

CeMaST Connections

*A monthly digest of events and opportunities from ISU's
Center for Mathematics, Science, & Technology
205 North Main Street Campus Box 5960
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Please join us for Science on Tap! Science on Tap is a local public talk series to bring STEM to the community through informal 20-minute talks by experts at a local brewery. Science on Tap is held once or twice per month on **Mondays, 6–8pm, at Keg Grove**, with the **next events happening April 7 and April 21**. Science on Tap is a great opportunity to offer a low-pressure public talk geared toward a general audience. If you or anyone you know (faculty, graduate students, undergraduates) are interested in being a Science on Tap presenter, please [indicate your interest here!](#) All fields are welcome to participate.

Teach students about IP! The “[Learning About & Incorporating Intellectual Property \(IP\) into a Class Project](#)” is being offered to faculty of any discipline who want to integrate content about IP into their course. Registration is due by **April 11**.

How do blind folks do science? Find out how blind and low-vision folks do science on **April 14** from **3:30–4:30pm** in **DeGarmo 551**. Low-vision and Blindness majors will be showcasing an accessible solar farm curriculum they developed this semester in partnership with CeMaST. At the showcase, you can check out the Braille, tactile graphics, and tools blind and low-vision students use to do science, technology, engineering, and math. Snacks will be provided. Please [RSVP](#). If you want to learn about how blind folks do STEM and you can't make the showcase, reach out to Dr. Natalie Shaheen (nlshahe@ilstu.edu).

You are invited to the High School Research Symposium! The 24th Annual High School Research Symposium will take place on **Monday, April 28, 9am–2pm**. This event celebrates Illinois high school students' scholarly inquiry, which they share via poster presentations. It is an inspiring day, seeing the rising talent coming from across the state. The poster session will be from 9–11:30am, and graduate student keynote speakers and the award ceremony will be 12:45–2pm. You are free to join us for any or all of this event!

STEM IS-U Talk Series continues! The STEM IS-U talk series continues on **April 29 at noon via Zoom**. This month's focus is "Supporting Students' Access of ISU Resources." STEM IS-U talks provide STEM faculty both information about the Science IS-U Scholars program *and* an opportunity for STEM faculty to share their wisdom with each other, as we work together to overcome teaching challenges. Attendance comes with **\$55**, which will be paid in summer 2025 (if you already have summer support totaling to 1.0 FTE you may not be eligible for this pay). Graduate students with teaching responsibilities are welcome to take part in this opportunity. You can [register for the April talk here](#). This will be the last talk of the academic year!

Save-the-Date for the Summer-of-Inquiry Symposium! This summer, we will be teaming up with the Office of Student Research to cohost the **Summer-of-Inquiry Symposium on August 7, 1–4pm**. Presenters will be a mix of [FIREbird](#) grant recipients, [Science IS-U Scholars](#), and [SCI-LSAMP Fellows](#). Undergraduates not falling into these groups but doing research over the summer will also be invited; faculty, please look for an email about this in early July.

Donations needed for STEM camps! Empty 2-liter beverage bottles and newspaper are needed for CeMaST's STEM camps this summer. If you have any to donate, please bring them to CeMaST (205 S. Main St.) or contact Ashley (alwarin@ilstu.edu) to come pick them up.