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Answers to Career Questions

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The Job Market?...Recession?...New
Technology?...Downsizing?...Graduation?

What does each of those words conjure up in your mind? We all face career choices at many different crossroads in our lives. Perhaps you are a new graduate with a freshly minted diploma or a chemist with an established career that just learned of a change in your company's plans. Maybe you are planning on stepping out on your own as a consultant or following a spouse to a new job in a new city. Whatever the driving force is in your working life, you can always use more knowledge about jobs in the region, resumes and interviewing tips. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Rosita Smith from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce to address some of the major issues facing all of us as jobseekers today. Materials on all aspects of jobs in chemistry will be available for you to take home from this meeting.

Rosita Smith joined the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in January 2000 as the director of Talent Development for the Industries of the Mind (IOM) program. The focus of IOM is to bring both technology companies and technology talent to the metro Atlanta region. Ms. Smith is responsible for working with the Chamber to develop and implement initia-

tives to grow, retain and attract technology talent to metro Atlanta. She was previously the associate director of the Career Services Office at Georgia Tech and is co-author of the 1997 edition of **How to Find a Job in Atlanta**. While in college, she worked in the national office of the American Chemical Society. Ms. Smith's professional activities include the Society for Human Resource Management, the Technology Advisory Committee to Clayton College and State University, and the editorial advisory board to *Diversity: Career Opportunities & Insights*. She is also an active member and past president of the Georgia Association of Colleges and Employers.

On a personal note, Ms. Smith is an accomplished marathon runner who has completed 5 marathons throughout the United States and Europe. She is an active member of South Fulton Running Partners in Atlanta, GA and a volunteer with the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. She was a 1996 Torchbearer for the 1996 Olympic Games. Ms. Smith owns a collection of spiritual artifacts from Africa and African-American art.

Ms. Smith is a graduate of Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland and Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at Georgia State University



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March Chair's Message

Well it is that time of year again! New graduates are about to take their place in the job market and others of us are making all sorts of decisions about our future in the wonderful world of chemistry.

For those of you about to embark on a job search, whether a new graduate or a chemist in career transition, plan on attending our **March Careers in Chemistry** meeting. Have your questions and your resumes ready and we'll try to cover some of the essentials to assist your success. Our speaker, Rosita Smith, has a great deal of experience in the career arena and has even written a book about how to get a job in Atlanta. We have made it very inexpensive for students, so get the word out to any you know who would be interested!

Due to a lack of signups and the short amount of time left before setting our April meeting plans, we have decided to reschedule the play competition to a later as yet undetermined date. Between school schedules and the amount of volunteers necessary to make it a quality evening, I think it is in our best interest. We will have a dinner speaker for April that will be of high interest to all of us. Watch for details!

Last chance to make nominations for the Herty Award for this year. Any last minute names may be sent directly to Dr. Lihong D'Angelo at her email ldangelo@na.ko.com.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Colga committee and other projects, as well as officer candidates for next year. Express your interest directly to joe.stoner@juno.com. To be part of our email database, send your name and email address to me at bstar1@bellsouth.net.

Here's to our wonderful spring-like weather... See you at the meetings!

Brian

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Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA

Date: Tuesday March 19, 2002

Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Arrive
7:00- 8:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 – 9:00pm Speaker

Dinner: Buffet Dinner - American Field Greens Served With Balsamic Vinaigrette
Fresh Baked Yeast Rolls. Lasagna Quattro Formaggio - Fresh-made Vegetable
Lasagna with Mozzarella, Parmesan, Ricotta and Monterey Jack Cheese. Fresh
Market Vegetables. New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Puree, Coffee,
Decaf Coffee and Freshly Brewed Iced Tea

Location: Georgia State University
Student University Center
44 Courtland Street
Atlanta, GA

Directions: Take Courtland Street exit off I-75/85.
Follow Courtland until it runs to the GSU
campus (just a few blocks). The University
Student Center will be immediately on your
left. Parking in two decks is available just
down Courtland on your right after you pass
the student center.

Cost: \$ 15.00 per person, \$10.00 for high school
teachers and \$5.00 for full-time students with
ID. **Students, RESERVATIONS must be
made.** Payment should be made to the **ACS
Georgia Section** and will be collected at the
door.

RSVP: Brian Fowler, Bridgestar Inc. 770-602-4222,
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When making reservations, please state your name, profes-
sional affiliation, and telephone number.
**Reservation deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday
March 15, 2002. If you make a dinner
reservation but fail to attend, you must still
make payment for your meal.**



**2002
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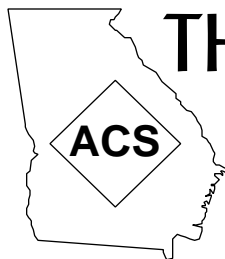
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