

Chemical Society of Washington Candidate Statements

President-Elect

Allison A. Aldridge



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Loyola University-Chicago	Ph.D.	Chemistry
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign	B.S.	Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Consumer Safety Officer	Silver Spring, MD	2011-present
Director of Analytical Services	Buford, GA	2009-2011
Manager of Analytical Services	Winder, GA	2009
R&D Analytical Manager	Atlanta, GA	2005-2009

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
District III Caucus Chair	2022-present
Member/Strategic Planning Committee	2022-present
Member/Nominations and Elections Committee	2019-present
Member/Committee on Chemists with Disabilities	2012-2018
Chair/Committee on Minority Affairs	2009-2011
Secretary/Division of Professional Relations	2004-2008
President/Chemical Society of Washington	2018

STATEMENT

I am asking for your vote to re-elect me to serve as your President for CSW. I am a public servant and it is an honor to represent you. Since the start of the pandemic, CSW monthly meetings are available virtually. I encourage you to get involved with CSW as we begin to have more in person activities. Join me in this campaign to continue to:

- Champion chemistry's role in natural resource conservation and environmental stewardship
- Advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion and respect
- Sponsor programs for career development
- Engage and encourage greater student, industry and government chemist participation

I will continue to lead CSW's efforts to provide programs and services for our local section members.

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Secretary

Lee M. Nagao



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Yale University	PhD	Chemistry
University California San Diego	BA	Chemistry & Biochemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Principal, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP	Washington, DC	2023-
Senior Director, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP	Washington, DC	2020-2023

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Position/Activity	Year
Manager, ACS CSW Board of Managers	2021/2-2023
Member, CSW CMA	2020-2023
Member, AAAS	2000 - present
Member, ACS (including student affiliates)	1990 - present

STATEMENT

I have been involved with the Chemical Society of Washington since 2020, first as a member of the Society's Committee on Minority Affairs, actively supporting that group in its outreach and education efforts to students and professionals in the metropolitan area; and recently as a continuing participant in the CMA, a co-chair of the CSW Education Committee and member of the Board of Managers. I am continuously impressed and inspired by the CSW's broad efforts to support science education and exposure to the community, to students and professionals, as well as to support scientific education and professional development, particularly to historically underserved communities. If elected CSW Secretary, I will seek to (i) strongly support and progress these community education and outreach efforts among the various CSW committees, the larger membership; (ii) advance and facilitate communications among the CSW members, committees, and with the larger ACS; and (iii) support the promotion of CSW efforts broadly in collaboration with CSW leadership and committees. My participation in the CSW as Secretary would fit into my own personal goals of advancing STEM education, community betterment, and professional development - I believe CSW plays a critical role in this area.

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Councilor

Raychelle Burks



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Northern Iowa	BS	Chemistry
Nebraska Wesleyan University	MS	Forensic Science
University of Nebraska – Lincoln	PhD	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Associate Professor of Chemistry - American University	Washington, DC	August 2020 - current
Assistant Professor of Chemistry - St. Edward's University	Austin, TX	May 2016 - May 2020
Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry - Doane College	Crete, NE	June 2015 - May 2016
Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Doane College	Crete, NE	July 2013 - June 2015

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Position/Activity	Year
Elected Titular Member, Division V: Analytical, IUPAC	2024 - 2026
National Representative, Division V: Analytical, IUPAC	2021 - 2023
Member, U.S. National Committee for IUPAC	2020 - ongoing
Elected Titular Member, Committee on Chemical Research Applied to World Needs (CHEMRAWN), IUPAC	2020 - ongoing
Member, Committee on Enhancing the US Chemical Economy through Investments in Fundamental Research in the Chemical Sciences, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine	2020 - 2022
Councilor, ACS Central Texas Section	2019 - 2020
Member, ACS Committee of Minority Affairs	2019 - 2022
Alternate Councilor, ACS Central Texas Section	2017 - 2018
Member & Subcommittee Chair, ACS Committee on Public Relations and Communications	2014 - 2018

