

MRS **Featured Volunteer**

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What is your favorite element?

Arsenic. (It's an unjustly maligned element.)

What do you read first in MRS Bulletin?

The Editor's Choice. One of my favorite things about this field is that it can be so visually striking.

What was the last book you read?

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

What inspired you to be a materials researcher?

When I was an undergrad I worked in a research lab doing sample prep for MBE growth. The work was pretty interesting, but it was the people that drew me in.

What did you first do as an MRS volunteer?

I've been sitting on the MRS Public Affairs Committee (Public Outreach subcommittee) for several years now.

What is your Motto?

If you don't ask, you don't get.

If you were not a materials researcher, what would you be?

A writer.

What common household item do you use in your lab?

Aluminum foil. Lots of Aluminum foil. We use it when we bake out our vacuum chambers. But we also have a stash of styrofoam coolers and Corningware baking dishes in the lab.



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Joanna Mirecki Millunchick is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan. Her research interests are in the field of III-V compound semiconductor growth (yes, including the arsenides), with an emphasis on morphological evolution, phase separation, and defect formation in strained alloy films. She was a symposium organizer for the 2000 MRS Spring Meeting. She has also been sitting on the Public Affairs Committee for two years, and she has been instrumental in organizing

the Student Workshop and Women in Materials Science Breakfast at the 2001 MRS Spring Meeting in San Francisco.

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ANNOUNCING

2001-2002 UNDERGRADUATE MATERIALS RESEARCH INITIATIVE (UMRI)

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2001

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Materials Research Society (MRS) is pleased to announce its 2001-2002 Undergraduate Materials Research Initiative (UMRI). UMRI is designed to introduce undergraduates to the excitement of discovery through research in materials science and engineering by providing funds for research and subsequent awards.

Number of grants to be awarded: approximately 40

Grant amount: up to \$750

Subsequent personal award \$250 payable directly to the undergraduate upon completion of the project

Applicants do not need to be MRS members and do not need to be majoring in materials science and engineering to qualify for a UMRI grant.

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