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Katie Walker

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Biographical Information:

Erin Kate "Katie" Walker, Ph.D., is the immediate Past Chair of the ACS Dallas-Fort Worth Local Section. Katie received her B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Texas at Dallas and her Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. Katie has a history of building award winning ACS programs, and has been involved with ACS since 2003. While at UT Dallas she served as Secretary (2004-2006) and President (2006-2007) of the nationally recognized "Outstanding" ACS Student Chapter, co-wrote an article for *InChemistry* outlining successful student chapter tips, and planned large scale outreach events including partnerships with the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science, Texas Instruments, and Plano libraries. In 2010, Katie was selected for an ACS Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) Youth Leadership Development Award. While in Austin, Katie founded and chaired the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) of the Central Texas ACS Local Section, which has been selected as a ChemLuminary Finalist for Outstanding New Local Section Younger Chemists and Outstanding or Creative Younger Chemists Events. Katie served as the Co-Chair of the Undergraduate Program at the 2011 ACS Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM), where she organized and executed a two day undergraduate program, raised and managed funds, and recruited and coordinated volunteers from three universities and the local section. Katie also served as the Secretary (2008-2009) and Co-President (2010-2011) of the Tellurium Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi (Women in Chemistry) at UT Austin, which was awarded the College of Natural Sciences Service Award for addressing gender issues and promoting community outreach and science education. Returning to DFW in 2012, Katie served as the Chair-Elect (2013) and Chair (2014) of the ACS DFW local section. During her time as Chair, Katie organized the DFW host local section booth at the 2014 ACS National Meeting, organized the Leadership Development Workshop at the 2014 SWRM, and served as the Awards Chair for SWRM 2014. Additionally, Katie introduced online registration,

online payments with credit card capabilities, and new venues for local section meetings. For Katie's Chair year, the local section was awarded the honor of being selected as a Chemluminary finalist in four separate categories. Katie has worked in both academia and industry, and has a broad background including nanoscience, spectroscopy, electrochemistry, microscopy, materials characterization, and chemical safety.

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