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Chicago Section Program (In Person)

115TH WILLARD GIBBS AWARD CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Banquets, 1701 Algonquin Road

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008



Pd-catalyzed Carbon-Nitrogen Coupling Reactions: How Did We get Here and Why do We Care?

Dr. Stephen L. Buchwald

Department of Chemistry

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society is honoring Professor Stephen L. Buchwald with the 115th Willard J. Gibbs Award. This award is presented to a distinguished scientist who is selected by a jury of esteemed professionals, including past recipients.

ABSTRACT

Cross-coupling methodology to form carbon-nitrogen bonds is an indispensable part of the everyday repertoire of synthetic organic chemists; a mechanistic scheme for this transformation will be discussed. This methodology has been widely employed throughout academia and industry. The lecture will include: (1) a description of how we came to be involved in this work, starting with my first introduction to chemistry; (2) an introduction to palladium-catalyzed carbon-heteroatom bond-forming reactions, including a historical overview; (3) a description of ligand and precatalyst development employing biarylphosphines, developed at MIT; (4) the applications of these catalysts in preparing compounds of relevance to the biopharma industry and human health.

The lecture is free and open to the public. See next page for details. [REGISTER HERE](#)





Gibbs Medal Citation

- For the development of the Buchwald-Hartwig coupling reaction
- For fundamental advances in the discovery of metal-catalyzed coupling reactions
- For diverse applications of metal-catalyzed coupling reactions in basic research, drug discovery for human health, agrochemicals, materials science, and biology

Stephen L. Buchwald was born in 1955 in Bloomington, Indiana. He received his Sc.B. from Brown University in 1977, where he worked with Kathlyn A. Parker and David E. Cane, as well as Professor Gilbert Stork at Columbia University. He entered Harvard University as a National Science Foundation Predoctoral Fellow in 1977 and received his Ph.D. in 1982 under the supervision of Jeremy R. Knowles. He was then a Myron A. Bantrell postdoctoral fellow at Caltech with Professor Robert H. Grubbs. In 1984, he joined the chemistry faculty at MIT as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor (1989), then to professor (1993), and was named the Camille Dreyfus Professor in 1997. He served as Associate Head of MIT's Chemistry Department from July 2015 to August 2023. Buchwald has received numerous honors, including the ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry (2000), the ACS Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry (2006), and the Gustavus J. Esselen Award for Chemistry in the Public Interest (2010). He received the ACS Arthur C. Cope Award (2013), the Linus Pauling Medal (2014), and the Ulysses Medal (2014). In 2015, he received the BBVA Frontiers in Knowledge Award in Basic Sciences (2014 Award). He also received the William H. Nichols Award from the ACS New York Section (2016). In 2017, he received the Nagoya Gold Medal Lecture Award and the Carothers Award from the Delaware Section of the American Chemical Society. In 2018, he received the Tetrahedron Prize and the Dr. Karl Wamser Innovation Award (from the Technische Universität München). He was conferred the 2019 Roger Adams Award (ACS) and the 2019 Wolf Prize in Chemistry. In 2020, he was awarded the Yamada Koga Prize from the University of Tokyo (received in 2023). In 2021, he was honored with the Huang Yaozeng Award in Organometallic Chemistry of the Chinese Chemical Society, the Award for Creativity in Molecular Design and Synthesis from the ACS Northern New Jersey Organic Topical Group, and the inaugural Akira Suzuki Award from the Institute for Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery, Hokkaido University. In 2022, he received the Paul Karrar Gold Medal from the University of Zurich. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Over the course of his career, Professor Buchwald has mentored more than 240 postdoctoral researchers, 100 graduate students, and numerous undergraduates and visiting scholars—many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in academia and industry.

