## American Chemical Society's New York Section, Inc. 2015 Elections - Candidates Information

(Offices of Chair-elect, Treasurer, Directors at Large and Councilors)

### **CANDIDATES FOR CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2016**



### **TERRY L. BRACK**

It is a privilege to be asked to run for the office of Chair-Elect for the New York Section of the American Chemical Society. I have always been proud to be part of one of the great large sections of the ACS and have been particular pleased to see us win the Large-Section Award so often over the years.

The success of the New York Section is due to the dedication and efforts of its members under the guidance of an extremely capable leadership. This leadership draws from a pool of active competent members who have, over the years, learned how to drive this enterprise expertly. Without the knowledge and abilities of this core team of dedicated members it is difficult to imagine how the section would stay on course and meet the new challenges it faces every year. I believe it is time to make a conscious effort to replenish this core with new younger members while we older members are still around to help train them.

I think it is time to explore ways to achieve this reinvigoration of the section leadership while taking advantage of the expertise of

those who currently serve. This goes hand in hand with the more general need of maintaining and growing our membership. As an example of what I mean, this past fall the Long Island Subsection sponsored a "chemistry of wine tour" at one of the North Fork vineyards. The idea here was to meet in a fresh setting away from the usual venues associated with the ACS and involve some new people in an LIACS event. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event and this included some new faces too. More events that bring new people into contact with the existing active members is a way to make progress in both increasing involvement of our members and of helping us to find out what the younger members would like from the section.

One long-range idea addressing both these goals involves students. Recently the category of student affiliates has been eliminated replacing it with full membership privileges, including the right to vote in elections, to those students who join. I would like to consider student involvement at the local level both within the subsection and at the New York Section. Perhaps it is time for student representation on the sub-sections and section boards. Such a move would both infuse the section with new views and begin the training of future leaders.

I believe it is very important for the NYACS to continue to foster the dialogue between the constituencies of Industry and academia. The evolving economic situation has resulted in shifts in the landscape of chemical industry in our area and it is necessary for us to adjust to these shifts and take advantage of new opportunities to serve membership in this sector and help develop mutually advantageous interactions between business and academia and students.

Community outreach is another area for further exploration. In recent years the New York Section has sponsored several Chem Cafes held in non-traditional venues offering presentations of chemistry topics of community interest in informal settings with coffee and cake. The success of this program should be followed up with more of the same and other avenues or bringing chemistry to the general public should be considered.

I am excited about the opportunity of working with the membership and the board to continue to make the NYACS one of the top sections in the country. I encourage you to become more involved too. There are events and activities throughout the year that help make your ACS membership a truly rewarding experience.

Become involved in the governance of your local section or sub-section to make that experience even richer and more rewarding.

**TERRY L. BRACK:** Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Arizona, Chemistry; Ph.D. University of Arizona, Physical Chemistry; M.Ed. Temple University, Education; B.S. The City College of New York, Physics.

PRESENT POSITION: Associate Professor of Chemistry, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Board of Directors 1997, 2002; Webmaster 1997 - 2002; Director at Large 2002, 2011; Alternate Councilor 2002-06; Information Technology Committee 2003-date.

**LONG ISLAND SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES:** Chair 1997; Chair-Elect & Program Chair 1996; Director 1998-200; Publicity Committee Chair 2001-06; Director at-Large, Long Island Subsection 2010-12, Secretary 2012-date.

### **BRIAN R. GIBNEY**



First and foremost, I am honored to be nominated for the position of 2016 Chair-Elect of the New York Local Section of the American Chemical Society. I view my service to the Section as a professional responsibility requiring serious thought and energy reflective of the hard work and commitment of its members that is clearly evident in the robust history and achievements of the New York Local Section. The key to the success of the Section over the past 124 years is the continued dedication of its volunteers and its ability to change and adapt to serve its membership and the profession.