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Councilor

STATEMENT

It has been my privilege to be serve as an active ACS volunteer for nearly 18 years and to take on leadership roles within the society. I hope to continue serving the Chemical Society of Washington as a Councilor. Last year, I was elected to serve on ACS Council Policy Committee (CPC), which serves as the Executive Committee of the Council. Within Council, I work to represent our section and our wider chemical community. Central to this work is the core value of diversity, inclusion, and respect which I believe is the foundation the other three ACS core values of (1) passion for chemistry and the global chemistry enterprise, (2) focusing on members, and (3) professionalism, safety, and ethics. Though currently an academic, my professional experience includes work at government labs and research collaborations with industry partners. These experiences inform my advocacy work within ACS, which represents chemistry professionals working with - and across - various sectors. Within and across all sectors of the chemical enterprise, we face a number of challenges and opportunities. I hope to continue working with section colleagues and fellow Council members to successful address our shared challenges and seize opportunities that will enable all chemists realize their promise.

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Councilor

Wesley Farrell



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Wake Forest University	Honors BS	Chemistry
University of Maryland	PhD	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Postdoctoral Researcher	Gaithersburg, MD	2015-2018
Assistant Professor	Annapolis, MD	2018-Present

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Manager	2014-2016
Treasurer	2017-2020
Councilor	2021-Present
Project SEED Coordinator	2018

STATEMENT

I have proudly served on the board for nearly 10 years in several capacities. I would be honored to continue to represent CSW as a councilor, including serving on the national Project SEED committee and also assisting with SEED here at CSW.

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Councilor

Monika Konaklieva



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
American University	Ph.D.	Organic Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Associate Professor	Washington, DC	1999-current

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Alternate Councilor (CSW)	2018-2023
Councilor (CSW)	2015-2017
Alternative Councilor (CSW)	2011-2014
President of the Chemical Society (CSW)	2008
Manager (CSW)	2003-2007
President Sigma-Xi American U. Chapter	2003-present

STATEMENT

I am deeply honored for the opportunity to serve the CSW in the past two decades as a Manager, Alternative Councilor, Councilor and a President. I believe that the Society must have effective outreach and motivating mentors in order to influence the next generation of chemists. The potential for new discoveries and for young scientists in chemistry has never been greater. However, we need to go further to ensure that graduate and undergraduate students are prepared for the rapidly changing environment in high technology employment. ACS already has substantial experience in many of the areas of chemistry's disciplinary interfaces, but we must also advocate for providing these opportunities earlier in the formal educational process.

I ask for your vote as a Councilor so that I can continue to contribute to the Society's involvement with young chemists offering opportunities for continued discovery and learning. With my extensive experience in academia and industry as a Councilor, I would strive to promote CSW objectives and initiatives by working with the CSW Board and members to assure that ACS programs benefit CSW members to the greatest extent.

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Councilor

Alessandra Zimmermann



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland	PhD	Biochemistry
Carnegie Mellon University	BS	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Analyst, AAAS	Washington DC	2021-Present
Executive Director, Proposal Analytics	Virtual	2019-2021

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Position/Activity	Year
President, CSW	2023
Board of Managers, CSW	2021-2022
Editorial Chair, CSPC	2019-2021
Outreach Chair, ADSE	2017-2019

STATEMENT

I have been involved with CSW for the past three years, and would like to continue my involvement in the future. CSW is unique as an ACS local section because of its mix of academic, federal and nonprofit representation, providing a well-rounded view of the chemistry professional experience that I hope to continue contributing to.

