You may earn **up to 10 points of extra credit** to be applied to your final grade by writing a term paper on a person of historical interest in the field of physical chemistry. I would like you to limit your choices to people covered this semester in PChem, namely from Chapters 1 – 7 and 21 - 25 in Atkins.


Your choice of subject should flow from the textbook readings and intersect with some important topic presented in the text. References from the end of each chapter in Atkins and de Paula (8th Ed.) can provide a starting point.

The term paper should describe the life and times of your chosen scientist, describe in detail the area of physical chemistry they developed, and explain how the science the person helped to develop is still relevant in the 21st century.

This term paper must be **five** pages long with a minimum of five references including at least one research article published by the person of interest and one recent research article (within the past 10 years) that shows how the science is of continued importance. Internet sources must be limited to a single reference. The remaining references can be traditional books, magazine or journal articles.

Be sure to use a consistent format and style in your paper which is appropriate for a scientific presentation. Consult the ACS Style Guide or other reference sources as required.

**Term Paper Due at the beginning of class (11:30 am) on May 14, 2009**