During my service on the Board of Directors, I have worked with the vision that the Section needs to expand its offerings to best serve its increasingly diverse membership. As Webmaster, I have become familiar with all 100+ annual events hosted by the New York Local Section. I have been working behind the scenes with other Board Members to facilitate our events including the longstanding

Undergraduate Research Symposium and William H. Nichols Award, and more recent additions such as the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge and the Brooklyn Frontiers in Science Public Lecture.

As Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, I started by studying the organizational structure and By Laws of the Section to understand and improve management of the Section. I led the group to produce an updated Jobs Manual to clarify the obligations of each officer in an effort to improve the effectiveness of the Section in serving its membership. I collaborated on a successful proposal to the Nichols Family Foundation, and I am currently working to implement the funded William H. Nichols Fellowship Program for summer undergraduate research to expand research opportunities for nascent chemists. Throughout this service, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every member in our collective efforts to guide the Section in service of our members, the community and the profession.

I am fundamentally an optimist: I see opportunity where others see challenges. In my view, the greatest issue facing the Section, and the Society in general, is the dwindling and aging membership. As Ray Kroc espoused, "As long as you're green, you're growing. As soon as you are ripe, you start to rot", but as Kermit the Frog will tell you "It's not that easy being green." I will work to engage both our younger colleagues, especially those who work in chemistry but self-identify as life scientists or materials scientists, and retain our senior colleagues. This will be an arduous task, but those are the ones worth our efforts. I have faith that each group will respond to the benefits of belonging to our community united in our shared vision of improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry.

#### **BRIAN R. GIBNEY**: Brooklyn Subsection.

**EDUCATION**: Postdoctoral, NIH NRSA Postdoctoral Fellow University of Pennsylvania, Biochemistry and Biophysics (1995-2000); Ph.D. University of Michigan, Chemistry 1994; B.S. (ACS Certified) Florida State University 1990.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Associate Professor of Chemistry, Brooklyn College, and Executive Officer of the Ph.D. Program in Chemistry, The City University of New York.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Member 1992-date; Alternate Councilor 2011; Councilor 2013-15. Associate to the *Committee on Science* 2014-15.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Councilor 2013-15; Long Range Planning Committee 2010-date, Chair 2013-date; ACS Fellows Committee, Vice-Chair 2012-date; Secretary 2010-2013; Webmaster 2008-date; Director-at-Large 2007; Inorganic Topical Group, Advisory Committee 2004-08; Co-Organizer, Joint NY-ACS and NYAS Inorganic Chemistry Seminar and Poster Session 2004-05.

**BROOKLYN SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES:** Chair 2009-12, Board of Directors 2009-date. Co-Organizer, Brooklyn Frontiers in Science Public Lecture 2010-date.

# CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER FOR 2016-2017 (2 YEAR TERM OF OFFICE)



**FRANK R. ROMANO:** Long Island Subsection, ACS Member since 1979. **EDUCATION:** M.S. St. John's University, Pharmaceutical Science 1983; B.A. Adelphi University, Chemistry 1978.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Field System Engineer, Agilent Technologies, Inc., Life Sciences and Chemical Analysis.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Committee on Economic and Professional affairs 2014-date; Meetings and Expositions Committee, Member 2008-13 and Associate Member 2006-07.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** MARM 2016 Treasurer; Councilor 2005-date; Alternate Treasurer 2012-date; Long Range Planning Committee 2000-date; Information Technology Committee: Member 2003-date and Co-Chair 2004; Fund Raising Committee Chair 2002-date; Chair 2010; 50 & 60 Year Member Awards Co-Chair 2012-date; Outstanding Service Award 2006;

Treasurer 2000-05; Public Affairs Chair 2004; ACS Salute to Excellence Award 2004; Alternate Councilor 2000-02; Director-at-Large 1993.

**LONG ISLAND SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES:** High School Awards Co-Chair 2009-date; Chair 1996; Secretary 1993-94; Membership Chair 2000-date; Director 1998-99; Environmental Committee Member (ECC) 1989-2011; ECC Co-chair 2003-04; ECC Chair 1996; ECC Secretary 1991-99.

MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING POSITIONS: MARM Board Secretary 2012-date; MARM Board Delegate 2013; MARM Meeting 2008 at QCC: Treasurer & Fund Raising Co-Chair;

**EASTERN ANALYTICAL SYMPOSIUM BOARD:** Short Course Vice Chair 2015; Housing Chair 2014; Housing vice Chair 2013; Registration Chair 2012; Registration vice Chair 2011; NYACS Delegate 2005-10.

### CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE FOR 2016 (1 YEAR TERM OF OFFICE) VOTE FOR THREE



**DANIEL AMARANTE:** Westchester Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. Stony Brook University, Chemistry; B.S. St. John's University.

**PRESENT POSITION:** College of Mount Saint Vincent, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member (Inorganic Division).

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Director—at—Large 2014-date; Board of Directors 2014-date; Co—advisor, College of Mount Saint Vincent ACS Chapter 2011-date; Judge, Chemagination 2012-13.



**PAUL DILLON:** Westchester Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. New York University Graduate School of Arts and Science, Organic Chemistry; M.S. New York University Graduate School of Arts and Science, Chemistry; B.S. Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn (now NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering), Chemistry.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Consulting Biostatistician, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics (successor to Bayer Diagnostics and Technicon Instruments Corp.), Tarrytown, New York.

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS:** Biostatistician, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics; Internal Consultant in Statistics, Mathematics and Computer Programming, Union Carbide Corp.: Chemist, Union Carbide Corp.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Member, Board of Directors 2015.

**WESTCHESTER SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES:** Board of Directors 2009-date; Program Director 2009-14; Cochair and Co-program-director 2015- date.



**PING Y. FURLAN**: Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Postdoctoral, Bell Communications Research, Materials Chemistry; Ph.D. University of Connecticut, Chemistry; M.S. University of Connecticut, Chemistry; B.S. University of Science and Technology of China, Applied Chemistry.

**PRESENT POSITION:** United State Merchant Marine Academy, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Chair of the Undergraduate Program at the 234th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Boston, MA, 2007; Manuscript Contributor and Reviewer for ACS Journals (2002-date); Advisor of an ACS Student Chapter 2000-11, 2014-date; Advisor of a nationally award winning ACS student chapter: Outstanding Award, 2001-05, 2007-10,

Commendable Award, 2006, Honorable Mention Award, 2000; Green Student Chapter Award, 2007-10; ACS Committee on Undergraduate Education's Task Force, 2004-2007, ACS Undergraduate Programming at Regional Meetings Review Committee, 2004-10; ACS Student Leadership Award Selection Committee, 2008-2010, ACS Undergraduate Program Peer Review Panel, 2007; ACS "In Chemistry" Advisory Board, 2007; ACS

Student Affiliates Chapter Grant Review Committee, 2004-10, ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Annual Report Review Committee, 2002-10.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACTIVITIES:** NCW Project Leader, 2013-date; Distinguished Service Award for leading National Chemistry Week (NCW) project 2015; NCW Executive Committee Member 2012; Organizer for Chemistry Teen STEM Night Series at NY Hall of Science and Family STEM Night at Baker Elementary School 2015; Green Earth Day Boy Scout Program Director 2014-date; Chemists Celebrate Earth Day – Great Neck Library Hands-on Project Director 2012-date; Member, History of New York Section Committee 2014-date.

**ERIE SECTION ACTIVITIES:** NCW – Erie Millcreek Mall Chemistry Show Director 2002-09; ACS National ChemLuminary Award 2007; ACS National ChemLuminary Award Finalist 2008-09; Science Café Organizer 2008-10; Nanotechnology Outreach Program Director 2007; ACS Erie Section Annual Report Committee 2002-10; ACS Erie Section Chemistry Olympiad Review Committee 1998-10, ACS Erie Section NCW Programming Committee 2000-09; Salute to Excellence Award 2007; Member of the Year Award 2004.

MARM (MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING 2016): Planning Committee Board Member and Session Organizer 2015.



