

# Lab Oratory

Spring 2014

## Signs of Spring

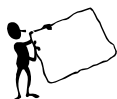


The daffodils in my garden are now blooming, and the tulips are close behind them. Along with the milder temperatures, the flowers herald the arrival of Spring. Each year, I look forward to the arrival of Spring here in the Pacific Northwest. This 2 month long bonanza of floral display is a welcome sign of renewal after the gray months that preceded it.

**ASCLS-WA SPRING SEMINAR:** Spring is also a sign that the annual ASCLS Spring Seminar is fast approaching, only 3 weeks away to be exact. What better way to celebrate the renewal that spring offers than to renew a commitment to one's profession by taking continuing education classes at the 2014 Spring Seminar and reconnecting with your peers?

This year's line-up of engaging talks makes for some difficult choices. I'm currently having trouble deciding whether to take "Much ado about Poo" or "Laboratory Diagnosis of Red Cell Disorders", both offered Friday

afternoon on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A number of other talks also look interesting; I wish I had a time machine so I could attend them all!



**POSTER SESSION:** New this year at the Spring Seminar are posters produced by the Medical Technology Students from the University of Washington Medical Technology Program and the Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center program. Students will be present to explain their work and answer questions. This is a great opportunity learn new trends in our field, and to recruit new graduates for your lab if you have positions open. ASCLS-Washington is proud to host these students as part of the society's mission to educate future laboratorians.

**PRO RATA MEMBERSHIP for NEW MEMBERS:** Finally, ASCLS is offering a pro rata membership for new members with 15 months for the price of 12 months! Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on April 26<sup>th</sup>, new members will have membership

until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Considering the many benefits that ASCLS has to offer, this is a good bargain! Don't wait to join ASCLS or encourage a friend to do so, the opportunity won't last.



**ACCOLADES:** The 2014 Spring Seminar is the result of a small cadre of dedicated volunteers. Margie Vacarro and her team have spearheaded the planning and execution of the Spring Seminar in Spokane, and are to be commended for their hard work. Without their efforts, this event would not be possible!

Please plan on attending the 2014 Spring Seminar at the Spokane Convention Center situated on the scenic Spokane River waterfront. Nearby are beautiful walking trails and tasty eateries to enjoy when you are not attending the seminar. Registration is offered online for your convenience as well as by mail.

[www.asclswa.org/SpringSeminar.html](http://www.asclswa.org/SpringSeminar.html)

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**"I love spring flowers: daffodils and hyacinths are the ultimate flower for me. They are the essence of spring"**

**-Kirsty Gallacher**

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By Sigrid Reymond

## Spring Seminar in Spokane! April 24-26, 2014

You still have time to register for the "2014 Spring Seminar" in Spokane.

Did you know?

- **Mail in [Registration](#)** postmark deadline: **April 7th, 2014**
- **Travelodge registration** deadline for conference rate: **April 11<sup>th</sup> 2014**
  - Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi and Parking!
  - **Reservations:** Call the hotel at 509-623-9727. You must request the ASCLS group rate (\$99/night) to obtain the

listed group room rate. The group rate will be honored until April 11, 2014.

- **Online [Registration](#)** deadline: **April 18<sup>th</sup> 2014**
- Twenty three sessions and speakers who are expert in their field
- FREE Student Poster Session by MT/MLS students with PACE Credit!

**New!** A student poster session will be held for the first time as a part of the ASCLS-WA Spring Seminar!! Come and support our

future laboratory professionals by visiting the poster presentations during the meeting. PACE credits will be available to those that visit the student poster session and successfully complete an exam about the posters. This is a great way to get continuing education credits and support our students!

- There is no charge to attend the poster session.

