

# Chemical Society of Washington Candidate Statements

## President-Elect

### Nevart N. Tahmazian



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland, College Park	MS	Chemistry (Analytical, Nuclear and Environmental)
American University of Beirut	MA	Chemical Education

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Professor of Chemistry	Rockville/Maryland	1995-present
Global Classrooms Fellow	Rockville/Maryland	2022
co-PI for NSF Robert NOYCE grant- preparing Excellent teachers for STEM	Rockville/Maryland	2016-2022
Global Humanities Institute fellow	Rockville, Maryland	2015-2016

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

Position/Activity	Year
ACS Councilor serving on a second three-year term	2019-2025
Appointed as a Member of the ACS International Activities Committee, IAC	2024-2026
Member of the CSW Board, and currently a member of the Executive Committee	2015-Present
Chair/co-Chair CSW Education Committee	2016-2021
Serving as an Associate on the Committee on International Activities, ACS	2022-present
NCW and CCEW Coordinator for the CSW	2021-2022
co-Chair CSW Outreach Committee	2022-present
ACS Local Section/CSW Outreach Volunteer of the Year Award	2015
Maryland Professor of the Year Award by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and CASE	2015
Science Advisor for the Rockville Science Center organization (RSC)	2017-present
ACS Chemistry Ambassador and Science Coach	2013-2014
Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development and Montgomery College Outstanding faculty award	2010-2011

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### STATEMENT

I have served on the CSW Board of Managers since 2015, initially as a member of the Education Committee and then the Outreach Committee as Chair/co-Chair of these Committees. I also serve as a Councilor representing our CSW local section in the ACS International Activities Committee, (IAC). I highly value and applaud the volunteerism and the professionalism of the members and my colleagues.

If elected, I would be honored to continue serving the mission of the Chemical Society of Washington (CSW). My focus would be on enhancing networking opportunities for chemists in the Washington, DC area, spanning academia, research, and industry; organizing educational events; and fostering community outreach. I would strongly support and encourage high school chemistry teachers to get involved in CSW activities.

I am dedicated to encouraging the involvement of new members and creating spaces where younger chemists can connect with professionals and senior chemists across the DMV area while promoting a diverse and inclusive environment. Furthermore, I will actively promote opportunities for students and chemists to engage in public outreach, aiming to raise awareness of the vital role chemistry plays in society.

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## Treasurer

**Andrew W. Tricker**



### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Georgia Institute of Technology	PhD	Chemical Engineering
Georgia Institute of Technology	BS	Chemical Engineering

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow	Washington, DC	September 2023 - Present
Postdoctoral Researcher	Berkeley, CA	July 2021 - August 2023

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

Position/Activity	Year
ProjectSEED Coordinator, CSW	2024
Member, AAAS	June 2023 - Present
Member, ACS	January 2022 - Present
Member, AIChE	August 2013 - Present

### STATEMENT

I am a new member of the Chemical Society of Washington, having joined earlier this year, but I am excited to take the next step by running for Treasurer. My experience with Project SEED this past summer has given me insight into the impactful work our chapter does to support and inspire the next generation of scientists, and I am eager to contribute more to that mission. While I have not previously held a leadership role within CSW, I bring a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility, attention to detail, and a passion for advancing chemistry education and outreach. I hope for the opportunity to serve and help strengthen our CSW's contributions to our local chemistry community.

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## Councilor

### Allison A. Aldridge



#### EDUCATION

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

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Consumer Safety Officer	Silver Spring, Maryland	2011-present
Director of Analytical Services	Buford, Georgia	2009-2011
Manager of Analytical Services	Winder, Georgia	2009
R&D Analytical Manager	Atlanta, Georgia	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
CSW President-elect	2024
CSW MARM Representative	2023-present
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 elect me to serve as your councilor for CSW. I am a public servant with over 15 years' service to ACS. I was recently elected to the Committee on Committees and I continue to volunteer as a career consultant. I'm currently appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Join me in this campaign to:

- Champion chemistry's role in natural resource conservation and environmental stewardship
- Advocate for global chemistry careers
- Sponsor member benefit programs on writing successful grants, post doc career transition, and entrepreneurship
- Engage and encourage greater student, industry and government chemist participation

As your voice to ACS, I will foster an alignment of our members' needs with ACS programs and services.

