

Illinois Science Teachers Association Election Application For Region 1**Barry Latham**

School where you teach: Bloom High School, Chicago Heights

Education:

BS in Psychology (NIU, 2001); BS Chemistry (Roosevelt University, 2005); MA Education (Roosevelt University, 2005) anticipated MA Analytical Chemistry (Governors State University, May 2013)

Professional Affiliations: ISTA, ACS, NEA/IEA

Work Experience:

2010-present: Prairie State College, chemistry professor & chemistry lab manager

2006-present: Bloom High School, physics instructor

2005-2006: Oak Forest High School, chemistry & physics instructor

Additional leadership experience:

President: Stevenson Residents Hall Complex, NIU 1998-1999

Rationale for serving:

Science can be used in such a large variety of fields, but I don't feel that this is being expressed adequately. I want to use my time as Regional Director to help my fellow science teachers develop and express the rising importance of science as a career. I plan to do this through organizing professionals in a variety of fields to speak at professional conferences, school groups or possibly creating an updated list or video that conveys this idea. Engineering projects have also been very helpful, paid for with grants, in aiding my students in experiencing this.