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 5:30–6:30 Reception with hors d'oeuvres, and two complimentary drinks
- 6:30–8:00 Dinner
- 8:00–8:15 Gibbs Award Ceremony
- "A History of the Willard Gibbs Award" by Amy Balijs, Chicago Section Chair
 - Introduction of Professor Buchwald by Scott Denmark, University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign
 - Presentation of the Gibbs Medal by Rigoberto Hernandez, President, American Chemical Society
- 8:15–9:15 Gibbs Award Lecture by Professor Buchwald

Venue: Meridian Banquets, 1701 Algonquin Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 [Directions](http://www.meridianbanquets.com)
<http://www.meridianbanquets.com>

DINNER BANQUET

Minestrone Soup & Meridian Salad
Choice of entree:

- Roast Top Sirloin of Beef with rosemary merlot sauce
- Fresh Broiled Norwegian Salmon with dill sauce
- Portobello Mushroom with zucchini

Hot Fudge Brownie à la mode

TICKETS

\$50.00: Chicago ACS members
\$50.00: Guests and Non-Chicago ACS members
No cost for attendance at lecture only

REGISTER FOR DINNER HERE BY NOON ON MAY 11

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(chicagoacs-at-ameritech.net)

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Why leave the poetical accomplishments of yesteryear to gather dust in the archives, when these (possibly humorous) verses can be reprinted in *The Chemical Bulletin* for the enjoyment of 21st-century terrestrials (now there's a good word for a rhyme scheme). —Ed.

ORIGIN OF AVOGADRO'S NUMBER?

Amadeo Giovanni Avogadro
Once counted the peas in a pod row
Multiplied by a number
He dreamed of in slumber
His friends thought his work rather odd though.

C. A. Eckroth
The Physics Teacher 10, 234 (1972)

ANALYSIS

It really takes a chemist of superior ability
To handle laboratory ware with requisite agility.
The transfer of precipitate's a touchy operation,
To accurately weigh them one must know his gravitation.
Much care is necessary for acceptable ignition,
And only pains extreme assures a fully burned condition.
The need for nimble finger tips is seen in gas analysis,
And poor manipulation spoils an erstwhile good dialysis.
To operate a bomb implies considerable temerity,
Tho' hazards may be minimized by adequate dexterity.
Not everyone is qualified to run a distillation—
The changing of receiver flasks takes much prestidigitation.
To be a proper analyst one must be super-human,
And capable of following details with great acumen.

The Chemical Bulletin, Vol. 24, January, 1937 (anon.)

Take the ACS Chicago Family Feud Survey!



ACS Local Section
Chicago

Be part of history by participating in the ACS Chicago Family Feud survey. The answers will be shared at the ACS Fall Meeting in Chicago August 23-27, 2026.

<https://tinyurl.com/ChiACS-FamilyFeud2026>



Chicago ACS Forging Ahead with "Pardner"-ships



Do you remember old TV westerns? The parched bronco buster pushed his way through the saloon's squeaky doors, ambled over to the poker table and sputtered through a mouthful of chewing tobacco: "Howdy pardner."

"Pardner." The quaint word evokes equality, friendship, strength: the cowboy way. In its fifth anniversary month, ACS celebrates its "pardner"-ships, not forged in the saddle, but instead through collaboration with academia, industry and scientists. Its website manages an entire page with instructions to establish and maintain a partnership between educational programs and potential organizations. ACS has created scholarship programs, sponsors leadership meetings, and collaborates with industry. Each unique partnership represents success for each participant.

Within the ACS Chicago Local Section, we actively support partnerships. Every January, we co-host a program meeting with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). This year, the Chinese American Chemical Society invited our members to their celebration of the Chinese New Year. Several board members attended, enjoying the festivities and leaving the celebration with the intent of future collaborations. A national honor society promoting women in chemistry, Iota Sigma Pi, joins us at the December holiday party. The Chicago ACS's Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) and Loyola's chemistry ACS graduate student organization ChemScholars collaborate to hold networking and career events. Last year, members of the Chicago ACS section helped scouts earn their chemistry merit badge. Our outreach committee hosts demonstration booths around Chicago to introduce chemistry to the younger generation. There are many more examples which make me proud to be a member and Chair of the Chicago Section of the ACS.

You are all doing such tremendous work to further the ACS goals through partnerships with other entities recognizing the vital part of chemistry in the global community. Please continue this important role. Contact our section with ideas or to obtain any assistance you might need in your efforts to remain deeply committed to chemistry and—although maybe not the cowboy way—the scientific method.