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Councilor

Novella N. Bridges



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Louisiana State University	Ph.D.	Chemistry
Jackson State University	B.S.	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Sr. Program Manager	Washington, DC	2021-Present
Program Manager/Sr. Physicist	Washington	2018-2021
Sr. Research Specialist/Sr. Research Scientist	Richland, WA	2001-2018

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Position/Activity	Year
CSW, Manager and Alt. Councilor	2017-Present
President, Richland Section	2009-2011
CCPA Associate	2018-Present
WCC	2009-2014

STATEMENT

I have been an ACS member for more than 25 years. It is a unique community with outstanding qualities with service at its core. I enjoy serving and promoting the science community. It is important to give back and help uplift students. I would like the opportunity to serve again.

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Councilor

Dr. Sarah Ward



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Indiana University	PhD	Organic Chemistry
Western Kentucky University	BS	ACS Certified Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at George Mason University	Fairfax/VA	August 2021-present
Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Warren Wilson College (Sabbatical Replacement)	Swannanoa/NC	July 2020-July 2021

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Position/Activity	Year
Advisor of the Student Chapter of the ACS at George Mason University	2022-present

STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated and considered for this role. As a young academic, I would love to get involved with the local section of the ACS to hear more about and discuss what is going on in our community of chemists and our national community as well. I believe this position will aid me in getting involved more with the ACS and being able to further improve our department of chemists here at George Mason University as the chair of the organic division. Looking forward to hopefully working with you all.

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Councilor

Alexander G. Zestos



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Virginia	Ph.D	Chemistry
College of William and Mary	B.S./M.S.	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Associate Professor, American University	Washington, D.C.	09/22 - Present
Assistant Professor, American University	Washington, D.C.	08/17 – 08/22
Postdoc, University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	09/22 – Present

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Alternate Councilor, Chemical Society of Washington	2022-Present
Manager, Chemical Society of Washington	2019-2021
ACS SEED Program Mentor	2017-2018
Virginia Section of ACS	2007-2014

STATEMENT

I would like to declare my intent to run for Councilor for the ACS Chemical Society of Washington (CSW) Chapter. As a member of the CSW, I have actively attended meetings at the ACS headquarters and have made connections with chemists in many different fields. As a native Virginian who works in Washington, D.C. and lives in Maryland, I feel that I can thoroughly represent all chemists throughout the DMV area. I received my B.S./M.S. in chemistry from the College of William and Mary, a PhD in chemistry from the University of Virginia, and was a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Michigan. Currently, I am an Associate Professor of Chemistry at American University. I am a bioanalytical chemist that uses electrochemical methods to measure neurotransmitters and other biomolecules. I was a mentor in the ACS SEED Program where a local high school student performed research in my laboratory. I have previously served on the Board of Managers and as an Alternate Councilor for CSW. I would like to serve as Councilor for the CSW to serve and network with local chemists and increase CSW's representation in the national ACS. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Councilor

Gloria Bazargan



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Drexel University	Ph.D.	Chemistry
Stony Brook University	B.S.	Chemistry
Bard College	A.A.	Liberal Arts

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Research Chemist, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory	Washington D.C.	June 2022-Present
NRC Postdoctoral Research Associate, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory	Washington D.C.	October 2019 – June 2022

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Position/Activity	Year
Referee, multiple journals	2021-Present

STATEMENT

My name is Gloria Bazargan and I am a theoretical chemist interested in materials. I am honored to be nominated for the position of Councilor on the CSW board. If elected I hope to contribute to CSW's ongoing programs and events, and aim to support CSW as a community of chemistry professionals in the Washington D.C. area.

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Manager-At-Large

Kehinde Isaiah Joshua



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland College Park	Phd	Carbohydrate chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Research assistant	College Park/MD	2022-2027
Graduate Assistant Advisory Committee	College Park/MD	2022

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Graduate member	2022

STATEMENT

I am an Organic chemist with a strong enthusiasm for research and teaching, I am hardworking, a team player, and a smart individual with innovative ideas, I have volunteered as a member of the Graduate Assistant Advisory Committee (GAAC), an on-campus team advocating the rights and interests of all Graduate Assistants (GAs) in meetings with the institution's Authority to being committed to fulfilling its responsibilities. I look forward to serving at CSW/ACS and promoting a diverse and inclusive environment in the community.

