

American Chemical Society Susquehanna Valley Section

# **SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

The four hundred and eighteenth meeting of the American Chemical Society Susquehanna Valley Section will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 in the Elaine Langone Center (LANG) on the Bucknell University campus. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM in LANG 256 and will be preceded by a reception at 5:00 PM in room LANG 240 and dinner at 6:00 PM in room LANG 241C,D. The speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Carson of Macroceutics, Inc.

## "Adventures in Drug Discovery"

Dr. Kenneth Carson Founder and CEO of Macroceutics, Inc.

Ken will reflect on important lessons learned about drug discovery, development, and the pharmaceutical business from 20 years spent in several biotechnology companies. Ken will include thoughts on the attrition rate in drug discovery, how to work through several kinds of drug discovery problems, and what differentiates a good biological target.

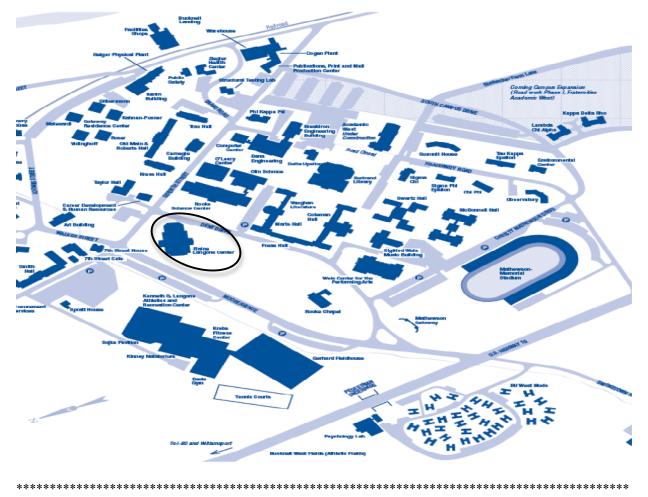
Ken Carson earned his B.S. in Chemistry from Bucknell University (1990) and his Ph.D. from Cornell University (1995), under the guidance of Bruce Ganem. He then joined LeukoSite, Inc., and worked on several inflammationrelated projects such as integrin antagonists and chemokine receptor antagonists. Upon the acquisition of LeukoSite by Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Ken continued to lead multiple projects in the inflammation group, helping to nominate several compounds into development (most notably CCR1 antagonists). In September 2004, Ken joined Lexicon Pharmaceuticals to lead the immunology chemistry group. In 2007, Ken was promoted to Vice-President of Medicinal Chemistry, responsible for the entire medicinal chemistry group at Lexicon. His group at Lexicon nominated multiple programs into development in the areas of metabolic disease, immunology, and pain.

**DINNER:** Dinner entrees will be a buffet dinner including a vegetarian option and dessert. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. ACS guests wishing to reserve dinner can contact Jim Swan by email (<u>swan@bucknell.edu</u>) by 10 PM Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

DIRECTIONS TO BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY:

East of Lewisburg:	West of Lewisburg:
1. Interstate 80 West to Exit 210A	1. Interstate 80 East to Exit 210A
2. Route 15 South	2. Route 15 South
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South of Lewisburg:	North of Lewisburg:
1. Take Routes 11&15 North	1. Take Route 15 south
2. When Routes 11 & 15 split, stay on Route 15 (Tedd's	2. Once past Interstate 80, turn left on Moore Avenue at
Landing is on your right; KMart on your left)	the 11th traffic light (the first light after crossing Route
	45 (Market Street)). (Look for the Bucknell Athletic
	Stadium on the left.)
3. Approx. 7 miles after Selinsgrove / Shamokin Dam,	
you'll come to a stop light. Bucknell is on your right.	
(Look for the Bucknell Athletic Stadium on right.)	

Once on campus: Follow the campus map to the visitor parking designated with a "D".



### 2014 - 2015 Local Section Meeting Schedule:

10-Sept-2014: Bucknell University 15-Oct-2014: Wilkes University 12-Nov-2014: Lycoming College Jan 2015: Executive Board Meeting 11-Feb-2015: King's College
11-March-2015: Susquehanna University
8-April-2015: Misericordia University
May-2015: Bloomsburg University (Awards Banquet)

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### **2014 Local Section Elections:**

Section Web Page: <u>http://departments.kings.edu/SusquehannaValleyACS</u>