



Upcoming Events

- **AWIS-CAZ Welcome Back Mixer: September 6, 2013**
- **AZ SciTech Internship Expo: September 21, 2013**
- **Holiday Mixer: December 6, 2013**

- **AWIS-CAZ Luncheon Seminar Series.**

We will be hosting a monthly seminar series featuring guest speakers who will provide attendees with career development strategies. As an AWIS member you will receive email updates and the first opportunity to reserve a space at an upcoming seminar. Please see the website for more information: awis-caz.org

AWIS Undergrad Seminar Series

- ⇒ Oct 9. Research Programs and Opportunities. LSE 232, 11:45-1:00p.m
- ⇒ Oct 16. How to be the Best Candidate for a STEM Internship. Location TBA
- ⇒ Nov 13. Project Humanities: Interdisciplinary Collaborations. Biodesign Auditorium, 11:45-1:00p.m.

AWIS Seminar Series

- ⇒ Oct 23. Mentoring Relationships. LSE 232 11:45-1:00p.m.
- ⇒ Nov 27. Tools and Tricks to give a Great Professional Talk. LSE 232 11:45-1:00p.m.

Professional Development

The AWIS-CAZ luncheon seminar series now offers seminars for undergraduate students as well as the regular seminar series that is more applicable towards grad students, post docs and faculty. Each series has four seminars which are split between the Fall and Spring semester.

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Fall 2013: Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2013-2014 academic school year! As you may have heard AWIS National is undergoing some changes to update its branding and membership strategy. Beginning this year student membership is under the management of the local chapters. In order to provide students a connection to the National AWIS organization and its benefits, students can opt to join nationally at a Junior level or in special circumstances they may be eligible to join as a collegiate member. This year **ASU**, specifically the **School of Life Sciences** and the **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**, are sponsoring our local chapter to enable students to join for free as a **collegiate member**. If you are a student at ASU you can register through this website link that is specific for ASU: <http://awis.org/asu>. You must use your asu.edu email address to qualify. For our local chapter we are requesting that all members pay \$5.00 local dues to help offset the costs of our social events. AWIS-CAZ is a non-profit organization

and all of our seminars and symposia events are made possible through sponsorship by the **Undergraduate Student Government (USG)** and the **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)**. Our Hands-on-Science Event is regularly sponsored by **AWIS-CAZ**, the **School of Life Sciences**, and **Biodesign**. Additional sponsors this year included **AJ's Fairway Grill** and **Iron Dynamics**. Without their support we would not be able to host these great programs and events.

Check out our newsletter to learn more about our past and upcoming events. Beginning this year we will have undergraduate student members and thanks to the hard work of our UG coordinator, there will be a whole series of seminars specifically for undergrads! Thanks for your support of AWIS and I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event!

Sincerely,
Page Baluch
AWIS-CAZ
President



Benefits of being an AWIS member :

- Belong to a national network of professional women
- Receive a yearly subscription to the AWIS Magazine
- Participate in STEM-inars sponsored through AWIS National
- Receive advanced registration notice for selected events
- Participate in member only networking events
- Meet and interact with a local group of outstanding female scientists

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Member Spotlight

Recognizing the Achievements of our Chapter AWIS members

In-spi-ra-tion : 1. **Stimulation of the mind or emotions to a high level of feeling or activity.** 2. **An agency, such as a person, that moves the intellect or emotions or prompts action.**



Kirsten Traynor

A PhD biology student in the School of Life Sciences (SOLS), Kirsten investigates honey bee chemical communication. She examines how honey bee young manipulate the behavior of their caregivers through pheromones, stimulating foragers to collect protein-rich pollen. She has received numerous awards while at ASU, including an NSF Graduate

honorably mention, a SOLS Director's Fellowship, a Fulbright to conduct research in France and a two year USDA NIFA predoctoral grant. Additional grants allowed her to present at National and international conferences, plus attend science writing workshops at Yale.

Kirsten helped organize the First Forward to Professorship Conference, now called Jumpstarting STEM Careers. "The Association for Women in Science seminars always provide

stimulating discussions and help me network with other female scientists," she said.

At the age of 13 Ashleigh lost her vision but not her passion for science. Beginning this year, she will begin a master's program in the Biology and Society Program. Although she has encountered many obstacles in obtaining her MBB degree, Ashleigh has made a personal

Ashleigh Gonzales



commitment to make STEM

Don't apologize or give excuses for your success, smart women can finish first.

education accessible to all students.

As part of her thesis project, Ashleigh will be working with both college and K-12 students to identify image

based material that is critical for learning and converting this into a tactile format. She presented her work at five different conferences last year, and one trip included a travel award from the American Society for Cell Bio. She will be receiving a similar award from SfN in November for her brain awareness outreach work. Her graduate studies are supported by the ASU Reach for the STARS Fellowship.

jumpstarting STEM careers

Highlights From 2012-2013

Last year was very busy with many seminars, symposia and various outreach events. Our monthly luncheon seminars included topics such as Preparing for a Faculty Interview, Conquering the Comprehensive Exams, Poster Design Strategies and How to Brand Yourself. The seminars have all had great attendance which we attribute to the outstanding speakers we have invited from various departments throughout ASU.

