



Inter-session Colloquia (May 20 June 9)

S.T.E.M. in the News

Carrie Tomko / MTh 10:45am 2:55pm

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Students in this colloquium have an opportunity to reflect on innovations, such as: The latest in available smart phones... The ongoing discussion of global warming... The usage of self-driving cars... The challenges of feeding a growing population through technological advances in agriculture...!! As new research and technology emerge, resulting innovations enter our ever changing world. How are these innovations communicated to the general public?? The mass media is the place where the general population learns of innovations. Students in this colloquium will engage in the analysis of the media's reporting and then the population's reaction to S.T.E.M.'s impact on society, discerning how emerging research and technology are embraced or refused by society, and the media's role in construction of a new reality. Class discussion is dynamic in my classes!! Interaction in class is highly encouraged through both informal individual and informal small group projects. The informal small group projects are team building opportunities for the development of communication skills. Through the group process, students are able to interact in informal small group communication. Also, during the informal small group presentation, students gain speaking communication skills, as well as use communication skills to facilitate a question-answer session. Development of these communication skills is key to success in academia, as well as in career settings. Academia gives us the opportunity to both develop and practice these important communication skills. On an individual level, students select a favorite movie, related to S.T.E.M. media, of their choice, and then they present their analysis, as well as inquire to the other students through facilitation of a question-and-answer session.

The Stories Behind Creativity

David Flynn / MTWThF 8:00am 10:00am

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Join us for a course on creative thinking. You'll hear people you probably would never get a chance to meet tell you their stories. Speakers from a Rocket Scientist to a Professional Salsa Dancer, and the couple that baked a cake for the King of England (no food!!!) will hear how they got to where they are now, about their wins and losses, and how they made those losses into wins. And you'll discover a lot about how to think big and better as you navigate your path. Lectures, speakers, field trips, yah probably food.



Second Five Weeks (July 15-August 18)

The Great Debate: Nature vs. Nurture

Sarah Psihountakis / 100%-On asynchronous

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The Nature versus Nurture debate has been deeply rooted in the search for what aspects of behavior are either inherited (genetic) or acquired (learned). Is it our genes that impact our behavior or is it our environment? In this course, we will examine the nature versus nurture debate its origin and how it has influenced future theorists, critically analyze each side of the debate.