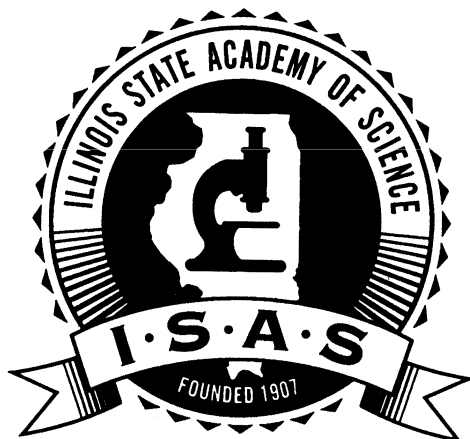


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# 117<sup>TH</sup> ISAS ANNUAL MEETING

April 5, 2025

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Hosts: Dr. Tom Fowler and Dr. Amy Winn

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### MORNING EVENTS ARE IN SCIENCE EAST

- 8:00am – 11:45am Science East Atrium – Check-in, On-Site Registration if Needed, Break Area
- 9:00am – 11:45am Oral Presentations, Rms 0214, 0222, 2206, 2214

#### ISAS LUNCHEON AT CRYSTAL GARDENS BANQUET HALL (OFF-SITE)

- 12:00noon – 1:30pm 1230 University Drive (tickets required, carpooling recommended)

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS IN SCIENCE EAST

- 2:00pm – 3:00pm 3126 Science East

#### AFTERNOON EVENTS ARE IN STUDENT FITNESS CENTER

- 3:00pm – 4:30pm Entry Area – Check-in, On-Site Registration if Needed, Break Area
- 3:15pm – 5:10pm Poster Sessions, Activity Center Gym Room 1420
- 5:10pm – 6:00pm Award Presentations, Activity Center Gym Room 1420

#### Future Meeting Sites

2026 – TBA

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN PROGRAM

### Division Abbreviations

Anthro & Archeo	Anthropology & Archeology
Cell Biology	Cell, Molecular, & Developmental Biology
Chem & Biochem	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Physics, Math, & Astron	Physics, Mathematics, & Astronomy

### Participant Abbreviations

UG	Undergraduate Student
Grad	Graduate Student
HS or JH	High School or Junior High
None	Regular/Faculty Member

### Participating School and Organization Abbreviations

Adlai	Adlai Stevenson High School	Lewis	Lewis University
Aptakisic	Aptakisic Junior High School	Maryville	Maryville University
Bradley	Bradley University	Millikin	Millikin University
Dunlap	Dunlap High School	Oak Park	Oak Park and River Forest High School
EIU	Eastern Illinois University	Oakton	Oakton College
Governor French	Governor French Academy	Pharmacy	University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy
IC	Illinois College	SIUE	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
IMSA	Illinois Math and Science Academy	WIU	Western Illinois University
ISU	Illinois State University		

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Welcome to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) for the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science! It has been nearly a decade since the last time we hosted the ISAS Annual Meeting, and we are pleased that you are joining us to take in a day of presentations about science endeavors that have occurred around the region. The ISAS Annual Meeting is meant for us to educate and celebrate each other, be reunited with scientific colleagues we know, and make new connections with others. Please be an active participant! We challenge you to meet new people and expand your science network during your time here. The tradition of this organization is to provide a welcoming experience to new members of the scientific community by including many presentations from students to go along with those from the professional ranks. Through this forum, students and more senior scientists can inspire and be inspired by each other. In addition to the abstracts that will be available online in a Supplement to the *Transactions of the Illinois State Academy of Science* soon after the meeting, we encourage those with completed studies to consider submitting a full manuscript for peer review to that same journal.

While you are on the SIUE campus, feel free to explore. In addition to the locations of meeting events, points of interest include the Morris University Center, the Gardens at SIUE, and scattered installations of outdoor sculptures by student artists. Guest Wi-Fi access can be gained through the unencrypted ‘Welcome to SIUE’ network or (if your home institution uses it) through the inter-institution ‘Eduroam’ network.

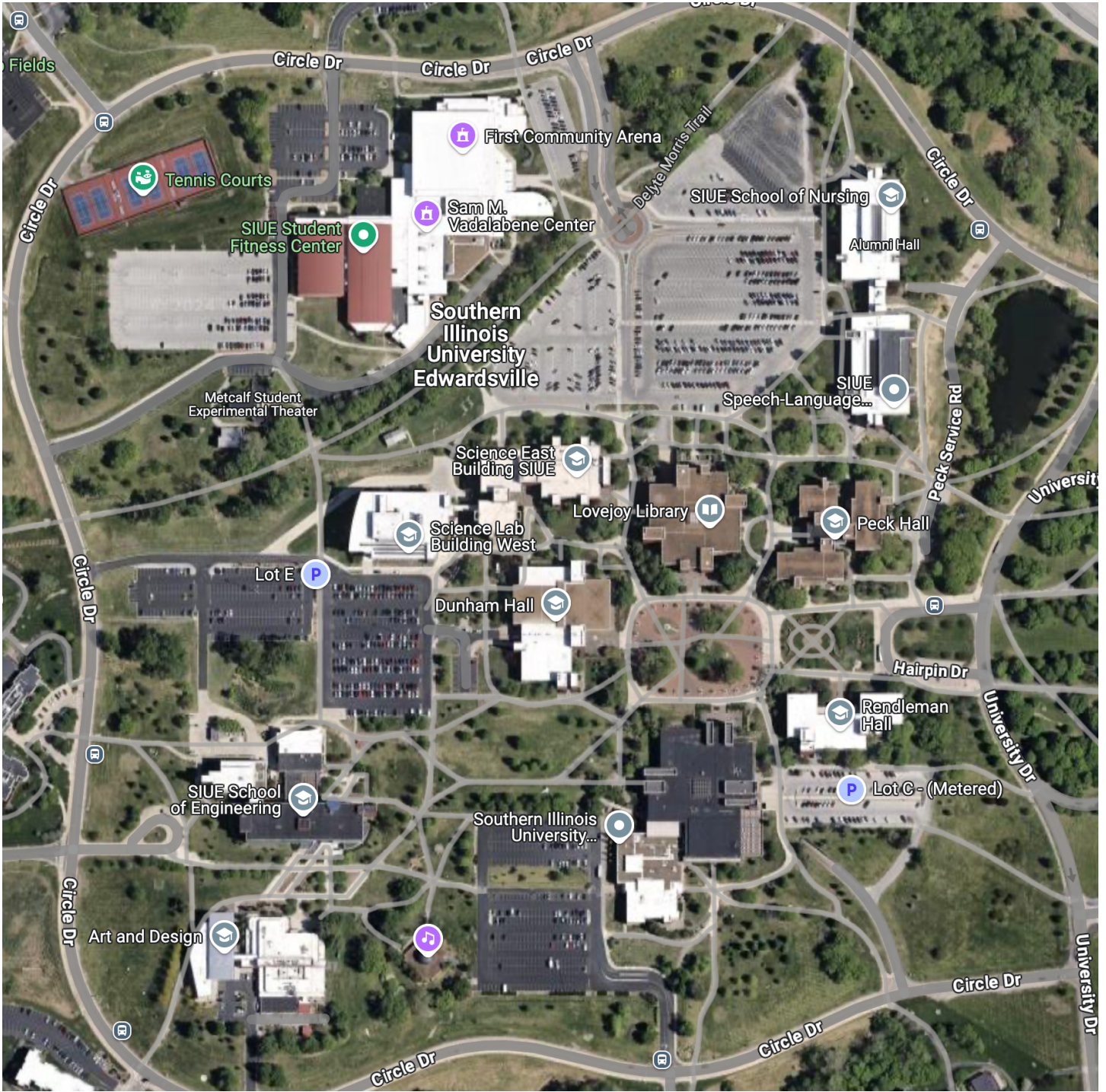
We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of many others to the success of this event. Our colleagues in the Department of Biological Sciences graciously agreed to host and be the SIUE sponsor of the meeting, and the administrators of other SIUE Departments and their associated Colleges supported faculty and student participation. The SIUE Information Technology Service staff provided preparation and technical assistance at the meeting, and Tracy Ziegler and the staff at the SIUE Student Fitness Center arranged for the poster venue. Emily Dawson coordinated participation of IJAS students, and the SIUE STEM Center provided poster printing assistance to the IJAS presenters. Jen Jost and Bradley University loaned and transported poster easels, and many student volunteers, seen and unseen by guests, assisted and contributed in a myriad of ways. We thank the ISAS executive officers and council members for their input and for taking on tasks as needed. As has been the case for many years, ISAS and its meetings are supported by two amazing and very dedicated people who really make it happen for the rest of us: Robyn Myers, Executive Secretary, and Tere North, Director of Communications and Program Planning. We truly cannot thank them enough for their contributions, and we hope you will join us in showing appreciation.

