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Coates, McLafferty win national chemistry awards

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Cornell faculty members Geoffrey Coates and Fred McLafferty have received national American Chemical Society (ACS) awards. Both receiving \$5,000 prizes, they will be honored at a March 24 ceremony during the ACS meeting in Denver.

Coates, professor of chemistry and chemical biology in the College of Arts and Sciences and a Tisch University Professor, won the ACS Award in Applied Polymer Science, which recognizes outstanding achievement in the science and technology of plastics, coatings, polymer composites, adhesives and related fields. Coates researches new catalysts for the synthesis of macromolecules and small molecules.

McLafferty, professor emeritus of chemistry and chemical biology, received the Nakanishi Prize, aimed at recognizing and stimulating work that extends chemical and spectroscopic methods to study important biological phenomena. McLafferty's research group has developed "top-down proteomics" for characterizing a protein's sequence and modifications.



Coates



McLafferty

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