

SIGMA XI Member Newsletter

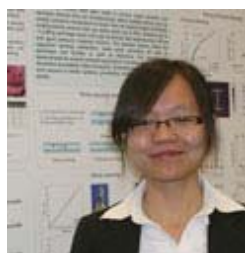


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Save The Date: 2014 Student Research Showcase & Conference

Mark your calendar for Sigma Xi's Student Research Showcase & Conference! This virtual conference will be held March 17-22, 2014. It is an opportunity for outstanding high school, undergraduate, and graduate students to present their research without the time commitment or expense of travel. Presentations will be evaluated by leading career scientists from around the world. Awards will be given to the top-rated presentations.



Learn more on our [website](#).

2013 Election Results Now Available



Mark Peeples is the president-elect designee for Sigma Xi.

The results of the 2013 Sigma Xi Society Officer Elections are in! We want to thank each of the candidates and all of our members who voted. Each position is vital to the success of Sigma Xi and we appreciate our members who both volunteered to run for office and those who made their voice heard by voting. This is your Society!

The president-elect designee is Mark Peeples, secretary and past-president of The Ohio State University chapter. Peeples will serve as president of Sigma Xi from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016.

Ronald Millard of the University of Cincinnati will serve as treasurer for a second term from July 1, 2014-June 30, 2018.

Visit our website for a complete list of [election results](#).

Dates to Remember

- March 17-22, 2014-
[Student Research Showcase & Conference](#)



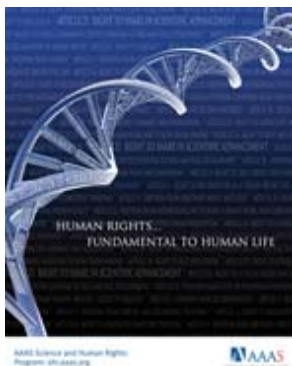
Thank You!

We welcome any comments or concerns you may have as a member. For staff assistance, or to share your ideas, please e-mail us at memberinfo@sigmaxi.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Check out our Science and Human Rights Webpage

Human Rights Day was celebrated December 10 across the world as a time to focus on improving the rights of all people. As a partner of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, Sigma Xi posted materials on our [Science and Human Rights webpage](#) to promote how the scientific field is contributing to improving human rights. Among the materials are guidelines for scientists and human rights organizations that want to work together.



New Staff Members Join Sigma Xi

These full-time staff members have joined Sigma Xi since May, 2013:



Sandra Ackerman, Senior Editor of *American Scientist*: Sandra first joined the editorial staff at Sigma Xi's previous headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, and now returns to the magazine after a couple of decades as a freelance science writer.



Jumoké Blaize, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Executive Director: Jumoké provides administrative support to the executive director and serves as the liaison between the executive office and staff.



Lori Ramsey, Manager of Membership, Strategic Alliances, and Special Projects: Lori's focus is on increasing membership of Sigma Xi through current and new initiatives.

Andrea Rutherford, Manager of Chapter Services: Andrea spearheads chapter program



development and serves as the point of contact for chapter officers.

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Richard Wiggins, Managing Editor of *Ingenuity*: Richard is leading our new digital journal that will publish mentor-reviewed, high school student research. The journal is scheduled to launch in spring of 2014.

Katie-Leigh Lubinsky, Web Managing Editor for Sigma Xi Publications: Katie-Leigh will join the team in January.

Looking for the Perfect Holiday Gift?

Now is the time to share our award-winning magazine with your colleagues, family and friends! Sigma Xi members can give subscriptions to *American Scientist* at a reduced rate of \$25 each—a savings of \$5 off of the regular subscription price.

(Postage for delivery to Canada is an additional \$8. Postage for delivery to any other country is an additional \$16.)

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Use Your Member Advantages

Dues-paying members can use these great advantages during the holiday season or any time of year:

- **Sigma Xi Expeditions:** Travel with other members to U.S. and international destinations.
- **Car rental:** Enjoy corporate rates at National Car Rental and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.
- **Home and auto insurance:** Get a discount through Geico, available in most states.
- **Subscriptions:** Receive free, digital editions of our magazine, *American Scientist*, and get discounts on *Annual Reviews* and *Nature*.
- **E-mail forwarding:** Sign up for a Sigma Xi account to manage your e-mail.



More information is available [on our website](#).

Ten-Year Anniversary Celebrated at Sigma Xi Center



Our staff celebrated on December 2 the 10-year anniversary of the Sigma Xi Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The 52,000-square-foot office building has been our headquarters since December 1, 2003. It houses Society programs and administrative offices, including those of *American Scientist*. It also features meeting areas where chapters, the Board of Directors and other groups can gather. The [Hall of Honor](#) commemorates more than 200 members who received the Nobel Prize.

Member Created Fund for Student Research

[Dr. Allan W. Hook](#) (SX 1978) and his wife Rosemary have created an endowed fund at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, to support student research. The fund will support creative research in the schools of natural sciences, education, behavioral and social sciences, management and business, and humanities. The fund will also offer research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students from other institutions that are based at the university's [Wild Basin Creative Research Center](#) and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve system.

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