


## Requested Annual Picnic Reservations (Please e-mail/phone ahead – See below)



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[Annual Picnic; Friday, August 12, 2016](#)

[Social Hour: 5:00 PM; Dinner: 6:00 PM](#)

*(Flinchum's Phoenix at Whitehall Forest)  
Catered by Saucehouse Barbeque*

**Open to all ACS members, student members, graduate students and their families  
(directions and more info below)**

Time: 5:00 PM Social Hour; Dinner, 6:00 PM

Dinner: No cost to NEGS ACS members, chemistry graduate students and their families.

RSVP: By Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015

**Please visit this link to REPLY for the Fall Picnic:**

<http://doodle.com/poll/8zw4smdpudmr689q>

\*\*\*When replying, please indicate the number of guests you're bringing (Examples: John Doe + 3, or John Doe + 1 adult, 2 kids).

Questions can be directed to Chemistry Department contact person: **Lauren Bowman** ([lakirby2@uga.edu](mailto:lakirby2@uga.edu)).

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## Annual ACS/UGA Picnic

On Friday, August 12, the UGA Chemistry Department will hold the 2016 Annual BBQ/picnic, sponsored by the Northeast Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society, the Chemistry Department, and the CGSO. The picnic will be held at Flinchum's Phoenix, with a Social Hour beginning at approximately 5:00 pm followed by Dinner at 6:00 pm. There will be great food catered by *Saucehouse Barbeque*, libation, and an excellent opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the new first year Chemistry graduate students.

About the venue: Whitehall Forest is a 740 acre research forest owned by the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. Flinchum's Phoenix is a large cabin-like building on the property that overlooks the Oconee River.

Directions from campus:

Take Milledge Ave. south and go past the Botanical Gardens entrance. Milledge will fork when it comes to Whitehall Road; take the right fork, cross Whitehall Rd, and enter Whitehall Forest (Look for sign to left of entrance). Stay on main road for 1.5 miles until it dead ends at Flinchum's Phoenix.

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## POSTER IN UGA CHEMISTRY BUILDING LOBBY ON “HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY THROUGH POSTAGE STAMPS”

Dr. Maurice Snook's poster on “The History of Chemistry Through Postage Stamps” is still on display in the lobby of the Chemistry Building, UGA. For those unable to visit the display I will be attaching scanned images of each of the 18 panels throughout this year's NEGS NEWS.

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# 2016 NORTHEAST GEORGIA SECTION CHEMISTRY AWARDS

(Presented April 29, 2016)

## NEGS ACS Chemist of the Year for Service



**Gregory H. Robinson**, UGA Dept. of Chemistry. For his distinguished service to the section as past chair.

## Northeast Georgia Section-ACS Chemist of the Years for Research



**Dr. Yuzhong Wang**, UGA Dept. of Chemistry. For his pioneering research in the stabilization of highly reactive molecules using N-heterocyclic carbenes.

**The George Philbrook Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching**



**Ryan Hili** , Department of Chemistry, UGA. For his effective, innovative and dedicated teaching of undergraduate chemistry.

**NEGS ACS Award for Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year**



**Lisa Cole**, Buford High School, Buford, GA.

**NEGS ACS Outstanding Graduate Students of the Year**



**Charles Stanton, III & Megha Anand, Department of Chemistry, UGA**

**NEGS ACS Outstanding Undergraduate Students of the Year**



**Joshua Miller, Department of Chemistry, UGA**

## NEGS ACS 2016 Career Service Award



**David S. Himmelsbach.** For his dedication and service to the Northeast Georgia Section including Past Chair (2000) and Awards Chair for over 14 years. Thank You Dave!

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### **Report to Northeast Georgia Section of the ACS Susan Richardson, Councilor American Chemical Society 251st ACS National Meeting San Diego, CA March 13-17, 2016**

Dear local section members,

It was my pleasure to represent you again at the Spring ACS Conference in San Diego! There were more than 16,000 people attending the conference. As most of you know, I am now a Professor at the University of South Carolina, but my heart still resides here with our local section! I'll always be a Bulldawg and we still come to Athens for the home games. And, it was such a pleasure to see many of you at the NE Georgia ACS banquet this past January. I can't often come to the meetings (especially if they are in the middle of the week), but I do my best to drive down to Athens and come when I can. And, thank you so much for re-electing me as your Councilor! Several friends had encouraged me to run again to continue to represent our section, and I am thrilled to continue to be part of NE Georgia in this way.

I enjoyed the Council meeting this year at the ACS Conference held in San Diego, CA, and was able to meet a number of new people and see some old friends. As usual, one of the important tasks we get to do is to vote for 2 of the 4 candidates running for President of ACS, sending them forward as the official candidates for election. And, this year, we had one of our own: Greg Robinson! Greg did a fantastic job in his speech to the Council and also in fielding questions at the Town Hall meeting that was held on Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, Greg

was not selected in the two to go forward, but you know who got my vote! The two sent forward for the full election are Peter K. Dorhout and Thomas R. Gilbert.

ACS had the mobile app again for the ACS program this year! Makes it a lot easier than carrying around the big program. However, note that if you want the printed program, you now have to pay extra for it.

I enjoyed the environmental chemistry talks this year, and I also was able to do something a little different. On the Saturday evening before the ACS Conference, I participated in the “Story Collider”, which was held as part of the San Diego Festival of Science & Engineering. Check it out:

<http://www.storycollider.org/shows/2016/3/12/san-diego-festival-of-science-engineering>. Brian Wecht, who is a former professor at Queen Mary University of London, decided to give up his life in academia to start the Story Collider, where people share personal stories about science to the general public. It was a blast to be part of this. I am also still serving as an “ACS Expert”, where I represent ACS in such activities as media requests, panel discussions, opinion pieces, community science cafés, and other public venues on water and environmental matters. And, I was able to participate in refresher training that was provided by the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. This training is incredibly useful for communicating science to the general public and reporters, and also with the state legislature. I am happy to share tips with you if you’re interested. Just let me know. And, I’m also happy to help you with any science communication outreach activities you might have. In addition to water and environmental protection, ACS has experts for many other topical issues (e.g., food chemistry, sustainable energy, green chemistry, art preservation, brain chemistry, nanomaterials, polymer science, forensic chemistry, carbon cycling, medicinal chemistry, skin products, climate, geochemistry, advanced materials, and lab safety among other things).

See: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/experts.html>.

There are many other things that happened at the Council meeting, but rather than list them all here, I’m including a link to our local section website where you can read more: <http://negeorgia.sites.acs.org/> (click on Councilor reports). Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or want to catch up.  
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Thanks for the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,

Susan Richardson, Councilor

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