## **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY







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Please join us on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in Celebration of: A Chemical Breakthrough Award from the American Chemical Society to:

## Professor John D. Roberts

Institute Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, California Institute of Technology

for his historic discovery at MIT of

The "Benzyne" Mechanism in Aromatic Amination Reactions

3:30 PM Refreshments in Lobby: Building 18

4:00 PM Tim Swager Introductory Comments: Room 6-120

4:10 PM Jeff Seeman: Jack Roberts' role in chemical history

4:30 PM Fred Greene: MIT in the post-Roberts years and Benzyne

in Physical Organic Chemistry

4:45 PM Jack Roberts - Lecture:

"How did the benzyne idea come about and what was the

supporting evidence?"

5:30 PM Unveiling of Plaque

Reception (6:00 PM) and Dinner (7:00 PM) at the Rialto Restaurant, Harvard Square R.S.V.P. to Sarah Fowler by November 24, 2008: sfowler@mit or (617) 258-7492