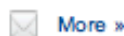
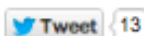
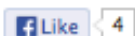


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A Champion of Change

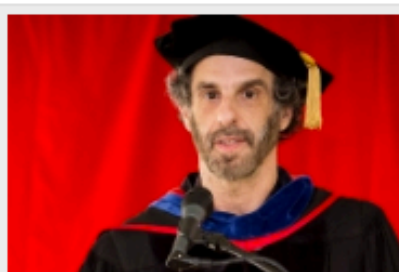
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Earlier this month I got an invitation to the White House.

It was rather cryptic, asking me to attend an Event, today, followed by a reception in the Indian Treaty Room

Regrettably, I had to decline, I was in Europe, and would only just be getting back. The logistics of getting to DC in time were near impossible; there is no source of funding for such jaunts; and, most important, there was no way I could get the paperwork to be cleared to attend submitted in time.

So, they went ahead without me.



Paul Ginsparg

The Event was the [Champions of Change](#) – Open Science edition: a [Call for Nominations](#) went out last month.

So, in a pique of proactive positiveness, I [nominated Paul Ginsparg](#), the creator of [arXiv](#) (aka XXX) – arguably one of the single most useful tools in physics, a primary example of Open Science, and one of the earliest effective implementations of the power of the internet for communication in science.

(And he is an imaginative and effective plumber! [sorry, in-joke])

Today Paul Ginsparg was honoured at the White House as a *Champion of Change*, and a much deserved honour it is.

I'm sorry to miss the canapes, but at least the mystery of why the White House was sending me random invitations was revealed.

Or it was an elaborate sting operation, as suggested by an old friend...

Paul will be giving a public lecture in three weeks at the [Aspen Center for Physics](#), and I hear he hopes to have some interesting tales from the White House, as well as the whole arXiv thing etc.