Instructors: Professors Catherine Clarke (cathy@chem.ucla.edu), Al Courey (courey@chem.ucla.edu), and Joseph Loo (jloo@chem.ucla.edu)

Requisites: Open to all Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Chemistry Materials Science Majors

Seminar Time: Mondays 5:00-6:30 PM in Mol Sci 3440 (The Cram Conference Room)

Course Description and Objectives: This is a weekly 90 min seminar course that has two key objectives. The first one is to share with Chemistry and Biochemistry majors some of the employment and career opportunities that are available after earning their UCLA degrees, as well as some of the strategies to approach a job search. The second objective is to network with seminar speakers, faculty, and fellow students in order to develop professional skills and seed future professional relations.

Each week a UCLA alumnus will be invited to give a presentation that describes her/his career path in areas such as industry, government, research, development, education, law, health care, etc. Speakers will describe how their education in Chemistry and Biochemistry helped them become successful and will share with students the key skills and knowledge that have helped them advance in their professions. Each presentation will be followed by a Q&A / discussion and a reception that will be used as an opportunity to develop a closer fellowship among Chemistry and Biochemistry majors, speakers, and department faculty.

Grading Structure: A passing grade requires the following:
Attend and sign in at each class meeting, AND wear your name tag
Participate in a resume-writing workshop
Prepare a job application and a resume for a job opening

Please note that no absences will be allowed. Students who cannot attend all the classes should not enroll. This class is offered every quarter! Please enroll when your schedule is compatible.
Fall 2017 SCHEDULE

Monday, October 2—Introduction (Profs. CF Clarke, A Courey, and J Loo; plus Stacy Ulery from the UCLA Career Center): The first meeting will be used to inform students about the organization of the course and provide general information about jobs, job searching, and job applications, including the preparation of an effective resume.


Monday, October 16 – Dr. Justine Lee (B.S. Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology, UCLA; M.D. PhD., Univ. of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine 1999; Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgeon, Bernard G. Sarnat Endowed Chair in Craniofacial Biology, UCLA Geffen School of Medicine)

Monday, October 23—Dr. Ralph Bauer (B.S. Chemistry - Honors, UCLA 1952; Ph.D. Chemistry, UCLA 1958; Seaborg Medal Awardee, 1992; Mayor of Huntington Beach 1997; Councilman, Huntington Beach, CA)

Monday, October 30 — No Class due to Distinguished Lecture

Monday, November 6 – Resume Workshop with Roni Lavi from the Career Center

Monday, November 13 – Dr. Ruben Flores-Saib (B.S. Biology, Autonomous University of Baja California, 1993; M.S., Chemistry Biochemistry, UCLA 1997; Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, UCLA 2000; Director of Commercialization, UC San Diego)
Monday, November 20— Troy Walton (B.S. Biochemistry, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 1999; Ph.D., Philosophy, Biochemistry, University of Colorado Boulder, 2007; Senior Scientist, Beyond Meat)

Monday, November 27— Dr. Rafael Ortiz (B.S. Chemistry, CSULA; Ph.D. Organic Chemistry, UCLA 1993; Postdoctoral Fellow, Cal Tech; Section Manager & Intellectual Property Manager, The Proctor & Gamble Company)


Monday, December 11-15 Finals Week.