

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing on July 1st, 2022 of a dear friend of the **RNA Society** and beloved colleague Dr. Christine Guthrie. Christine began her career in 1973 in the Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics at the University of California in San Francisco and remained on the faculty there until her retirement in 2016. Christine is best recognized for her work using yeast as a model to identify and describe the roles of small nuclear RNAs and their associated proteins in directing the removal of introns during pre-mRNA splicing. During her long and distinguished career, Christine trained a generation of RNA biologists, many of whom are current leaders in the field. A tribute to Christine will be published in the **RNA Society** journal **RNA** in the coming months but fond statements from two of her trainees can be found below.

I had the good fortune to work in the Guthrie lab from 1981-1983. It was an exciting time in the lab, and in RNA biology, with the recent implication of snRNAs in the process of pre-mRNA splicing. Chris was keen to investigate the process in yeast, applying what she famously referred to as the "Awesome Power of Yeast Genetics" – a phrase that went into the folklore of the RNA research field. In fact, we initially found members of the class of RNAs now termed snoRNAs, but Chris went on to play a major role in understanding splicing mechanisms and their biological context. Chris was an engaging, indeed inspirational, research group leader. Always interested and excited by the latest results and progress; always in touch with the latest advances in the field and ready to pass her insights onto the lab members. In many respects, my own style of lab leadership was inspired during my time in the Guthrie lab, although possibly with a lower, or at least different, drug mix. Chris was among the founding members who created the RNA Society, but she will be missed far beyond.

David Tollervey, Professor of RNA Biology, University of Edinburgh

Christine Guthrie was my PhD mentor, and with Chris, that meant she was my "scientific mom" for life. One of her great talents was making me, and many other young scientists, feel an accepted and valued member of her scientific family, providing the confidence for success. Once in Christine's scientific embrace, Christine infused me with her clarity of thought and communication skills, and provided me with my love of the RNA community and science. I will always be indebted to Christine for her mentorship and friendship. I will miss her greatly.

Roy Parker, Professor of Biochemistry, University of Colorado - Boulder & HHMI

We will remember Christine and her passion for RNA research and the importance she played in our scientific community.