

Green Chemistry Institute director to deliver Scholes Jr. Lecture

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Dr. Paul Anastas, director of the Green Chemistry Institute at the American Chemical Society, will present the 10th Annual Samuel R. Scholes Jr. Lecture at Alfred University, on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, from 8- 9:30 p.m. in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theatre. The late Dr. Joshua Fierer, a 1959 AU graduate, created the Samuel R. Scholes Jr. Lecture in honor of his long-time mentor and friend. Scholes came to Alfred in 1932 when his father joined the faculty of the College of Ceramics at Alfred University. A 1937 graduate of Alfred University, the younger Scholes earned a Ph.D. degree from Yale University. He returned to Alfred in 1946 as a member of the faculty in the chemistry department, where he taught until his retirement in 1980. Anastas is currently a visiting professor in the Chemistry Department at the University of Nottingham, U.K., and serves on the editorial board of the journal "Environmental Science and Technology." He also serves in the National Security and International Activities Division in the White House on Science and Technology Policy. His responsibilities consist of furthering the science and technology relationship between the United States and China, and international public-private cooperation in areas of science for the sustainability such as green chemistry. Anastas is the author/editor of nine scientific and technical books including "Green Chemistry: Theory and Practice," which has been translated into five languages. He earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and a master of arts and Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Brandeis University. Anastas previously served as the chief of the Industrial Chemistry Branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During that time, he was responsible for regulatory review of industrial chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act and the development of rules, policy and guidance.