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[Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2017](#)

Dr. Norbert J. Pienta
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The Role of the Journal of Chemical Education in Documenting
the Teaching and Learning of Chemistry

Meeting Place:

220 Riverbend Road in the Riverbend Research South Auditorium, next to the Georgia
Genomics facility and the Center for Applied Isotopes

Parking Available in lot E13 at Riverbend Research North and South
(Parking Permits Not Needed After 6:00 pm)

Light hors d'oeuvres & Soft Drinks Social starts at 6:30 PM in Auditorium Lobby
Talk: 7:00 PM

TALK ABSTRACT

The *Journal of Chemical Education* was first published in 1924 and became co-published with the ACS Journals Division in 2009. As part of its 94-year history, the Journal provides examples of content, innovations, and common practices, and as such, serves as an archive of the teaching and learning of chemistry. Driven by individuals' desire to change and innovate and the availability of evolving technology, some aspects have been short-lived while others persist for decades. Thus, the presentation will include a set of illustrative, historical examples and perspectives that will amuse, inform, and in some cases, confound the audience.

SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Norb Pienta is currently Professor of Chemistry and Director of General Chemistry Instruction at the University of Georgia and serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Chemical Education*. Born and raised in Buffalo, he went on to earn a BS in chemistry from the University of Rochester (1974) and PhD at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (1978), studying synthetic and mechanistic implications of organic photochemistry. Subsequently, he completed postdoctoral work with Ned Arnett at the University of Pittsburgh and Duke University (1978-80). Pienta began his first academic appointment at the Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1980, where he earned tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor studying physical organic chemistry. He moved back to UNC in 1989, where he developed curriculum for all of the undergraduate labs and began a career in chemical education research. In 1999, he moved to the Univ. of Iowa, where he redesigned the general chemistry curriculum and conducted scholarship and research; he was promoted to professor in 2008 and began as editor of *JCE* in 2009. In 2012, he moved to his current position at the University of Georgia where he studies student problem solving, the use of technology in lecture and the laboratories, and student interpretation of chemical representations.

CHAIR CORNER

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Those of us who could come to our October meeting enjoyed an interesting and timely presentation by our Chair-Elect, Dr. Joe Grubbs, on biodegradable and compostable plastics. Joe's company, Danimer, is clearly the future. This coming Tuesday, October 17, we will meet again at the Riverbend South Auditorium, 202 Riverbend Road, for light hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm followed by our meeting at 7pm. Our presenter will be Dr. Norbert Pienta, Editor of the *Journal of Chemical Education*, who has tremendous insight into the workings of ACS publications and novel approaches to chemical education. It will be another great meeting and I look forward to seeing you there.

Best,

Richard Morrison

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Nominations are now open for the following officers of the Section:

Chair-elect--2018; Chair--2019
Treasurer (serves two years)
Secretary (serves two years)

Interested parties may contact either Richard Morrison or Maurice Snook.

At present we have had only one nomination (Secretary) for the above offices. Please consider helping your Section continue for another half century. Yes, next year the Northeast Georgia Section will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Future Meetings

Tuesday, Nov. 14th-- graduate student night.

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