

**MRS** **Featured Volunteer**

*Rachel S. Goldman*

**What is your favorite element?**

I prefer compounds. My favorite is GaAs.

**What do you read first in MRS Bulletin?**

The "Bio" section.

**What was the last book you read?**

NSF Grant Proposal Guide.

**What inspired you to become a materials researcher?**

My undergraduate research project on pattern formation in electrodeposited zinc dendrites.

**What did you first do as an MRS volunteer?**

I chaired a Session at the 1996 MRS Spring Meeting.

**What is your motto?**

"If you don't publish it, it didn't happen."

**If you were not a materials researcher, what would you be?**

A lawyer.

**What common household item do you use in your lab?**

Aluminum foil.



*Rachel S. Goldman enjoying life on Siltcoos Lake near the Oregon Coast.*

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To contribute to **MRS Featured Volunteer**, send in your responses to the questions to *MRS Bulletin*, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7573, USA; fax 724-779-8313; e-mail [Bulletin@mrs.org](mailto:Bulletin@mrs.org). Include your name, volunteer activity, address, fax, and e-mail.

## MRS Seeks Nominees for Outstanding Young Investigator Award, 2002

The Materials Research Society is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Young Investigator Award to be announced at the 2002 MRS Spring Meeting in San Francisco. The award is intended to recognize outstanding, interdisciplinary scientific work in materials research by a young scientist or engineer. The award recipient must also show exceptional promise as a developing leader in the materials area.

The award consists of a \$3,000 cash prize, a presentation trophy bearing a brief citation, and a certificate. Reasonable travel expenses to attend the Spring Meeting at which the award is

presented and the meeting registration fees will be reimbursed.

The most recent recipients are Kristi S. Anseth of the University of Colorado (2001), for innovative work in polymeric biomaterials for drug delivery, bone and cartilage repair, and tissue engineering, and for outstanding leadership potential in this interdisciplinary field of materials research; Frances M. Ross of IBM T.J. Watson Research Center (2000), for innovative and powerful experimental studies based upon development of novel *in situ* electron microscopy techniques, which have provided fundamental new understanding of nucleation, growth, oxi-

dation, and etching processes in a wide range of materials systems; and Chad A. Mirkin of Northwestern University (1999), for his pioneering and leadership role in developing a new interdisciplinary field in which complex biological macromolecules are used to assemble inorganic nanoparticle building blocks into functional meso- and macroscopic structures.

**The deadline for submission of nominations is October 1, 2001.** For guidelines and application forms, contact Sue Novosel, Materials Research Society, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7573, USA; e-mail [novosel@mrs.org](mailto:novosel@mrs.org), or access the MRS Web site at [www.mrs.org/awards/](http://www.mrs.org/awards/). 