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## Councilor

### Gagandeep Kaur



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Ph.D.	Bioorganic Chemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Professor	Washington DC	Fall 2022-Current
Postdoctoral Research Associate	College Station TX	Nov 2017-Aug 2022

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

Position/Activity	Year
Guest Editor, ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering	2024-present
Early career board member, ACS Biomaterials Science & Eng.	2022-present
Co-president, Postdoctoral Association, Texas A&M University, College Station	2022
Member, Royal Chemical Society	2022-present
Facilitator, Aggie Ally, Texas A&M University, College Station	2020-2022
Member, Chemistry Women Mentorship Network (ChemWMN)	2019-present
Member, American Chemical Society	2018-present
Member, Lindau Alumni Association (Invited)	2017-present
Member, European Peptide Society	2017-present
Member, American Peptide Society	2017-present
Departmental postgraduate committee (DPGC) student representative, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	2014-2015

#### STATEMENT

I am an early career biomaterials chemist and have been a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) since 2017. After joining Howard University as a tenure-track assistant professor, I have volunteered as a panelist and presenter for 4th Annual "Expanding Your Horizons" STEM Outreach organized by ACS Chemical Society of Washington (CSW). As an early career researcher, I am eager to become more involved with CSW to serve our community. I am enthusiastic about contributing my skills and knowledge to the CSW's initiatives. My research focuses on Biomaterials designs, and I am confident that my expertise could be valuable in developing programs and events related to this specific field. I am confident that my skills and diverse background would be instrumental in committee discussions, project planning, and outreach efforts. Furthermore, I am keen to learn from the vast experience and diverse perspectives of the existing CSW members. Being part of a collaborative and supportive network of accomplished researcher in chemistry would be an invaluable opportunity for my own professional growth. If elected, I hope to contribute to CSW's existing programs and events, along with supporting CSW as a vibrant community of chemistry professionals in the DMV region.

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## Councilor

**Monika I. 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
Alternative Councilor (CSW)	2018-2024
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

### Stephanie Moffitt



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of California at Santa Barbara	B.S.	Chemistry
Northwestern University	Ph.D.	Materials Science and Engineering

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Researcher, NIST	Gaithersburg, MD	2019-present
Postdoc at SLAC/Stanford	Menlo Park, CA	2017-2019

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

Position/Activity	Year
Outreach Coordinator, Chemical Society of Washington	2023-present
Outreach Committee co-chair, Chemical Society of Washington	2022-present
Councilor, Chemical Society of Washington	2022-present
Secretary, Women in STEM (WiSTEM), at NIST	2024-present
Leadership board member of the Postdoc and Early Career Association of Researchers (PEAR) at NIST	2019-2023
Founder and president of the Graduate Division of the Society of Women Engineers at Northwestern University	2014-2017

#### STATEMENT

Throughout my career I have seen the incredible value of bringing the scientific community together to support one another, celebrate each other's accomplishments, and most importantly, pool our energy to make improvements to our field and community. It has been a privilege to serve as a Councilor and work alongside my fellow CSW members over the last 3 years to improve the chemistry community. I am running for Councilor because I would like to continue to support and grow CSW's activities, particularly our outreach events.

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## Councilor

### Lauren Ragle, PhD



#### EDUCATION

Institution name		Field of Study
The George Washington University	MEd (grad 2026)	Individual Masters in Education
The George Washington University	Certificate (2024)	Master Teacher Leadership Develop
University of Memphis	PhD (2016)	Organic Chemistry
University of Memphis	MS (2013)	Organic Chemistry
University of Memphis	BS (2011)	Biochemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Prof at GWU	Ashburn, VA	August 2020 - Current
NCI Postdoctoral Fellow	Bethesda, MD	Jan 2017 - July 2020
Adjunct at GWU	Ashburn, VA	Jan 2020 - April 2020
Adjunct at Trinity	Washington, DC	August 2019 - Dec 2019
Adjunct at FAES	Bethesda, MD	Aug 2017 - May 2019