[Spring Seminar Brochure](#) at [www.asclswa.org](http://www.asclswa.org)



## Critical Issue in Washington State Senate that Affects ALL Laboratorians

### Issue: MA-P [Amendment SB 6283](#)

Submitted by ASCLS-WA Leadership (e-alert message)

The problem with the MA Law is it only allows the MA-P to do phlebotomy. All med techs who draw blood must have the MA-P draw blood. However, the MA-P, by law, may only do phlebotomy and nothing else. The current law is an exclusionary law. The MA-P scope of practice is legally defined. That means any med tech who has the MA-P license to draw blood cannot do waived, moderate, or high complexity testing.

The lab assistants in many facilities not only do phlebotomy but also do waived testing, moderate testing, and EKGs. Since they have the MA-P license, they cannot legally do the testing and EKGs. This means the lab assistants with MA-P cannot legally do these other job duties.

The amendment simply adds to the MA-P scope of practice, allowing med techs to do the testing they already do and allowing the lab assistants to do the duties they are already doing. The amendment was passed in the House and is now having trouble passing the Senate. Only the underlined words are being added.

CLIA allows lab assistants (high school diploma) to do waived and moderate complexity testing. The bill does not add anything that CLIA doesn't already allow. Please contact the legislators in the previous email to support SB 6283 to add to the scope of practice of the MA-P. Without the amendment, the MA-P may only

perform phlebotomy. Anyone who performs phlebotomy must have the MA-P license which has replaced the HCA license.

SB 6283 allows Med Techs who perform phlebotomy to do the testing that they are already doing. SB 6283 allows the lab assistants who perform waived and moderate complexity testing to continue doing this. The Senate bill is posted on our website: [www.asclswa.org](http://www.asclswa.org). We appreciate your attention to this issue. The ASCLS-WA Leadership.

The amendment has passed the legislature and was signed by Governor Jay Inslee.

# 2014 Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium Call for STUDENT Volunteers

Submitted by **Peregina Roberson MLS (ASPC)<sup>CM</sup>**  
**Program Chair, 2014 Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium**

I am looking for some students (recent graduates) to **help at the exhibit hall during the 2014 NWMLS in Portland, Oct 1-3**. We need 2- 3 students, sharing the responsibilities will allow them to attend the educational sessions. Students will work with Brenda Kochis, Exhibit Chair. She is a great to work with, and will brief students and can answer any questions.

**These are the days and time that they will need student(s) to be there:**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014: 9:00 am-2:15 pm**

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014: 11:45 am-2:15 pm**

**Friday, Oct. 3, 2014: 11:45 am-4:00 pm**

The onsite Exhibit Hall person would help do the following:

- Deal with Exhibitor questions; It helps if there is someone at the desk during Exhibit Hall hours.
- Assist exhibitors with registration: picking up name badges & prepare name badges for those who were not pre-registered.
- Correct the Exhibit Hall Exam

for P.A.C.E. credit during Exhibit hours.

- Check that attendees entering the exhibit hall have name badges.
- Direct attendees for Exhibit Hall only to the Exhibits sign-in location.
- Help break down the Exhibitor registration on Friday afternoon.



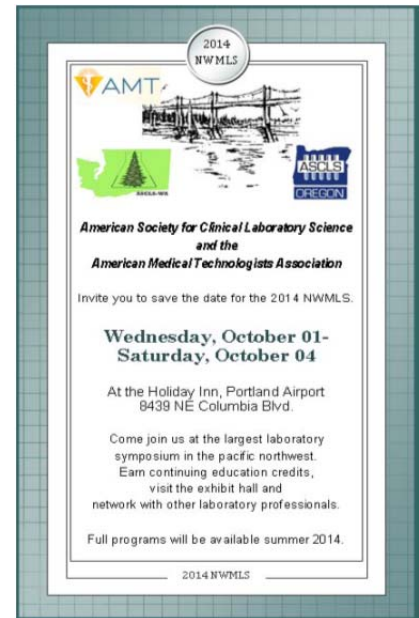
Volunteers will be rewarded depending on the number of students and the hours that they volunteer. Students will most likely be rewarded with lunch and free educational session hours matching the hours that they volunteer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## ASCLS-WA 2014-2015 Slate of Officers

The following slate of officers for the ASCLS-WA Board will be presented at the ASCLS-WA Board Meeting at the 2014 Spring Seminar.