Welcome, and thanks for joining us!

VPs for the ISAS 2025 Annual Meeting,  
Drs. Amy Winn and Tom Fowler

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE**

# CAMPUS MAP



## ISAS ORAL PRESENTATIONS OVERVIEW

### SCIENCE EAST

	<b>SE 0222</b>	<b>SE 2206</b>	<b>SE 0214</b>	<b>SE 2214</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Danielle Lee</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Yusiro Ismail</b> Cell Biology	<b>Chelsie Hadley</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	<b>Jena Sellers</b> Plant Biology
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Chris Theodorakis</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Chiemeka Emeribe</b> Cell Biology	<b>Angelica Strack</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	<b>Toby McTamney</b> Plant Biology
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Iyanuoluwa Fatunmbi</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Emily Edwards</b> Cell Biology	<b>Gabriel Sojka</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	<b>Kurt Schulz</b> Plant Biology
9:45 – 10:00	<b>Anna Berg</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Shreya Sharma</b> Cell Biology	<b>Amy Aung</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	<b>Zackary Woodall</b> Plant Biology
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Brianna Cook</b> Environmental Sci	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>Marcus King</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>Jessica Sager</b> Chem & Biochem	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>Abhilash Polu</b> Health Sciences
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Harriet Barker</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Samuel Bickford</b> Chem & Biochem	<b>Amritha Praveen</b> Computer Sci	<b>Luke Yin</b> Health Sciences
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Emma Prott</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Gwendowlyn Knapp</b> STEM Education	<b>Jenna Mohammed</b> Computer Sci	<b>Jacob Black</b> Health Sciences
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Blake Rentz</b> Environmental Sci	<b>Hailey Gula</b> Zoology	<b>Ren Goodfriend</b> Engineering & Technology	<b>Lucia Thompson</b> Health Sciences
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Emily Beiler</b> Environmental Sci			<b>Abigail Falkoff</b> Health Sciences
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Lev Khoubaeva-Hummel</b> Environmental Sci			<b>Bradley Coulter</b> Health Sciences
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Travel (Carpool) to Lunch @ Crystal Gardens Banquet Hall</b>			

# ISAS POSTER PRESENTATIONS OVERVIEW

## STUDENT FITNESS CENTER, ACTIVITY CENTER GYM ROOM 1420

Group A [3:15pm – 4:10pm] – Odd Numbers				Group B [4:15pm – 5:10pm] – Even Numbers			
1	<b>Kirsten Fisher</b> Anthro & Archeo	55	<b>Amanda Tannehil</b> Health Sciences	2	<b>Bowen Li</b> Computer Science	56	<b>Laura Tayon</b> Zoology
3	<b>Devin Boggs</b> Anthro & Archeo	57	<b>Joseph Agyemang</b> Health Sciences	4	<b>Misbahuddin Mohammed</b> Computer Science	58	<b>Robert Mense</b> Health Sciences
5	<b>Elyse Ibata</b> Cell Biology	59		6	<b>Elly Beck &amp; Kaylee Shaw</b> Cell Biology	60	<b>Sanam Talwar</b> Health Sciences
7	<b>Godfred Mensah</b> Cell Biology	61	<b>Tsilate Tadesse</b> Health Sciences	8	<b>Ali Daoud</b> Cell Biology	62	<b>Sahana Garapati</b> Health Sciences
9	<b>Melanie Buzzard</b> Cell Biology	63	<b>Amanda Ekstrand</b> Microbiology	10	<b>Kennedy Spears</b> Cell Biology	64	<b>Colin McLeod-Demers</b> Health Sciences
11	<b>Jesus Gudino</b> Cell Biology	65	<b>Matthew Skelley</b> Microbiology	12	<b>Riley Mooney</b> Cell Biology	66	<b>Princess Akyea-Obesebea</b> Microbiology
13	<b>Mariela Garces</b> Chem & Biochem	67	<b>Ashley Olson</b> Microbiology	14	<b>Ava Austin</b> Chemistry & Biochem	68	<b>Beamlak Hiltework</b> Microbiology
15	<b>Marissa Purfeerst</b> Chem & Biochem	69	<b>Olivia Viele</b> Microbiology	16	<b>Caleb Whitaker</b> Chemistry & Biochem	70	<b>Yusra Amena</b> Microbiology
17	<b>Ty Ojanovac</b> Chemistry & Biochem	71	<b>Mary Olorunkosebi</b> Microbiology	18	<b>Owen Beck</b> Chemistry & Biochem	72	<b>Zoey Lane</b> Microbiology
19	<b>Omnia Ahmed</b> Chemistry & Biochem	73	<b>Alyssa Culver</b> Microbiology	20	<b>Hannah Eden</b> Chemistry & Biochem	74	<b>Diana Guzman</b> Microbiology
21	<b>Isabel Navas Rodriguez</b> Chemistry & Biochem	75	<b>Danielle Ashton</b> Microbiology	22	<b>Remi Irwin</b> Chemistry & Biochem	76	<b>Emily Everett</b> Microbiology
23	<b>Jesús Gómez</b> Chemistry & Biochem	77	<b>Maciej Zalinski</b> Microbiology	24	<b>Abigail Lewis</b> Chemistry & Biochem	78	<b>Allisha Ishaque</b> Microbiology
25	<b>Conner Herkert</b> Chemistry & Biochem	79	<b>Philip Ambe Omiah</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	26	<b>Maddy Kotler</b> Chemistry & Biochem	80	<b>Hansini Gamage Don</b> Microbiology
27	<b>Samuel Hannig</b> Chemistry & Biochem	81	<b>Nathan Oliveira</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	28	<b>MD. Imon Hossain</b> Chemistry & Biochem	82	<b>Octavio Ortiz</b> Microbiology
29	<b>Md Mahmud Alam</b> Chemistry & Bio Chem	83	<b>Thu Thanh Minh Do</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	30	<b>Marlena Gabriel</b> Chemistry & Biochem	84	<b>Blake Abernathy</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy
31	<b>Olalekan Ogunsola</b> Chemistry & Bio Chem	85	<b>Marissa Feldhake</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy	32	<b>Ayowole Owolabi</b> Chemistry & Biochem	86	<b>Gregory Wilson</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy
33	<b>Md. Motahar Kibriah</b> Engineering & Technology	87	<b>David Revelle</b> Plant Biology	34	<b>Prajakta Pohare</b> Engineering & Technology	88	<b>Sydney Osgood</b> Physics, Math, & Astronomy
35	<b>Cory Booher</b> Engineering & Technology	89	<b>Jacob Sutton</b> Plant Biology	36	<b>Boone Formhals</b> Engineering & Technology	90	<b>Yaksh Patel</b> Plant Biology
37	<b>Rachel Kim</b> Engineering & Technology	91	<b>Leyla Zeynep Loga</b> Plant Biology	38	<b>Dennis Fofie Kwarkye</b> Environmental Science	92	<b>Jacob Blameuser</b> Plant Biology
39	<b>Christopher Mueller</b> Environmental Science	93	<b>Kylie Pearman</b> Plant Biology	40	<b>Prakash Joshi</b> Environmental Science	94	<b>Michaela Barter</b> Plant Biology
41	<b>Pragya Sharma</b> Environmental Science	95	<b>Riley Brown</b> Zoology	42	<b>Allissa Busch</b> Environmental Science	96	<b>Avril Enciso</b> Zoology
43	<b>Jenisha Adhikari</b> Environmental Science	97	<b>Abigail Beddingfield</b> Zoology	44	<b>Sophia Borjon</b> Environmental Science	98	<b>Kirsten Fisher</b> Zoology
45	<b>Grace Witsken</b> Environmental Science	99	<b>Isabell Walker</b> Zoology	46	<b>Brenden Auerbach</b> Environmental Science	100	<b>Dylan Krohe</b> Zoology
47	<b>Garrett Vanfossan</b> Environmental Science	101	<b>Abby Heberling</b> Zoology	48	<b>Sam McNamee</b> Environmental Science	102	<b>Aleyda McPherson</b> Zoology
49	<b>Richard Owusu Anseh</b> Environmental Science	103	<b>Michelle Le</b> Zoology	50	<b>Mohamed Saady</b> Environmental Science	104	<b>Hannah Bandler</b> Zoology
51	<b>Viola Stangle</b> Environmental Science	105	<b>Mariam Sani</b> Earth Science	52	<b>Mehedi Hasan</b> Environmental Science	106	<b>Zachary Renken</b> STEM Education
53	<b>Christopher O'Steen</b> Environmental Science	107	<b>Claire Iott</b> Earth Science	54	<b>Confidence Ikpe</b> Environmental Science		

