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BioMed Research Building, Room 205/207
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Program:
Career Opportunities in Science:
Which Job is Right for You?
Mary Lynn Bajt-Jaeschke

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Mary Lynn Bajt-Jaeschke's educational background is very diverse, and she has received a B.S. from the Department of Zoology at Auburn University, a M.S. from the Department of Zoology at Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. from the Department of Physiology at Michigan State University. With this educational background, Mary Lynn has worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow at The Scripps Research Institute, as a Research Scientist III at Pharmacia & Upjohn, and now currently serves as a faculty member within the Department of Toxicology and Pharmacology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Throughout her career Mary Lynn has served the scientific community, received many prestigious awards, served as a reviewer for many scientific journals, and has published over 20 articles. In addition, Mary Lynn has always found the time in her busy schedule to give invited presentations to many different groups.

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HOW TO GET THERE:

Take 630 to the Pine St. exit and go north on Pine. At the second stop-light turn left on Capitol, and at the Cedar St. intersection you should see the entrance to the parking deck (park there). The Biomedical Research Building is located just north of the parking deck.

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER:

Take 630 West to the Schackleford intersection, and turn right. At the next stop light make a left on Markham St. At the Ford Dealership make another right on Schackleford Dr. This road leads to the Macaroni Grill which is next to Chi's on the hill on the right.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

No decision is more critical in looking for a job than first determining which sector of the scientific community you are most interested in working in. Today, scientists have a broad range of areas from which to choose from including academic institutions, government positions, large pharmaceutical companies, as well as small biotech companies. Whether you have your bachelor or doctorate degree, opportunities exist in all of these areas. Choosing the right job through careful planning will guarantee you a satisfying scientific career.

FROM THE CHAIR

I don't know about you, but I am excited about where the Central Arkansas Section of the ACS is headed. The officers have just completed the annual report for the year 2000, and the progress made in building the strength of our section is to be commended. Due to the leadership of Derek McDowell, we have started many new programs from which our members can benefit, and have increased funding and participation during the year of 2000.

As your Chair for the year 2001, I hope to keep the progress going. I have a strong group of officers to work with and who are committed to this society. We envision our section becoming a model for other sections of the ACS to follow. Some exciting things are planned for the year 2001. This month's speaker is kicking off a special lecture series specifically designed to inform our undergraduates of different career opportunities. Mary Lynn is a personnel friend who has had many different experiences throughout her career. From the abstract you can see that she will be discussing careers in academia and industry, graduate training, and the different possibilities with a B.S., with a Ph.D., and with postdoctoral training. Mary Lynn has experienced all of this, and I think she can be an invaluable tool for our undergraduates. Following Mary Lynn will be an industrial representative discussing career opportunities for chemists in the Food Industry and a forensic scientist discussing the options in this sector. The Arkansas State Crime Laboratory (ASCL) will host the last of these and a tour of their facility is planned.

Concomitant with this special lecture series, I hope to help our Career Development Program grow. There will be a representative at this meeting taking information on the interests of our members. With this information, we hope to start building a foundation to help place our members in their "dream job". The representatives within this committee will also be involved in the guidance process to help insure the appropriate steps are taken during the interviewing process. With our diversity, this can be a very valuable resource for all of us. However, without participation it will be a waste of time, funds, and energy. I encourage all of you to help this program to be successful. This can be achieved various ways, like volunteering to serve on the committee, informing the committee of available positions, or just discussing your interests with the committee.