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

Position/Activity	Year
Symposium Organizer, ACS Fall	2024 (Meeting in Aug.)
Member, Chemists with Disabilities Committee (ACS)	2024 – Present
Rockville Science Day Outreach, Chemical Society of Washington (ACS)	Spring 2024
Vice Chair, Clara Bliss Hinds Society (at GWU)	Spring 2023 – Spring 2024
Spooky Mad Science Expo Outreach, Chemical Society of Washington (ACS)	Fall 2023
Co-chair, Project SEED Committee, Chemical Society of Washington (ACS)	Spring 2023 – Present
Mini-Symposium Co-Chair, ASCB Annual Meeting	2022 (Meeting in Dec. 2022)
Attendee, ACS Leadership Institute	Spring 2022
Manager, Chemical Society of Washington (ACS)	Spring 2020 – Fall 2022
Associate SAT Test Supervisor for Montgomery County, MD	Fall 2018 - Present
Editor, CCR-FYI Newsletter (at NCI)	Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Judge, Postbac Poster Day (at NIH)	Summer 2019
Judge, Postbac Poster Day (at NIH)	Summer 2017
Vice President, Chemistry GSA at University of Memphis	Summer 2015 - Spring 2016
College of Arts and Sciences Representative, GSA, University of Memphis	Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
Graduate Studies Committee, Chemistry Department	Fall 2014 - Spring 2016
Graduate Travel Committee, GSA, University of Memphis	Fall 2013 - Spring 2014



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## Councilor

### STATEMENT

My name is Lauren Ragle and I enjoy actively serving organizations of which I am a member. I have volunteered with CSW through my years in DC, including an event that brought school-aged young girls to ACS Headquarters to learn science through hands-on experiments. Most recently, I was honored to serve as President-Elect (2023) and President (2024). I connected our group to other local scientific organizations (including PANIC, a group of NMR scientists) and brought in speakers of different backgrounds to speak across the chemical enterprise. As a scientific educator, I hope to see CSW continue in our outreach efforts. I served as co-chair for the Project SEED Committee this past year, and will continue to serve in that role in 2025. As a member of a national ACS committee, the Chemists with Disabilities Committee (CWD), I try to keep in mind what my local members and fellow chemists need at a national level. As Councilor, I hope to continue to be of service to CSW and support our membership as we navigate the post-pandemic world. I foresee myself applying for the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC) liaison to CWD once I rotate off of CWD in the future, always keeping my heart and my mind towards our local section and how I can best serve the membership.

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## Councilor

### Jacqueline Smith



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland College Park	PhD	Organic Chemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	
Assistant Professor Bowie State University	Bowie/MD	2016-
Postdoctoral Researcher Georgetown University	Washington/DC	2011-2016

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

Position/Activity	Year
Chemistry Coordinator Bowie State University	2017-

#### STATEMENT

I am an organic chemist in academia who has a passion for research, teaching and bringing science to the community. As a professor at an HBCU I have the opportunity to work with undergraduate students the majority of which come from underrepresented backgrounds. I enjoy teaching them organic chemistry as well as engaging them in research projects. I have also had many opportunities to volunteer with Prince George's County Public Schools as a science fair judge at many schools and as a Research Practicum mentor for Science & Technology Programs. I look forward to working the CSW/ACS to further serve the community.

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## Manager-At-Large

### Adriana Bankston



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Emory University	Ph.D.	Biochemistry, Cell and Developmental Biology
Clemson University	B.S.	Biological Sciences

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
AAAS STPF/ASGCT Congressional Policy Fellow	Washington, DC	2024-present
Consultant, Senior Fellow & Advisor, Scientific Research Policy & Advocacy*	Washington, DC	2023-2024
Principal Legislative Analyst, Scientific Research, University of California Office of the President	Washington, DC	2019-2023
Policy & Advocacy Fellow, Society for Neuroscience	Washington, DC	2019

\*Consulting work started in Aug 2017 in various capacities, listing only the most recent year having done it full time in 2023-2024

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

Position/Activity	Year
Co-editor, Frontiers Collection on Building Tomorrow's Biomedical Workforce	2024-present
Participant, Paths to Invention of Doctoral Scientists and Engineers, Coleridge Initiative & NCSES (selected)	2024
Group Leader, Capitol Hill Days on Federal Research Investments, Various Organizations	2024
Policy Advisor, Science Policy & Advocacy for Research Competition, Universities Research Association	2023-2024
Co-Director & Advisor, Science Policy & Advocacy Certificate Program, UC Irvine	2020-2024
Biomedical Workforce & Policy Research Investigator, SAi Resident Collective	2020-2024
CEO & Managing Publisher, Communications & Outreach Leadership, Strategic Advisor, Journal of Science Policy & Governance	2018-2023
Fellow, Advancing Research Impact in Society	2022-2023

