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**Tennessee Academy of Science  
2023 Annual Meeting Announcement / Call for Papers**

The 133<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science (TAS) will be hosted by Rhodes College in Memphis, TN on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Rhodes College is located at 2000 North Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112. Entry to this gated college campus will be through the Bailey Lane Entrance only. Upon arrival, tell security you're attending the TAS meeting. Parking will be available in the lots near the Bryant Campus Life Center (BCLC), the fraternity houses, and on University Street. Registration at the meeting will be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby of the BCLC. Please check the TAS website (<http://www.tennacadofsci.org>) prior to arriving to download the meeting program and to find additional and any updated meeting details. Only a few physical copies of the program will be available at the registration table the morning of the meeting.

The plenary session for this year's meeting, which will be held in the BCLC McCallum Ballroom, will feature chemist/biophysicist Dr. Richard Kriwacki, Ph.D., co-chair of the Cancer Research Program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the Structural Biology Department and adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Molecular Sciences at the UT-Memphis Health Science Center. His lab studies the biological roles of intrinsically disordered proteins and his plenary talk is preliminarily entitled "*Roles of Biomolecular Phase Separation in Biology and Disease.*"

TAS members and individuals including students sponsored by TAS members, are invited to present their research at the annual meeting. **Titles and abstracts for poster and oral presentations should be submitted electronically by Monday, October 16, 2023 at midnight CDT** to <https://forms.gle/71Tijkq8UePRsL7p6>. Any questions about the annual meeting should be directed to either your section chairperson (see attached Section Chair List) or the Annual Meeting Coordinator, Dr. J. Allyn Smith ([smithj@apsu.edu](mailto:smithj@apsu.edu)).

Registration and membership renewal information will be sent out via email and will be detailed on the TAS website in mid-October as new system is being setup. A printable parking pass for the meeting will be included as part of your registration confirmation email. For your planning, while membership fees remain unchanged [Regular \$40, Student \$10, Emeritus \$10, Sustaining \$50, Supporting \$100, Life \$400 (single payment), registration fees for this meeting have increased to \$10 for undergraduate and graduate students, and \$50 for TAS faculty members and other attendees. Lunch will be held at the Rhodes College Refectory (that offers many station options including pizza, southern meat and vegetables, pasta, vegetarian and vegan, Asian, fruit and salad bar, beverages, etc.) at the cost of \$10/person, which will be collected as part of the registration process.

For those needing overnight accommodations in Memphis on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, several rooms have been "block reserved" at the following Memphis area hotels. To reserve one or more of these rooms, call the hotel and identify yourself as making a reservation for the TN Academy of Science meeting.

- a) **Holiday Inn Express Memphis Medical Center Midtown (block of 20 rooms available; phone: (901)-276-1175)**  
The rate is \$139/night (+ applicable taxes and fees) for a two-queen room. This hotel is about 3 miles from the Rhodes campus near but outside of downtown. **These must be booked by Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- b) **Comfort Inn & Suites (block of 10 rooms available; phone: (901)-384-0010)**  
The rate is \$109/night (+ applicable taxes and fees) for a two-queen room. This hotel is about 8 miles from campus and located just to the east of the I-40/I-240 interchange on the Memphis east side. **These must be booked by Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Please note that we are planning on having this meeting in person. However, if these plans change due to unforeseen circumstances and we must modify to a hybrid or entirely remote meeting, we will contact TAS members via email. We look forward to seeing you at the Tennessee Academy of Science Meeting on November 18, 2023!

Sincerely,

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