2017 – 2018 Hugo Rossi Lecture Series
Request for Nominations

The Hugo Rossi Lecture Series (HRLS), a program of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education (CSME), is designed to bridge the College of Science and College of Education by attracting speakers whose scholarly pursuits include the exploration of contemporary models and issues in science and math education. For 2017-2018, HRLS will host up to 6 speakers whose research focuses on math/science undergraduate education, and/or the preparation of math/science teachers. HRLS presentations will be designed for the university audience and will ideally take place at least three weeks apart (no more than one per month) during the academic year.

 Participating speakers will spend 1-2 days on-campus to deliver their presentation and engage in meetings and discussions with faculty. In order to attract speakers who are most relevant, we invite the Departments of Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics & Astronomy to each nominate and co-host one HRLS speaker; the College of Education is invited to nominate and co-host two speakers. The HRLS presentation will ideally take the place of a regular departmental seminar in the co-hosting department/college and will be open to attendees from all disciplines/departments.

The CSME and co-hosting department/college will split responsibilities for the HRLS.

The co-hosting department/college will:

- Nominate 2-3 potential speakers and dates/times (see below).
- Commit to having the HRLS replace a standard departmental seminar, if feasible.
- Assign a “faculty host” who will bear the primary responsibility for arranging the speaker’s meeting schedule and escorting the speaker to/from meetings. The faculty host will also be the CSME’s primary point of contact for HRLS-related correspondence. The CSME will provide the faculty host with a $100 stipend.
- Provide a departmental lecture space and reception area big enough to accommodate attendees from outside of the department.
- Advertise the HRLS to college/department faculty and encourage attendance.

The CSME will:

- Issue invitations to potential speakers in collaboration with the host department/college, solidify lecture scheduling, and serve as the primary point of contact for all confirmed speakers.
- Coordinate and pay for: 1) speaker’s travel (airfare, ground transportation, up to 2 nights of lodging, and up to 2 days of per diem); 2) one group meal for the speaker and faculty (6-8 attendees, up to $300); 3) a $400 honorarium to the speaker; 4) refreshments and a/v expenses associated with the lecture and lecture reception. Financial support from the co-hosting department/college is welcome.
- Coordinate all logistics for the lecture and lecture reception, including broad advertising on- and off-campus.
- Provide the faculty host with suggestions for the speaker’s meeting schedule; assist with escorting speaker to/from meetings if necessary.

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Nomination Process

Each potential co-hosting entity (Math, Chemistry, Biology, Physics & Astronomy, College of Education) is invited to submit the following to the CSME (to emily.gaines@utah.edu): 1) 2-3 choices of speakers, including full name, institution, and email address for each speaker, along with a brief description (1-2 sentences) of the topic you would like the speaker to address; 2) several possible lecture dates/times and/or ranges of dates that will complement your departmental seminar schedule; 3) contact information for the faculty host.

After receiving your nomination, the CSME will contact the faculty host and issue an invitation to your first-choice speaker. We will move to your second and third choice speakers as needed, based on speaker interest and schedule availability. We will be in communication with your faculty host throughout this process. Nominations and preferred dates will be processed in the order in which they are received. To see which months have already been scheduled with an HRLS, visit csme.utah.edu/seminars/upcoming-hugo-rossi-lectures. Lecture dates and titles will be posted once they are confirmed.

Nominations will be accepted at any time, but we strongly encourage submitting them by July 14, 2017.

Please note that we recommend nominating speakers who: 1) have published scholarly work related to the topic of their presentation, and 2) have not been an HRLS speaker within the past 2-3 years. For a full list of past speakers, visit csme.utah.edu/seminars/upcoming-hugo-rossi-lectures.

Questions? Contact the CSME at 801-585-3878 or emily.gaines@utah.edu