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GLOBAL HEALTH TUESDAY WEBINAR
TUESDAY, OCT 28, 9-10AM (CST)



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The Global Health Institute's October Global Health Tuesday Webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 9-10am (CST)**. Niti Saxena, Chief Technology Officer, S M Sehgal Foundation, moderates a timely conversation on

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LATINE HERITAGE MONTH

20
25

SEPT 15-OCT 15

#UWLATINEHM

For a full calendar
of events visit
go.wisc.edu/latine

Special thanks to the
Latine Heritage Month
Planning Committee

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NOW THRU OCT 15: Celebrate Latine Heritage Month, **September 15 - October 15**, at UW–Madison with this year's theme *Amor Sin Fronteras (Love Without Borders)*. The focus this year is on interrelation of cultures across Latin America and the United States—and how they continue to evolve. There are many events throughout the month-long celebration. [Click here for more info.](#)



Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025

Meet the speakers: ccr.nelson.wisc.edu/symposium

Hosted by



Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
Center for Climatic Research
Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences



TODAY: Join UW–Madison's 2025 Climate Change Symposium, an annual event that brings together experts and community members alike to explore timely issues in climate science. **TODAY, from 6:30-8:30pm (CST)**, the keynote and panel discussion will explore climate solutions for building resilient communities — both in the sciences and society. [Click here to learn more.](#)

8: Join African Studies Program faculty, students, and community members on **Wednesday, October 8, at Noon (CST), at Ingraham Hall, Room 206**, for AFRICA AT NOON, a one-hour weekly lecture series bringing diverse African research from scholars around the world to a campus and community audience. This week the featured guest will be Tom Eggert, Founder and President of WorldWise Microfinance, discussing [***UW-Madison's Connection to WorldWise Microfinance***](#). This in-person event will be livestreamed. [Click here for more info.](#)

Psychedelic

Pasts, Presents, & Futures



4th Annual

Plants as Psychoactives and Medicines

Touring the Allen Centennial Garden

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Join us for an interactive event

3:00-4:30 PM

Allen Centennial Garden

620 Babcock Drive

Featured Plants



Nigella



Chinese Ephedra



Tobacco



Rue



Peyote



Cycad



Cannabis



Colchicum



Castor Bean



All are welcome!
This event is free and open to the public
Rain or Shine

8: On Wednesday, October 8, 3-4:40pm, at the Allen Centennial Gardens, is the Psychedelic Past, Presents & Futures workshop group and the Urdang Lab's fourth annual "Plants as Psychoactives & Medicines" event. Explore the fascinating world of plants as the foundations of medicines and pharmaceuticals on this drop-in, self-guided garden tour. Discover their medicinal and pharmaceutical stories shared by our team of interdisciplinary collaborators. The event is free and open to all. [RSVP HERE](#) to receive a special digital booklet that goes along with the event.



Join the La Follette School
AND THE CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL INITIATIVE

Climate Action Across Borders

Pyle Center, AT&T Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 4:00-5:00P.M.

Join us for a conversation between global experts on climate change and sustainable efforts countries around the world are taking to to reduce emissions.



Robert M. La Follette
School of Public Affairs
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8: On Wednesday, October 8, from 4-5pm (CST), join international climate experts for a timely conversation on how countries around the world are advancing climate action and what lessons the United States can learn from their progress. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

9: On Thursday, October 9, from 8am-12:30pm (CST), explore graduate school options available at UW–Madison at the Graduate Programs Virtual Open House. Whether you're just starting to think about grad school or have a particular program in mind, our enrollment coaches, advisors and current grad students will be on hand to share resources and answer your questions. Anyone interested in graduate school at UW–Madison is welcome to attend! [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

9: On Thursday, October 9, from 10am-2pm (CST), in celebration of World Mental Health Day, UHS Mental Health Services hosts the Mental Wellbeing Resource Fair on Library Mall to raise awareness about the many programs campus has to support your wellbeing. [Click here to learn more.](#)

9: Healthy Communities Summit 2025 is scheduled for **Thursday, October 9, from 3-6pm (CST)**, in the Health Sciences Learning Center, room 1306. The summit will feature a keynote by Shawn Lerch, MHA, CEO of Sauk Prairie Healthcare.

Chair in Medical Leadership; Vice Chancellor of Medical Affairs, UW–Madison. The keynote will be livestreamed. This event is hosted by SMPH and UW Health and all are welcome. [Click here for more info & register.](#)



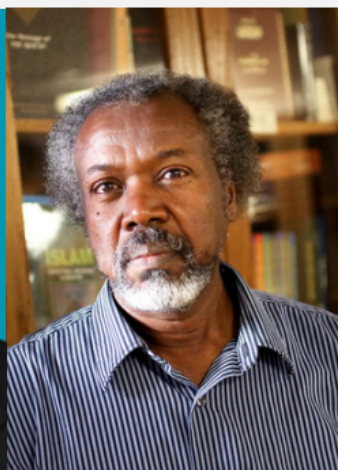
An Interfaith Dialogue: The Role of Religion in the Mental Health of Immigrant Communities



Sadat Abiri,
Psychiatric NP
Ease of Mind Mental
Health Solutions



Rev. Michael Moon,
MSW
Catholic Diocese of
Madison



Dr. Ibrahim Saeed
Islamic Center of
Madison



Pastor Sam Twum
Living Springs Int'l
Church

Join us for a meaningful interfaith panel discussion exploring the connection between **religion and mental health for immigrants in Wisconsin.**

This is an event for clinicians, service providers, students, and anyone dedicated to serving and effectively supporting Wisconsin's immigrant communities.