**MARLON MORENO:** Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** B.S. M.S. St. John's University, Chemistry; A.S. Queensborough Community College – CUNY.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Full time Chemistry Lecturer at QCC 2012-date; Adjunct Chemistry Lecturer at QCC 2002-date; Adjunct Chemistry Lecturer at St. John's University 2001-date.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITES: Member.

NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES: Board of Directors 2014.

LONG ISLAND SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES: Chair 2014, Chair elect 2013.

MARM (Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting for 2016): Secretary of Planning Committee 2015-16.



#### YOEL OHAYON:

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. New York University, Chemistry; M.Phil. New York

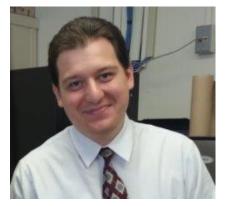
University, Chemistry; B.A. New York University, Chemistry.

PRESENT POSITION: Clinical Assistant Professor of Chemistry, New York

University.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Member.



**PAUL J. SIDERIS:** Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Postdoctoral, CUNY Hunter College, New York, NY, Department of Physics and Astronomy; Ph.D. SUNY Stony Brook University, Materials Chemistry; B.S. Binghamton University - SUNY, Chemistry.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Assistant Professor, CUNY Queensborough Community College.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Co-Chair Student Activities Committee 2014-16. Board of Directors 2015-16.

LONG ISLAND SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES: Chair 2015-16; Chair-elect 201

### CANDIDATES FOR NEW YORK SECTION COUNCILOR (3 YEAR TERM OF OFFICE 2016 - 2018) VOTE FOR THREE



**ROLANDE R. HODEL:** Westchester Subsection.

EDUCATION: Ph.D. CUNY, Queens College; M.S. U. of Kansas, Lawrence

**PRESENT POSITION:** Founder and president of AIDSfreeAFRICA, a non-profit organization with the mission to empower people in Africa to build pharmaceutical manufacturing infrastructure in Africa. Adjunct Professor at Westchester Community College, Valhalla NY since 2009. I have been an industrial research scientist in the Pharmaceutical industry focused on insulin delivery.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Committee on International Activities, Subchapter: Africa; appointed member 2010-12. National ACS Tour Speaker 2007 to 2011. **Awards:** US Astellas Foundation Humanitarian Award administered by the ACS \$30,000; 2009 Buckminster Fuller Design

Challenge, finalist. **ACS Publication:** Chemistry as a Second Language: Chemical Education in a Globalized Society, Chapter IX: Emerging Pharmaceutical Infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa. **Featured in ACS Publications:** College to Career: Chemists in the Real World.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES**: Alternate Councilor; Director-at-Large 2003, 2010; Member, Board of Directors 2003, 2010-date.

WESTCHESTER SUBSECTION ACTIVITIES: Chair 2010-date; Treasurer 1999-2010; Board of Director 1995-

**MARM:** Symposium chair, Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM) at Queensborough Community College in 2008, (Topic HIV/AIDS Research), and at Pace University in 1997 (Topic Nanocrystal Technology).



PAMELA K. KERRIGAN: Westchester Subsection.

**EDUCATION**: Ph.D. Arizona State University, Bioorganic Chemistry; M.S. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; B.A. Lakeland College, Sheboygan, WI. **PRESENT POSITION**: Associate Professor, College of Mount Saint Vincent, Division of Natural Sciences. Riverdale. NY.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** CPRC Committee, Associate member 2003-05; full member: 2005-08; Liaison from CPRC to CMA 2007-08; Task Force for Undergraduate Programming, Program Chair, Anaheim 2004; Student Affiliate Peer Review Workshop; Student Member Club Advisor 20 years, Operation Chemistry Team Leader for New York City.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES**: Immediate Past Chair 2015; Chair 2014; Secretary 2001-04; Alternate Councilor; Nichols Medal Jury 2013-17;

Long Range Planning Committee; Student Affiliate Committee 1998-2012; National Chemistry Week 1999-date. **MARM (Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting 2016):** Co-General Chair 2015-16.