—AMY BALIJA

Interested in Volunteering?
Get in touch by emailing: chair-at-chicagoacs.org

Spring 2026 Council Meeting Report

The Spring National ACS Meeting was held in Atlanta, Georgia from March 22 to 26, 2026, both in person and online. As of March 24, there were 13,521 registrations (12,475 in-person and 1,046 online). The president of the Council Meeting on the morning March 25 was Rigoberto Hernandez, current President of the ACS.

In person representing Chicago were: Amy Baliya (Membership Affairs), Mark Cesa (Ethics), Russ Johnson (International Activities), Josh Kurutz (Chemists With Disabilities), Ana Clara Leal, Milt Levenberg (Senior Chemists), Tim Marin (Constitution and Bylaws), Anita Mehta, and Peggy Schott. Fran Kravitz (Women Chemists Committee) joined us online.



The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) presented to the Council four nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect for 2027: John Adams, Mary Virginia Orna, Laura Sremaniak, and Lisa McElwee-White. Council members voted for their first- and second-choice candidates in a ranked-choice voting scheme. The tallying of these ballots went through three rounds of elimination to narrow the field down to two candidates, namely, Lisa McElwee-White and Laura Sremaniak. These two names will be presented to the general membership as candidates for President-Elect for 2027.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced four candidates for Director-at-Large for the 2027-2029 term: Michael (Mick) Hurrey, Beth Lorschach, William Provine, and Carolyn Ribes. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates, along with any petition candidates, will be conducted in the fall, so no action was taken at this meeting. The Chicago Local Section is in District V, and we had no one up for election to serve on the Board of Directors in the coming term.

Oral reports were presented to Council by the Society President (Rigoberto Hernandez), President-Elect (Christina Bodurow), Immediate Past President (Dorothy Phillips), Chair of the Board (Wayne Jones), and Chief Executive Officer (Albert Horvath).

Here are some of the routine actions taken at the Council Meeting: On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees (ConC), and with concurrence of the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Council voted to continue the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, and Local Section Activities, and, subject to concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability.

On the recommendation of ConC, and with concurrence of the CPC, Council voted to amend the name and duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F). The new name, subject to concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors, will be the Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA). This change reflects the growth and increased complexity of Society operations. A planned-for Board Finance Committee will assume fiduciary responsibility and enterprise-level focus.

On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council voted to approve the creation of a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Sri Lanka, subject to concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), Council voted to approve the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits, subject to concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. MAC proposed no changes from the 2026 Schedule of Dues and Benefits. The above actions were approved by over 95% of the Council members voting, and most by over 98%.

The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that in 2025, ACS had a net revenue of \$50.7 million from operations and met all five of its financial guidelines. Over the past 25 years, revenue has more than doubled, with a fourfold increase in unrestricted net assets. ACS currently receives 58% of revenue from outside of North America and is active in 56 different jurisdictions.

Since the U.S. government has not funded or paid TSA workers for several weeks, everyone was warned to allow four hours to get through airport security. Since many councilors were planning to fly out on Wednesday afternoon, shortly after Council ended, this concern was high, resulting in a laser-like focus on completing Council business as expeditiously as possible. Much to our delight, we finished Council business and adjourned by 10:30 AM, certainly a record in this author's experience!

Respectfully submitted by Milt Levenberg, April 3, 2026

Good Reading (and Viewing) Ahead



Dear Readers,

Each year in the spring the Chicago Section serves as host to a long-running tradition, namely, the Willard Gibbs Medal banquet and lecture. All are encouraged to attend. Digital bulletin editor Josh Kurutz maintains a Wikipedia page called "[Willard Gibbs Award](#)", complete with references to its 115-year history.

A brand new crossword puzzle featuring clues to this year's Gibbs medalist, Steven Buchwald, has been created by Section member Irene Cesa and puzzle-meister George Barany (University of Minnesota, retired). The puzzle is challenging (yet solvable!) and is available online for digital solvers.

I would also call attention to the recorded keynote lectures (see page 11) presented at the recent ACS National Meeting in Atlanta. The talk given by Dr. Jennifer Doudna is a must-view for a number of reasons. Doudna showed only a handful of slides but described them fully. She emphasized repeatedly the reality that young chemists are fully capable of realizing their dreams, as she has done, by moving from strength to strength. Doudna's Priestley Lecture is a masterclass in scientific communication.