## ILLINOIS JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS OVERVIEW

### STUDENT FITNESS CENTER, ACTIVITY CENTER GYM ROOM 1420

Group A [3:15pm – 4:10pm] – Odd Numbers				Group B [4:15pm – 5:10pm] – Even Numbers			
1001	<b>Yagnesh Lokesh</b> <i>(Agriculture)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Illinois STEM Society	1002	<b>Ishika Mathur</b> <i>(Agriculture)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Adlai E. Stevenson High School
1003	<b>Sohum Mehta</b> <i>(Behavioral Science)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Illinois Math & Science Academy	1004	<b>Diego Landeros</b> <i>(Biochemistry)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Lane Tech High School
1005	<b>Arnav Chaphalkar</b> <i>(Computer Science)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	1006	<b>Theodore Tikhomirov</b> <i>(Design Project)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Independent
1007	<b>Oluwanifemi Ngozi Ekemode</b> <i>(Earth Science)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Air Force Academy High School	1008	<b>Anda Wattanakit</b> <i>(Electronics)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Richwoods High School
1009	<b>Navtej Bhatti</b> <i>(Electronics)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Glenwood High School	1010	<b>Aditya Dara</b> <i>(Electronics)</i>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dunlap Area Research Group
1011	<b>Samarth Donapati</b> <i>(Environmental Science)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	1012	<b>Akshitha Sushil</b> <i>(Environmental Science)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Adlai E. Stevenson High School
1013	<b>Agrini Neekhara</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dunlap High School	1014	<b>Amrutha Dara</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dunlap High School
1015	<b>Cyrus Darki</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Hinsdale Academy	1016	<b>Yamileth Gamez-Rocha</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Carver Military Academy
1017	<b>Ishani Gupta</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Adlai E. Stevenson High School	1018	<b>Sohum Kodilkar &amp; Ansh Mehta</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Dunlap Area Research Program
1019	<b>Ishant Sharma</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Illinois STEM Society	1020	<b>Yuxin Shi</b> <i>(Health Science)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Walter Payton High School
1021	<b>Cynthia Chen</b> <i>(Mathematics)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Walter Payton College Prep	1022	<b>Bogdan Felix Jones</b> <i>(Mathematics)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Walter Payton College Prep
1023	<b>Darius Jones</b> <i>(Mathematics)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School	1024	<b>Navya Shah</b> <i>(Molecular Biology)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Neuqua Valley High School



**KEYNOTE ADDRESS – ZHI-QING (ZQ) LIN, PH.D – 2:00PM  
SCIENCE EAST 3126**

***Selenium in the Environment and Human Health***

Zhi-Qing (ZQ) Lin, Ph.D.

Professor and SIUE Distinguished Research Professor (2020), Department of Environmental Sciences & Department of Biological Sciences

Dr. Lin earned a Bachelor of Science (environmental biology) from Liaoning University, a Master of Science (pollution ecology) from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and his Ph.D. (renewable resources) from McGill University (1996). He conducted post-doctoral research at UC Berkeley and joined the faculty of SIUE in 2002.



Dr. Lin has served as director of the SIUE Environmental Sciences program and as chair of the SIUE Department of Environmental Sciences, has held many offices and provided his expertise to scientific agencies and societies, and is the co-founder and current secretary of the *International Society for Selenium Research*. We are proud to recognize that Dr. Lin has a long association with ISAS and served as the division chair for Environmental Sciences from 2004-2006!

Dr. Z.Q. Lin with his students and colleagues have investigated trace element selenium along its path in the abiotic and biotic environment for more than 25 years. His prolific research informs both basic science knowledge and practical application. As you will hear, selenium can be in harmful excess or in deficiency, depending on geography and past environmental disturbances.

How can these conditions be assessed, remediated, or modified to alleviate potential harm or even provide benefits to human nutrition and the environment? Dr. Lin's research perspective on selenium may be best encapsulated by the terms 'biogeochemistry,' 'phytoremediation,' and 'biofortification.' In the process of exploring selenium in our environment, Dr. Lin has authored or co-authored over one hundred peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and been part of research funding of nearly 1 million US dollars, including grants from US NSF, NIH, EPA, and DOE. You can learn more about Dr. Lin's research and laboratory at [www.siu.edu/~zhlin/](http://www.siu.edu/~zhlin/).

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE – 9:00AM-11:45AM SCIENCE EAST

