What's Happening in CoSE

Idaho State Professor's Research Details “Microbial Conveyor Belt” Beneath Atlantic Ocean

The intersection of biology and geology is the subject of a new publication by an Idaho State University professor.

Book on Specialized Nuclear Reactors Edited by Idaho State Professor Published

A book edited by an Idaho State University professor addressing some unique nuclear reactors is now in print.

We were happy to host Congressman Mike Simpson for a Chairs and Directors Meeting Notes Available

9/27/2022 Meeting
10/11/2022 Meeting
Dean's Excellence Fund Accepting Requests from Students

The College of Science and Engineering Dean's Excellence Fund is intended to support students in their journey through ISU. The Dean's Office is particularly interested in providing financial assistance to students who might not be able to enroll in or complete the semester because of short-term financial hardships. Students seeking such support should be in good academic standing.

If you know of a student who is in need of short-term support, please have them complete this form.

If you have questions about the Dean's Excellence Fund, contact Cam Brooks, Senior Director of Development, at cameronbrooks@isu.edu or (435) 592-2423.

Dean's Excellence Fund Request Form

Donuts with the Dean Oct. 20, Nov. 29

Faculty and staff are invited to join Dean Scott Snyder for donuts and conversation on October 20, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Room 121 of the Physical Science Complex on the Pocatello campus.

Dean Snyder will be holding a "Donuts with the Dean" in Idaho Falls in the Multipurpose room of the Bennion Student Union Building on November 29, from 9 to 11 a.m.

No RSVP is required.

Ideas Needed for CoSE's Strategic Investment Fund

The College of Science and Engineering invites concept papers for allocations from CoSE's Strategic Investment Fund. This fund allows the college to invest in interdisciplinary, collaborative, innovative and sustainable projects that support enrollment as well as faculty, staff and student success. Funded projects will support those aims and may be focused on one or a combination of activities relating to curriculum, pedagogy, research and/or mentoring.

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) 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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**From Around ISU**

**Affordability and Accessibility of Instructional Materials - Call for Proposals**

The Idaho State University community is interested in the affordability and accessibility of course materials for our students, especially our first-generation students in Southeast Idaho. Accordingly, the Office of Academic Affairs and ISU’s Open Educational Resource Committee are looking to support faculty who would like to seek out and adopt Open Educational Resources or very-low-cost alternatives.

**Faculty Needed for Focus Group**

The Institute of Rural Health recently received the Idaho College/University Early Intervention and Suicide Prevention Strategies Grant from the Idaho State Department of Education (PI Dr. Erika Coles). The purpose of the grant is to facilitate the integration of suicide prevention strategies among campus offices and programs and increase access to campus suicide prevention services for students at ISU.

We are conducting multiple focus groups with stakeholders across campus to gather information on barriers and facilitators to behavioral health services and suicide prevention programming for students at ISU.

**Consider Donating to the Shared Leave Program**

The ISU Human Resources and Payroll Offices are inviting faculty and staff to consider donating accrued leave to the [Shared Leave Program](#).

This program allows employees to transfer accrued leave to any eligible State employee for their use as paid sick leave when the employee has exhausted their leave balance and has a need for additional leave hours, in accordance with the State of Idaho’s Donated Leave Policy.

**Festival of Trees**

**Scheduled Nov. 16-19; Ticket Sales Start Oct. 14**

The annual Festival of Trees event will be held November 16-19 in Idaho State University’s Stephens Performing Arts Center.

**Flu Shots Now Available at Health Center**

Flu shots are now available at University Health Center. No appointment is necessary and if you have questions, give the University Health Center a call at (208) 282-2330.

**Payroll Instructions for Indigenous Peoples’ Day and Veterans Day**

[Click here for Faculty and Staff timesheet instructions for Indigenous Peoples’ Day, Monday, October 10, 2022, and Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022.](#)
Tickets will go on sale Friday, October 14, and admission is $5 for general admission events.

This year's Festival of Trees is being hosted by the ISU College of Business, and proceeds from the event will benefit the Pocatello-Chubbuck School District, Idaho State student scholarships, the Boys and Girls Club of Portneuf Valley, and Make-A-Wish Idaho.

### Dates to Remember

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**Upcoming Events in the College of Science and**
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.

### Physics

**Event**

Colloquium: From Big to Huge: Pathway to Neutrino Discoveries

Patrick de Perio

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**Details**

Mon, Oct 17

4 - 5 p.m.

[https://isu.zoom.us/j/84586977792](https://isu.zoom.us/j/84586977792)

### Geosciences

**Event**

Colloquium: Applying for Grad School Panel

**Details**

Wed, Oct 19

4 - 5 p.m.

PS 108

[https://isu.zoom.us/skype/84302306257](https://isu.zoom.us/skype/84302306257)

### Biological Sciences

**Event**

BSRC Research Roundup

**Details**

Thu, Oct 20

4 - 5 p.m.

LC 10

### Physics

**Event**

Colloquium: Does The Earth’s Oblateness Affect Motion On Its Surface?

Boyd Edwards

Utah State University

**Details**

Mon, Oct 24
**Department/Program**
Geosciences

**Event**
Colloquium: Title TBD

Glenn Thackray
Idaho State University

**Details**
Wed, Oct 26
4 - 5 p.m.
PS 108

https://isu.zoom.us/skype/84302306257

**Department/Program**
Biological Sciences

**Event**
Dr. Yu Yanshuang
Postdoctoral Scholar with
Dr. Christopher Rensing
Institute of Environmental Microbiology
at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry
University, China

**Details**
Thu, Oct 27
4 - 5 p.m.

Seminar will be virtual with watch party in LC10

**Department/Program**
Chemistry

**Event**
Seminar: Connor Bischak

**Details**
Fri, Oct 28
1 - 2 p.m.

Location TBD

**Department/Program**
Geosciences

**Event**
Special Colloquium: Dry Wash Terrace Deposits in the Mancos Badlands, Western Grand County Utah

Charlie Blount

**Details**

**Department/Program**
Physics

**Event**
Colloquium: Why should we study black holes and how to take a picture of a black hole

Yong-Shi Wu
University of Utah

**Details**
Department/Program
Geosciences
Event
Colloquium: Undergraduate Advising
Details
Wed, Nov 2
4 - 5 p.m.
PS 108
https://isu.zoom.us/skype/84302306257

Department/Program
Biological Sciences
Event
Seminar: Kathryn Turner
Details
Thurs, Nov 3
4 - 5 p.m.
LC 10

Department/Program
Chemistry
Event
Seminar: Austin Robison
Details
Fri, Nov 4
1 - 2 p.m.
Location TBD

Department/Program
Geosciences
Event
Colloquium: TBD
Zach Lifton
Idaho Geological Survey
Details
Wed, Nov 9
4 - 5 p.m.
PS 108
https://isu.zoom.us/skype/84302306257

Department/Program
Chemistry
Event
Seminar: Kendoe Olson
Details
Fri, Nov 11
1 - 2 p.m.
Location TBD