## **Brooklyn Frontiers in Science**

The American Chemical Society Brooklyn Subsection and the NYU Tandon School of Engineering present a free lecture to the public.

## Brooklyn Frontiers in Science Lecturer Professor Gregory A. Petsko

03.14.2019 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM | Pfizer Auditorium

NYU Tandon School of Engineering I 5 Metrotech Center I Brooklyn, NY 11201 Refreshments at 5:30 pm and Lecture at 6:00 pm

## The Coming Epidemic of Neurodegenerative Disease and What Science is Doing About It

The research interests of Professor Petsko bring a chemical perspective to bear on problems in biochemistry, structural biology, cell biology, and human health. His primary research tools are: protein X-ray crystallography, molecular dynamics, site-directed mutagenesis and, more recently, yeast genetics. These tools are applied to diverse biochemical problems such as: the structural origins of enzyme catalytic power; the functional role of protein flexibility; the biochemistry and genetics of the quiescent state of the eukaryotic cell, using yeast as a model organism, and the causes and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease and Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).

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