

Dear Alumnae, Alumni, and Friends:

End of year greetings from the [Chemistry Department at Stony Brook University!](#) We have had a very busy year, as I am sure many of you have as well. Highlighted below are recent activities and news items. The Department has been a lively place as we continue to grow and reshape the department.

[Benjamin Chu](#), Distinguished Professor, officially retires at the end of December! Ben joined the department in 1968 and has been a very active researcher for 47 years. He is our longest serving faculty member, and he holds the record for most US patents issued through Stony Brook! Ben will continue as a Research Professor as he seeks to bring the water filtration technology developed in collaboration with Professor Ben Hsiao to market. Ben was honored by a presentation from President Samuel Stanley, Jr. with a plaque that cites the cover of his book on light scattering. We thank Ben for his many years of service and wish him well on the West Coast where he is moving to be closer to family.



Prof Sampson, Prof Chu, and President Stanley.

[Gregory Rushton](#), Associate Professor, joined us in August from Georgia where he developed a highly visible research program in chemical education that has been well-funded by the National Science Foundation. His research focuses on the development of K-12 STEM teacher leadership training and longitudinal analyses of STEM teacher demographics for policy development, as well as conceptual approaches to teaching university introductory chemistry. Greg has a joint appointment with the Center for Science and Mathematics Education (CESAME).

Our faculty continue to receive many national accolades, in particular Professor Benjamin Hsiao won the ACS [Cooperative Research Award In Polymer Science And Engineering](#), was elected as a Fellow of the [Materials Research Society](#) (MRS), and was appointed to the rank of [Distinguished Professor!](#) Professor Stanislaus Wong won the ACS [Inorganic Nanoscience Award](#), and in May, the Department of Chemistry was honored with [The Council for Chemical Research Safety Award](#).

The 2015 Stony Brook Symposium on Chemical Synthesis in Life Sciences was a great success and held in June honoring the occasion of Professor Ojima's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We all enjoyed seeing recent and not so recent alumni of the Chemistry Department and finding out what has happened in your lives since leaving Stony Brook. For more information, [click here](#).



Prof Ojima's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Symposium.

I hope that there are more such opportunities to meet or reconnect with you in the future. For those of you who live nearby, we invite you to join us at the 3<sup>rd</sup> [Francis Johnson Lecture](#) to be given by Prof Benjamin Cravatt from the Scripps Research Institute on Feb 10, or the 26<sup>th</sup> [Jacob Bigeleisen Lecture](#) to be given by Dr. Eric Betzig, 2014 Nobel Laureate, from Janelia Farms on May 26, 2016. Please contact us for details if you are interested. If you can't join us, please take a look at the new Stony Brook University video that was released as part of the Capital Campaign: [Together We Go Far Beyond](#). The video will give you a great overview of the campus as it looks today.

We look forward to hearing of your activities and the opportunity to "meet up" wherever you may be. And remember, please join our alumni group on LinkedIn: [SBUChemistry Alumni](#) so that we can stay connected and continue to update you on department and alumni news.

All the best for happiness and success in 2016!

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