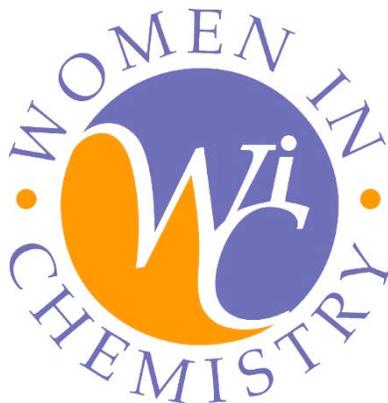


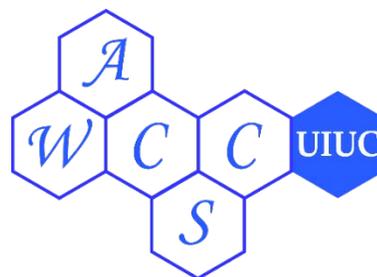
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11th Annual Retreat for Women in Chemistry
Saturday, August 26, 2017

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2017 Retreat for Women in Chemistry

The UIUC Chemistry Graduate Diversity Office and the UIUC Women Chemists Committee chapter of ACS are excited to sponsor the 11th Annual Retreat for Women in Chemistry. The event is open to all female graduate students in the chemistry department, from entering first-year students to those preparing to defend, as well as post-docs.

The main objectives of the retreat will include professional and personal networking, advice and information regarding first-year decisions, and information related to career development.

Thanks to the generous support of the UIUC Department of Chemistry and the Women Chemists Committee, this special event is being offered at **no cost** to graduate students or post-docs in the Chemistry Department.

Please join us for an exciting and informative event designed to female chemistry students at all stages in their graduate studies!

Event Schedule

The retreat will be held **Saturday, August 26** at the [Illini Union](#), 314 A&B (8:45 am – 1 pm) and at the [4-H Memorial Camp](#) (2pm – 6pm).

Events will include:

I. General Session: Being Empowered from Marginalized Spaces: Get Engaged!

Facilitators: Dr. Janice Collins, College of Media

In this interactive workshop, you will be introduced to strategies and techniques of Active Centralized Empowerment, an innovative praxis that allows and encourages individualization, uniqueness and the development of *Self Agency* through Cross Cultural Competence. It's more than just Power in the Margins. It is *Movement* from the Margins to Empowerment.

II. Stage-Specific Focus Groups

Early Career Students: *Mastering Time Management and Organization in Graduate School*

Facilitators: Dr. Lily Robertson, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Caitlin Davis, Department of Physics

Do you ever have trouble with time management? Don't worry! We all do. Caitlin and Lily will give an interactive presentation with tips and tricks to effectively manage your time, learn how to analyze importance of tasks, and acknowledge and avoid procrastination. Following this presentation, we will do a 30-minute speed networking activity.

Mid/Late Career Students: Presentation Skills Workshop

Facilitators: Dr. Mardia Bishop and Elizabeth Popp, Department of Communication

This go-minute interactive workshop focuses on practicing presentations skills. Topics to be covered include confident delivery, self-introductions or elevator speeches, networking, and answering questions.

Please prepare an elevator speech and five minutes of an upcoming or previous presentation. Below are links explaining good elevator speeches.

<https://www.thebalance.com/elevator-speech-examples-and-writing-tips-2061976>

<http://thepostdocway.com/content/elevator-pitches-scientists-what-when-where-and-how>

III. Area-Specific Focus Groups during Lunch

Facilitators: Upper-level Graduate Students

Discussion about specific requirements of each area, both for new and returning students, and how to navigate through them. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask candid questions about every stage of graduate school and receive answers specific to your division. Also new this year will be an all-but-dissertation (ABD)/post-doctoral women focus group.

IV. Team Challenge Low Ropes Course

An activity focused on fun, team-building strategies – and one of the most popular events from previous retreats!

Lunch and dinner will be provided.

Registration

Sign up online by **August 11** at: <http://go.illinois.edu/WICRetreat>. It is not mandatory to attend the full day retreat, although we do recommend it!

Chemistry Graduate Diversity

The [Chemistry Graduate Diversity](#) Office supports the Department's mission of training the next generation of scientists and is committed to developing underrepresented groups within the scientific talent pool. Originally begun as the Women in Chemistry program, this office has expanded its scope to address issues of recruitment, retention, and advancement of women and minorities at the graduate level in the chemical sciences. Diversity initiatives include:

- Promoting professional development through seminars and workshops;
- Supporting efforts of local organizations that promote the advancement of women and minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields;
- Providing networking opportunities with other scientists and engineers at the university and with UIUC alumni;
- Offering individual support through advising.

The goal of the office is to foster the academic and professional success of a diverse graduate student body in the Department of Chemistry.

UIUC Women Chemists Committee

The ACS UIUC Women Chemists Committee was founded in the fall of 2005 to attract, promote, and develop women in the chemical sciences. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information, please visit our [website](#) or send an e-mail to uiuc.wcc@gmail.com.

Questions?

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Speaker and Facilitator Bios



Dr. Janice Collins is a multi-Emmy, Associated Press, Best of Gannett award-winning journalist with more than 20 years of experience in the journalism industry and an award-winning professor with 14 years of teaching experience on the university level. Dr. Collins' research focuses on leadership development and issues of self-empowerment, gender and race in media, journalism, and college classrooms/newsrooms. Her research adds to the literature on pedagogical approaches, designs and strategies and professional practices that lead efforts towards De-Marginalization. Collins earned a PhD in Communications from the Scripps College of Communications at Ohio University.



Dr. Mardia Bishop is on the communication faculty at the University of Illinois, where she teaches public speaking, business communication, various rhetoric courses, and serves as the Director of Public Speaking Instruction. Dr. Bishop was awarded the 2014 Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She manages to make public speaking manageable and enjoyable—even for those terrified of it. She holds a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.



Elizabeth "Beth" Popp is also on the communication faculty where she teaches public speaking courses. As the Assistant Course Director of the public speaking course, she is in charge of curriculum development, technology, and instructor training. She earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois.

In addition, Bishop and Popp have a consulting practice that focuses on communication skills, including listening, conflict management, and presentations.



Dr. Lily Robertson is a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Chemistry. Lily received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2016. She currently studies redox-active small molecules and polymers for Professor Jeffrey Moore.



Dr. Caitlin Davis is a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Center for the Physics of Living Cells through the Biological Physics department. Caitlin received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Emory University in 2015. She currently studies Protein-RNA interactions in cells for Professor Martin Gruebele.