Another "product" of the national meeting is the Council Report prepared by Milt Levenberg for this issue. The ACS Council, which meets twice a year to conduct the business of the society, is attended by the Councilors of the Chicago Section, many of whom perform volunteer service as members of national committees, as noted in the report.

Chicago Section Chair Amy Balijs has written another marvelous installment commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Chemical Society (1876–1926 and counting). Please take a minute also to review the thoughtful and imaginative illustrated poems by students at Chicago-area schools. The three local winners have demonstrated a good understanding of the benefits of trees in our lives.



If you have an idea for an article, column, short entry, advertisement, or humorous science poem, you may contact me at editor-at-chicagoacs.org. Thanks for reading this issue!

—MARGARET E. SCHOTT

FALL ACS NATIONAL MEETING IN CHICAGO
AUGUST 23-27, 2026



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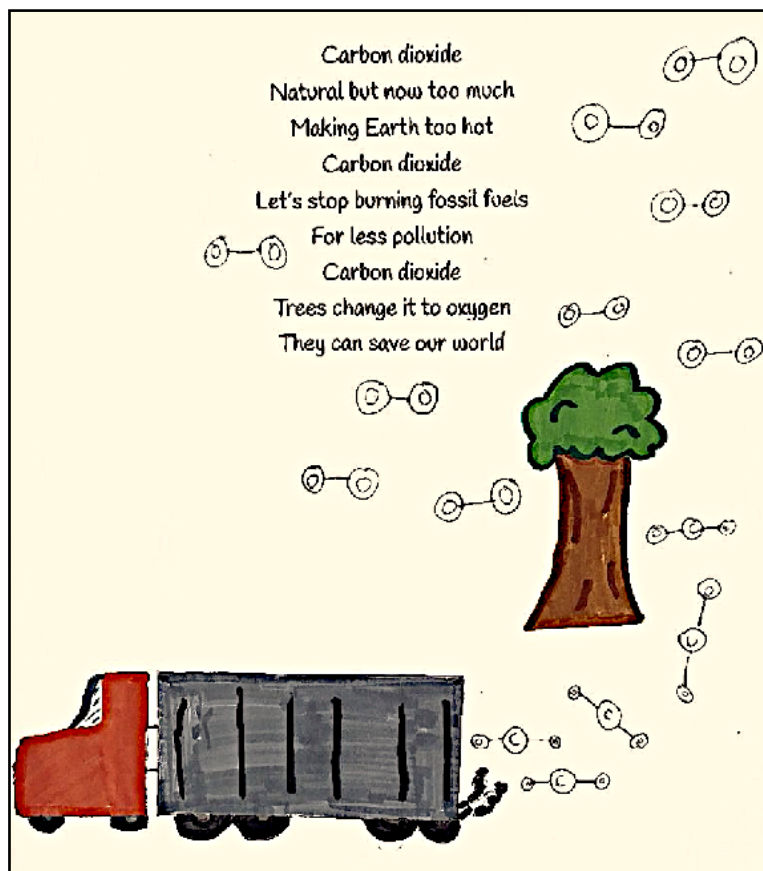
We need volunteers for the ACS National Meeting!
Please contact chair-at-chicagoacs.org

Illustrated Poem Contest Winners

In the spring and fall of each year, the American Chemical Society holds an Illustrated Poem Contest for K–12 students. Entries, which are submitted to Local ACS Sections, must feature a given theme and adhere to a specific set of guidelines; for example, poems are limited 40 words. First-place winners on the local level advance to the national contest. Thanks to the efforts of Chicago Section Outreach coordinator Sherri Rukes, we can share the winning local entries on the topic of “[Into the Woods with Chemistry](#).”