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Vice-President, Board Member & Co-Director, Policy Taskforce, Future of Research	2016-2021
Participant, STEM Futures Project, Arizona State University (selected)	2020
Associate Member, Public Policy Committee Associate Member, Public Policy Committee, American Society for Cell Biology	2017-2019
Various Leadership Roles, Advocacy, Resource Development & Meetings Committees, National Postdoctoral Association	2015-2019
Member, Committee on Science Education & Advocacy, Kentucky Academy of Science	2016-2017

### STATEMENT

I am a former bench scientist dedicated to supporting the future of STEM in the United States and ensuring that trainees from all backgrounds interested in pursuing a scientific career can see themselves in the field. As a biochemist by training, I know the importance of building the next generation of scientific leaders in the field, and particularly chemists who contribute groundbreaking discoveries to prevent and treat diseases. Additionally, having been involved in various national and local activities to enhance the future STEM pipeline, such as through local society chapters (e.g. AWIS, SfN), I understand the value that society sections bring in making a difference in providing training opportunities, championing diversity, and providing role models for trainees who want to pursue careers in the field. From my prior interactions with ACS staff, I admire their commitment to providing professional development opportunities and practical experiences for trainees from all backgrounds to get involved in chemistry through training programs, as well as outreach and engagement opportunities. I am also a strong supporter of DEI in STEM, and have frequently spoken to young girls interested in STEM fields to encourage them to pursue STEM degrees. I also have substantial experience on boards and committees that I would bring to ACS CSW. I would be honored to work with ACS CSW as a Board Manager to help support the society's mission in developing the future pipeline in chemistry, to build a stronger future STEM workforce that reflects America, and to champion the role that chemistry research brings to broadly enhancing our society.

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## Manager-At-Large

**Tina Brower-Thomas**

### EDUCATION

Institution name

Degree or Student Status

Field of Study

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position

City/State

Start-End

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

Position/Activity

Year

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## Manager-At-Large

### Steven Cummings



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Purdue University	PhD	Chemistry
University of California, Santa Cruz	BS; BA	Biology; Chemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Howard University	Washington, DC	2017 - Current
University of California, Merced	Merced, CA	2015-2017
University of California, Riverside	Riverside, CA	2012-2015

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

Position/Activity	Year
Manager at Chemical Society of Washington	2023-2024
Advisor for ACS Howard University student affiliate chapter	2022-current

#### STATEMENT

I would like to continue to be a manager for CSW to help highlight strengths and weaknesses of proposals and bring issues of the scientific community I interact with to the board. I am also willing to continue helping CSW and the board out by volunteering for and carrying out duties assigned by the board, such as aiding the ACS-SEED team.

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## Manager-At-Large

**Reyniak Richards**



### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland	MS	Chemistry

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Professor	Largo, MD	2016 - Present

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

Position/Activity	Year
Treasurer, CSW	2020-Present
Co-Chair Committee of Minority Affairs	2021-Present
ACS Member	2006 - Present

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## Manager-At-Large

### Aditya Savara



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Hawaii	B.S.	Chemistry
Northwestern University	Ph.D.	Physical Chemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Physical Scientist	Washington, D.C.	2023-Present
Staff Scientist	Oak Ridge, TN	2011-2023

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

Position/Activity	Year
Member / ACS Divisional Activities Committee	2023-Present
Webmaster / East Tennessee Local Section	2022
Councilor / ACS Division of Catalysis	2018-2022
Associate Member / ACS Divisional Activities Committee	2021-2022
Associate Member / ACS Meetings and Expositions Committee	2020-2022
Program Chair / ACS Division of Catalysis	2017-2019
Member-At-Large / ACS Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group	2020-2022
Representative / ACS Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group	2017-2022
Membership Chair / ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry	2016-2019
Secretary / ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry	2012-2015
Webmaster / ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry	2012-Present

#### STATEMENT

I am a long-time ACS volunteer of more than 10 years, and I have held a number of positions and served on many committees, ranging from planning committees to award committees. This experience benefits our local section, and it is my pleasure to ask for your vote. I also enjoy mentoring, and there are various ACS volunteers whom I have mentored that have gone on to their own elected positions. In addition to my ACS volunteering and mentoring, I have mentored many students in an academic capacity. My goal as your representative in CSW is to continue our work in serving our members, and also to continue to seek efficiencies to make the volunteering easier in CSW.



