*C&E News* as a Starting Point for Bioinorganic Literature Discussions

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The references given in red on the following pages have been collected from C&E News over the past 15 years (1999-2014); many come from the Science and Technology Concentrates, some from News of the Week, others are full articles, and a few are letters to the editor. They cover a wide variety of topics in bioinorganic chemistry. Where appropriate, a reference for the primary literature paper which was referred to in the C&E News article is included. I typically have students read the article from C&E News prior to reading the literature paper; this provides them with an introduction to the paper and helps them focus on its important aspects. Some of the articles listed do not refer to a specific article from the primary literature, but still make for good introductions to the given topic.

The list is given in reverse chronological order (most recent first). It is not intended to be exhaustive and I encourage the sharing of other examples.

At a later point in the semester I give the students a paper from the primary literature and ask them to write a summary article as if for C&E News. This gets them to think about communicating chemistry to a wider audience.

I have used the first two articles (about and by Stephen J. Lippard) as the basis for an exercise following the first day of class. In addition to reading both articles, each student is given one or two note cards with the name of an individual, a technique, or a bioinorganic system mentioned in the C&E News articles. They have until the next class to put whatever information they deem important on the notecard; this information is shared at the beginning of the next class session. This usually engenders a good discussion and I have found it to be a good introduction to the topic and a great way to show the diversity and the interconnectedness of bioinorganic chemistry.

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