

Joint 66th SWRM/62nd SERMACS
Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, 2010
New Orleans, LA
Undergraduate Program

Thursday, December 2

9am-12pm: **Hospitality Booth during Registration and Ice Breaker**

The booth will hold all the information for the entire regional meeting. Student chapter members will be in the booth to recommend local restaurants, tourist spots, and local museums for the attendees to explore. The ice breaker will include trivia and a scavenger hunt for each of the student chapters. Prizes will be awarded to winning chapters and individuals at the YCC/Undergrad Program Social event.

10-11am: **Making the Best of the ACS Meeting**

This session will spell out all that is offered at this ACS regional meeting. Members of the panel will give students tips on how to make the most of the meeting. Also included will be suggestions about exploring New Orleans.

12:30- 2:30pm: **The Art of Chemistry**

Dr. Sarah Weaver, Dr. Kathleen Crago, and Mr. Edouard Crago will discuss specific chemical aspects of art media. They will discuss the history of color (origination from stones, bugs, etc.). In addition to that, they will discuss the chemical makeup of paint. This will include pigments, oils (what makes oil paint dry), and acrylic, and explanations of why paints are a particular color. Attendees will also have the opportunity to make their own pigments. In addition, Dr. Crago and Mr. Crago will discuss the work of some of the students enrolled in the "Chemistry and Art" course that they team teach at Loyola.

3pm-4:30 pm: **Community Outreach Exchange**

In this session, representatives from different ACS Student Chapters will share and explain some of the activities they have used in their community outreach programs. The specific focus will be on hands-on activities that can be done with schoolchildren of all ages, and many of the activities will be related to the "Art of Chemistry" theme.

Friday, December 3

9am-10 am: **Organic Made Simple**

This session is a short, strategic aid to learning Organic chemistry for undergraduate students.

11-12 am: **Making a Successful Transition to Graduate School**

This panel discussion will involve faculty and graduate students from a variety of graduate programs. Panelists will offer tips on how to find the right graduate program and complete the application process. There will also be discussion of what to expect in the first year of graduate school.

1-4 pm: **Undergraduate Poster Session and Graduate School Fair**

These concurrent sessions will allow students the opportunity to present the results of their research, while at the same time networking with recruiters from a variety of graduate programs. Representatives from over 40 graduate programs are expected to be in attendance.

5-7 pm: **YCC/Undergraduate Happy Hour**

This social event, co-sponsored by the Younger Chemists Committee and the Undergraduate Program, will allow students from across the region to mingle and network with their peers and with other ACS members. There will also be information distributed about the New Orleans nightlife and restaurants at this activity. There will be drinks and light refreshments served.

Saturday, December 4

9 am-12 pm: **Undergraduate Oral Session**

This session continues the SERMACS tradition of letting undergraduates present their research in an oral session at a regional meeting.

10 am-1 pm: **Trip to the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA)**

Students from Xavier, Loyola, and the University of New Orleans will accompany interested attendees to the New Orleans Museum of Art. Attendees will travel by streetcar to New Orleans City Park, the location of the museum.