

**NOTED WOMEN CHEMISTS KUCK, NALLEY,
BROWN WILL APPEAR SEPARATELY AT MTSU**

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(MURFREESBORO) — Three leading national women in science – **Valerie Kuck, Ann Nalley** and **Jeannette Brown** – will appear at **MTSU** for either **National Women’s History Month** or the **chemistry department’s** annual **Golden Goggles Award**.

Kuck (pronounced COOK) will discuss “The Stature of Women in Chemistry: Are Women Reaching Parity With Men?” **at 11:30 a.m. March 31** in **Davis Science Building Room 100** as part of the women’s history month activities. Kuck is considered a national expert on gender and the chemistry discipline.

Nalley, president-elect of the **American Chemical Society**, will be recognized on April 7 as this year’s Golden Goggles Award recipient, **Dr. Andrienne Friedli**, associate professor, chemistry, said.

Nalley will be introduced and speak at **7 p.m.** in **Wiser-Patten Science Hall Room 102**. This will follow a **6 p.m. reception** and student research poster displays from **5 p.m. until 6 p.m.** in the laboratories across from Room 102.

Brown, a chemist and educational consultant, will discuss the history of African-American women in the chemistry discipline at **11:30 a.m. April 14** in **DSB 100** in the next-to-last NWHM activity.

“We’re really delighted to see three wonderful women in chemistry coming to talk to us,” said **Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross**, associate professor, chemistry.

Iriarte-Gross said Kuck will “talk about the importance of mentoring for women in science or any women going into graduate education.” She added that Nalley “will be our first female Golden Goggles recipient and one of the few women to be president of the ACS. She’s a strong proponent of women in science and women in chemistry.”

Of Brown, Iriarte-Gross said she “just won an award for encouraging minorities in the chemical sciences. She will talk about her book, ‘History of African-American Women Chemists’ and the women who aren’t often recognized.

While visiting the Middle Tennessee region, Kuck will speak to the Nashville Chapter of ACS on March 30 at Cumberland University in Lebanon and Brown will address the same organization on April 14 at Fisk University.

For details about the visits by Kuck and Brown, contact Iriarte-Gross (jiriarte@mtsu.edu) by calling 615-898-904-8253.

For Golden Goggles information, contact Friedli (afriedli@mtsu.edu) at 615-898-2071 or **Dr. Preston MacDougall** (pmacdougall@mtsu.edu), professor, at 615-898-5265.

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Media welcomed to each of the events.