**JOAN A. LAREDO-LIDDELL:** Westchester Chemical Society; High School Teachers Topical Group.

**EDUCATION:** Advanced Certificate in Educational Supervision and Administration, M.A., B.A. CUNY-Hunter College; NSF Grants - Sarah Lawrence College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research-"Fungal Spore Phospholipids and the Accumulation of Selected Chemicals" Jack and Laredo.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Adjunct Physics Instructor, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY.

**PAST POSITIONS:** Adjunct Chemistry Instructor, Fordham University, Bronx, NY; Adjunct Professor, Chemistry Department, Fordham University – Marymount College Campus, Tarrytown, NY; Adjunct Assistant Professor in Chemistry, Elizabeth Seton College/Iona College, Yonkers, NY; Assistant

Principal, Science Chairperson, Chemistry/Physics Teacher, St. Barnabas High School, Bronx, NY; NYS and NYC Certification in All Sciences.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Fellow of the American Chemical Society 2011; E. Ann Nalley Middle Atlantic Regional Award for Volunteer Service 2011; Society on Chemical Education (SOCED) member 2004-17; High School Programming Task Force, SOCED Liaison 2005-date; Pre-College Teacher Workshop Coordinator - 226th ACS National Meeting-New York City 2003; Division of Chemical Education 1987-date; Division of Chemical Health and Safety 1989-date; Presenter at National Meetings; ACS member for 31 years.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** NY Section Chair 2007; Councilor 2006-15; Alternate Councilor 2003-05; Director-at-Large 1999, 2005; Board of Directors 1990-date; New York Section Secretary 1997-2000; Secretary of the Nichols Medal Jury 1997-2000; NY Section Outstanding Service Award 2002; Outstanding Service Award Jury 2003-07; Co-Chair of Outstanding Service Award Jury 2007; NY Section Salutes to Excellence Award 2005; High School Teachers Topical Group, Co-Chair 1990-date. National Chemistry Week Committee 1996-2011, Co-chair 2004-09; Received Nichols Foundation High School Chemistry Teacher Award 1992; Nichols Foundation High School Chemistry Teacher Award Jury 1996-2008, Co-Chair 2002-08; Nichols Medal Jury, member 2006-09, Chair 2010; Chemical Education Committee 1998-date; Membership Committee 1997, 2000; Safety Committee 1994; IYC (International Year of Chemistry) chair 2011; Long Range Planning 2006-11; Nominating Committee, Chair 2006; NY Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Historical Chemical Landmark - IBM-Watson Lab-Chair 2007; NY Section Appreciation Award, 2003 – for organizing the Education Workshops Program at the 226<sup>th</sup> National Meeting in NYC; 2015 Committees: Committee Advisory Group; National Chemistry Week; Awards.

**WESTCHESTER CHEMICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES:** Director, Secretary, Chair-Elect 1999; Chair 2000; Past Chair 2001: Co-Chair 2003-08: Science Café 2007.

**MARM (Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting)**: 1997 MARM Planning Committee 1996-97; MARM '97 Co-Chair Chemical Education Committee; ACS-1998 MARM Award in High School Chemistry Teaching.



JAIMELEE IOLANI RIZZO: Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. Graduate Center, Organic Chemistry; M.A. Queens College, CUNY, Organic Chemistry; M.Phil. Graduate Center, CUNY; B.A. Queens College, CUNY; A.S. Queensborough Community College, CUNY, valedictorian; The Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, HI.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Professor of Chemistry, Pre-Health Coordinator, Pace University, NYC.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Faculty advisor of an ACS student chapter 2010-date; Student Chapter Awardee - Honorable Mention 2014.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** MARM (Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting 2016), Session Organizer, AWIS (Association for Women in Science) 2015-2016; Session Organizer, Organic Division 2007-2008; Section Chair, 2012; Board of Directors 2011-13; Member, Nichols Medal Jury 2011-15,

Chair 2015; Chair, Nominating Committee 2011; Chair, Finance Committee 2012; Chair, Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2012-date; Project Leader, National Chemistry Week 2009-13; Co-Chair, Student Activities Committee 2005-date; Member; Long Range Planning Committee 2012-date.



