Traditional Career Paths

- **Industry**
  - Pharmaceutical
  - Coatings
- **Government**
  - Forensics
  - EPA
- **Academics**
  - Professor at 4-year school
  - Professor at PhD-granting school
  - High school teacher
But, have you thought about what it would be like to:

- Sell scientific equipment?
- Write a patent?
- Develop software?
- Describe science to a senator?
- Start a company?
- Market a laboratory product?
- Write a newspaper article?
Many non-traditional options for chemists…why?

- Logical thought process
- Problem-solving skills
- Communication skills
- Organization skills; time management
- Attention to detail

Valuable for just about any career!
Two valuable resources

- “Alternative Careers in Science”
  - Cynthia Robbins-Roth

- “Nontraditional Careers in Science”
  - Karen Young Kreeger

Also, see the departmental web site for more ideas & opportunities
Some nontraditional career options

- Investment banking
- Graphic design
- Advertising
- Sales
- Technical writing
- Science journalism
- Publishing
- Library science

- Medicine
- Business (MBa)
- Marketing, Marketing research
- IP Law
- Public policy
- Chef…
Only you can decide…

- Know yourself
- What do you like to do?
- What are you good at?

*If the traditional career paths don’t appeal to you, consider something else!*