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2014 Events

CETL Workshops—Winter 2014

WISE@OU was pleased to partner with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to host two lunchtime workshops in the Winter semester of 2014. Find recordings of these workshops on the CETL website: www.oakland.edu/cetl

Mentoring Undergraduates/ Graduate Students in STEM Research — February 18, 2014

In this workshop, panelists discussed best practices in mentoring student researchers, including how to assist student development while accomplishing personal teaching and research goals, how to set clear expectations, and how to meet research deadlines and needs. Panelists included Amy Banes-Berceli, Gary Barber, and Xiangqun Zeng, with the discussion moderated by WISE@OU Team members Brad Roth and Laila Guessous.



Balancing Academic Careers and Life Demands — April 7, 2014

This discussion provided faculty with advice to manage the responsibilities of work and home life, as well as giving faculty an opportunity to share their experiences and ask questions.



Annual Sigma Xi Lecture: The Physics of NASCAR, with Dr. Diandra Leslie-Pelecky — March 24, 2014

WISE@OU helped support the 2014 Annual Sigma Xi Lecture, which featured Dr. Diandra Leslie-Pelecky, Physics Professor and author of The Physics of NASCAR. Dr. Leslie-Pelecky met with members of the WISE@OU Leadership Team to discuss the role of women in STEM, and presented her work to faculty and students at the annual lecture. (Photo credit: Sarah Pfeiffer)

CETL Workshops — Fall 2014

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 2014. Find recordings of these workshops on the CETL website: www.oakland.edu/cetl

Engaging STEM Students in the Classroom: Practical Tips for Teaching — October 30, 2014

In this workshop, panelists Alberto Rojo, Laila Guessous, and Kathleen Moore shared useful and effective tips for engaging students and improving teaching and classroom interactions. Professor Rojo has engaged his students through creative demonstrations, receiving recognition for his [Walk on Water](#) and [Flight Crew Physics](#) videos.

Supervising Students Effectively in STEM Research — December 3, 2014

This discussion highlighted the best practices for proper training and supervision of student researchers in the STEM fields. Panelists included Shailesh Lal, Jia Li, Scott Tiegs, and Xia Wang. Helpful tips as well as resources to assist students who work on research teams were shared, plus audience members discussed their own experiences with student researchers.

New STEM Faculty Lunch — September 15 and November 10, 2014



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

September Lunch: WISE@OU shared the Guide with newly hired STEM faculty. It answers frequently asked questions about setting up labs, funding opportunities, and campus resources. Follow this link for the updated Guide for 2014: [Guide for STEM Faculty at Oakland University \(Fall 2014\)](#)

November Lunch: Anne Hitt, Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Beth Zou, Associate Dean in the School of Engineering and Computer Science, shared in an informal lunch and discussion with recently hired STEM faculty. WISE@OU is pleased to support these women from the sciences in their leadership roles and connect them with STEM faculty.

Special Event with Dr. Deborah DeZure — December 5, 2014

About the speaker:

Dr. Deborah DeZure is the Assistant Provost for Faculty Development at Michigan State University. She is a leader in research on faculty development, especially at the mid-career stage. Her areas of expertise include leadership, mentoring, and chair training.

(Photos of Dr. DeZure and audience members from session for Associate Professors, credit to Sarah Blanchette)



From Associate Professor to Full Professor: Productive Decision Making at Mid-Career — Session for Associate Professors



The lunchtime plenary session, which was attended by almost seventy faculty members and administrators from OU, kicked off the WISE@OU series of events focusing on guidance for mid-career faculty as they plan their post-tenure careers. Dr. DeZure shared her tips for successfully surviving and thriving in mid-career. A video of her presentation is posted on [YouTube](#).

Best Practices in Faculty Mentoring — Session for Department Chairs

Dr. DeZure also led a session about the best practices in faculty mentoring to over twenty department chairs and administrators. She highlighted various methods of mentoring and encouraged chairs to begin discussion of and support of similar programs in their own departments.