Patrick Cheung, Director of OKED Communications, impressed attendees at the Poster Design seminar with his fresh perspectives on design, style and symmetry when creating a scientific poster. Duane Roen, Assistant Vice Provost for University Academic Success Programs, provide insight on what content is expected in an outstanding faculty application as well as an overview of the applicant review process. We value your input and encourage you to suggest topics so we can continue to provide

training opportunities that will give you a competitive edge in your career.

Another highlight from 2013 was the Jumpstarting STEM Careers Symposia. Our speakers included Kari Lake, Fox 10 news, Jess Alberts, Hugh Downs School of Communication, and Steven Neuberg, Psych., who gave strategies on how to efficiently communicate with peers and the public. We then wrapped up the year with our Hands on Science event. Please visit our website for current event info.

Overview on Membership Changes

Beginning July 1st, 2013, AWIS National changed its membership structure. **Arizona State University** is now an **Institutional Partner** which allows students to receive benefits from the National organization although their membership is held locally at the chapter level. Students will still have the opportunity to join and pay the membership fee at the National level which will give them additional benefits similar to those received by regular members. The direct link for student online registration is <http://awis.org/asu> or you can register at one of our local events.

Membership Fees:

AWIS-CAZ Chapter dues are \$5 for everyone.

National AWIS Membership	
Collegiate Undergrads:	FREE
Collegiate Grads:	FREE
Juniors (Post Docs):	\$65
Regular members:	\$150
Established members:	\$250

AWIS-CAZ Sponsors

AWIS-CAZ is a non-profit organization. Events we host are possible because of sponsorship. If you or someone you know are involved in corporate sponsorship please consider supporting a future event or travel award.

Below is a list of a few current or proposed events/awards that require sponsorship:

- Career Building Workshops
- Hands-on Science
- AWIS Speaker Series
- Travel Awards
- Mentor Match Program

If you are interested in sponsorship please contact Karen Sweazea for additional information (Karen.sweazea@asu.edu)



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- Jump Starting STEM Careers
Jan 10, 2014
Biodesign Auditorium
11:30-4:30pm



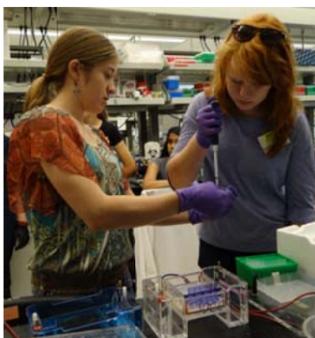
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AWIS Undergrads

The next generation

Beginning this year we are officially announcing the addition of AWIS-CAZ Undergrads!



Lizbeth helps a high school student at the 2013 Hands on Science event practice pipetting.

Lead by our undergraduate committee chairperson Lizbeth Nieves, **AWIS-CAZ now has a section dedicated to undergraduate students.** Last year we offered a special seminar in the Fall called STEM Internships that was specifically targeted towards undergrad students. This event was so successful that we were asked to host the seminar every year and offer other seminars that are specific

to UGs. Recently various organizations and departments have become interested in hosting internship fairs so we have chosen to do something different. We will enhance the efforts of these other groups by having a seminar that gives attendees advice on how to become the best candidate for an internship.

On October 16th we will have a panel of speakers representing the NASA Space grant Internship, Mayo, TGen, USDA and others give tips on how to prepare your STEM internship application so you can be a more competitive applicant for the position. Reviewers are not only looking for a well prepared application but a history of education and experience. Interested undergrads are invited to attend this seminar to learn what these experts look for in applications.

Other seminars this fall that might be of interest to AWIS-



Caution: Women moving forward by standing on the shoulders of giants.

UGs will focus on the research opportunities available at ASU. Learn what opportunities are available and who the contact people

are. These seminars will also give you an opportunity to network with other students who are currently working in research labs on campus who can give a behind the scenes perspective.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the AWIS-CAZ UGs contact Lizbeth at lnieves@asu.edu and visit the website at awis-caz.org for a complete list of events.



Upcoming Events

What's Next...

On Friday September 6th we will be hosting a **Membership Recruitment Party**, inviting students to take advantage of the ASU Institutional sponsorship and sign up to become collegiate members. Between **4-6:00pm** in **LSE 232** there will be free pizza and drinks for current and future members at our first networking event of the semester. Bring your friends and colleagues because in addition to food we will also have **prize drawings** for t-shirts

and gift cards for amazon.com, Starbucks and Subway.

We are underway planning many new luncheon seminars this academic year for both regular members and undergrads. Our seminar topics will focus on mentoring and giving professional presentations for the



regular members and for the undergrads we will have a focus on research opportunities and preparing an excellent application for a STEM internship.

In December we will host our holiday mixer and January 10, 2014 the **Jumpstarting STEM Careers symposia**. The topic will be the Business of Science. Watch for announcements with more information about these events to be released in October and what we have in store for next semester, which will be even more busy!

Need Volunteer Hours? We can help

The events organized by AWIS-CAZ require dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in collecting volunteer hours to build up your CV we can help. Below is a list of upcoming opportunities:

- ⇒ Luncheon seminar set up
- ⇒ Symposia event set up
- ⇒ Judging Science Fair
- ⇒ Helping with Hands on Science
- ⇒ Help with fundraising



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