

Visiting Speakers

The inorganic Division and NINT are jointly presenting **Dr. Sean Barry**, Carleton University, who will be speaking on "Amidates and Guanidates as ligands for chemical deposition precursors" on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in E3-25.

Prof. Coran Watanabe, Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, will speak on "Inspiration from nature: Natural products in drug discovery efforts" on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in NRE 2-003 (Natural Resources Engineering).

Prof. John Mann, School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Queen's University of Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, will speak on "Natural Products as templates for drug design" on Wednesday, March 7/07 at 1:00 p.m. in E3-25 Gunning/Lemieux Chemistry Centre.

Prof. Daniel Chiu, Department of Chemistry, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA will speak on "Droplet Nanolab for single-cell studies" on Friday, Mar. 9/07 in E3-25 at 2:00 p.m.

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Liya Cao, will speak on "Fantastic Sc Lewis Acid: Recent advances for Sc(III) catalyzed C-C bond formation in organic chemistry" at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 26/07 in NRE 2-003.

The next cumulative examination will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 11:00 in Room E3-25.

The 2006 EH Boomer group picture has been posted on the door of W4-35 - please stop by and identify yourself if you attended the lectures by Fred E. Regnier - Purdue University - the photo was taken 27 September 2006 in front of the Dent/Pharmacy building.

If you want to place an order for the photo - please see Lynne (W4-35/ ext: 9756). Final day for orders and identifying yourself is Wednesday 28 February 2007.

Winner of the 2006 Arthur Bollo-Kamara Scholarship

Janet Macdonald hails from the hamlet of Dorset, Ontario. After completing a BScH in Chemistry at McGill in 2002, she has continued her education by starting a PhD in inorganic chemistry at the University of Alberta of which she is now in her fourth year. Her research involves studying the applications of iron nanoparticles in organic synthetic procedure. While studying, she has kept herself active with University of Alberta Nordic Ski Club (acting as president from 2004-2006), white water kayaking, singing with the Knox-Metroplitian United Church Choir, and acting in last year's production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are posted on the bulletin board across from the elevators on the third floor. Please do not remove the employment notices from the bulletin board.

Employment opportunities are posted on a new internet site:
<http://www.careerowl.ca>

Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc. has openings for 2 BS/MS and 1 PhD chemists to start immediately.

MCAT preparation program, requires individuals with a passion for teaching and great background in general, and/or organic chemistry. InfoVancouver@review.com

Ryerson University, Department of Chemistry and Biology, has two tenure stream faculty positions available. (1) a eukaryotic cell biologist s needed (2)an organic or inorganic synthetic chemist is needed.

<http://firefly.ryerson.ca/hr/careers/index.cfm?fuseaction=post.&location=Faculty>

GlaxoSmithKline would like to hire a number of MS level organic chemists to become a member of their synthetic chemistry team.

Please see employment board for more information. <http://www.gsk-us.com/careers/joinus.htm>

St. Mary's University College invites applications for a full-time term-certain appointment in Chemistry at the rank of Assistant Professor. www.stmu.ab.ca

University of Western Ontario, requires an NMR instrument specialist responsible for cryogen fills and liquid helium into magnets <http://www.uwo.ca>

Outreach Activities can be accessed

at: www.ualberta.ca/Outreach/whats%20new.htm#science 'Archived Outreach activities can be found at

<http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/pipermail/fgsr-outreach/>.

The CGSS has just done a major website update. The website was re-designed by a professional to make it look sharper and easier to navigate by going to <http://www.chem.ualberta.ca/~cgss/>

Congratulations to Dr. Armour, for receiving Champion of Public Education for passing on her passion for science Please see <http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/article.cfm?id=8239> for full story.

Monday, February 12, 2007 [Magda Kemeny Jones](#)

Magda Kemeny Jones 11 June 1914 - 12 February 2007

On 12 February 2007 Magda gently passed away in her 93rd year.

She succumbed to a combination of renal and cardiac failure having recently recovered from falling and breaking her leg in December 2006.

Magda has always been a remarkable woman; we all feel privileged to have had her in our lives.

Magda is survived by her two sons, Kem (and his wife Donna) of Mississauga and David (and his wife Chris) of Edmonton. As well as her five grandchildren - Maureen and Steven in Ontario; Katrina and Samara (and her husband Geert) in Edmonton, and Eric in Calgary. Also missing her are nephew Chris Haire in London, UK, dearest family friend Robin Inskip in Edmonton; and many relatives and friends around the world.

Magda was predeceased in February 2001 by her beloved husband of 61 years, Dr. Richard Norman Jones; by her twin sister Klara in 1927 and her older sister Suzanne Haire in 1998.

Biography

Magda was born in Csany, Hungary on 11 June 1914 to Eugene (Jeno) and Bella Kemeny and educated in Budapest. She moved to England in her twenties where she met her life/soul mate, Dr R. Norman Jones (who was known as Dick at the time). They were married in London and Budapest in 1939. They moved to Boston in September 1939, then to Kingston, Ontario in 1941 and next to Ottawa in 1946 as Norman pursued his career as a world renowned scientist and she became his collaborator and secretary.

Magda opened their home to international friends and family. She was actively involved in many social and cultural activities in Ottawa. In the late 1950s she helped to organize assistance provided to Hungarian refugees in Ottawa.

Magda and Norman travelled widely throughout their lives making new friends and maintaining their friendships around the world. After Norman retired from the National Research Centre in 1978, they continued his research and teaching, including a series of visits to Japan, and three stimulating years in Tokyo, Japan (1979 to 1982).

In 1992 Magda and Norman moved to Edmonton where Norman continued his work at the University of Alberta with Magda as his collaborator. Magda was an active member of the University community - supporting student theatre, the professors emeriti and other groups.

In 2000, Magda moved to The Ashbourne (Garneau United Place) where she made many new friends and was an active member of the community - leading exercise classes, movie nights and joining in the Wednesday debates on current events.

Magda was a tireless correspondent and wrote letters and Christmas cards to her wide circle of friends. Those of us who had the privilege of living close to her enjoyed talking and sharing stories during dinner parties, evenings at the opera, and cups of tea.

We will all remember Magda in our own ways. Several images come to mind as we write this: Magda on her shiny red scooter in contrast to the white snow of Edmonton's winter; Magda's ready smile as she welcomed visitors, phone calls or letters from friends; her enthusiasm for meeting new people and keeping in touch with old friends; her vitality, curiosity and passion for life.

Posted by Jones at 1:29 PM 9 comments

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This page is dedicated to Magda Kemeny Jones. We invite all those who knew and loved her to share their thoughts on this page.

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A **celebration of Magda's life** will be held on Tuesday 10 April 2007 at 3:00 PM at the Garneau United Church/The Ashbourne 11148 - 84 Avenue, Edmonton. For further information please contact David Jones: david.jones@ualberta.ca

Following Norman's passing in 2001, Magda established a **memorial fund in their names** to help young scientists participate in international conferences and acquire valuable laboratory experience. Magda enjoyed meeting the recipients of these awards each year. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the **Dr. R. Norman and Magda Kemeny Jones Fund** in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Alberta. Please send contributions to Claudia Wood, Assistant Dean, External Relations, CW223 Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E9 (claudia.wood@ualberta.ca)

We would like to thank the staff of Unit 9C at the Edmonton General Hospital for their kind care and special attention to Magda and her family.