

AWARD NEWS

Thomas Stevenson received the 2018 **Kenneth A. Spencer Award** for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural and Food Chemistry. The award is given by the Kansas City Section of the ACS. The Spencer Award, the most prestigious ACS award recognizing advancements in agricultural and food chemistry is the latest of the numerous awards he has received for his work on crop protection. He is recently retired from DuPont and is currently a Corporate Fellow at FMC Agricultural Solutions.

James Seiber won the 2018 **Sterling B. Hendricks Award** for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural and Food Chemistry. The award will be presented at a lecture co-sponsored by the AGFD and AGRO divisions of the ACS at the ACS National Meeting in Boston for his work on food chemistry, food safety, food toxins in the environment and his lengthy tenure as Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry Editor. He is currently an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology at UC Davis.



Sevim Erhan won the 2018 **Award for the Advancement of Application of Agricultural and Food Chemistry**. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to pure and applied agricultural and food chemistry. The award presentation will take place at the AGFD banquet at the 2018 Fall ACS National Meeting and celebrates her career researching the chemistry and non-food applications of vegetable oils. She is currently the Eastern Regional Research Center Director at the USDA Agricultural Research Service

H.N. Cheng of the USDA Southern Regional Research Center and **Mingfu Wang** of the University of Hong Kong received 2108 **AGFD Fellow Awards**. The AGFD Fellow Award recognizes outstanding scientific contributions to the field of agricultural and food chemistry.

Kathryn D. Diebler of Pfizer and **Michael Qian** of Oregon State Univ. received the 2018 **Award for Distinguished Service to the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry**, recognizing their frequent presentations at AGFD symposia and service in Division leadership positions, including Division Chair.

Amadeus Driando Ahnan, University of Massachusetts, Amherst received the 2018 **Roy Teranishi Graduate Fellowship** in Food Chemistry. This honor goes to a beginning graduate student with an outstanding graduate GPA who shows promise of an excellent research career (which he juggles with a music career). His recent research has focused on anti-cancer components of tempeh, raspberries and soybeans.

Yaxi Hu, University of British Columbia won the 2018 **Withycombe–Charalambous Award** for Excellence in Graduate Research in Agricultural or Food Chemistry. She presented a paper at the Spring 2018 ACS National Meeting in Boston describing her work on developing analytical techniques to detect food fraud. Coming in second and third place for the award are **Junai Gan**, University of California-Davis and **Tianxi Yang** and **Phoebe Chen**, both University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Alexia Ciarfella, Rutgers University, won the 2018 **AGFD Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award** for her work on characterization of gelatin using fluorescence spectroscopy. Coming in second and third place for the award are **Linkage Zhang**, University of British Columbia and **Thai-Thanh Vo**, U. California-Davis.

On April 18th **Mike Appell** received **Chemist of the Year** award from the Illinois Heartland Section of ACS. Reviewing his career he noted that the people of AGFD had a huge impact on his career as a chemist. His presentation covered the many benefits of AGFD and technical division membership.

Kudos to AGFD's own **Terry Acree** upon becoming a **50-year ACS Member**.

AGFD congratulates all these awardees and looks forward to their continued successes and contributions.