

**Garon Smith**  
*SENCER Leadership Fellow*

Biosketch

Garon Smith is professor of Chemistry at The University of Montana where he teaches the first half of a year-long introductory chemistry course for nearly 700 applied science majors each year. The course is SENCERized to include bonus points for becoming civically engaged in local issues, mentoring at-risk grade-school students and community service. At the graduate level, Garon also teaches environmental chemistry and atmospheric chemistry. Garon's research involves environmental applications of analytical chemistry – the chemical nature of respirable particulates from forest fires and woodstoves, the use of honeybees to find hidden or buried explosives, and the minimization or re-use of waste streams from a kraft pulp mill. He has been a SENCER Senior Associate and Summer Institute faculty member since 2004. He exemplifies civic engagement in his own community by serving as chair of the local health, air quality and water quality boards.