



## What's Happening in CoSE



### Computer Science Professor Awarded Fulbright Fellowship in Iceland

An Idaho State University computer science professor has earned one of the country's most renowned fellowships.

Recently, Larry Leibrock, visiting assistant professor of computer science, was announced as one of this year's **Fulbright-National Science Foundation Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Scholars**. For his fellowship, Leibrock will make his way to the University of Iceland in Reykjavik to teach and conduct research focused on the two disciplines.

A huge shoutout to Devaleena S. Pradhan, assistant professor of biological sciences, and Shannon Kobs Nawotniak, associate professor of geosciences, for winning Outstanding Faculty awards!

Pradhan was recognized in the service category, while Kobs Nawotniak was honored for her research.

*Devaleena Pradhan & Shannon Kobs Nawotniak*



Kudos to undergrad civil and environmental engineering students Samuel Brandeberry and Brenna Murri!

Their poster, High Strength Pervious Concrete, took **2nd place at the Future Net-Zero Innovators symposium** hosted by the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES).

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## Chuck Rizzo Named Office for Research's Director of Research Integrity and Compliance

Chuck Rizzo has joined Idaho State University's Office for Research as the **Director of Research Integrity and Compliance**.

Previously, Rizzo served as ISU's Chemical Research and Safety Manager in the Department of Environmental Health, Safety, and Sustainability.

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A promotional graphic for Bengal Giving Day. The background is a grayscale photo of a crowd of people, some wearing tiger mascot costumes. Overlaid on the image is the Idaho State University logo (a stylized 'ISU' with a dollar sign) and the text 'Idaho State University'. Below that, 'BENGAL GIVING DAY' is written in large, bold, orange and black letters. The dates 'APRIL 11 AND 12' are prominently displayed in the center in large, bold, black letters. In the bottom right corner, there is a black bar with the text '&gt;&gt; bengalgivingday.com' in white. A small name tag is visible on one of the people in the crowd, reading 'Idaho State University Youth Leadership School TEAM 18'.

### Join Bengal Nation in Raising the Roar for Bengal Giving Day

Every gift, no matter how big or small, makes a difference. And the best part? You can make your gift go even further by helping us unlock matching gifts and challenges. You can give today, and your gift will be counted on the official Bengal Giving Day site at [bengalgivingday.com](http://bengalgivingday.com). You can also opt to give via payroll deduction using [the Payroll Deduction Form](#).

## Time Reporting and Approval Updates

The link for Time Reporting/Approval will be updated in Bengal Web effective April 7.

Once you click the hyperlink "here" it will take you to your Employee Dashboard. There you will find, under "My Activities" on the right hand side, separate links for you to enter and approve time.

Please email [payroll@isu.edu](mailto:payroll@isu.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

## April Healthy Relationship Series

The Idaho State University Gender Resource Center is offering three Healthy Relationship Series events on April 13, 21, and 28.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

## 2023 Benny Award Winners Announced

The Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce the 2023 Benny Awards winners.

**The Benny Awards** acknowledge excellence and dedication demonstrated by our students, staff, faculty, and organizations in a broad range of categories. Award winners were nominated by their peers, then selected by an independent panel of judges.

Award winners will receive a crystal memento at a dinner held in their honor, and their names will be added to the wall of Benny Award recipients near the Ballroom in the Pond Student Union.

## ISU Open Ed Week Presentations

During Open Education Week, on March 6 - 10, many of ISU's **2022 OER Stipend Recipients and Textbook Heroes shared their experiences enhancing their courses through the use of open and affordable educational resources (OAER).**

The committee wants to thank the presenters who participated this year. The information they shared was valuable and can be useful for anyone who would like to make efforts to insert OAER into their own courses.

## Brown Bag Conversation: Autistic Voices - Being Better Allies to Neurodivergent Communities

Join the Diversity Resource Center and our wonderful speakers Megan Nichols and Melanie Shaw as they present: The power of listening to Autistic voices to promote acceptance and empower individuals to be better allies to neurodivergent communities.

