

May 2025 Newsletter



International Atomic Spectrometry Association

SAS Welcomes New Affiliate

The SAS Governing Board has named the [International Atomic Spectrometry Association \(IASA\)](#) as the atomic spectrometry technical section of the SAS. The IASA is an international society dedicated to advancing Atomic Analytical Spectrometry through Support, Communication, Advocacy, and Education, with a membership of expert scientists from all areas of atomic spectrometry.

The IASA joins our current technical section society affiliates: the [CNIRS](#) and the [Coblentz Society](#). Please join us in welcoming IASA!

Contributed by Steven Ray, SAS President

SAS Appoints New Editor of Applied Spectroscopy

The SAS Governing Board has appointed **Professor Karl Booksh** as the next Editor of *Applied Spectroscopy*. Professor Booksh is a Fellow of the SAS, and has a long history of service with the society, having previously served as SAS President. He is currently an Associate Editor of *Applied Spectroscopy Practica*, a member of the SAS Governing Board, and a member of the Coblentz Society Board of Governors. The SAS welcomes Karl to his new role on the journal!



Contributed by Steven Ray, SAS President

Attend SciX 2025 in Covington, KY – October 5 - 10

SciX 2025, the reference meeting for the most innovative research in analytical sciences, will once again be the perfect opportunity to present your research to your peers.

Socialize, learn, and network with multiple days of oral presentations, short courses, poster sessions, and SciX technical expo, coupled with many social events to build your network, from building your career to catching up with your colleagues.

Mark your calendars and submit your abstract! There is a spot for you to be part of the Great Scientific Exchange! For more information on the abstract submission, program, registration, and accommodations, visit our website: [FACSS SciX](#)

Contributed by Abby Bauer

Meet the Early Career Interest Group's (ECIG's) Leadership Committee

Over the next few months, the ECIG's leadership committee will be sharing about who they are. This month, we are highlighting Fay Nicolson, the committee chair, and Anthony Stender, the committee secretary.



Fay Nicolson

Assistant Professor

Years at SAS: 9

THE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF SAS MEMBERSHIP?

“Networking and social events”

CHILDHOOD DREAM JOB?

“Musical theater performer”

WHAT MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH SPECTROSCOPY?

“Seeing it be used in real-world situations”

FAVORITE PART OF MY JOB?

“Being in an Institute with diverse disciplines and a huge focus on translational research that directly improves the lives of patients ”

WHAT SCIENTIST, PAST OR PRESENT, WOULD I MOST LIKE TO MEET?

“Marie Skłodowska-Curie. She was relentless in her passion for science during a time when women were rarely allowed in laboratories, let alone recognized for their contributions. Her groundbreaking discoveries in radioactivity opened entirely new avenues in physics and chemistry and laid the foundation for critical advancements in modern medicine today.”



Anthony Stender

Research Core Manager
(Microscopy)

Years at SAS: 10

THE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF SAS MEMBERSHIP?

“Mentoring Early Career members”

CHILDHOOD DREAM JOB?

“Either a back-up singer for Elvis Presley or an astronaut”

WHAT MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH SPECTROSCOPY?

“A passion for using spectroscopy instrumentation and discovering the patterns that emerge from the data”

FAVORITE PART OF MY JOB?

“I love working with imaging data and seeing the numbers hidden within the images. And I love those now rare opportunities of working on a microscope, late into the night, especially when I get to share those moments with colleagues.”

WHAT SCIENTIST, PAST OR PRESENT, WOULD I MOST LIKE TO MEET?

“Blaise Pascal. Like me, he was part mathematician, a theorist and experimentalist, and a meteorologist. And maybe he could teach me a few things about probability.”

Contributed by Anthony Stender, Early Career Interest Group

SAVE THE DATE

THE 67TH ANNUAL MAY CONFERENCE

Jointly hosted by the Society of Applied Spectroscopy - Cleveland Section, the Microscopy Society of Northeastern Ohio (MSNO), the Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies (ACCESS), and American Chemical Society (ACS) - Akron Section



**WEDNESDAY
MAY 21ST**



**KEYNOTE FROM
DR. CHERI HAMPTON-
AIR FORCE RESEARCH
LABORATORY**



**For More Information
<https://www.msneo.org/>**



Contributed by Coleen A. McFarland

Join the Newsletter Team!

The Society for Applied Spectroscopy (SAS) Newsletter committee is seeking dedicated volunteers to join our team to help create the monthly SAS newsletter.

What's in it for you?

- Connect with fellow SAS enthusiasts: Build valuable relationships within the Society.
- Make a meaningful impact: Contribute to a vital resource for the entire SAS community.
- Gain valuable skills: Develop your writing, editing, and communication abilities.
- Commitment: A modest time commitment of a few hours per month is all that's required.

No experience needed! We welcome individuals from all backgrounds and skill levels. If interested, please contact Konnor Jones at konnorkjones@gmail.com to learn more and get involved.

Contributed by Konnor Jones, SAS Newsletter Editor