Light
Refreshments
Provided

Oct 9, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Multicultural Center -
1862 Beld Street

Funding for this project was provided by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health from the Wisconsin Partnership Program

www.cmcmadison.org

9: The Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) has recently launched the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Program

explore important issues related to mental health. They are pleased to invite all to join their upcoming dialogue on “The Role of Religion in the Mental Health of Immigrant Communities,” taking place on **Thursday, October 9, at 6:30pm (CST)**. [Click here to learn more about CMC](#).

13: The 2025 J. Jobe and Marguerite Jacqmin Soffa Lecture will take place on **Monday, October 13, 4pm (CST)**, at the Alumni Lounge, Pyle Center. "The Resistible Threat of Semiauthoritarianism," will be shared by speaker Marina Ottaway, former Senior Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and long-time analyst of political transformations; moderated by retired Chief Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, Wisconsin Supreme Court; and comments by Flavia Piovesan, Professor, Catholic University of Sao Paulo & former Commissioner, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The event is free and open to all, registration is encouraged. [Click here for more info](#).

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16-26: Check out the Wisconsin Science Festival, **October 16-26**, where the theme is 'Rock and Roll,' to inspire people of all ages, backgrounds, and interests with a wide range of programs and events across disciplines to celebrate science, art, technology, engineering, and math. This year the festival will feature 10 days of hands-on activities, lab tours, community talks, nature walks, and more discoveries. [Find more info and register here](#).

Finding Your Place in Science

A reflective workshop on belonging, identity, and the paths of science, guided by a Madison author, editor, and writing mentor.

All Welcome. FREE. RSVP to reserve your spot now!

October 20, 2025

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Room 1145
Discovery Building



Register at:
go.wisc.edu/wir

Writer in Residence



20: On **Monday, October 20, at 3pm (CST)**, as part of the Wisconsin Science Festival, the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery is offering a writing workshop focused on scientific identity, aimed at undergrad and graduate students, but also open to the public. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



computational modeling in biology network



COMBINE 2025 Workshop

Pyle Center

702 Langdon Street, Madison, WI

Workshop Chair: Elebeoba May, UW-Madison

COMBINE 2025 connects experimental and theoretical systems biologists with the COMBINE community of standards developers. Speakers include scientists from biological, mathematical, computer science, and engineering disciplines.

Register Today

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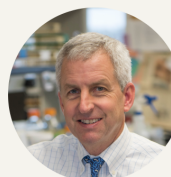
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Gheorghe Craciun, Univ Wisconsin-Madison
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John Denu, Univ Wisconsin-Madison
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20-23: The “Computational Modeling in Biology” Network (COMBINE), taking place **October 20-23**, is an initiative to coordinate the development of the various community standards and formats in systems biology and related fields. COMBINE 2025 will be a workshop-style event hosted at UW–Madison. [Click here to learn more.](#)

BADGERCONNECT RESEARCH SERVICES FAIR

Tuesday, October 21
12:45 – 4:30 pm

Health Sciences Learning Center Atrium
Designed for all life science researchers
across the UW-Madison campus



21: Join the eighth BadgerConnect Research Services Fair, on **Tuesday, October 21, 12:45-4:30pm (CST)**, hosted by the UW Carbone Cancer Center and UW Biotechnology Center, this fair joins UW research services with industry partners to showcase services provided to UW-Madison researchers. Learn about innovative technologies and discuss projects with life sciences research services to see how your research can be supported and enhanced. This free event features a research talk, roundtable discussions, and a networking reception, along with pre-recorded flash talks and tutorials posted online – all aimed to foster collaborations and take your research to the next level. [Click here for more info.](#)

AN UNCOMMON PRODUCTIONS DOCUMENTARY
NARRATED BY MARK RUFFALO

DIRECTED BY BILL HANEY



CRACKING THE CODE:

PHIL SHARP & THE BIOTECH REVOLUTION

UNCOMMON PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS "CRACKING THE CODE: PHIL SHARP AND THE BIOTECH REVOLUTION" EDITED BY SHANNON CONBOY
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PRODUCED BY CARINA CHAYDA M.M. HANEY WRITTEN PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY BILL HANEY

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22: The Department of Biochemistry is pleased to invite all to a screening of [*Cracking the Code: Phil Sharp and the Biotech Revolution*](#), a compelling documentary that explores the life of Nobel Laureate Phil Sharp and the transformative impact of biotechnology on science and society. The event will take place on **Wednesday, October 22**. Doors open at 4pm and the screening starts at 4:30pm. [Click here to learn more](#). If interested, [click here to register by October 14](#).

