Careers for Chemistry Majors

Friday, Nov. 14
3:30 p.m.
Thatcher Building
Seminar Room 4630

Hear about the many career paths followed by former U of U chemistry students!

Cookies and drinks after the panel!

Please RSVP for this event - email ageisler@chem.utah.edu

Brandon Bacon graduated from the U in 2013 with an H.B.S. in Chemistry with a research scholar distinction and an H.B.S. in Business Administration with an innovation scholar distinction. His Honors Thesis in chemistry was written about organometallic fluorocarbons. He was awarded the ACS inorganic chemistry student award and other departmental scholarships. Bacon is the Co-Founder of the Spark Health Innovation Lab and is a second year medical student at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He is currently studying congenital heart arrhythmia, specifically Long QT Syndrome.

Arni-Elei Costa has a BS in Chemistry from the U, and is working on a Professional MBA from Colorado State University. He is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and Japanese. He has worked for various biotech companies, drug testing labs, and sales organizations. Early on, Costa developed a passion for instrumentation and Chromatography, leading to a role as Thermo Fisher Scientific's Regional Sales Manager for Alternate Channels in charge of Latin America. He has presented talks and techniques in liquid and ion phase chromatography with Thermo Fisher products all over the world. He has a passion for chemistry and loves that he can make a living with his passion.

Robyn Seely graduated from the U in 2004 with a B.S. in Chemistry, with an emphasis on Chemical Physics and a minor in English Literature. By graduation, she knew she wanted to go to pharmacy school. In 2006, she entered Northeastern University in Boston, and graduated with honors in 2009. Her degree in Chemistry allowed her to skip three years of her six-year program! Seely has worked at a pharmaceutical company, an anticoagulation clinic, a children's psychiatric hospital, and at the Utah Department of Health, where she is currently the Director of Drug Utilization Review for the Medicaid program.

Anna Schibel has a PhD from the University of Utah in Chemistry with a focus on organometallic chemistry. She worked as a Research Scientist at Electronic BioSciences (EBS), a small business located in Research Park that specializes in combing high performance, low noise electronics with biological nanopore-based platforms for biosensing applications. She is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and Japanese.

Chad Testa has 12 years of industrial research experience. His background includes molecular biology, genetic engineering, enzymology and chemical synthesis, contributing to his leadership of multidisciplinary teams. As the VP of Research and Development for Echelon Biosciences, Dr. Testa oversees all new product efforts and the release of new product categories. Dr. Testa holds a B.A. in Biochemistry from Ithaca College, an M.S. in Chemistry from Bucknell University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Utah. He is an author on 12 publications, inventor on 2 issued patents, and has led efforts that have brought in ~$8M in federal grant awards.

Kara Stowers graduated from the University of Utah in 2006 with a B.S. in Chemistry, with an emphasis in Chemical Physics and a minor in English Literature. After graduating, she went on to get her graduate degree in organometallic chemistry at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. After a post-doctoral fellowship studying surface science at Harvard, she recently started as an Assistant Professor in the chemistry department at BYU.