The ACS, New York Section is pleased to announce that the Nichols Award Jury has chosen Professor Alison Butler to be the William H. Nichols Medalist for 2022. Professor Butler is Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UC Santa Barbara. She is being honored for her pioneering contributions to marine bioinorganic chemistry. The Nichols Medal Award will be presented at the Nichols Award Dinner that follows the Distinguished Symposium.

Professor Alison Butler was an undergraduate chemistry major at Reed College (BA 1977) and a graduate student in Chemistry at the University of California, San Diego (PhD 1982). Following postdoctoral fellowships in the laboratories of Joan S. Valentine at UCLA and then Harry B. Gray at Caltech, she began her independent career in the Department of Chemistry at UC Santa Barbara in 1986. She progressed through the ranks to her current position of Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UC Santa Barbara.

Professor Butler is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2019), the Royal Society of Chemistry (2019), the American Chemical Society (2012), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1997). She has also been recognized with the 2018 ACS Alfred Bader Award in Bioorganic or Bioinorganic Chemistry, a 2019 ACS Cope Scholar Award in organic chemistry, and the 2019 Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms Award of the Royal Society of Chemistry. She has served as President of the Society for Biological Inorganic Chemistry (2012-2014) and Chair of the Chemistry section (Section C) of the American Associate for the Advancement of Science (2012-2013). She is currently Chair of the ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry.

Further details about the Nichols Symposium for 2022 will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Indictor as well as on the New York Section website.