



News of Interest to Friends of the  
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## ***Faculty Recognition***

### *Clarivate Analytics*

Professor **Shengqian Ma** was named a 2019 Clarivate Highly Cited Researcher, meaning he is once again in the top 1% of all chemists cited worldwide.



Dr. Ma

The Highly Cited Researchers data from Clarivate Analytics form a key component of the Academic Ranking of World Universities (<http://www.shanghairanking.com/ARWU2019.html>).

### *USF World Presented Global Achievements Awards*

**Solomon Weldegirma** was recognized both as a nominee for a Global Achievement Award for his work in Ethiopia, and he received a pin commemorating his being named a Fulbright Scholar.



Dr. Weldegirma

And the Science in Florence faculty team, which includes **Kirpal Bisht**, **Kim Fields** and **David Merkler**, won the team award for Outstanding Global Student Success.



Dr. Bisht,



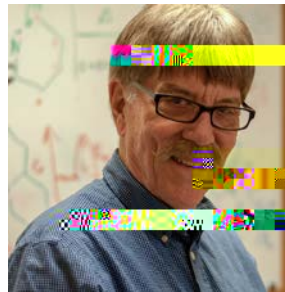
Dr. Fields



Dr. Merkler

### *New Research Award*

Dr. **Wayne Guida** (Professor) is the PI and Dr. **James Leahy** (Professor and Chair) is the Co-PI of a new NIH-funded project, “Development of antagonists targeting STING in systemic lupus erythematosus.



Dr. Guida

The project started January 1, and it is scheduled for a two-year period.

### *Excellence in Innovation*

Dr. **Kirpal Bisht** (A(a)4 (n) FnaD8 >>BDC 0 Tj 00



(Dr. **Julie Harmon**)  
Dr. **Silvia Sing** (Dr.**Jianfeng Cai**)  
Dr. **Lei Wang** (Dr.**Jianfeng Cai**)

*Masters:*

Mr. **Christopher Johnson** (MA),  
(Dr.**Wayne Guida**)  
Mr. **MD Dewahur Rahman** (MS),  
(Dr. **Scott Lewis**)

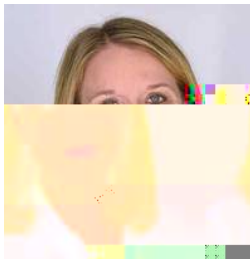
Ms. **Paige Romero** has added these names to the Webpage Alumni list, together with current activities of each as we learn of them.

### **Martin Lecturer**

The 2020 Martin Lecturer was  
Dr. **Christy Haynes**, who is the

Distinguished McKnight University  
Professor, Elmore H. Northey Professor  
University of Minnesota, Department of  
Chemistry, Minneapolis,

Her seminar on January 22 was titled “Design  
and Redesign of Sustainable Engineered  
Nanomaterials”



Dr. Haynes

Dr. **Theresa Evans-Nguyen** (Assistant  
Professor) coordinated seminar arrangements  
and served as host. Ms. **Paige Romero**  
arranged for the special before- and- after  
refreshments.

### ***Persons you may know***

**Chuhua Wang** (Ph.D. '98) sent greeting to  
Dr. **Dean Martin**, and noted he and his wife  
were spending part of the holidays in  
Philadelphia.

Dr. **Aleksandra Karolak** ('15) is an  
Assistant Research Professor at City of Hope,  
{Pasadena, CA)

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university during the APLU's annual meeting in San Diego, distinguishes USF's global leadership in international education, research and engagement, and sets us apart among USF peers.

President Currall wrote," The award is a wonderful

Patent information was obtained from the 2018-19 Performance Report of the USF Foundation.

APLU information was obtained from end-of-the-term information that was provided to the University community.

Ms. **Kaitlyn Kroner** provided the names of advanced graduates. She serves as Graduate Program Coordinator for Chemistry.

Ms. **Paige Romero** is an Administrative Specialist.

## ***Abbreviations***

**NSF:** National Science Foundation

**PI:** Principal Investigator

**CoPI:** Co-Principal Investigator

**NIH:** National Institute of Health

## ***News and feedback***

***Chair:***

