

**Dr. Linda Kidder's** involvement with vibrational spectroscopy began during her post-doctoral appointment at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), working with Ira Levin and Neil Lewis in the Laboratory of Chemical Physics in NIDDK. At NIH she worked on the development, deployment and characterization of Raman and Fourier transform infrared hyperspectral imaging systems. Having received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the Johns Hopkins University, she found the lack of requirement for high vacuum a big selling point. Beyond this convenience factor, it was tremendous to be involved in the rapid advancement of chemical imaging, particularly in applying these techniques to a variety of materials characterization, biological and biomedical research applications. Following her time at NIH, Dr. Kidder was a co-founder of Spectral Dimensions, and was Vice President of Operations when this company was sold to Malvern Instruments. Her scientific focus while with Spectral Dimensions and Malvern has been to develop analytical tools and methods (based on near infrared chemical imaging) to improve formulation development and manufacturing trouble shooting in the pharmaceutical industry. While at Malvern, Dr. Kidder was Product Manager, and is now in the position of Senior Scientist within the Novel Measurements Group. She has a strong interest in education, having been instilled with a love of teaching and learning during her 4 years at Williams College, where she received a B.A. in Chemistry. Since 2007 Dr. Kidder has served as the Coblenz Society Program coordinator for EAS and FACSS, helping to build strong molecular spectroscopy programs for these meetings. Her first official service to Coblenz was participating on the Williams Wright award committee for the award years 2003 and 2004.