

# Xavier University-New York University/PREM

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MRSEC



# Overview of Xavier University

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Located in New Orleans (crescent city), LA

Founded by St Katharine Drexel (1925)

Private liberal arts institution (teaching University)

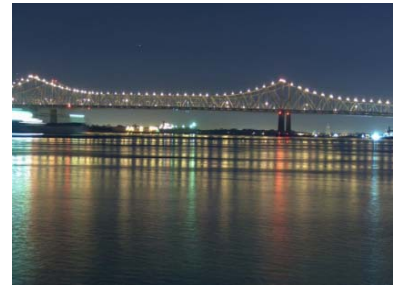
Student population (~3500 Students)

Predominantly Black (70%) (HBCU)

Majority of students from the New Orleans area (60%)

University has 2 colleges

- ❖ College of arts and sciences (7 departments)
- ❖ College of pharmacy



# About The Chemistry Department

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25 full time faculty

Over 700 chemistry majors (< 1% ACS certified)

Over 10 million dollars in grant funding (*NSF, NIH, DOD*)

State-of the art equipment for research (*FE-SEM, AFM*)

Ranked by the ACS as one of the top 25 universities in  
awarding BS degrees in chemistry (*US Dept. of Education*)

Rank first nationally in the number of African American

students earning a chemistry degree

A nationally recognized and award winning chemistry club

affiliated with the ACS



*Science Building*



*FE-SEM Hitachi*



*ACS-Chemistry club*



# Xavier - NYU/MRSEC proposed research

## Materials for energy Storage - (L. Meda, M. Ward, M. Weck)

development of polymeric, solid electrolytes, composite cathode materials for lithium-ion rechargeable batteries.

## Magnetic assemblies - V. Kolesnichenko, J. Zhang, D. Pine,

## Canary, K. Kirshenbaum, M. Walters, A. Kent

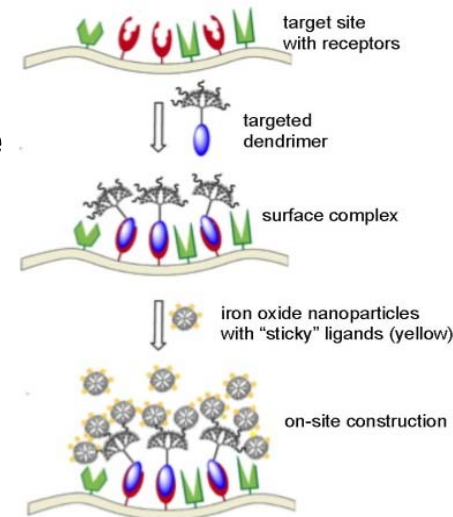
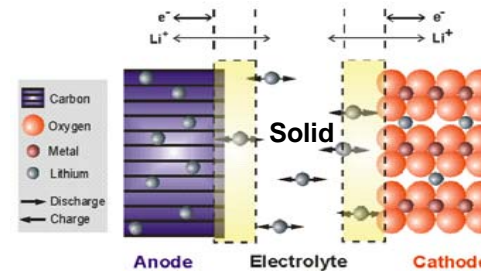
focus on nanometer-scale super-paramagnetic iron oxide particles surrounded by non polymeric biocompatible organic shells; provide greater mobility and diffusion for the imaging agent.

## Force measurements - (A. S. Meya, J. Brujic, D. Grier)

investigate the surface morphology of cancer stem cells and interaction forces between specific molecules immobilized on the tip and the cell surface.

## Polymorphic materials - B. Bilyeu, C. Stevens, M. Ward

polymorphic transitions in materials

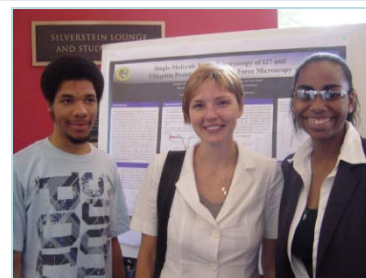


Conceptual description of on-site construction of superparamagnetic



## Relationship with the partner center

Established collaboration between A. Sunda-Meya (Xavier, physics) and J. Brujic, D. Grier (NYU)



Existing two-way student exchange program for outstanding undergraduates

Summer Scholar-in-Residence at NYU); Mike Adams (chemistry), several biology and math professors



Mutual interest in materials research and experimental investigation of nanoscale structures

Create a pipeline of underrepresented *undergraduates* who are well-trained and qualified for graduate school with focus on materials research



# Relationship between Xavier and NYU

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Students perform research at NYU during summer.

Xavier faculty members accompany students (faculty/student pair).

NYU graduate students will be paired with research teams at Xavier, including a one-month visit to Xavier that will ensure project continuity.

Provides an important mentorship opportunity for NYU graduate students, in both the NYU and Xavier environment.

To foster the collaborative long-term goals of Xavier and NYU, the FRN will host a biannual technical symposium during the Summer Scholar-in-Residence including faculty from other PREM institutions.





## Education and outreach efforts

Combined plan 3+2 engineering program in chemical, medical, mechanical engineering, between Xavier and NYU

Summer Bridge Program for entering freshman students (2 weeks)

- *Mathematics* (precalculus or calculus)
- Non-class days focus on research
- Working closely with their research supervisor
- Overview of Intro to engineering and science



Curriculum Development: Introduction to Science and Engineering, Materials Characterization, Advanced Materials Synthesis Lab

Summer Science Academy (SSA): hands-on materials research-related activities for high school students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade

American Chemical Society Chemistry Club Program: PREM take part in these programs



## Increasing underrepresented groups in materials research

Develop a Materials Science track in the ACS-certified Chemistry Program

Early exposure to undergraduate research (*freshman year*)

Recruitment (*J. Watson, M. Jones, J. Jones, S. Riddle, A. Angerfield, X. Williams*)

Provide summer research experiences (Xavier-NYU Faculty Student Pair)

Provide scholarships for qualified PREM students

Assign each freshman and upper level students to a PREM mentor

Required attendance to departmental seminar

Research presentation at national meetings (MRS, ACS and ACS)



*PREM Students*



*Scholarships*