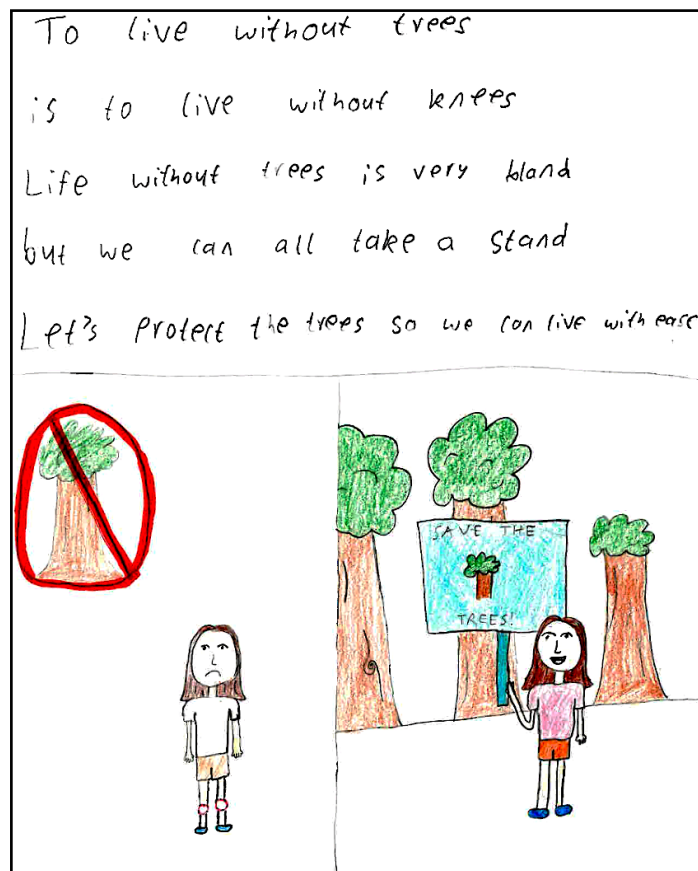
In this, its sesquicentennial (150th) year, ACS is celebrating the theme Chemistry is Everything by highlighting the essential role of trees and forests in building a sustainable world. The Illustrated Poem Contest serves to promote the positive role that chemistry plays in the world while giving students an opportunity to express their own ideas.

Congratulations to Emily, Allison, and Hassan!



Grades 3-5: Emily Fischer
Spring Brook Elementary, Naperville

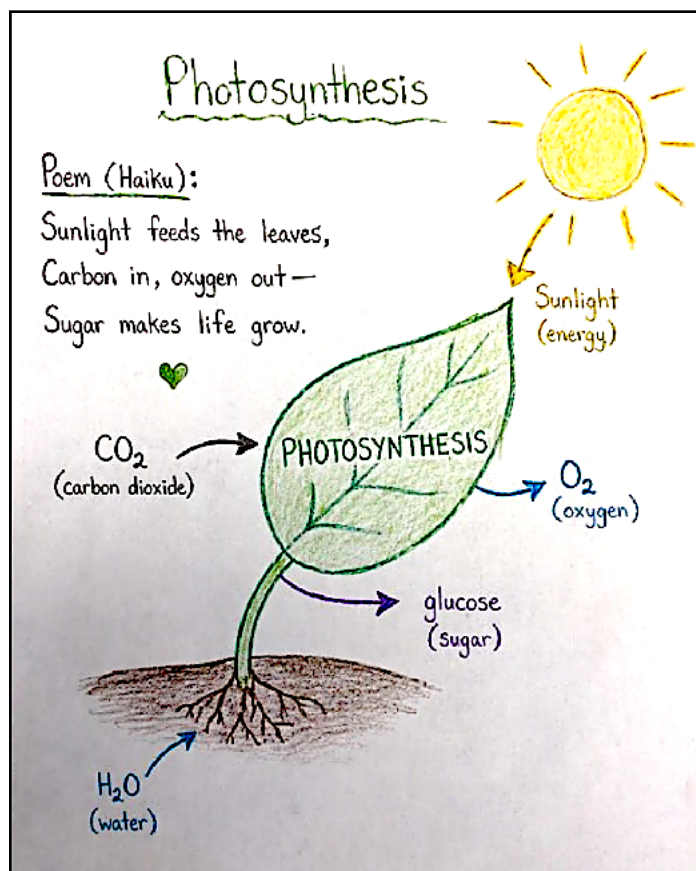
See next page for the High School
winning entry.



Grades 6-8: Allison Fischer
Gregory Middle School, Naperville

To live without trees
is to live without knees
Life without trees is very bland
but we can all take a stand
Let's protect the trees so we can live with ease.

