. Kenas, Madison K. Beam, S. Ariel Kelley  
*Department of Chemistry, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS*
- P1-14**    **Synthesis of Triptycene End Capped Hexabenzocoronene**  
Sara Vonkanel, Nishadi Ranathunga, Penghao Li  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*
- P1-15**    **Preparation of  $\alpha$ -Bromodimethylglyoxime**  
Liam Allen and Daniell Mattern  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*
- P1-16**    **Exploring Aogicillin: Analog Synthesis and Bioactivity Assessment Against Resistant Pathogens**  
Audrey Isakov, Andrew LeBlanc, William Wuest  
*Department of Chemistry, Emory University, Atlanta, GA*
- P1-17**    **Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Ni (II) CNC Pincer Complexes for Carbon Dioxide Reduction**  
Louis M Bercaw, Brendan Pang, Nehemiah Antoine, Elizabeth T Papish  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL*

- P1-18**      **Synthesis and Testing of Halofuginone Derivatives for the Treatment of Tickborne Diseases**  
Abigail Taylor, Julie Pigza  
*Chemistry and Biochemistry, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*
- P1-19**      **A Sustainable Method for Synthesizing Nitrosodiphenylamine**  
Reagan M. Nichols, Chloe B. Amos, Misa S. Meadows, Karlee McKinney, S. Ariel Kelley  
*Department of Chemistry, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS*
- P1-20**      **Structure-Activity relationship of coumarins as Antimicrobial Agents**  
Jeremy Olson, Luke Millaway, Lacey Nichols, Aurora Shuster  
*Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA*
- P1-21**      **Investigation of the Cellular Uptake of Ruthenium and Rhenium Complexes that are used as Anti-Cancer Agents**  
Pridemore, P. D.; Antoine, N.; Muthama, D. M.; Osaigbovo, D.; Papish, E. T  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL*
- P1-22**      **Poster Withdrawn**
- P1-23**      **Modeling Molecular Interactions through Classical and Quantum Oscillator Frameworks of Br<sub>2</sub>**  
Dembe Mutebi  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA*
- P1-24**      **Spectroscopy of Tetrakis(dimethylamino)ethylene**  
Irene Bishop, Nathan Hammer, Conner Brower  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*
- P1-25**      **Energetics, and Non-Covalent Interactions of Nitrosamine Dimers**  
Todd Goudeau, Sam Sackett  
*Department of Chemistry, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS*
- P1-26**      **Enthalpies of formation of quinoline derivatives by homodesmotic reactions**  
Jeseny L. Lewis, Ryleigh G. Borbash, and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-27**      **Conventional strain energies of selenagermirane and the selenagermetanes**  
Kelsey R. Clackler and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*

- P1-28 Do stable hydrogen bridge bonds form between boron and silicon?**  
Anna Kathryn Mullen and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-29 Conventional strain energies of thiasilirane, the thiasiletanes, thiaphosphirane, and the thiaphosphetanes**  
Avery C. Foret and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-30 Calculation of conventional strain energies of small heterocycles of carbon and silicon by model reactions**  
Cedell Hendricks V, Eli M. Franklin, and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-31 Enthalpies of formation of chloro, cyano, and methyl derivatives of heterocyclic aromatics by homodesmotic reactions**  
Emily M. Huff, Gracie Bassett, Dean Damon, and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-32 Conventional strain energies of small heterocyclic compounds of boron, carbon, and sulfur**  
Sarah G. Murley and David H. Magers  
*Computational Chemistry Group, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P1-33 Analyzing Hydrogen Bonding Interactions of 1,2-Dimethoxyethane and Methanesulfonic Acid for Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells**  
Jacqueline Sanchez, Jason E. Ritchie, Nathan I. Hammer  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P1-34 Adsorption and desorption of PFAS mixtures on carbon-based sorbents: Impacts of nanoconfinement**  
Mennatallah Khalifa, Bradley Lamb, Boran Ma  
*School of Polymer Science and Engineering, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*
- P1-35 Computational Studies of the Relative Thermodynamic Energetics of Warfarin Tautomers**  
Ashley Davidson, Jeremiah Theison, and D. Brandon Magers  
*Department of Chemistry, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS*