**This will be a casual, interactive conversation. Come ready to listen, ready to ask questions, and ready to learn!**

## Participate in a Bengal Dining Focus Group April 11 and 12

Bengal Dining is hosting focus group sessions April 11 and 12 for faculty, staff and students to help improve Idaho State's dining experiences. **The feedback is extremely important and will be used to help reinvent the dining experience here on campus.**

## Dates to Remember

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| April 24 | Late 8-week and full semester course grading opens |
| May 1    | Final Examinations (May 1 - May 5)                 |
| May 5    | Spring classes end                                 |
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| May 6  | Commencement (May & August 2023 graduates)                     |
| May 9  | Late 8-week and full semester course grading closes at 5:00 pm |
| May 15 | Classes begin for Early-4, Early-6, Early-8 and Full term      |
| May 29 | Early-4 final grading opens                                    |
| May 29 | Memorial Day holiday (no classes)                              |

## Upcoming Events in the College of Science and Engineering

For a complete list of CoSE events, check out the [College Event Calendar](#) and click an event to get more details. Updates can also be found on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#). To add events to the calendar, please contact the Administrative Assistants in your department. The university-wide calendar of events is available [here](#).

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Wed, Apr 12  
4 - 5 p.m.

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pwd=L3lwWXVDVjE0emJaTk8zem5kZ  
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Pocatello (LIBR 32)  
Idaho Falls (CHE 314)

**Department/Program**

ALL

**Event**

Donuts with the Dean - Idaho Falls

Dean Scott Snyder

**Details**

Thu, Apr 13  
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Bennion Student Union Building  
Multi-purpose Room

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Biology Social

**Details**

Thu, Apr 13  
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Seminar: Title TBD

Wyatt Cross  
Professor of Ecology  
Montana State University

**Details**

Thu, Apr 13  
4 - 5 p.m.

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**Department/Program**

Mathematics and Statistics

**Event**

Colloquium: Who are the People in  
Your (Numerical Range)  
Neighborhood?

Kristin Camenga  
Associate Professor  
Juliata College

**Details**

Fri, Apr 14  
Noon - 1 p.m.

PS 307

<https://isu.zoom.us/j/81620030266>

**Department/Program**

Nuclear Engineering

**Event**

Nuclear Science Seminar

**Details**

Wed, Apr 19  
4 - 5 p.m.

Meets simultaneously:  
Pocatello (LIBR 32)  
Idaho Falls (CHE 314)

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Biology Social

**Details**

Thu, Apr 20  
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Seminar: Title TBD

Yoshiko Fujita  
Senior Scientist  
Idaho National Laboratory

**Details**

Thu, Apr 20  
4 - 5 p.m.

LC 10

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

This is Biology: Research Roundup

**Details**

Fri, Apr 21  
3 - 5 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

**Department/Program**

Physics

**Event**

Colloquium: The Search for Dark Matter  
Particles with DAMIC-M

Alvaro Chavarria  
University of Washington

**Details**

Mon, Apr 24  
4 - 5 p.m.

<https://isu.zoom.us/j/85629812498>

**Department/Program**

Geosciences

**Event**

Colloquium: Seminar Trip Review

**Details**

Wed, Apr 26  
4 - 5 p.m.

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<https://isu.zoom.us/j/81297633983?pwd=L3lwWXVDVjE0emJaTk8zem5kZkc0Zz09>

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Biology Social

**Details**

Thu, Apr 27  
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Seminar

Brian Sidlauskas

**Details**

Thu, Apr 27  
4 - 5 p.m.

LC 10

**Department/Program**

Chemistry

**Event**

Chemistry Graduate Dinner

**Details**

Fri, Apr 28  
6 - 8 p.m.

TBD

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## Help Us Share Your Accomplishments!

Our College's outstanding faculty, staff, and students achieve many notable research and professional accomplishments. In addition, our departments regularly have newsworthy advancements. We want to make sure those stories are shared publicly. Here are a few ways you can provide a news tip to help get the word out:

Use this [Story Submission Form](#) to send your news tip to the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Send an email to Logan McDougall ([loganmcdougall@isu.edu](mailto:loganmcdougall@isu.edu)) with a brief description of the news to be shared.

You are always welcome to create a draft story, submit it via the [Story Submission Form](#), or

send it to Logan. The Office of Marketing and Communications and Logan will coordinate to get the story finalized and distributed to the media outlets/platforms that best tell the story.

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