

Prakash's pioneering work in the development of new ways to add fluorine to organic compounds has been critical to the boom in fluorinated molecules over the past few decades. His research has yielded a method for converting natural gas to hydrocarbon liquids and a high-efficiency, zero-emission fuel cell that converts methanol to electrical energy.

Prakash received ACS's George A. Olah Award in Hydrocarbon or Petroleum Chemistry in 2006.

## ROBINSON CHOSEN TO RECEIVE HERTY MEDAL

**GREGORY H. ROBINSON**, Franklin Professor of Chemistry at the University of Georgia, is the winner of the 2008 Charles Holmes Herty Medal. The award is given annually by the ACS Georgia Section to recognize the work and service of an outstanding chemist from the southeastern region of the U.S.

Robinson has made seminal contributions to the areas of main group and transition-metal chemistry that have forced chemists to reconsider traditional theories of molecular structure and bonding. He has also mentored countless students in the Southeast, particularly underrepresented minority students, and has served in advisory roles at ACS, the National Science Foundation, and the Ford Foundation.

Robinson will receive the award during the Georgia Section's Herty Awards Banquet in Atlanta on March 27. His talk is titled "Counterintuitive Chemistry: An Organometallic Excursion."

## CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN AWARD GOES TO SMITH

**JANET M. SMITH**, associate science and technology technologist at Dow Corning, is the 2008 winner of the National Chemical Technician Award.

Presented annually by the ACS Division of Chemical Technicians, the award

is given to a chemical technician who has demonstrated an extremely high degree of professionalism. Judging criteria include technical skills, communication skills, safety, reliability, leadership, teamwork, publications, and professional and community involvement. It is sponsored by Eastman Chemical.

Smith's contributions include 21 patents, five peer-reviewed publications, and 20 internal publications. In addition, Smith has served on National Science Foundation grant review panels, chaired the Bay Area Dow Corning Employees Scholarship Fund, participated in the ACS Midland Local Section Project Literacy Program, and served on the Delta College Technology Advisory Committee. She served as chair of the Division of Chemical Technicians in 2006.

She will receive the award during the spring ACS national meeting in New Orleans in April.

## LEVIN WINS HILLEBRAND PRIZE

**IRA W. LEVIN**, deputy scientific director of the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases and chief of the molecular biophysics section at the Laboratory of Chemical Biophysics at the institute is the recipient of the 2007 Hillebrand Prize from the ACS Chemical Society of Washington.

Levin is being honored for his pioneering studies in the development and applications of vibrational spectroscopy and imaging microscopy in disciplines ranging from chemical physics and analytical chemistry to biophysics and medical diagnostics. His applications of infrared and Fourier transform Raman spectroscopy to problems in biophysical chemistry elucidated the architecture of unsaturated chain

lipid clusters and aggregates, which form lateral and vertical bilayer domains.

The Hillebrand Prize has been awarded annually since 1925. It is named for the late William F. Hillebrand, a distinguished chemist who served in the U.S. Geological

Survey and the National Bureau of Standards (now the National Institute of Standards & Technology).

## ROWLINSON TO RECEIVE EDELSTEIN AWARD

**SIR JOHN S. ROWLINSON**, a fellow of Oxford University's Exeter College, has been selected to receive the 2008 Sidney M. Edelstein Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry.

The award is given by the ACS Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST). Rowlinson was chosen for "the breadth and quality of his research publications in the history of physical chemistry and his contributions over the last three decades to the development of the history of chemistry at the University of Oxford."

The Edelstein Award consists of an engraved plaque and a check for \$3,500 and is supported by a gift from Ruth Edelstein Barish and family to HIST. The award is partially supported by the Chemical Heritage Foundation of Philadelphia and will be presented to Rowlinson at the fall ACS national meeting in Philadelphia in August.

## BUCK-WHITNEY AWARD GOES TO TING

**ALICE TING**, associate professor of chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the recipient of the 2007 Buck-Whitney Award of the ACS Eastern New York Section

for her work on the development of chemical reporters and targeting methods using nanomaterials for live-cell imaging of protein function. She received the award during the section's February meeting at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

The Buck-Whitney Award honors two of the section's deceased members: Johannes S. Buck, former associate research director of the Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute, and Willis R. Whitney, the first director of General Electric Research Laboratory.

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