Time	Presenter	Title of Presentation
<b>Cell, Molecular, &amp; Developmental Biology – Rm SE 2206</b>		
9:00am	Yusiro Ismail (WIU, Grad)	The Potency of Anti-Cancer Extracts of <i>Acmella</i> spp in Ovarian Cancer
9:15am	Chiemeka Emeribe (WIU, Grad)	When Plant Defense Goes Silent: Jasmonates does not accumulate in the <i>ppi2</i> Mutant of <i>Arabidopsis</i>
9:30am	Emily Edwards (Millikin, UG)	Late-Stage Immune Responses to Self-Antigens in Tadpoles: Potential as a Lupus Model
9:45am	Shreya Sharma (EIU, Grad)	Cellular Reprogramming of Rat Fibroblasts Using CRISPR Technology
<b>Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry – Rm SE 2206</b>		
10:15am	Jessica Sager (SIUE, UG)	Temperature Dependence of Kinetic Isotope Effects of the Apparent Hydride Transfer Reactions from NADH Analogues to Tetracyanoethylene in Solution
10:30am	Samuel Bickford (SIUE, UG)	Reaction Monitoring and Catalyst Exploration for Tandem Ugi-Smiles Reactions
<b>Computer Science – Rm SE 0214</b>		
10:30am	Amritha Praveen (Adlai, HS)	Early Risk Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Novel Approach Using Microbial Biomarkers and Ensemble Classification Models
10:45am	Jenna Mohammed (ISU, UG)	The Role of Prompt Engineering in Enhancing Generative AI Performance
<b>Engineering &amp; Technology – Rm SE 0214</b>		
11:00am	Ren Goodfriend(Oak Park, HS)	Evaluation of Muon Energies for Quantification of Single Event Upsets Within Aircraft Transistors With Specific Applications of United States Military Technology
<b>Environmental Science – Rm SE 0222</b>		
9:00am	Danielle Lee (SIUE)	Urban Biomonitoring – Comparing Local Biodiversity of Collinsville and Edwardsville
9:15am	Chris Theodorakis (SIUE)	Acute and Chronic Toxicity of Metal Oxide Nanoparticles in Fathead Minnows
9:30am	Iyanuoluwa Fatunmbi (SIUE, Grad)	Bridging Resolution Gap: A Machine Learning Approach to Estimating Land Surface Temperature Using Higher-Resolution Satellite Data
9:45am	Anna Berg (Bradley, UG)	Landscape of Fear in Mammals in Response to Anthropogenic Hunting Pressure
10:00am	Brianna Cook (Bradley, Grad)	Anthropogenic Invasion's Effect on Mammal Community Composition and Activity
10:30am	Harriet Barker (Bradley, Grad)	Impact of Urbanization on Macro-Moth Species Composition in Central Illinois
10:45am	Emma Prott (SIUE, UG)	The Sedimentological Impact of Immigration Infrastructure on River Dynamics: Rio Grande at Eagle Pass, Texas
11:00am	Blake Rentz (SIUE, Grad)	Comparative Life-History Parameters of DDT-Susceptible and -Resistant <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> Strains
11:15am	Emily Beiler (SIUE, Grad)	Acute, Developmental, and Behavioral Toxicity of PFOS on Fruit Flies and Planarians
11:30am	Lev Khoubaeva-Hummel (Oak Park, HS)	Quantification of the Effects of Fluopyram on the Head Regeneration, Photophobic Behavior, Mobility, and Mortality Rates of <i>Girardia tigrina</i> with Implications for Ecotoxicological Safety
<b>Health Sciences – Rm SE 2214</b>		
10:15am	Abhilash Polu (IMSA, HS)	Qualitative Analysis of the Acceptability of Attention Training as a Potential Treatment for Individuals with Long-COVID Brain Fog
10:30am	Luke Yin (IMSA, HS)	Efficacy of Tomivosertib (MNK1/2 Inhibitor) in Mitigating RDEB Mice Pain
10:45am	Jacob Black (Oakton, UG)	Using a Randomized Natural Experiment to Estimate the Effects of the Evaluatee's Gender, Physical Attractiveness, and Serial Position on the Evaluator's Memory and Accuracy
11:00am	Lucia Thompson (SIUE, Grad)	Methimazole-Induced Hypothyroidism Influences Growth, Circulating Ghrelin Levels, and Gut Microbiome Composition in Mice
11:15am	Abigail Falkoff (Oak Park, HS)	Ecdysone Used to Induce a Hyperandrogenism Phenotype in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> as a Basis for a Novel Invertebrate Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Model
11:30am	Bradley Coulter(SIUE, Grad)	Hormonal Havoc: Thyroid's Role in Bone and Gut Health
<b>Physics, Mathematics, &amp; Astronomy – Rm SE 0214</b>		
9:00am	Chelsie Hadley (WIU, UG)	Automating Quantum Error Correction
9:15am	Angelica Strack (WIU, Grad)	Physical and Optical Properties of Neodymium (Nd <sup>3+</sup> ) Doped Bismuth Boro-Tellurite Glasses
9:30am	Gabriel Sojka (WIU, Grad)	Molecular Masers and Continuum Variability in the Orion Nebula

<b>Time</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title of Presentation</b>
9:45am	Amy Aung (WIU, Grad)	Raman Spectroscopic Investigations of Structural Properties of Pr <sup>3+</sup> Doped Bismuth Boro-Tellurite Glasses
10:00am	Marcus King (Governor French, HS)	Water World Exoplanet Atmospheric and Spectral Data Analysis via Thermodynamic Modeling and Unsupervised Machine Learning
<b>Plant Biology – Rm SE 2214</b>		
9:00am	Jenna Sellers (IC, UG)	Viability Assessment of Orchid Seeds and Their Mycorrhizal Fungi in Prolonged Cool Storage for Conservation
9:15am	Toby McTamney (IC, UG)	The Status of Florida's Ghost Orchid ( <i>Dendrophylax lindenii</i> ) as of 2024
9:30am	Kurt Schulz (SIUE)	Invasion by <i>Lespedeza cuneata</i> Reconfigures Plant and Ground-Dwelling Insect Communities
9:45am	Zachary Woodall (SIUE, UG)	Determining the Effect of Falling Chloroplasts on the Gravitropic Response in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>
<b>STEM Education – Rm SE 2206</b>		
10:45am	Gwendolyn Knapp (IC)	Incorporating Primary Literature into the Classroom Using <i>This Week in Microbiology</i> (TWiM) Podcasts
<b>Zoology – Rm SE 2206</b>		
11:00am	Hailey Gula (Millikin, UG)	Significance of <i>Aspergillus</i> as a Pathogen to Birds of Prey in Central Illinois

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE –3:15PM-5:10PM**  
**STUDENT FITNESS CENTER, ACTIVITY CENTER GYM ROOM 1420**

<b>Time</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title of Presentation</b>
<b>Anthropology &amp; Archeology</b>			
3:15pm	1	Kirstien Fisher (Bradley, UG)	Gender Disparities in the Diagnostic Process of Chronic Illness among College-Aged Women in the US
3:15pm	3	Devin Boggs (IC, UG)	Does Mandible Development Influence Wisdom Tooth Impaction?
<b>Cell, Molecular, &amp; Developmental Biology</b>			
3:15pm	5	Elyse Ibata (SIUE, UG)	RNA-Seq Analysis of White vs. Green Sectors in <i>Arabidopsis geranylgeranyl</i> Diphosphate Synthase 11 Mutants
4:15pm	6	Elly Beck (Bradley, UG)	Characterizing the Effect of Carboplatin on the Aggression of Bulk Ovarian Cancer Cells and Ovarian Cancer Stem Cells
3:15pm	7	Godfred Mensah (WIU, Grad)	The Effect of Toc132/120 Mutation on the Expression of JAZ Repressor Genes
4:15pm	8	Ali Daoud (IC, UG)	Challenging Cornea-Lens Regeneration in the Mature Frog Cornea
3:15pm	9	Melanie Buzzard (Bradley, UG)	Investigating Cardiotoxic Effects of Nab-Paclitaxel Compared to Regular Paclitaxel on Developing Zebrafish ( <i>Danio rerio</i> )
4:15pm	10	Kennedy Spears (SIUE, UG)	The <i>Scizophyllum</i> Commune Mound Mutant in a wc-2 -Disrupted Background
3:15pm	11	Jesus Gudino (SIUE, UG)	Knockout of a Kynureninase-Coding Gene Does Not Lead to a Nicotinic Acid Requirement in <i>Schizophyllum</i> Commune
4:15pm	12	Riley Mooney (SIUE, UG)	Physiological and Behavioral Changes in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> After Chronic Repeated Ethanol Exposure
<b>Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry</b>			
3:15pm	13	Mariela Garces (WIU, UG)	Analysis of Oxamyl in Locally Purchased Produce
4:15pm	14	Ava Austin (SIUE, Grad)	Correlation of Kinetic Isotope Effects with Their Temperature Dependences of Hydride Transfer Reactions of NADH/NAD <sup>+</sup> Analogues in Solution
3:15pm	15	Marissa Purfeerst (Maryville, UG)	Using Dry ATR-FTIR Spectroscopy to Identify 1,4-Butanediol in Alcoholic Beverages
4:15pm	16	Caleb Whitaker (WIU, UG)	Nickel Telluride Synthesis
3:15pm	17	Ty Ojanovac (WIU, Grad)	Development of an Organometallic Chemistry Reaction for Use in a Senior Level Inorganic Laboratory
4:15pm	18	Owen Beck (WIU, UG)	Athabascaite Crystal Synthesis
3:15pm	19	Omnia Ahmed (SIUE, Grad)	Exploring Bacterial Replication and Survival Dynamics Under Different Oxidative Stress Conditions at the Single-Bacterium Level
4:15pm	20	Hannah Eden (WIU, UG)	The Flavonoid Content of the <i>Acmella</i> Plant
3:15pm	21	Isabel Navas Rodriguez (WIU, Grad)	Anticancer Activity of Nigerian Inorganic Complexes in Ovarian Cancer (SKOV3) Cells
4:15pm	22	Remi Irwin (WIU, Grad)	Exploration of FeS, Fe <sub>3</sub> S <sub>1.2</sub> , and FeS <sub>2</sub> by Solid State Synthesis
3:15pm	23	Jesús Gómez (SIUE, UG)	Dual Photosensitizer Polymeric Platforms with Optimized Antimicrobial Properties
4:15pm	24	Abigail Lewis (SIUE)	Exploration of Caffeic Acid as a Component in Ugi Reactions
3:15pm	25	Conner Herkert (SIUE, UG)	Temperature Dependence of Modified Ugi-Smiles Reactions with CPA Catalysts
4:15pm	26	Maddy Kotler (WIU, Grad)	Quantification of Cannabichromenic Acid among Seventeen Cannabinoids in Key Lime Pie Hemp Flowers by Liquid Chromatography Ultraviolet Detection
3:15pm	27	Samuel Hannig (IC, UG)	Extraction and Characterization of Chitin from Cicada Shells
4:15pm	28	MD. Imon Hossain (WIU, Grad)	Quantification of Cannabidiol in Bath Balm Using Ultrahigh Performance Liquid Chromatography with Ultraviolet Detection
3:15pm	29	Md Mahmud Alam (WIU, Grad)	Quantification of Cannabichromene in Hemp-Infused Face Cream Using Ultrahigh-Performance Liquid Chromatography with Ultraviolet Detection
4:15pm	30	Marlena Gabriel (WIU, Grad)	Application of Diorganyltellurides in Hiyama Coupling Reactions