Illustrated Poem Contest Winners (cont'd)



Grades 9-12: Hassan Rizwan
Von Steuben High School, Chicago

Haiku is a traditional Japanese poetic form consisting of three phrases with a 5, 7, 5 syllable structure (17 total), focusing on nature, a specific moment in time, or human experience. It often features a seasonal reference and avoids rhyme, aiming for concise, vivid imagery. Modern haiku often adopt looser structures, focusing on capturing a poignant, instant insight.

FUN AND GAMES

Gibbs Tribute Puzzle

“Cross(word) Coupling,” a tribute puzzle in honor of the 2026 Gibbs Medalist, was created by George Barany, Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota, and Irene Cesa, a retired chemist from Wheaton, Illinois, and a member of the ACS Chicago Section. Answers to the clues celebrate the chemistry achievements recognized by the award, highlighting contributions that “enable everyone to live more comfortably and to understand the world better.” The authors thank Dave Cesa, Mark Cesa, Noam Elkies, Jed Fisher, Vivian London, and Paul Rossi for test-solving and editorial suggestions. See next page for the puzzle, and last page of this issue for the solution. [Click here](#) to test your puzzle-solving skills online.



Cross(word) Coupling

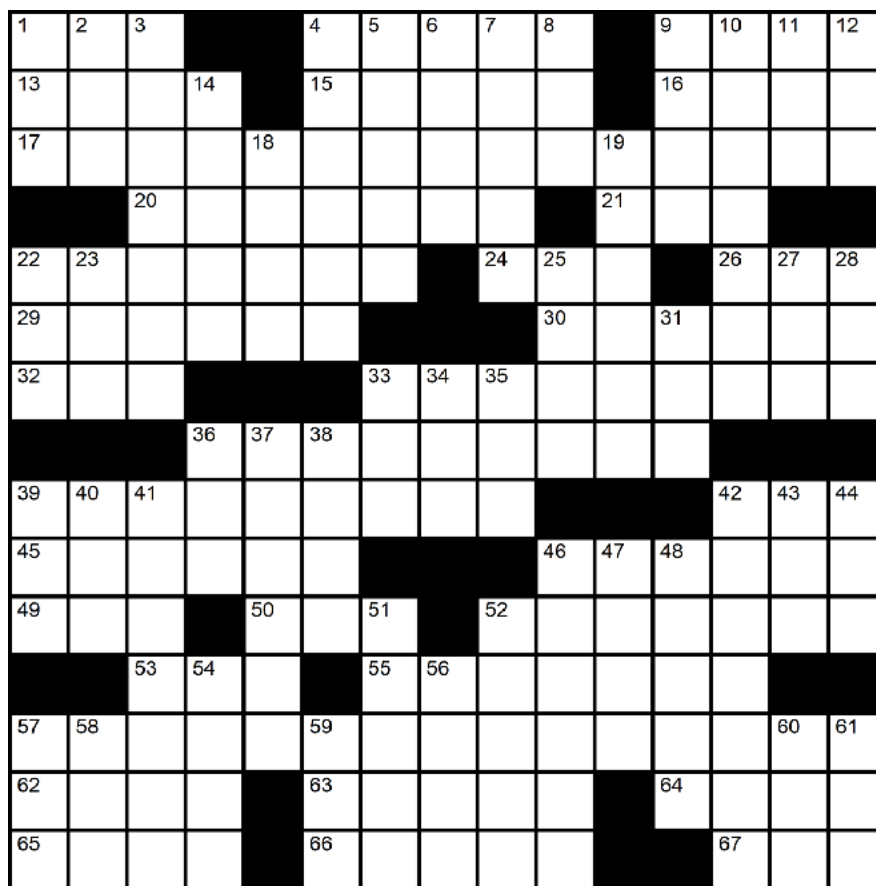
by George Barany and Irene Cesa

Across

1. Part of a college address
4. Word with time or memory
9. Locate or discover
13. Sisters but not brothers
15. "___ what you're saying!"
16. Quartet of prestigious prizes, in short
17. Binding molecules custom-synthesized by 57-Across?
20. Oat and barley, e.g.
21. Anger
22. Doctoral home for 57-Across
24. Small remote batteries
26. Ending with gen-
29. Beliefs
30. Order for Pope Francis
32. Novel
33. Molecules used by 57-Across to make things happen
36. Got hot and bothered
39. Iconic cross-coupling reaction discovered by 57-Across
42. ORD screeners
45. State or river in northern Mexico
46. Hood windows that should not be left open
49. Some ring results, in brief
50. Style guide for lit. majors
52. Postdoc home for 57-Across
53. Distillation vessel part
55. Experienced actor or performer
57. 2026 Gibbs Medalist
62. Largest member of the dolphin family
63. Bête ___ (anathema)
64. + 1/2 or - 1/2, to an electron
65. Apparatus for maintaining uniform reaction temperature
66. Aides: Abbr.
67. Thumbs-up vote

Down

1. Terminus, perhaps
2. Scheduled or expected
3. Remove a reagent bottle cap, often
4. Bottle cap inserts used to protect against air or moisture
5. Out in front
6. Unix scripting language that sounds like a gem
7. Pico de gallo, e.g.
8. "___ tu" (Verdi aria)
9. "Now is the time to understand more, so that we may ___ less." (Marie Curie)
10. Formed from molten lava
11. Affirmative action?



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12. Protecting group for peptide synthesis that was reported in the same JACS article that first used "orthogonal" in a chemistry context: Abbr.