- P1-36**      **Rovibrational Analysis of Methanetriol and its Conformers**  
 Nathaniel K. Carlson, C. Zachary Palmer, Ryan C. Fortenberry  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P1-37**      **Quantum chemical spectral data for the astronomical detection of the potentially prebiotic 2-iminoacetaldehyde and 1,2-diiminoethane**  
 Megan McKissick, Ryan C. Fortenberry  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P1-38**      **Energy of Cyclo-Cyclohexenes**  
 Charlie Truman Earl, Ryan C. Fortenberry  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P1-39**      **High-throughput goniometer with fully automated contact angle measurement of polymer solutions**  
 Mashrafee Aryan, Daniel Struble, Boran Ma  
*School of Polymer Science and Engineering, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS*
- P1-40**      **Simulating hydrogen uptake in a 3D electride material**  
 Duc Le, Samuel Weaver, Scott Warren  
*Department of Chemistry, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC*
- P1-41**      **Growing Pains! Determining the Ideal Growing Conditions for Seagrass in the Indian River Lagoon**  
 Allana Bowen, Angela Terry  
*Department of Chemistry, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, FL*
- P1-42**      **Relationship Between Seagrass and Macroinvertebrates**  
 Beth Anne Wright, Sarah Germany  
*Seagrass Research Group, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, FL*

## **Poster Session 2**

1:30 PM, Saturday, February 7

Posters 1-23 on the second floor - Biochemistry / Medicinal

Posters 24-43 on the third floor - Analytical / Environmental (24-37), Inorganic / Materials (38-43)

- P2-1**      **Effect of Protein: Glycan Interactions on Hydroxyl Radical Protein Footprinting**  
 Madison Allenbrand, Ajay Sharma, Sandeep K. Misra, Joshua S. Sharp  
*Department of Biomolecular Sciences, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*

- P2-2 Targeting Phospholipid Dysregulation as a Strategy to Reduce CBDP-induced Neurotoxicity**  
Emma Bass, Jie Chen, Jinchao Lou  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P2-3 Synthesis of Lipid-Based Molecular Switches for Controlled Drug Release and Imaging**  
Vincent Ni, Isabella Toole, Jinchao Lou  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P2-4 Insights into Nitration Mechanism of Cytochrome P450 Enzyme**  
Monica Zheng, Tiffany Alvarez, Katherine M. Davis  
*Department of Chemistry, Emory University, Atlanta, GA*
- P2-5 Glyco-Ionic Liquids for Targeted Drug Delivery in Lung Cancer**  
Camille Kuntz, Omri Parks, Gagandeep Singh, and Eden Tanner  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*
- P2-6 Investigation of Bovine Serum Albumin-Tagged Large Pore Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles in Transdermal Delivery by Choline-Based Ionic Liquids**  
Ava d'Auvergne, Alysha N. Hunter, Juan L. Vivero-Escoto, Eden Tanner  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*
- P2-7 Evaluating Protein Concentration Compensation in Mass Spectrometry-Based Hydroxyl Radical Protein Footprinting**  
Juliette Locklar, Mingming Zhao, Sandeep K. Misra, Ajay Sharma, Joshua S. Sharp  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*  
*Department of BioMolecular Sciences, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS*
- P2-8 Good As Au**  
Gianne Marsh, George Shannon, Orion Schulte, Karen W. Barnes  
*Department of Chemistry, University of West Florida, Ferry Pass, FL*
- P2-9 Formalin-Induced Neuropathic Pain in Mice**  
Maggie Milhorne, Katelynn Castagnola, Caleb Mast, and Ersilia Mirabelli  
*Department of Biology and Chemistry, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA*
- P2-10 Withdrawn**
- P2-11 Synthesis of biologically important Enamino Carbonyl compounds via Ball milling: A mechanochemistry approach**  
Tej Beniwal, Maqhawe Ndlovu, Syed R Hussaini  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK*

- P2-12      Evaluating the Antioxidant Effects of Kaempferol on Sodium Dichromate-induced Oxidative Stress in Human Astrocytes**  
Kent Nayga, Samantha Louis, Juan Ferguson, Chukwumaobim Nwokwu  
*Department of Chemistry Physics, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL*
- P2-13      Synthesis of a symmetric macrocyclic amine as a metalloenzyme active site mimic**  
Feliciano Rivera, Wyatt Kirkpatrick, Ajay Lajmi  
*Department of Chemistry, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL*
- P2-14      Ionic-Liquid Conjugates of Doxorubicin for Enhanced Cytotoxicity and Compatibility with Polymeric Nanoparticle Delivery**  
Bryson Tessener, Camille Kuntz, Omri Parks, Eden E.L Tanner  
*Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Mississippi, University, MS*
- P2-15      The Effect of Altering Dry Eye Drop Solution Concentrations on Light Absorption and Refractive Index**  
Anna Jablonski  
*Department of Chemistry, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS*
- P2-16      GCMS Analysis of Milkweed Plants Reveals Toxic Cardiac Glycoside Synthesis Pathway**  
Jadyn Davis, Forrest Aby, Trent Selby, and Scoty Hearst  
*The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS*
- P2-17      GCMS Analysis of Psychoactive Gas Station Products Reveals Human Health Concerns**  
Forrest Aby, Jadyn Davis, Trent Selby, and Scoty Hearst  
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- P2-18      Gas Station Cannabinoid Products: The Risk They Pose On Motor Function and Human Health**  
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