

Chemistry Faculty & Research News

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- **Kevin Smith** (Physics, with a secondary appointment in Chemistry) has been elected to Fellowship in the American Physical Society, an honor limited to no more than one half of one percent of the membership. Election to APS Fellowship is recognition by Kevin's peers of his outstanding contributions to physics (and one might add chemistry): "For pioneering contributions to the study of the electronic structure of solids using angle resolved photoemission spectroscopy, soft x-ray emission spectroscopy and resonant inelastic x-ray scattering." Please join me in congratulating him!
- Congratulations also to **John Straub** on his new book, "Proteins: Energy, Heat and Signal Flow (Computation in Chemistry)," which was published in September. <http://www.amazon.com/Proteins-Energy-Signal-Computation-Chemistry/dp/1420087037>
Hint: no reviews yet on the Amazon site. Be the first!
- The work of **Mark Grinstaff** and his Group was noted in *C&E News: Cations Cling To Cartilage* by Elizabeth K. Wilson. "Unlike most contrast agents, which are anionic and give only limited information about the cartilage itself, the agents developed by Mark Grinstaff of Boston University and colleagues are cationic. In humans, declining GAG levels signal development of osteoarthritis and other cartilage trauma." *Chemical & Engineering News*, 87(38), September 21, 2009
- For the 7th year, **Novartis** Institutes of BioMedical Research, Inc., has generously renewed its support of Chemistry's organic chemistry efforts by sponsoring a graduate fellowship for minorities and women, a summer undergraduate research fellowship, and the Novartis Lecture. The fellow will be announced shortly. The Novartis Lecture will be given on Monday, February 1st, by Prof. Tobias Ritter, Harvard University (<http://www.chem.harvard.edu/groups/ritter/tobias/tobias.html>)
- The Colloquium Committee is also announcing that the 2010 Lambert Lecture will be on April 12 and will be delivered by Professor Dale Boger of The Scripps Research Institute (http://www.scripps.edu/research/faculty.php?rec_id=1803).