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3:15pm	31	Olalekan Ogunsola (WIU, Grad)	Potency Testing of Synthetic THC Isomers-Based Products by Liquid Chromatograph Ultraviolet Detection: Quantification of Cannabidiol in a Delta8-THC Focused Blends – Soothe Oil
4:15pm	32	Ayowole Owolabi (WIU, Grad)	Potency Testing of Synthetic THC Isomers-Based Products by Liquid Chromatograph Ultraviolet Detection: Quantification of Delta 9-THC in a Delta 8-THC Fortified Hemp Oil Tincture
<b>Computer Science</b>			
4:15pm	2	Bowen Li (Aptakisic, JH)	Machine Learning Models for Tennis Serves
4:15pm	4	Misbahuddin Mohammed (Bradley, Grad)	Analysis and Modeling of Respiratory Disease and the Influence of Socioeconomic Factors in Central Illinois
<b>Earth Science</b>			
3:15pm	105	Mariam Sani (SIUE, Grad)	Science-Interested Undergraduates' Perceptions of the Geosciences as a Career
3:15pm	107	Claire Iott (SIUE, Grad)	Where Have Spring and Fall Gone? Changes in Temperate Transition Season Days
<b>Engineering &amp; Technology</b>			
3:15pm	33	Md. Motohar Kibriah (WIU, Grad)	Advancing Aviation Safety: The Possibility of an Emergency Evacuation Detachable Airplane Cabin
4:15pm	34	Prajakta Pohare (ISU, Grad)	Enhancing Inventory Control to Prevent Expired Goods Using Six Sigma
3:15pm	35	Cory Booher (WIU, Grad)	From Concept to Completion
4:15pm	36	Boone Formhals (WIU, Grad)	Mapping Engineering Excel Functions to VBA Across Versions: A Proof-of-Concept
3:15pm	37	Rachel Kim (Dunlap, HS)	How is AI Impacting Students' Learning?
<b>Environmental Science</b>			
4:15pm	38	Dennis Fofie Kwarkye (SIUE, Grad)	Assessing the Impact of Increased Levonorgestrel Exposure on Surface Water Pathogen Detection
3:15pm	39	Christopher Mueller (SIUE, UG)	Selenium Accumulation and GSH-Px Activity in Different Cultivars of Garlic ( <i>Allium sativum</i> )
4:15pm	40	Prakash Joshi (SIUE, Grad)	Molecular Interaction of Selenium and Mercury in Edible Tissues of Shellfish
3:15pm	41	Pragya Sharma (SIUE, Grad)	Greenhouse Gas Inventories for Small Cities: A Case Study of Webster Groves, Missouri
4:15pm	42	Allisa Busch (Bradley, UG)	How is Urbanization Affecting the Morphology of Macromoths in the Family Erebidae in Central Illinois?
3:15pm	43	Jenisha Adjikari (SIUE, Grad)	Impact of Agricultural Practices and Nutrient Runoff on Water Quality in the Indian Creek-Cahokia Creek Watershed
4:15pm	44	Sophia Borjon (Bradley, UG)	Effect of Urbanization on Katydid Vocalization Events
3:15pm	45	Grace Witsken (SIUE, UG)	Best Fit Model of Ant Abundance in Edwardsville, IL
4:15pm	46	Brenden Auerbach (SIUE, UG)	Exploring the Potential Application of Natural Organic Matter Capped Silver Nanoparticles in Antimicrobial Photodynamic Therapy
3:15pm	47	Garrett Vanfossan (SIUE, UG)	Analysis of Stress Responses in DDT-Susceptible and -Resistant Strains of <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>
4:15pm	48	Sam McNamee (SIUE, UG)	County-Level Water Use Efficiency and Demand Projection in Illinois
3:15pm	49	Richard Owusu Ansah (SIUE, Grad)	Determination of Antibiotic-Resistant Genes in <i>Pseudomonas</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> Species
4:15pm	50	Mohamed Saady (SIUE, UG)	Analysis of Chill Coma Recovery and Geotactic Behavior in DDT-Susceptible and – Resistant Strains of <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>
3:15pm	51	Viola Stangle (SIUE, UG)	Synthesis and Characterization of NOM-Induced Silver Nanoparticle for Potential Contaminant Degradation Studies
4:15pm	52	Mehedi Hasan (SIUE, Grad)	Monitoring Microplastics in United States River Waters: A Review of Distribution, Sources, and Environmental Consequences
3:15pm	53	Christopher O'Steen (SIUE, Grad)	Hot Spot and Directional Distribution Analysis of Alaskan Wildland Fires, 1980-2020
4:15pm	54	Confidence Ikpe (SIUE, Grad)	Fecal Indicator Bacteria Monitoring and Microbial Source Tracking in Horseshoe Lake

