



## **Semprius Founder Wins MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Grant**

*\$500,000 Fellowship looks to the future*

**September 28, 2009 – Durham, NC** – Semprius, Inc., a semiconductor technology company, announced today that founder John A. Rogers has received a “genius” grant from the John T. and Catherine D. MacArthur Foundation. Rogers is one of three original Semprius founders and the key contributor to Semprius core technology.

Rogers, 42, is the Lee J. Flory-Foundation Chair Professor in the Department of Material Science and Engineering at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He has published more than 225 papers and has over 40 patents/applications, including over a dozen licensed exclusively to Semprius. He is a graduate of University of Texas at Austin and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been at the University of Illinois since 2005.

Rogers joins 23 other awardees, from a reporter to a poet to a papermaker, for his work as an “applied physicist inventing flexible electronic devices that stretch boundaries and lay the foundation for a revolution in design and manufacturing,” a press release from the Chicago-based foundation said. The “no strings attached” awards recognize individuals’ creativity and motivation, with an eye toward even greater accomplishments in the future.

“John is an extremely creative individual with an uncanny grasp of the physical world as it acts in microscopic dimensions”, said Joe Carr, President and CEO of Semprius, Inc. “His work is the foundation of everything we do at Semprius and will be at the core of other companies in the future, I am sure.”

### **About Semprius, Inc.**

Semprius, Inc. is commercializing a novel process for printing high performance semiconductors on any substrate, including glass, plastic and other semiconductor materials. Initial applications of the technology include solar modules, LCD and OLED displays and advanced disk drives. For more information, please visit [www.semprius.com](http://www.semprius.com).

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