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## Manager-At-Large

### Jason E. Schaff



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Minnesota	Ph.D. 1997	Analytical Chemistry
Yale University	B.S. 1991	Chemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Chemist (FDA Center for Tobacco Products)	White Oak, MD	08/2020-present
Forensic Examiner (U.S. Department of Justice)	Quantico, VA	10/2016-08/2020
Forensic Chemist (U.S. Department of Justice)	Washington, DC	04/1999-10/2016
	Quantico, VA	
Postdoctoral Fellow (Indiana University Medical Center)	Indianapolis, IN	03/1997-03/1999

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

Position/Activity	Year
CSW Bylaws Committee Chair	2018-present
CSW President	2017
CSW/ACS Councilor	2014-2016
CSW/ACS Alternate Councilor	2012-2013, 2017-2022
CSW Budget Committee Chair	2012-2016
CSW Secretary	2006-2011

#### STATEMENT

I am honored to have the opportunity to stand for reelection to the CSW Board of Managers. I have served on the Board for almost 19 years; as Secretary, as a Councilor, and as President. Over the years, I have been a member of several committees, including: Bylaws (as chair), Budget (as chair), Education, and Nominations. I was also a member of the organizing committees for three different ACS-supported CSW community outreach symposia, and of the organizing committees for local section activities at the Fall 2009 and Fall 2017 (as chair) ACS National Meetings. This experience will be particularly valuable as we prepare to host the Fall 2025 meeting in DC. As a Councilor, I served on two ACS Committees: Chemical Safety and Constitution & Bylaws. As chair of the CSW Bylaws Committee I successfully oversaw a project to update CSW's Bylaws and bring them into line with current ACS practices, terminology, and guidelines, all while preserving CSW's unique identity. If reelected, I will maintain my involvement with CSW's many valuable outreach programs, faithfully represent the interests of CSW and its members, and look for opportunities to connect our programs and services with ACS resources.

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## Manager-At-Large

### Brian Slawski



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Virginia	MEng (in progress)	Chemical engineering
University of Virginia	BS	Chemical engineering

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Patent examiner, USPTO	Alexandria, VA	2007 to Present
Process engineer, DVTI, Inc.	Charlottesville, VA	2005 to 2007

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

Position/Activity	Year
CSW MARM 2028 committee	2024
CSW ACS 2025 Fall Meeting committee	2024
AICHe Natl. Capital Section Director of Professional Relations	2024
CSW meeting co-panelist	2023
CSW exhibitor at Spooky Science Expo	2021 to present
Electrochemical Society member	2021 to present
ACS & CSW member	2007 to present
AICHe member	2007 to present

#### STATEMENT

In candor, I wouldn't presume to run for a manager position if I hadn't been asked by the section leadership. My volunteering with CSW has been essentially ad hoc so far, and I still don't know much about the details of governance. I would enjoy learning more and helping the section to meet its members' needs. I'd also be interested in exploring options for collaboration and joint events with the AICHe National Capital Section.

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## Manager-At-Large

### Jennifer Swift



#### EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Yale University	PhD	Chemistry
Bowdoin College	BA	Chemistry

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant, Associate and Full Professor, Georgetown University	Washington, DC	1999 - present
Postdoctoral Associate	Minneapolis, MN	1997-1999

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

Position/Activity	Year
Chemistry Department Chair, Georgetown U	2021- present
Co-director, NSF-REU Program at Georgetown	2006-2015
Member, CSW Hillebrand award committee	2014-2017
Member, US National Committee for Crystallography	2006-2011
Mentor, ACS-SEED	2004-2015
Councilor, Council of Undergraduate Research	2015-2018

#### STATEMENT

I am broadly interested in advancing Chemistry education and research. The CSW can play an important role in fostering connections between diverse institutions across the greater DC metro. As a nominee for a manager-at-large position, I look forward to exploring what new ideas and initiatives might be sparked through this group to advance Chemistry in the region.