Time	#	Presenter	Title of Presentation
<b>Health Science</b>			
3:15pm	55	Amanda Tannehil (SIUE, Grad)	Antimicrobial Properties of Agmatine and Epigallocatechin Gallate (EGCG): An In-Vitro Investigation
3:15pm	57	Joseph Agyemang (SIUE, Grad)	Illegal Mining: An Environmental Enemy and a Public Health Threat in Ghana
4:15pm	58	Robert Mense (SIUE, UG)	The Effect of Additives of Bacterial Growth
3:15pm	59	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
4:15pm	60	Sanam Talwar (SIUE, Grad)	Chronic Inflammation in the Dental Pulp of Marfan Syndrome Mouse Model Fbn1 C1041G+/-
3:15pm	61	Tsilate Tadesse (IC, UG)	Does Dual-Task Walking Affect Cognitive Performance in Individuals With and Without Concussion 'Negatively Or Positively'?
4:15pm	62	Sahana Garapati (IMSA, HS)	The Role of Genistein Modeling Estrogen in the Blood Brain Barrier as a Treatment for Alzheimer's Disease
4:15pm	64	Colin McLeod-Demers (IC, UG)	Impact of Physical Activity Intensity on Academic Achievement in Middle School Students in Illinois
<b>Microbiology</b>			
1:00pm	63	Amanda Ekstrand (SIUE, UG)	Sticking Together: Characterizing Locust Olfactory Responses to Bacterial Volatile Signals
2:30pm	65	Matthew Skelley (EIU, UG)	Impact of Media Composition on Culturing Acidophiles
3:15pm	66	Princess Akyea-Obesebea (IC, UG)	Surveying the Environment for Antimicrobial Resistance
3:15pm	67	Ashley Olson (IC, UG)	Playing in Dirt: The Search for New Antibiotics
4:15pm	68	Beamlak Hiltework (IC, UG)	Antimicrobial Screening of Orchid Mycorrhizal Fungi as a potential Source of New Antibiotics
3:15pm	69	Olivia Viele (EIU, UG)	Impact of Sulfate on Growth of an Acidophilic Archaeon
4:15pm	70	Yusra Amena (SIUE, UG)	Single-Cell Imaging Reveals Phage-Induced Bacterial Heterogeneity in Membrane Lysis
3:15pm	71	Mary Olorunkosebi (WIU, Grad)	Comparative Study of the Biodegradation Potential of Foreign and Indigenous Bacteria in Pharmaceutical Effluent
4:15pm	72	Zoey Lane (SIUE, UG)	Real-Time Imaging of Bacterial Predation Highlights Variability in Prey Survival Times
3:15pm	73	Alyssa Culver (SIUE, Grad)	Gut Warfare: Investigating Type VI Secretion System-Mediated Competition in Termite-Associated <i>Serratia</i>
4:15pm	74	Diana Guzman (Bradley, UG)	Investigating Regulatory Factors Influencing bcp Gene Expression in <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> Using Transposon Mutagenesis
3:15pm	75	Danielle Ashton (Bradley, UG)	Investigating Factors that Promote Expression of bcp in <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
4:15pm	76	Emily Everett (Bradley, UG)	Impact of Mosquitocidal Fungal Entomopathogens on the Mosquito Microbiome
3:15pm	77	Maciej Zalinski (Lewis, UG)	Investigation of Antimicrobial Molecules in Osage Orange ( <i>Maclura pomifera</i> ) Extracts
4:15pm	78	Allisha Ishaque (WIU, Grad)	Degradation of the Toxic Chemical P-Nitrophenol by Environmental Water Samples
4:15pm	80	Hasini Gamage Don (EIU, Grad)	Oligotrophic Bacterial Carbon Compound Utilization Mechanisms
4:15pm	82	Octavio Ortiz (Lewis, UG)	Microbial Activity of Rhizosphere in Soils Amended with Biochar Produced from Different Species of Invasive Plants
<b>Physics, Mathematics, &amp; Astronomy</b>			
3:15pm	79	Philip Ambe Omiah (WIU, Grad)	Spectroscopic Analysis of Rare Earth Ions (Pr <sup>3+</sup> and Dy <sup>3+</sup> ) Co-Doped Bismuth Boro-Tellurite Glasses
3:15pm	81	Nathan Oliveira (SIUE, UG)	Studying the Formation of Persistent Holographic Grating in Tellurium Barium Glass
3:15pm	83	Thu Thanh Minh Do (SIUE, UG)	Tunable Polarization-Entangled Photon Pairs for Testing Bell's Inequalities and Demonstrating Quantum Nonlocality
4:15pm	84	Blake Abernathy (SIUE, UG)	Laser Induced Persistent Change in the Index of Refraction in Praseodymium-Doped Zinc-Tellurite Glass Using the X-Scan Technique

Time	#	Presenter	Title of Presentation
3:15pm	85	Marissa Feldhake (SIUE, UG)	Investigating the Thermo-Optical Coefficient of Telluride Glass with Different Concentrations of Praseodymium
4:15pm	86	Gregory Wilson (SIUE, UG)	Electro-Physical Properties of a Nematic Liquid Crystal Dispersed with Silver Nanoparticles
4:15pm	88	Sydnee Osgood (WIU, UG)	Variations in Refractive Index and Sm-Fluorescence in Barium Bismuth Borate Glasses

### Plant Biology

3:15pm	87	David Revelle (SIUE, UG)	Assembly of an Inducible Gernaylgeranyl Diphosphate Synthase 11 (GGPPS11) Construct to Better Understand Variegation in the ggpps11-1 Mutant
3:15pm	89	Jacob Sutton (SIUE, UG)	Comparing Interior and Exterior Forest Amur Honeysuckle Growth Metrics
4:15pm	90	Yaksh Patel (SIUE, UG)	Using Machine Learning to Track and Quantify Circumnutation in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> Inflorescence Stems
3:15pm	91	Leyla Zeynep Loga (SIUE, UG)	The Effect of Hypoxia on <i>Arabidopsis</i> Knockouts of Genes Showing Altered Expression During Spaceflight
4:15pm	92	Jacob Blameuser (SIUE, UG)	Analysis of Biomass in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> Berberine Bridge Enzyme-Like Mutants
3:15pm	93	Kylie Pearman (SIUE, UG)	Comparison of Root and Surrounding Soil Microbiome of the Invasive Orchid <i>Epipactis helleborine</i> with the Threatened <i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>
4:15pm	94	Michaela Barter (SIUE, UG)	Microbiome Analysis of Roots and Soil Surrounding <i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>

### STEM Education

4:15pm	106	Hunter Hansen (SIUE, Grad)	Geographic Thinking in Interdisciplinary Research: Examining Conceptualization, Experience, and Communication Among Watershed Scholars
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### Zoology

4:15pm	56	Laura Tayon (SIUE, UG)	The Effect of Incubation Temperature on Salamander Survival and Fitness
3:15pm	95	Riley Brown (SIUE, UG)	Lyme Disease in Field Mice in the Edwardsville Area
4:15pm	96	Avril Enciso (Bradley, UG)	Influence of CO <sub>2</sub> on Parasitic Infection of the American Bullfrog ( <i>Rana catesbeiana</i> )
3:15pm	97	Abigail Beddingfield (IC, UG)	Examining the Response of Bats to the Playback of Conspecific and Heterospecific Distress Calls
4:15pm	98	Kirsten Fisher (Bradley, UG)	A Comparative Study of Lab vs. Field Based Aerial Exposure on Zebra Mussel Survival
3:15pm	99	Isabelle Walker (SIUE, Grad)	Behavioral Flexibility in Tool Use of <i>Aphaenogaster rudis</i>
4:15pm	100	Dylan Krohe (SIUE, Grad)	Adaptive Tool Use in Response to Resource Viscosity: A Study of <i>Aphaenogaster rudis</i>
3:15pm	101	Abby Heberling (Millikin, UG)	West Nile Virus in Birds of Prey: Minor Pest or Major Problem?
4:15pm	102	Aleyda McPherson (Millikin, UG)	Tradeoffs in Reproduction, Body Condition, and Immune Defense in Breeding and Non-Breeding Northern Cardinals ( <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i> )
3:15pm	103	Michelle Le (Pharmacy)	An Examination of the Trailing Ability of Neonate Snakes: Preliminary Findings
4:15pm	104	Hannah Bendler (SIUE, UG)	Canopy Cover Influences on Arthropod Abundance in Giant Cane Patches

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE –3:15PM-5:10PM  
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### Agriculture

- 3:15pm 1001 Yagnesh Lokesh (9<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Illinois STEM Society]      Seasonal Variations in Antibiotic Resistance: A Comparative Study of Soil Microbial Resistance in Summer and Winter
- 4:15pm 1002 Ishika Mathur (10<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Adlai E. Stevenson High School]      Machine Learning for Drought & Crop Yield Prediction In Geographic Regions

### Behavioral Science

- 3:15pm 1003 Sohun Mehta (11<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Lane Tech High School]      Novel Interactions of Lexical Frequency and Visual Stimuli during Word Retrieval

### Biochemistry

- 4:15pm 1004 Diego Landeros (11<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Illinois Math & Science Academy]      Nitroisoxazole GPX4 Inhibitor Conjugate

### Computer Science

- 3:15pm 1005 Arnav Chaphalkar (9<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Adlai E. Stevenson High School]      Computer Vision-Powered Motion Analysis for Objective Fencing Refereeing

### Design Project

- 4:15pm 1006 Theodore Tikhomirov (11<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Independent]      Improving EMS in Underserved Areas with Drones

### Earth Science

- 3:15pm 1007 Oluwanifemi Ngozi Ekemode (9<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Air Force Academy High School]      Ozone Guard

### Electronics

- 4:15pm 1008 Anda Wattanakit (10<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Richwoods High School]      Harvesting Rotational Energy from a Moving Wheel for a Self-Guided Mobility Aid (Glide)
- 3:15pm 1009 Navtej Bhatti (11<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Glenwood High School]      High-Frequency BLDC Feedforward Control and Optimization for Motion Control
- 4:15pm 1010 Aditya Dara (8<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Dunlap Area Research Group]      Analysis of Sensor Technologies for Enhanced Self-Driving Car Performance