**GEORGE RODRIGUEZ:** Chemical Marketing & Economics Topical Group.

**EDUCATION:** B.S. Chemical Engineering, National University of Engineering, Peru; M.S. Industrial Management, Georgia Institute of Technology. Highest honors in both degrees.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Director at Argeni LLC, a technology and business consultancy.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member since 2003. Speaker at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference. Guest speaker at the Presidential Symposium on Career Advancement Opportunities, 2013 ACS National Meeting in Indianapolis. Guest at the 2011 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award Ceremony. Organizer of the ACS International Chapter for the Chemical Sciences in Peru (in formation).

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** The New York Section nominee for "2014 ACS Local Section Outreach Volunteer of the Year." Board of Directors 2010-date; 2010; Alternate Councilor 2013-15; Co-Chair Public Affairs 2013-date; Member, Information Technology Committee 2013-date. One of four New York Section nominees to the "2013 Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society" for expanding the public outreach of the CM&E group.

CHEMICAL MARKETING AND ECONOMICS TOPICAL DISCUSSION GROUP: Chair of the Chemical Marketing & Economics (CM&E) Topical Group 2010-date; Manager of CM&E's Website; Founder of the Facebook and LinkedIn social media network for CM&E; Founder and organizer of the 2012 CM&E Leadership Awards, honoring outstanding figures in industry and finance related to the business of chemistry in celebration of the group's 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (the 2012 awards event received the ChemLuminary Award for Global Engagement; the 2013 awards event received the praise "the best I've ever seen" of Jon M. Huntsman, Executive Chairman of Huntsman Corporation, one of the world's top philanthropists and recipient of dozens of world-class awards); Co-organizer of CM&E Webcasts since 2010; Co-organizer of over 80 CM&E events; Leader of the initiative for Sustainable Chemistry Festivals in Latin America; CM&E was the leading International Sponsor of the 31<sup>st</sup> Latin American Chemistry Congress held from October 14-17, 2014 in Lima, Peru. Speaker and Panel Moderator at CM&E events; Co-organizer of the Solvay Sustainability Symposium: "An Energy Revolution" held at the John F Kennedy Airport's Hangar 19 with the record-breaking Solar Impulse Aircraft on July 12, 2013.



**JUSTYNA WIDERA:** Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. University of Warsaw, Poland; M.Sc. University of Lodz, Poland.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Adelphi University.

**NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES:** Participant, ACS research symposia; Contributor and Reviewer, ACS Journals.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Director-at-Large 2015; Member of the Student Activities Committee of the NY ACS since 2007 and organizer of the Undergraduate Research Symposium; Participant in the National Chemistry Week annual events in the New York Hall of Science.

## CANDIDATES TO FILL ALTERNATE COUNCILOR VACANCIES FOR 2016



**GINA FLORIO:** Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** A.B. Vassar College; Ph.D. Purdue University; Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Chemistry and the NSF Center for Electron Transport in Molecular Nanostructures (NSEC), Columbia University; Dreyfus Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Chemistry and the Environmental Molecular Sciences Institute, Columbia University.

**PRESENT POSITION:** Assistant Professor, St. John's University.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member.

NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES: Director-at-Large 2014; Board of

Directors 2014; Co-Chair, Chemagination Committee 2011-date.



JOSEPH M. SERAFIN: Long Island Subsection.

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. Columbia University; M.S. Columbia University, M. Phil.

Columbia University

PRESENT POSITION: Associate Professor of Chemistry, St. John's

University Queens, NY.

NATIONAL ACS ACTIVITIES: Member.

**NEW YORK SECTION ACS ACTIVITIES:** Secretary 2013-date; Board of Directors 2013-date; Co-Chair, Student Activities Committee (Undergraduate

Research Symposium 2011-14.

**MOBILE ALABAMA SECTION ACTIVITIES:** Chair, Secretary.