

News of Interest to  
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## Faculty Recognition

### NIH Awardees

Dr. **Jianfeng Cai** (Professor of Chemistry)  
and Dr. **Xingmin Sun** (Professor of



Dr. Cai



Dr. Sun

Medicine) were awarded a \$1.8+ million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the project

Combating *C. difficile*

e project

was slated to start in September and continue until August 2024.

#### *The Cai Lab*

organic materials research group focusing on task-specific design and functionalization of advanced porous materials.

*The Sun Lab* (<http://www.sunlab-usf.com>) focuses on the pathogenesis of Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) and development of novel preventive and therapeutic agents against CDI.

### Faculty Achievement Awardees

Two chemistry faculty members were named 2019 Faculty Achievement Awardees. They were formally recognized at a ceremony on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. **Xiaopeng Li** (Associate Professor) and Dr. **Lee Woodcock** (Associate Professor) were selected to receive Outstanding Research Achievement Awards from the USF Office of Research and Innovation. Awards were presented at a luncheon on October 21<sup>st</sup>.



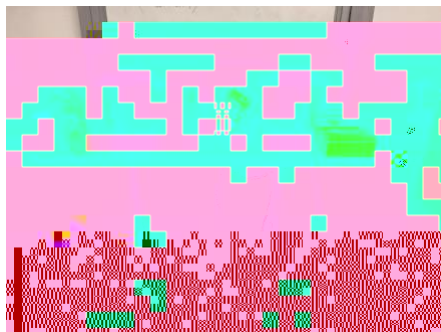
Dr. Li



Dr. Woodcock

are a synthetic inorganic and organic materials research group focusing on task-specific design and functionalization of advanced porous materials

Dr. Woodcock commen Our research is focused on developing and employing computational methodology to solve critical problems at the interface of biophysics,



It brings persons together before the start of a seminar and adds to the social and physical warmth. Kudos to Mr. **Guy Dayhoff**, graduate student, NSF Fellow, and provider.



Mr. Dayhoff

The Chemistry Council of Graduate Students (CCoGS) hosting a departmental BBQ at USF Riverfront Park on Friday November 22nd from 2pm-7pm.

The faculty, staff, students, undergraduate researchers, friends and family were all invited and encouraged to attend. Mr Dayhoff serves as president of CCoGS.



Dr. Islam



Dr. Lemus

- < **Dr. Andrea Lemus (Dr. James Leahy)**
- < **Dr. Ann-Claire D. Limon (Dr. Bill J. Baker)**
- < **Dr. Rainer Metcalf (Dr. Wayne Guida)**



Dr. Lemon





Mr. Johnson

## Persons you should know

**Barrett G. Johnson (M.S. '66)** first graduate degree recipient in chemistry, earned his J.D. and

A significant, and interesting introduction was provided by Sir **Malcolm Grant**, former **President** and Provost, University College London, at which Dr. Currall had spent time.

Guests included more than 150 delegates from colleges and universities from around the world.

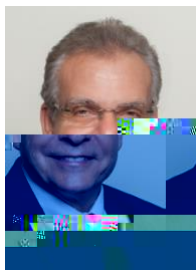
Dr. Currall was formally installed and presented with the chain of office by Board of Trustees Chair **Jordan Zimmerman**.

The address that followed was remarkable for the range of information about USF, its mission, students, activities, plans for the future, as well as for a notable use of visual information.

Immediately after the ceremony the Campus and Community Inauguration Reception was held at the Muma College of Business Atrium.

### ***USF Enterprise***

**Paul R. Sanberg**, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc. (Senior VP for Research, Innovation & Knowledge Enterprise) and President and Founder of the National Academy of Inventors, shared information the USF Enterprise.



Dr. Sanberg

### **The Enterprise**

- ◁ sustains more than 4,000 public and private jobs. (up 35% from 2016).

- ◁ returns \$71 million in tax revenue to local, state, and federal coffers.(up 37% since 2018) .
- ◁ returned \$548 million to the immediate Tampa Bay region.
- ◁ Created jobs, and of those created by USF Innovation statewide, 82% are in the knowledge-based services sector

### **Obituary**

**Joan Ann Stanko,**

October 8, 1940-September 22, 2019

She was the beloved wife of Dr. **Joseph Stanko**, retired Associate Professor to whom she had been married for 57 years.

They started married life when Joe started graduate work in chemistry at the University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign, and she worked as a secretary at a local sports goods store.

Later she and Joe moved to Penn State, State College, where he was an Assistant Professor. .In 1973 they moved to Florida , he as an USF Associate Professor, and she as an office at USF, prior to her retirement.

She was the mother of three sons,

Ms. **Rosie Lopez** assisted with University information.

Mr. **Bill McCausland**, M.B.A., Executive Director, and Vice President, USF Alumni Association provided helpful information about a chemistry alumnus.

Dr.**Rong Zang** for a more recent picture of Dr.Ma.

## **Abbreviations**

**SMMARTT**:Smart Metal-Organic Materials Advanced Research and Technology Transfer)

## ***News and feedback***