



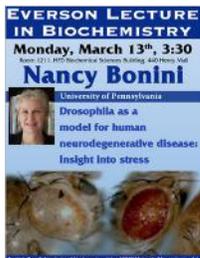
Biochemistry Lecture Series Build Community and Foster Collaboration

The Department of Biochemistry has long been known to have one of the strongest sets of lecture series and symposia, bringing in leading scientists from around the country and the world to share their knowledge with the department and broader campus and Madison community. A great lecture can be the medium by which new ideas enter the university and collaborations are fostered to take our ideas beyond UW–Madison’s borders, embodying the Wisconsin Idea. Named lecture series and symposia help us attract leading talent to come speak on campus — and they wouldn’t be possible without the assistance of generous gifts. Below are some examples of current lecture series and symposia.

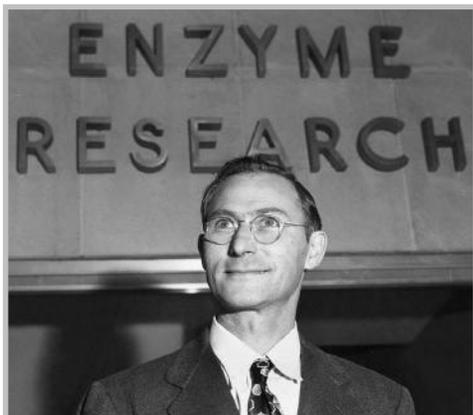
Gladys J. Everson Lectureship Series



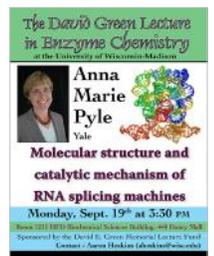
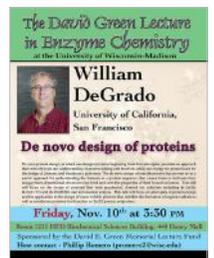
Gladys June Everson was born in 1909 in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. She completed her undergraduate degree in 1931 at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and her M.S. in 1936 at the University of Iowa. She then returned to UW–Madison to work with Professor Harry Steenbock, and received her Ph.D. from the Department of Biochemistry in 1942. Her research interests focused on the relationship between dietary deficiencies and birth defects. She served on the faculty at the University of California in Davis from 1953 to 1969 and raised concerns about the general need for more exercise and better nutrition. Upon her death in 1969, she bequeathed her estate to the Department of Biochemistry, which has been used to support the Gladys J. Everson Lectureship in Biochemistry. This lectureship features former associates of our department, including former graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty.



David Green Lecture in Enzyme Chemistry

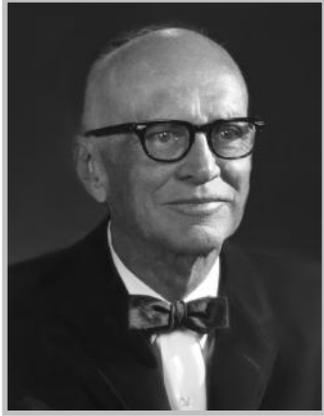


The David E. Green Memorial Lecture Fund was established in 1983 with alumni contributions given to the David E. Green Distinguished Memorial Lectureship Committee. In the late 1940s, Green came to the University of Wisconsin–Madison from Columbia University to establish the Institute for Enzyme Research, which has since become part of the Department of Biochemistry. He made significant contributions to the study of enzymes and this lecture series brings the best and brightest in enzyme chemistry to campus to share their knowledge.

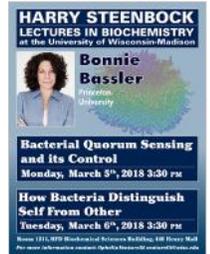




Steenbock Lectures in Biochemistry



Harry Steenbock (1886-1967) was a distinguished Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His interests and contributions spanned many areas of nutrition and biochemistry. One of his outstanding achievements was the discovery of the irradiation process for producing vitamin D. To honor Professor Steenbock, a Steenbock Endowment sponsors two lectures each year at UW–Madison. One lecture brings a scientist based in the United States to the department and the other brings in international talent. Examples include Professor Bonnie Bassler of Princeton University to discuss bacterial communication and Svante Pääbo of the Max Planck Institute, who gave both a scientific talk and a public talk about combining biochemistry and genetics to analyze the DNA extracted from ancient bones found at archeological sites in order to piece together human history.



The Steenbock Symposium

Another Steenbock Endowment sponsors the popular Steenbock Symposium. Since 1969, the symposium has focused on a wide range of topics in biochemistry, from vitamins and enzymatic mechanisms to iron-sulfur proteins and synthetic biology. The symposium invites the scientific leaders in the topic's field to UW–Madison and attracts attendees from campus, the United States, and around the globe. The specificity of the topics allows for targeted connections between researchers working in exciting and groundbreaking areas. Support for this symposium ensures it continues to be successful for years to come.