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Manager-At-Large

Eva-Maria (EM) Rudler



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
George Mason University	3 rd Year PhD Student	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Saint Anselm College	Honors B.S.	Chemistry (Forensics Minor)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Graduate Research Assistant	Fairfax, VA	2023-Current
Graduate Teaching Assistant	Fairfax, VA	SP22-SP23
Undergrad Research Student	Manchester, NH	SP19-SU21

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Position/Activity	Year
Student Experiences Coordinator Intern	SU 2023
ACS Member (div: analytical, chem tox, and environmental)	2022-Current
NH-INBRE Mentor	2022-Current
President of Graduate Chemistry Club at GMU	2023-Current
National Society of Leadership and Success	2019-Current
NOBCCHE member	2022-Current
Women Leaders in STEM Member at GMU	2021-Current

STATEMENT

I am both honored and enthusiastic about the possibility of being elected as a Manager at Large for ACS's CSW (Chemical Society of Washington). As an early career chemist, this opportunity would not only be a personal milestone but also a gateway to deeper involvement within ACS as a whole.

ACS's CSW has a distinguished history in advancing chemistry and fostering a passionate community of scientists. Serving in a managerial capacity would allow me to contribute actively to the organization's mission while also learning from experienced professionals, helping me grow as a chemist and a dedicated ACS member. If elected, I pledge to bring integrity, transparency, and unwavering dedication to the role, all while pursuing my goal of becoming more deeply engaged with ACS's broader initiatives. Your support in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated, and I look forward to the potential to serve ACS's CSW and its larger community.

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Manager-At-Large

Pritha G. Roy



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
U of I, Urbana-Champaign	Ph.D.	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Associate Professor/GMU	Fairfax, VA	2015-present
Adjunct Faculty/NOVA	Manassas, VA	2012-2015
Lead Science Instructor/K-12	Milpitas, CA	2005-2012
Chief Operating Officer /Wi2Wi	Milpitas, CA	2004-2005
Program Manager/Intel	Portland, OR	1998-2004
Manager/Firmenich, Inc.	Plainsboro, NJ	1993-1998
Research Scientist/P&G	Cincinnati, OH	1991-1993

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Undergraduate Awards Chair/ACS ANYL	2022-present
Analytical (ANYL) Chemistry Education Committee/ACS	2021-present
Administrative Committee Chair/IEEE VLSI Test Symposium	2003-2004
Organizing Committee Chair/IEEE VLSI Test Symposium	2001-2002
Local Arrangements Chair/IEEE VLSI Test Symposium	2000-2001

STATEMENT

It would be my honor to serve as a Manager or Councilor for CSW. I am a passionate advocate of justice, diversity, inclusion, equity, and respect. I am confident, if elected, I will serve to the best of my ability to help the next generation of Chemists with both my experience and my passion.

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Manager-At-Large

Savanah Shumaker, MS



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Concordia School of Pharmacy	Master of Science	Chemical Product Development
Batterman School of Business	MBA Certificate	Business Management
University of WI Green Bay	Bachelor of Science	Human Biology
Northeast WI Technical College	Technical Diploma	Dental Assisting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
NMR Chemist [C] at NIH/NCATS	Rockville, MD	2020-Present
Entrepreneur	Misc. (WI, MD, NY)	2020-Present
Research Scientist at CUW	Mequon, WI	2016-2020
Masters Program Coordinator at CUW	Mequon, WI	2020
Pathology Lab Analyst at FSNS	Green Bay, WI	2016

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Position/Activity	Year
Scientific Organizing Committee:	2023-Present
Practical Applications of NMR in Industry Conference (PANIC)	
Vice-Chair, Sponsorship Committee	2023-Present
Women In Bio Capital Region	
Community Outreach Lead Volunteer, Mentorship Program Mentor, Seminar Series	2022-Present
Committee Member: Women Scientists Advisors, NIH/NCATS	
Memberships, Misc:	2019-Present
AWIS, MAES, ACS	