14. Molecular ___
18. Common Russian place name suffix
19. Supermodel Bündchen
22. Prussic acid, chemically
23. *Where the Wild Things* ___ (Sendak classic)
25. Partially open
27. Professional home for 57-Across
28. UFO crew
31. Airport code for Australia's largest city
33. 151 in Roman numerals
34. From ___ Z
35. Perfect score that is half a score
36. ___-Caps (movie snacks)
37. It's felt by one holding an exotherm
38. Bibliographic shorthand
39. Inquire
40. ___, *Baa, La La La!* (Boynton classic)
41. Examine closely
42. Treatment
43. Brief moment, briefly
44. It's left behind after combustion analysis
46. Hollandaise and béarnaise, e.g.
47. Fictional river in "Kubla Khan" (Coleridge classic)
48. Broods
51. 28 for Ni, 29 for Cu, and 46 for Pd: Abbr.
52. Pursue or woo
54. Moonfish used in sushi and sashimi
56. Slugger's stats
57. Weep uncontrollably
58. Lead-in to "la-la"
59. Bambi's aunt or Alfonso XIII's queen (each beloved by crossword lovers)
60. Prevaricate
61. Molecule containing A-T and G-C pairs

2-Ingredient Slime!

Introduction:

Who doesn't love playing with slime? This experiment involves just 2 simple ingredients that are most likely in your household already! By just mixing these 2 simple ingredients, we can easily make slime through the beauty of chemistry.

Materials:

- Mixing bowl
- Gain liquid laundry detergent
- 4-oz bottle of white Elmer's glue
- Tablespoon

Experiment:

Using a mixing bowl, add in an entire 4-oz bottle of white Elmer's glue, along with 2 tablespoons of Gain laundry detergent. You can use a different detergent; however, measurements may differ depending on brand and formulation. After this, begin mixing both ingredients (this will take time, do not give up!). After a few minutes of mixing, the slime should have formed to the point where it is not leaving residue on the bowl. Once you have reached this point, you can then remove the slime from the mixing bowl and begin kneading it by hand until you've reached your ideal slime texture.

What's Happening?:

How does mixing glue and detergent create slime? The white glue contains polyvinyl alcohol and polyvinyl acetate, both of which consist of long polymer fibers that slide past one another and thus will pour easily. Borax, an ingredient found in Gain detergent, contains borate ions to which the polymer strands are attracted. Once the glue is mixed with an activator like Borax, these fibers "link" together through a chemical process called cross-linking.



Because the polymer strands are all linked together, they cannot easily slide past each other and the material becomes stiffer. This process transforms the glue into a slime-like texture that acts as both a liquid when no force is applied to it, but acts like a solid when stretched or poked. We call this a non-Newtonian fluid!

