

February 14, 2006

Dear Colleague:

We invite you and your students to attend the 52st annual William Thomas Jackson Lecture in Science, which will be given on Thursday, March 2 by Todd J. Martínez, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The main lecture, entitled: "Using Light to Understand and Control Chemistry and Biology" will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Becker Auditorium in the Cerf Center at Eureka College, and will be followed by a reception in the Moser Lobby of the Cerf Center. Professor Martínez will also give a talk "Photochemistry from First Principles Molecular Dynamics" at 4:00 p.m. in Becker.

At 5:30 p.m., the Jackson Day Banquet will take place in the South Terrill Room, also in the Cerf Center. We are pleased to invite you and your students to attend this dinner. So that we may arrange catering, please RSVP by February 21 via e-mail to: scimath@eureka.edu (or call 309-467-6301). In your RSVP please include the following:

- Your name and address and whether you are an alumnus of Eureka College.
- Number attending afternoon talk, banquet, and evening lecture
- Vegetarian meal requested? yes or no.

Professor Martínez was awarded the B.S. in chemistry by Calvin College in 1989 and the Ph.D. in chemistry by the University of California (Los Angeles) in 1994. He was a Fulbright Fellow at the Fritz Haber Institute for Molecular Dynamics in Jerusalem, Israel and a University of California Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at UCLA for two years prior to joining the faculty at University of Illinois in 1996. His research interests are in theoretical chemistry with particular emphasis on electronic structure and molecular dynamics. This past year he was awarded the highly prestigious John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship. The fellowship, nicknamed "genius grant", awards premier researchers \$500,000 over five years, no strings attached.

We hope to see you on March 2 for what promises to be an interesting, educational, and enjoyable occasion.

Sincerely,



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