

WISE@OU

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2013 Events

New STEM Faculty Lunch — April 24, 2013 and September 11, 2013

To foster connections between newly hired faculty, WISE@OU hosted informal lunch networking sessions for the recent hires to STEM departments at OU. Funding for lunches was provided by the Center for Biomedical Research.

April Lunch: Wenjin Zhou, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, had recently attended two NSF conferences that related to funding, and she shared her insights with her colleagues. To download a copy of Professor Zhou's PowerPoint presentation about NSF funding, follow this link: [NSF Funding Presentation](#)

September Lunch: WISE@OU welcomed the newly hired STEM faculty and also distributed the Guide, which was created to answer frequently asked questions about setting up labs, funding opportunities, and campus resources. The Guide will be updated each year. Access the 2013 Guide here: [Guide for STEM Faculty at Oakland University \(Fall 2013\)](#)

Workshop for STEM Faculty for URC Faculty Research Fellowship Awards — September 13, 2013

WISE@OU hosted Dorothy Nelson, Vice Provost for Research, and several former University Research Committee (URC) chairs for a discussion on how to approach grant writing for a general audience, as well as diverse outside agencies. The discussion addressed some of the unique challenges facing STEM faculty when writing proposals.

Tips from this event can be found [here](#).

Sigma Xi: "Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research at OU: Identifying Strengths and Forging Connections" — September 23, 2013

WISE@OU Team members Kathleen Moore, Laila Guessous, and Brad Roth facilitated an informal discussion on interdisciplinary research. This event was co-hosted by Sigma Xi, the Oakland University chapter of the scientific research society. For more information about Sigma Xi, visit the [Sigma Xi website](#).



CETL Workshops

WISE@OU was pleased to partner with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to host two lunchtime workshops in the Fall semester of 2013.

Mentoring in the STEM Fields — October 9, 2013

This event was a discussion about mentoring opportunities for STEM faculty, primarily focusing on the do's and don'ts of being a mentor and strategies for connecting with other faculty. Attendees included both faculty who were interested in being a mentor and those seeking a mentor.



Panelists: Laila Guessous,
Brad Roth, Qian (Beth) Zou,
and Anna Spagnuolo

Balancing Teaching and Research in STEM — November 25, 2013

This event was a discussion of balancing teaching and research in STEM. Experienced faculty members shared their tips and WISE@OU shared university resources that can assist faculty members. Attendees included both tenured and non-tenured faculty.

Find recordings of these sessions on the CETL website: www.oakland.edu/cetl

Working with a Grant Officer - October 22, 2013

WISE@OU hosted OU grant officer Bonnie Kwit for a lunchtime question and answer session with recently hired STEM faculty. Notes on working with a grant officer, including helpful tips for preparing grant applications, can be found [here](#).

"Retaining Women in STEM Fields" Webinar - November 4, 2013

WISE@OU hosted a viewing of the "Retaining Women in STEM Fields" webinar, sponsored by Inside Higher Ed and the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The webinar's speaker was Joan C. Williams, Distinguished Professor of Law and the founding director of the Center for WorkLife Law at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. The webinar explored why women faculty leave science programs and what departments, colleges, and universities can do about it. A recording of the webinar and presentation slides can be found on the Inside Higher Ed website at: <https://www.insidehighered.com/audio/2013/11/04/retaining-women-stem-fields>