STATEMENT

My name is Savanah Shumaker and I am an active ACS/CSW member. I have recently begun participating in various CSW events, including being an invited career panelist for Project SEED students, thanks to current President-Elect Lauren Ragle. As shown by my education history, my road into a chemistry career was not a straight path, so I am passionate about mentoring, volunteering, and all-around being involved with groups that promote careers in STEM. I am excited to hopefully get involved in CSW leadership moving forward so that my scientific, fund-raising, and event planning skills can be used to uplift my local scientific community.

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Manager-At-Large

Carissa Hunter



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
George Mason University	PhD	Environmental/Analytical Chemistry
George Mason University	MS	Chemistry
Howard University	BS	Biology, Chemistry Minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Academic and Student Affairs Coordinator	Fairfax, VA	April 2019- Present

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Position/Activity	Year
Manager, CSW	2021- Present
Co- Chair Committee of Minority Affairs	2021- Present
Virginia Section YCC Executive Board Member	2020-Present
ACS Member	2018-Present

STATEMENT

I would be honored to continue to serve as a councilor on the CSW Board. As councilor, currently I am the Co-Chair for the Committee on Minority Affairs. I would love to continue in this position and hope to reach a wider range of diverse people in chemistry. I enjoy serving and feel I can to add value to this wonderful organization.

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Manager-At-Large

Brandi Toliver



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
North Carolina State University	BS	Chemistry
North Carolina Central University	MS	Chemistry
North Carolina State University	PhD	Fiber and Polymer Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Program Manager/Physical Scientist	Washington D.C.	July 2022 to Present
Program Manager	Gaithersburg, MD	June 2014 to July 2022
Operations Research Analyst	Fort Bragg, NC	June 2013 to June 2014
Chemist	Warner Robins, GA	June 2012 to June

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Position/Activity	Year
Co-secretary of Professional Opportunites for Women in Energy POWER	2023
CSW Invited Speaker	
National Association for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Member/Winifred Houckes-Burke Leadership Award	2022
Former President, NIST Women in STEM	2020-2021
Girl Scout Daisy Troup Leader	2022-2023

STATEMENT

I am seeking the office of Manager-at-large. In this role, I wish to be a voice for members. As a leader/former leader in other organizations such as NOBCChE, POWER, NIST Women in STEM, and the my local Girl Scout Troup, I encourage members to submit recommendations and feedback for events which they would like to attend (i.e. seminars, workshops, etc) and strategies to grow the organization. I believe it's necessary to use various tools to collect feedback such as surveys, listening sessions, and general email inquiries. If elected as a manager, I wish to use various strategies (surveys, email inquiries and more) to ensure the thoughts of members are heard and valued by providing a response/course of action.

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Manager-At-Large

Matthew A. Diasio



EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Virginia	PhD	Materials science and engineering
University of Virginia	MMSE	Materials science and engineering
Rice University	BS	Physics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Research Staff Member, STPI	Washington, DC	September 2023 - current
Science and Innovation Policy Advisor	Washington, DC	August 2021 - September 2023
ACS Congressional Fellow	Washington, DC	September 2020 - August 2021

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Chair, Advocacy Committee, National Science Policy Network	Aug 2022- July 2023
Vice Chair, State Fellowships Ad Hoc Committee, National Science Policy Network	July 2020 - June 2021
Editor, Graduate Education Committee, National Science Policy Network	Nov 2019 - Aug 2020

STATEMENT

I am a materials scientist now working in science policy. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity I was afforded as an ACS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow to get first-hand experience of how government works. Now I look forward to connecting with and serving the broader chemistry community in DC, with a special interest in supporting opportunities for public outreach and professional development.