### Environmental Science

- 4:15pm 1011 Samarth Donapati (10<sup>th</sup>)**  
[Adlai E. Stevenson High School]      Leveraging Machine Learning Models to Forecast Atmospheric PM2.5 Concentrations



- 4:15pm 1012 Akshitha Sushil** (11<sup>th</sup>)  
[Adlai E. Stevenson High School]      The Usage of Metal Organic Frameworks to Harvest Water, with factors of Passive Radiative Cooling & Relative Humidity

### Health Science

- 3:15pm 1013 Agrini Neekhra** (11<sup>th</sup>)  
[Dunlap High School]      A Unique Triage Approach to Management of Febrile Neutropenia in Pediatric Oncology Patients for Efficient Patient Stabilization and Antibiotic Administration
- 4:15pm 1014 Amrutha Dara** (11<sup>th</sup>)  
[Dunlap High School]      Capsule Composition and Dissolution: Analyzing the Efficiency of Various Capsule Types in Drug Delivery
- 3:15pm 1015 Cyrus Darki** (9<sup>th</sup>)  
[Hinsdale Academy]      Exploring The Obesity Paradox: Impact of Obesity on Mortality and Inflammatory Markers in Acute Pulmonary Embolism
- 4:15pm 1016 Yamileth Gamez-Rocha** (12<sup>th</sup>)  
[Carver Military Academy]      BioBone: Creating the Future of Bone Grafting
- 3:15pm 1017 Ishani Gupta** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
[Adlai E. Stevenson High School]      The Effect of Herbal Supplements S-adenosyl methionine and St. John's Wort on Antibiotic Potency in *Escherichia coli*
- 4:15pm 1018 Sohurm Kodilkar & Ansh Mehta** (9<sup>th</sup>)  
[Dunlap Area Research Program]      What is Your Snoring Telling You?
- 3:15pm 1019 Ishant Sharma** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
[Illinois STEM Society]      Computer Model to Detect Cases of Skin Cancer
- 4:15pm 1020 Yuxin Shi** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
[Walter Payton High School]      HT1 and AKU Biological Meta-Analysis

### Mathematics

- 3:15pm 1021 Cynthia Chen** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
[Walter Payton College Prep]      Inversion to Gaskets
- 4:15pm 1022 Bogdan Felix Jones** (11<sup>th</sup>)  
[Walter Payton College Prep]      Twisted Prime Pairs
- 3:15pm 1023 Darius Jones** (9<sup>th</sup>)  
[Whitney M. Young Magnet High School]      Gaps Between Primes

### Molecular Biology

- 4:15pm 1024 Navya Shah** (10<sup>th</sup>)  
[Neuqua Valley High School]      Somatic Mutations as Biomarkers for Autoimmune Disease Diagnosis & Prognosis

# GETTING TO AND AROUND THE SIUE CAMPUS

## DIRECTIONS TO SIUE CAMPUS



**From I-55 north of campus:** Take I-55 South to Illinois 143 West (Exit 23) straight at the light onto Governor's Parkway. Take Governor's Parkway across town to campus, entering on E. University Dr. Turn left on N. University Drive and then right on Circle Dr., which will take you around to Lot A.

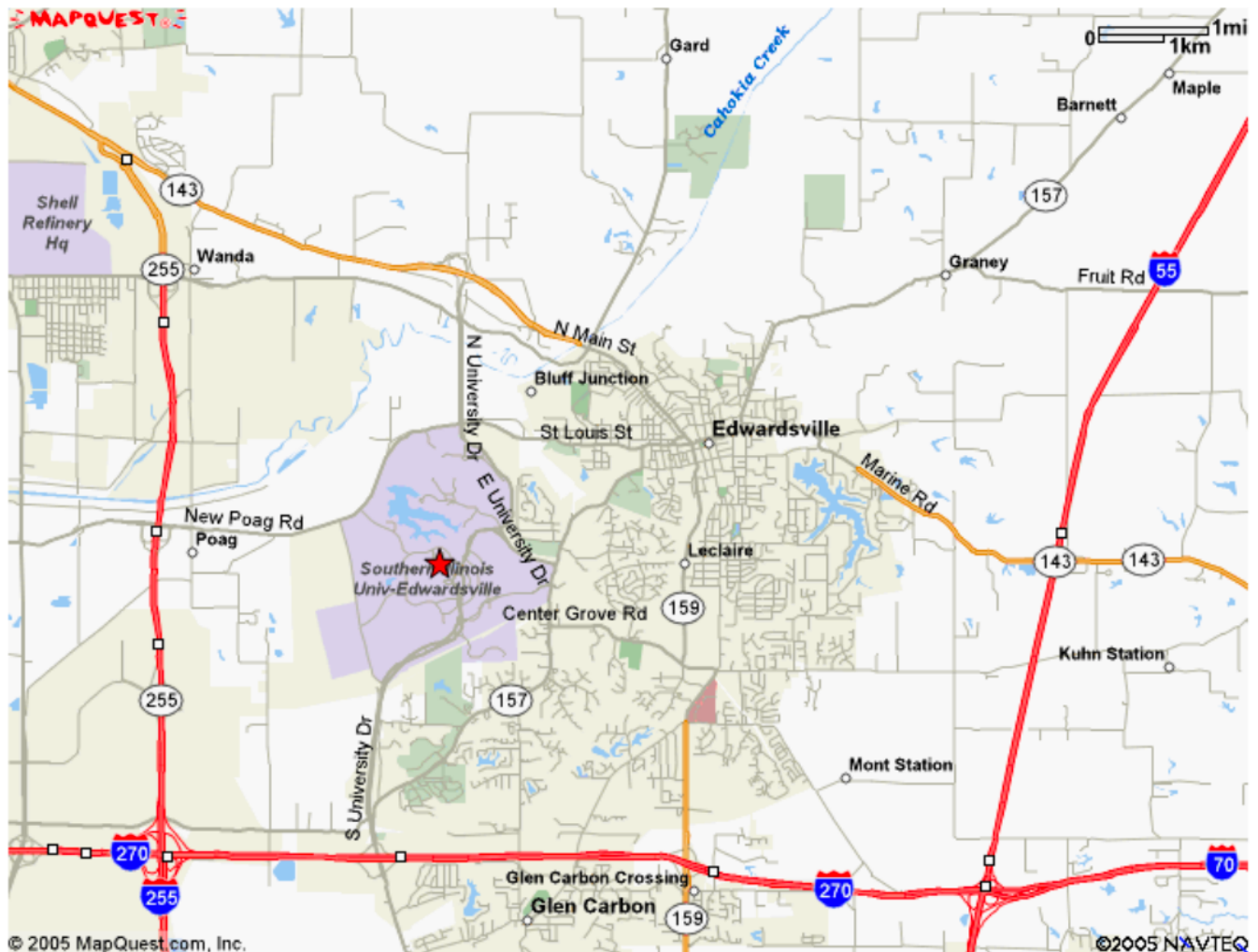
**From I-55 south of campus:** Take I-55 North to I-255 North (Chicago) to I-270 East. Use the I-270 directions below for the final directions to campus.



