

American Chemical Society East Texas Section February 2017

Next Section Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 27
Place: Levi Hall Room, BCT Bldg

Texarkana College

Texarkana

Dinner: On your own

Time: Speaker 7:00 P.M. (No charge for the talk)

Clean Rivers Program

Mike Buttram Texarkana College

The Water quality in the Sulphur River Basin has been the subject of many years of study starting as early as 1965. Numerous tests for a variety of parameters have been recorded in the Surface Water Quality Information Index maintained by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. For the most part, these parameters indicate that the water quality meets the criteria for its uses. Currently, the basin interests of many have turned to water availability for the future. Surface water is the most important source of water in the basin, and sedimentation in the lakes is causing a rather dramatic reduction in water availability. Technology allows us to measure the sedimentation in the past, so a historical record exists and projections for the future have been made. Measuring the current sedimentation rate is not easy. Methods to control sedimentation are well documented but expensive. Solving this problem will require the help of many including individuals, governmental entities, and industry.

Speaker Bio

Mike Buttram is a lifetime resident of Bowie County in Northeast Texas and a graduate of DeKalb High School. He completed his BS and MS Degrees with majors in both chemistry and biology at East Texas State University and a PhD in chemistry at the University of Louisville. He is a retired Professor of Chemistry at Texarkana College. While at Texarkana College, Mike was a sponsor of the Texarkana College Chemistry Club and the coordinator and quality assurance officer for the Clean Rivers Contract at Texarkana College.



Upcoming Dates

March TBD

April 2-6 ACS Spring National Meeting, San Francisco, CA

April 6 Student Research Presentations, LeTourneau University, Longview

August 20-24 ACS Fall National Meeting, Washington, DC

September Student Research Presentations, UT-Tyler, Tyler

October TBD

October 29- November 1 Southwest Regional Meeting, Lubbock, TX
November Joe Jeffers, Texarkana College, Texarkana

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Upcoming ACS Webinars

February 23

Fighting Cancer: Epigenetic Targets for Oncology
https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/acs-webinars/drug-discovery/epigenetic.html

Epigenetics refers to heritable changes characteristics that can be influences by the environment, but which do not result from changes in the genetic code. Epigenetics is an area of intense current interest in medicinal chemistry, biology, and medicine. Professor Stuart Conway will introduce current understanding of the molecular basis of epigenetic processes, and explain how these findings are being exploited in medicinal chemistry to develop medicines with innovative new mechanisms of action.

March 2

TERA-print: From Academic Discovery to a Commercial Desktop Fab https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/acs-webinars/technology-innovation/tera-print.html

Chad Mirkin discusses the development of a suite of novel nanofabrication instruments that can be used to generate combinatorial libraries with as many as 100 million nanoscale features that can be used to screen and identify nanomaterial structure-function relationships important in catalysis, energy harvesting and conversion, and the life sciences.

March 9

Professional Development that Makes a Difference: Communication Skills, Networking, and Time Management

https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/acs-webinars/professional-development/pro-difference.html

Join Matt Grandbois as he shares how communication, networking and time management can help anyone get ahead, with a specific focus on the importance that professional development provides for young chemists.

On the map of Texarkana College on the next page, the BCT building is at building # 1 at the left of the page. Park in the lot that borders on Robison Road and enter through the door a short way down the covered sidewalk.

