



## Green Mountain Local Section of the American Chemical Society

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### Upcoming Events

**December, 2006** – Green Mountain Local Section Third Annual Holiday Party. Location will again be the Swift House Inn in Middlebury, with a date TBA.



ACS website: [www.Chemistry.org](http://www.Chemistry.org)

# GMLS November Meeting

## “Meet the New Profs”



### Speakers:

**Natalia Bank  
Matthias Brewer  
Molly Costanza-Robinson  
Margaret Daugherty  
Tim Deschaines  
Brian Kyte  
Rory Waterman**

There have been seven new faculty hires over the last two academic years, at the Vermont colleges and universities. At this month's meeting, you'll get a chance to hear each of them give a 10-minute overview of their scholarly interests.

### Location:

**McCardell Bicentennial Hall  
Room 220  
Middlebury College**

### When:

**Thursday, November 30  
7:30 p.m.**

We will have a dinner-with-the-speakers prior to the talks, at a local restaurant. You are invited to join us in this informal setting, and get to know the guests “up close and personal”.

### Dinner:

**Tully and Marie's  
Bakery Lane, Middlebury  
5:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP to [greenmntacs@yahoo.com](mailto:greenmntacs@yahoo.com) by noon, Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of November if you would like to join us for dinner. For directions, visit the websites below.

Dinner: <http://www.tullyandmaries.com/gethere.htm>  
Talks: <http://www.middlebury.edu/services/campusmap>

## This Month's Speakers and Areas of Expertise

The format for the evening is for every speaker to take a turn giving a 10-minute presentation of their research. Quite a variety of disciplines is represented by our new faculty, so an interesting evening is certain to unfold.



**Natalia Bank**  
Organometallic Chemistry  
Norwich University



**Matthias Brewer**  
Synthetic Organic Chemistry  
University of Vermont



**Molly Costanza-Robinson**  
Environmental Chemistry  
Middlebury College



**Margaret Daugherty**  
Biochemistry  
Middlebury College



**Tim Deschaines**  
Analytical Chemistry  
Middlebury College



**Brian Kyte**  
Organic Chemistry  
St. Michael's College



**Rory Waterman**  
Inorganic Chemistry  
University of Vermont



### Green Mountain LS Wins National Award

At the San Francisco National ACS Meeting, we were pleased to find that our section won a ChemLuminary Award in one of the National Chemistry Week categories. The Periodic Table puzzle intrigued the judges to the point of bestowing on us the prize for Best New Contest. In this contest, readers were asked to come up with a creative passage consisting entirely of letters that represent elements in the Periodic Table. Over 80 entries were received.

Our local section was well represented, as Beth Medeiros, Fiona Case, Willem Leenstra, and Martin Case all attended the event. During the festivities that followed the ceremony, many calories were lost dancing the evening away.



*Beth, Fiona, and Willem are flanked by Michael Mautino, Chair of the Committee on Community Activities, and by E. Ann Nalley, 2006 ACS President. Photo by Martin Case.*

### Councilor's Report from San Francisco

Actions of the Council included the following:

- The Council received three petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures 2006; Petition on Multi-Year Dues; and a Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. A brief discussion ensued on the Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. Action is expected on these petitions at the 2007 spring national meeting in Chicago.
- As part of a regular review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Public Relations and Communication, the Committee on Environmental Improvement, and the Committee on International Activities subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors. The Council also VOTED to support the request of the Committee on Community Activities that its status be changed from an "other committee" of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee. The purpose of the Committee on Community Activities is to improve the public perception of chemistry by providing programs to connect chemists with their communities.
- The ACS fall national meeting has attracted almost 16,000 registrants. The Committee on Meetings and Expositions reported that national meeting financial targets continue to be met, and therefore recommended to the Board of Directors that there be no increase in national meeting registration fees for 2007.
- The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that through August 2006, a record 12,137 new applicants have been added to the Society's membership, and that the Member-Get-A-Member campaign is well on its way to the goal of 1,000 new members in this year.
- The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs submitted its latest version of the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct for Council review. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.