Extension/Final Notes:

What ingredients do different detergents have, and do they affect the slime? What other household ingredients could you use as activators for the slime? Could you add items—such as air-dry clay, beads, glitter, or sand—to transform the slime into a whole new texture? Can you dye the slime different colors using food coloring or foods like ketchup/mustard? What ratio of glue to detergent makes the best slime? Does water help?

Resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kWA96S7EvA>

To view all past “ChemShorts for Kids”, go to:
<https://chicagoacs.org/ChemShorts>

—MAGGIE KNOPF & PAUL BRANDT

UPCOMING & RECORDED EVENTS

YouTube links to the Priestley Medal Address and three keynote presentations from the Spring 2026 ACS National Meeting are listed below for handy reference. They can also be found at <https://www.acs.org/events/spring.html>. If advertisements pop up, skip past them and keep going.

PRIESTLEY MEDALIST ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY DR. JENNIFER DOUDNA (UC BERKELEY)

[“The Chemistry of Genome Editing — Transforming Human and Planet Health with Crispr”](#)

(The lecture begins at 40 minutes, following the ACS Spring 2026 Board Open Session.) Dr. Doudna, 2020 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, shares the remarkable discovery and development of gene-editing technology, along with personal insights and encouragement for younger chemists embarking on their careers.

KAVLI FOUNDATION EMERGING LEADER IN CHEMISTRY

KEYNOTE LECTURE PRESENTED BY DR. RACHEL CARTER (U.S. NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY)

[“Understanding Interactions between Temperature and Battery Phenomena”](#)

Dr. Carter, now an Associate Professor at the University of Kansas, explores groundbreaking insights at the intersection of energy storage, electrochemistry, and materials science.

150TH ANNIVERSARY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY DR. OMAR YAGHI (UC BERKELEY)

[“Organic Chemistry and AI for Our Planet”](#)

Dr. Yaghi, recipient of the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, explores how the convergence of organic chemistry, materials science, and artificial intelligence can accelerate solutions to some of the world's most pressing global challenges. This keynote reflects ACS's legacy while charting a bold path forward for science in service of humanity.

THE FRED KAVLI INNOVATIONS IN CHEMISTRY KEYNOTE

LECTURE PRESENTED BY DR. MOUNGI BAWENDI (MIT)

[“Quantum Dots: From Curiosity to Technology”](#)

Dr. Bawendi, recipient of the 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, explores the journey of quantum dots—from their discovery and fundamental research origins to their revolutionary impact on technologies including displays, biomedical imaging, and next-generation materials.



ChemHIST Talks is a WebSeries featuring two talks from each National ACS meeting. HIST is the Division of the History of Chemistry. We will have two presentations from the Spring 2026 National ACS Meeting in Atlanta, GA. [Register here](#) for the **ChemHIST Talks**. On **May 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM CST** we are pleased to host:

- **Mark Chalmers** (Oesper Library Collections, University of Cincinnati in Ohio) presenting ***“Chemical symbolism through the ages: A Rookwood fountain's visual journey”***
- **Kristine L. Konkol** (Department of Natural Sciences, Albany State University in Georgia) presenting ***“Toward Consensus in Standardization: The 1892 Geneva Congress on Organic Nomenclature.”***

Please forward to your classes or other colleagues who might be interested. Only those who register can watch live. Anyone will be able to watch after the talks are posted to the HIST website.

ACS CHICAGO SECTION BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held virtually over Zoom on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Meetings are open to Chicago ACS Section members. To obtain the Zoom link contact: office-at-chicagoacs.org.

2026: May 14, Jun 11, Aug 7, Sept 13, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 3

PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

May 15	Gibbs Award Lecture & Banquet , celebrating medalist Prof. Stephen L. Buchwald of MIT (pages 1–2)
Jun / Jul	(TBD) Family-friendly event
Aug 23–27	Chicago Section to host Fall ACS National Meeting of the American Chemical Society at McCormick Place <i>Can we count on your volunteer help?</i>
Sept 17	Monthly program – Education Night
Oct	Monthly program – TBA
Nov 6	Basolo Medal Lecture at Northwestern University, with dinner to follow, celebrating medalist Prof. Kimoon Kim
Nov 20	Monthly program – TBA
Dec 11	Holiday Party

For more information go to: <https://chicagoacs.org>

Solution to puzzle found on page 9:

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