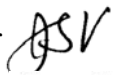



Jeffrey S. Vitter
Frederick L. Hovde Dean

June 10, 2008

To: Provosts, Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, Deans, Directors, and Heads of Schools,
Divisions, Departments, and Offices

From: Jeffrey S. Vitter 
Alan H. Rebar 

Re: Paul Shepson named Head of the Department of Chemistry

[PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO FACULTY AND STAFF]

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Paul Shepson will assume the role of Head of the Department of Chemistry, effective July 1, 2008. He replaces Timothy Zwier, who will continue his work as faculty member and M. G. Mellon Distinguished Professor of Chemistry.

Paul is a professor of chemistry and earth and atmospheric sciences and director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC). He received his bachelor's degree (1978) from SUNY College at Cortland and his doctorate (1982) from Pennsylvania State University. He served as assistant and associate professor at York University from 1987 until 1994 and then joined the Chemistry faculty and the analytical chemistry division at Purdue.

Paul's research spans an array of topics in the field of atmospheric chemistry and climate change, focusing on tropospheric ozone and on atmosphere-surface chemical interactions in both forest environments and the Arctic. He is an avid pilot, with instrument, multi-engine, and commercial ratings, and he conducts carbon-cycle research from a Purdue research aircraft, in partnership with the Department of Aviation Technology.

As founding director, Paul has helped grow PCCRC dramatically in its discovery and engagement mission. He will remain as PCCRC director until an interim director is named. A national search for PCCRC director will begin. The College of Science thanks outgoing Chemistry department head Tim Zwier for his well-respected leadership and guidance of the department.



College of Science

Mathematical Sciences Building ▪ 150 N. University Street ▪ West Lafayette, IN 47907-2067
(765) 494-1730 ▪ Fax: (765) 494-1736 ▪ dean@science.purdue.edu ▪ www.science.purdue.edu/dean