**President: Terese Abreu**  
**President Elect: Leslie Nakagawa**  
**Secretary: Mi-Lim Kim**  
**Treasurer: Shawna Martin**



We're on the  
 Web!

[www.asclswa.org](http://www.asclswa.org)

## Clinical Laboratory Educator's Conference (CLEC)

Submitted by **Molly Morse**

NAACLS workshop was attended by Washington State Educators:

- Cynthia Hamby, & Leah Daily, MLS Program, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane
- Terese Abreu, MT Program Director, Heritage University CLS Program, Toppenish, WA
- Sue Seegers and Molly Morse, MLT Faculty, Shoreline Community College
- Harvey Schiller, Heather Eggleston and April Abbott, MT Program, University of Washington
- Roxann Gary, Transfusion Services, Harborview Medical Center.



**Audrey Hentzen, PhD., MLT(ASCP)**, faculty from Casper College in Wyoming gave an overview of preparing students to travel internationally and plan curriculum and assessment activities. This was a very interesting session on "Taking Students and the Clinical Lab to Third World Countries." She shared her travel experience, and said that she asked students to journal daily, which was part of their course activities. A travel abroad program was set up for health science students and this was the second year students had travelled to serve in the health clinic. Students travelled to Peru and undertook service learning to provide medical clinic services to villages located along the Amazon River. The health clinic included patient screening, x-rays, clinical laboratory testing, and pharmacy services.

Keynote speaker, Lisa Schilling, RN, MPH, Kaiser Permanente addressed how they transformed their quality performance over 5 years to be a highly rated health plan and among the highest

quality delivery systems in the US.

Karen Honeycutt, M Ed, University of Nebraska Medical Center, presented a session on "The Flipped Classroom Experience." She shared her teaching and faculty experiences utilizing asynchronous technology to provide theory content, while active learning was used in the face-to-face classroom. Students watch lectures online prior to class. The focus in the classroom is the application level practice exercises.



Two local educators were presenters at CLEC. **Alice April Abbott, PhD**, UW, lead a roundtable session on "Comparison of Strategies for Teaching Core Microbiology Competencies across MLT Programs." Discussion was open to ways to prepare MLS students for their clinical training. Topics for discussion revolved around strategies employed by MLS training programs to teach core microbiology competencies and sharpen problem-solving skills.

**Dr. Harvey Schiller, MD, UW** and **Heather Eggleston, MEd, UW**, presented a session on "Evaluation of MLS Student Applications." The session reviewed the process of accepting 30-115 applicants. Presentation included information relating to assessing prerequisite requirements, selection of applicants for interview, evaluation of applicant writing skills, and final selection of applicants.



The Friday Reception was held at **The Tech Museum of Innovation** and many people enjoyed the dinner buffet, and the hands-on technology and science exhibits. The Tech Museum is in a 132,000-square-foot mango-and-azure-colored domed building, unlike any other in the Silicon Valley or the world. It was a wonderful break to interact with the exhibits.

## CLEC Highlights!



Leah Daily and Cynthia Hamby



San Jose Museum of Art/ Walking distance of CLEC



Roxann Gary at Tech Museum of Innovation for CLEC evening and dinner

CLEC Conference was held at Fairmont Hotel, San Jose



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## Reminders



April 20-26, 2014: National Medical Laboratory Week

April 24-26, 2014: 2014 Spring Seminar, Spokane WA

April 25, 2014: ASCLS-WA Board Meeting and House of Delegates (HOD), 5pm

April 24-26, 2014: Student Poster Session, PACE credit (no fee), 2014, Spring Seminar

July 29-August 2, 2014: ASCLS Annual Mtg, Chicago IL

Oct. 1 - 4, 2014: Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium (NWMLS), Portland, OR

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