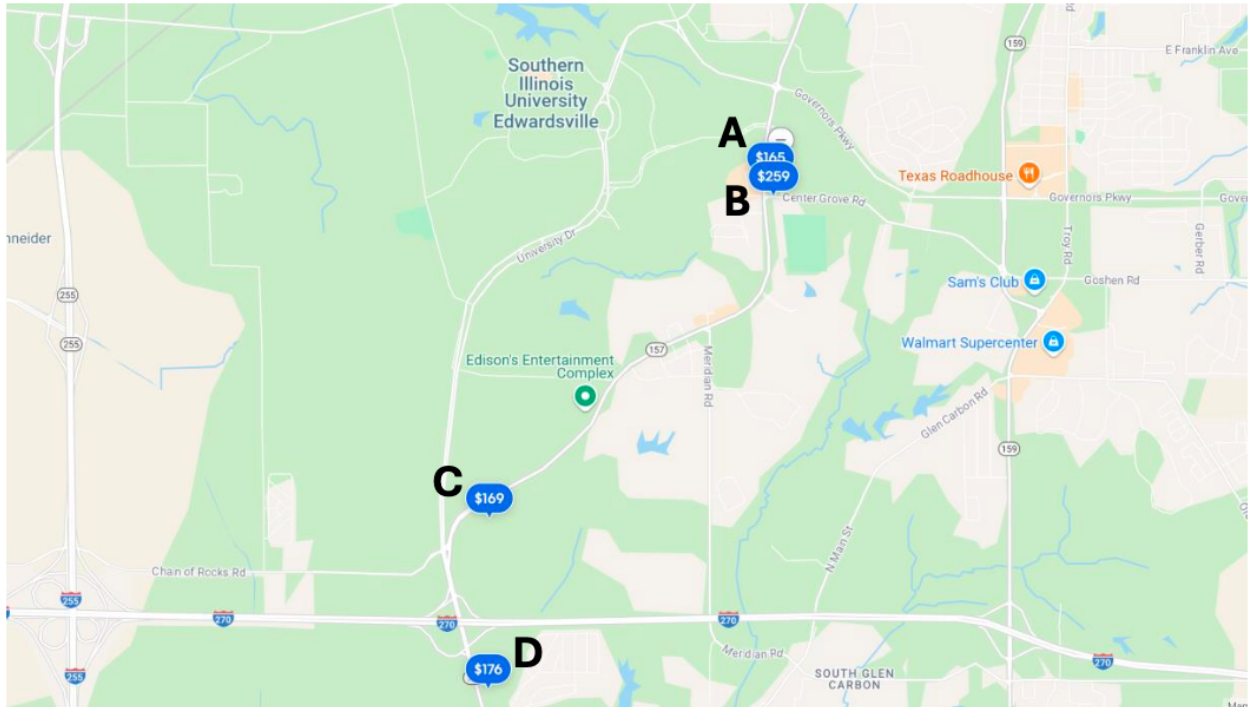
**From I-255:** Take exit 3 for New Poag Rd east toward campus. Turn right on NW University Drive and then left on Circle Dr and proceed to Lot A.




**From I-270:** Take the Illinois 157 North exit. Once you're on Illinois 157 North, going straight at the stop light (instead of following 157 to the right) will bring you straight to the campus core on S. University Dr. Turn left on Circle Dr. and follow that around to Lot A.



## EDWARDSVILLE HOTEL INFORMATION



- A**



**Country Hearth Inn & Suites Edwarsville St. Louis** ✕

0.98 mi from address

Breakfast included

Fully refundable **We have 2 left at**

Reserve now, pay later


**\$165**

\$190 total includes taxes & fees

**8.6** Excellent 569 reviews

**B**



**TownePlace Suites by Marriott St. Louis Edwarsville, IL** ✕

1.02 mi from address

Breakfast included Pool

Fully refundable **We have 1 left at**

Reserve now, pay later


**\$259**

\$298 total includes taxes & fees

**9.0** Wonderful 170 reviews

**C**



**Comfort Inn Edwarsville - St. Louis** ✕

2.03 mi from address

Breakfast included Pool

Fully refundable

Reserve now, pay later


**\$169**

\$195 total includes taxes & fees

**8.4** Very Good 698 reviews

**D**



**Hampton Inn & Suites St. Louis-Edwarsville** ✕

2.87 mi from address

Breakfast included Pool

Fully refundable **We have 1 left at**

Reserve now, pay later

**\$176**

\$195 total includes taxes & fees

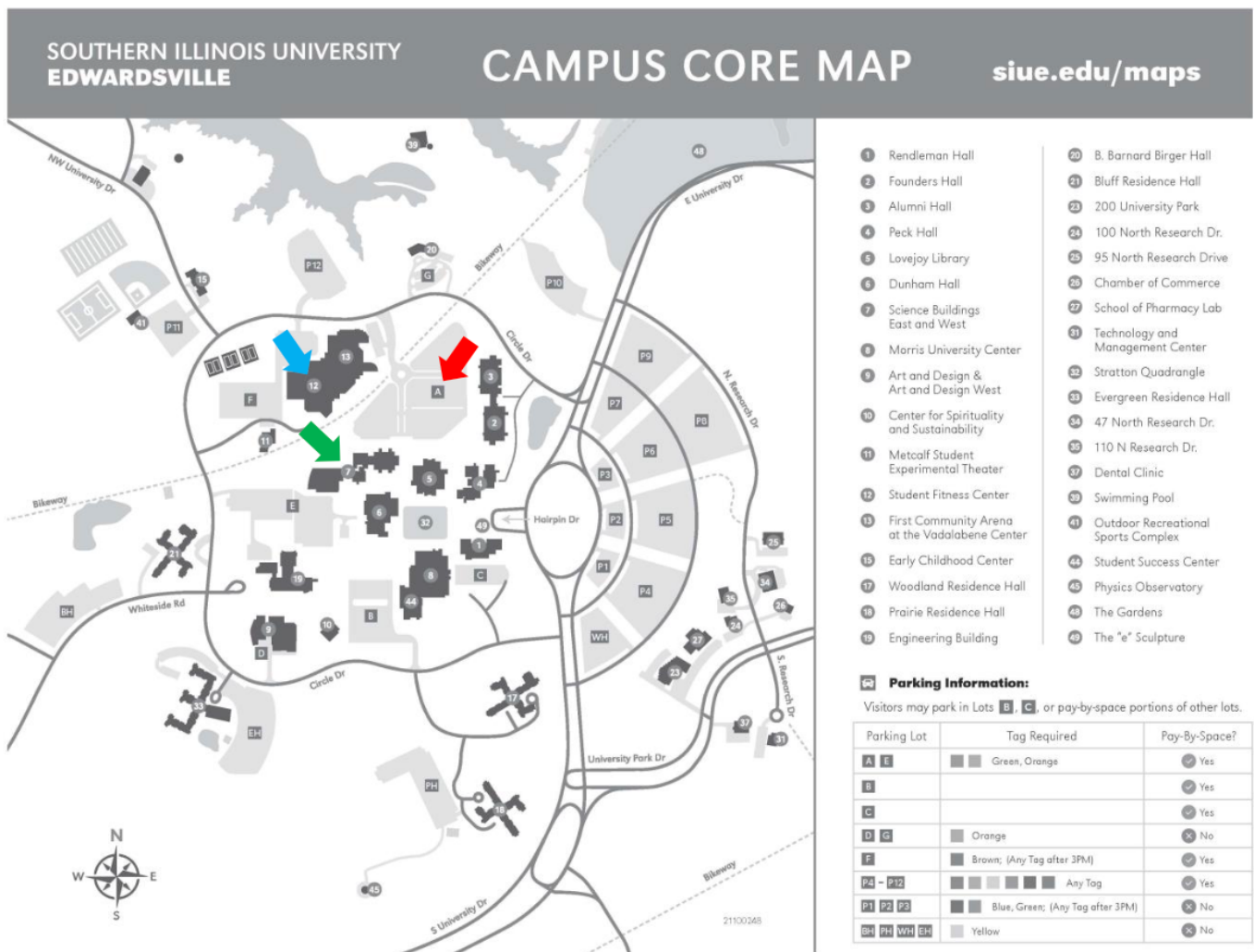
**7.4** Good 20 reviews

## CAMPUS PARKING AND EVENT LOCATIONS

We recommend parking in the southwest corner of **Lot A**. Parking is free on the day of the event.

Registration, oral presentations, and keynote will be in **Science East** (building 7).

The poster session will be in the **Student Fitness Center** (building 12).



Directions to lunch at **GC Cuisine & Crystal Garden** (off campus at 1230 University Drive): From campus Lot A, take Circle Dr. east to N. University Dr. Go north on N. University Dr. and take a right on Lewis Dr. After crossing highway 157, the road will curve to the right and Crystal Garden will be on your right.