ABOUT NOBCChE COLLABORATIVE

The purpose of the NOBCChE Collaborative roundtable is to develop a pipeline of academic career opportunities for NOBCChE undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral members that helps to achieve NOBCChE’s overall mission and seeks to improve the representation of people of color in academia.

Jackson State University Welcomes NOBCChE Collaborative Meeting Attendees!

The Spring NOBBChE Collaborative meeting was held at Jackson State University (JSU) in Jackson, MS April 12-13, 2019.

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NOBCChE Collaborative meeting attendees included representatives from Auburn University, Hampton University, Jackson State University, Ohio State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt University, and Winston-Salem State University.

Discussions included planning and strategizing research talks and discussions about on-going potential collaborative research projects, and increasing outreach activities and social media presence to increase student participation and recruitment.

Forums were conducted with JSU’s Department of Chemistry Chair, Physics and Atmospheric Science (Dr. Fadavi), College Dean (Dr. Walters), and JSU’s NOBCChE Student Chapter representatives.

For More Information Visit: https://www.nobcche.org/
A student poster presentation was exhibited in the JSU John A. Peoples building. Sixteen posters were displayed. Approximately 60 people attended the event.

Special thanks to Dr. Victor Ogungbe and the JSU Department of Chemistry, NOBCChE Chapter, OSU, UPIT, and LSAMP for their hospitality and support.

**WELCOME SCI-STEPS 2019 SUMMER STUDENTS!**

NOBCChE Collaborative members welcomed SCI-STEPS student participants to their summer programs. The National Science Foundation INCLUDES grant - SCI-STEPS was created to increase the retention of underrepresented groups in the physical sciences and engineering from college to PhD and ultimately the workforce.

**Gyeongmin Hwang** from Northern Virginia Community College joined Dr. Renã Robinson in RASR Laboratory at Vanderbilt University. His project is “Automation of Filter-Aided Sample Preparation (FASP) Method.” Gyeongmin will be attending the University of Virginia in Fall 2019.

**Elizabeth Elliot** from George Mason University joined the lab of Dr. Christine Thomas at Ohio State University. Elizabeth’s project is “Synthesis of Bimetallic Complexes Using Transition Metals and Group 13 Elements.”

**Alexis Gayles** from George Mason University joined the lab of Dr. Thomas Magliery at Ohio State University. Alexis’ project is “Analyzing Stability Effects in Protein Loops: Cloning and Characterization of Selected and Rational Variants of Rop.”

**46th ANNUAL NOBCCHE MEETING**

The 46th Annual NOBCChE meeting will take place November 18-21, 2019 in St. Louis, MO at Union Station.

The theme for NOBCChE 2019 is "Gateway to Excellence," and will focus on providing programming that will enable our members to be successful in their present and future endeavors.

For more information please visit the NOBCChE website at: [https://www.nobcche.org/conference](https://www.nobcche.org/conference). We look forward to seeing you there!

**NOBCCHE COLLABORATIVE SPOTLIGHT!**

**NSF CONFERENCE GRANT RECEIVED!**
A NSF Grant was received for the Spring 2020 NOBCChE Collaborative Meeting at Hampton University.

**FACULTY EXCHANGE**
Bakarr Kanu visited the University of Pittsburgh March 25-26, 2019 and presented a seminar on “Developing Unique Identity for Drugs & Explosives in Ion Mobility Spectrometry.”

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OPENINGS AT HAMPTON UNIVERSITY**
Hampton University’s Partnership for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) is hiring two Research Assistant Professors. For details please view the attached position description.

**NOBCChE COLLABORATIVE DATA COLLECTION**
Please complete the attached NOBCChE Data Collection form and email the form to the contact email below no later than August 9, 2019.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!**
Email your news of awards, recognitions, promotions, and academic achievements for our newsletter.

**BLOGGER NEEDED!**
Share your time and talents with us! NOBCChE Collaborative is currently seeking a volunteer blogger and social media expert.

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