

# Job Search Strategies for Chemical Professionals Workshop

**October 6, 2009  
6:30 to 9:30 PM  
Ursinus College  
Pfahler Hall – Musser Auditorium**

The American Chemical Society's Job Search Strategies Workshop is directed at chemical scientists entering the job market and those in transition. It has three component presentations, each taking about an hour. "**Planning Your Job Search**" discusses trends in the industrial market, articulating one's personal motivators, locating job openings and networking. "**Preparing a Resume**" addresses resume preparation from the perspectives of structure, content, format and style; covers letters; and other relevant documents. "**Effective Interviewing**" covers the interview process, behavioral-based questions, handling difficult questions, preparing for interviews, the research talk, and managing job decisions.

The emphasis of this workshop will be on industrial employment. However, since government employment offers many career opportunities for scientists, we'll discuss this topic as well.

## Speaker

After receiving his Ph.D. degree in Organic Chemistry at Cal-Berkeley and completing a postdoctoral research fellowship at Columbia University, Dr. James D. Burke was employed at Rohm and Haas Company for his entire career. He concluded it as Manager of Technical Recruiting (Science and Engineering) and University Relations for the company's U.S. sites. Jim has also been active in ACS governance. He served as chair of the Philadelphia Section ACS in 1989 and later as chair of the ACS Council Committee on Local Section Activities and chair of the ACS Council Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. He was elected to the ACS Board of Directors in 2000 and served as its chair from 2004 through 2006. He is a co-author of the ACS's original job search workshop.

## Directions

Ursinus College ([www.ursinus.edu](http://www.ursinus.edu)) is conveniently located on Main Street (between Fifth and Ninth Avenues) in Collegeville, PA. Driving directions to campus can be found on the College's website (<http://www.ursinus.edu/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=344>). The workshop will be held in Musser Auditorium in Pfahler Hall - Building 8 on the campus map (<http://www.ursinus.edu/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=1026>). Plenty of parking is available in the West-end parking lot off Ninth Avenue.