Disability in STEM

2025 Symposium

Monday, October 27th, 8:45am-6pm
Wisconsin Institute for Discovery
H.F. DeLuca Forum



Register here!
tinyurl.com/dss-2025

Morning Sessions

8:45-9:00am: Opening remarks and community guidelines

9:00-9:55am: Session 1 - **Deep Roots: Considering Historical and Contemporary Frameworks in Disability and STEM** - *Heather Stelljes*

10:00-10:55am: Keynote - **Disabled Dis-Epistemologies: On Academic Ableism, (In)Access, and Knowing Anyways** - *Helen Rottier*

11:00-11:55am: Session 3 - **Towards Inclusive Social Virtual Reality: Co-creating Representative Avatars and Safe Spaces with the Disability Community** - *Kexin Zhang*

Between Sessions

12:00-12:50pm: **Catered Lunch & Round Table Discussion**

Afternoon Sessions

1:00-1:55pm: Workshop - **Clean air pedagogy: the Corsi-Rosenthal box and the science of clean air** - *Miranda Alksnis*

2:00-2:55pm: Session 5 - **#labadaptations: Creating accessible tools for lab spaces** - *Katherine Hubert*

3:00-3:55pm: Session 6 - **Graduate Student Panel: Disability in Grad School**

4:00-4:55pm: Session 7 - **Professional(ableism) in STEM** - *CHAMP*

Post-Symposium

5:00-6:00pm: Mingle & art exhibition: **Uncontained** - *Car Riegger*



Antiracism Learning &
Action in Neuroscience



Disability Cultural Center
MCBURNIE DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Howard Hughes
Medical Institute

If you have questions or access needs, please email Emma Hammond at erhammond@wisc.edu

27: Antiracism Learning and Action in Neuroscience (ALAN) is hosting a free Disability in STEM Symposium on **Monday, October 27, from 8:45am-6pm (CST)**. Please join us for a day of talks, workshops, and discussions focused on the experience of being disabled in STEM, how disability is commonly talked (or not talked) about in STEM communities, and the work people are doing to ensure that disabled voices are heard and how to make STEM more

27: On **Monday, October 27, from 4:30-5:45pm (CST)**, the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Faculty/Staff Meetings will be held. The topics discussed at these meetings are broadly relevant to faculty and staff alike and relate to various aspects of the school's mission. Attending gives everyone a chance to: hear updates from Dean Nita Ahuja, MD, MBA and other administrative leaders, learn more about the school's goals, participate in question-and-answer sessions, and build community. [Click here to learn more.](#)



27: On **Monday, October 27, from 7-8pm (CST)**, join the Morgridge Institute for Research for a Fearless Science Forum webinar exploring vaccines. Morgridge Investigator Paul Ahlquist will be joined by Dr. Jorge Osorio, Dr. Nasia Safdar, and Dr. John Williams to discuss how vaccines protect communities, how rigorous safety processes work through each stage of their development before and after release, and how to start separating credible information from misleading claims. Participants will leave with practical tools for evaluating sources and making informed choices. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

27: On **Tuesday, October 28, from 9-10am (CST)**, GHI hosts our next Global Health Tuesday Webinar. This month will focus on **Community-driven Solutions to Maternal Health Disparities** with moderator Niti Saxena, Chief Technology Officer, S M Sehgal Foundation, and panelists Dr. Zoua Vang, Dr. Jill Denson, and Dr. Tiwaladeoluwa Adekunle. **See above story for more info.**

NOVEMBER

7: The 10th annual Native Nations Nursing, Helpers, and Healers Summit will be held this year on **Friday, November 7, from 8am-5pm (CST)**, at the UW–Madison School of Nursing. The Summit is for nurses and other healers to share knowledge and collaborative approaches to address the health and well-being of Indigenous communities, incorporate Indigenous wisdom, and promote planetary health which we depend on for our foods, medicines, and life itself. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

13-14: The [5th UW Madison Annual Psychedelic Symposium: Reset](#), takes place **November 13-14**, at the BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. The symposium is a dynamic and transdisciplinary event aimed at expanding awareness, fostering knowledge exchange, and bridging gaps in psychedelic research, education, and policy. The symposium will bring together researchers, graduate students, and key industry stakeholders to share knowledge and facilitate collaboration. GHI is a sponsor. [Click here for a tentative schedule.](#)

WISCONSIN IDEA FELLOWSHIP: Wisconsin Idea Fellowships are awarded annually to undergraduate student projects working towards addressing a challenge identified along with a local or global community partner. Fellowships are awarded to semester-long or year-long projects designed by an undergraduate student (or group of students) in collaboration with a community organization and a UW–Madison faculty or academic staff member. Applications for the 2026-27 cohort will open in mid-November and close on February 8, 2026. [Click here to learn more.](#)

OCTOBER

TOMMY THOMPSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP



Applications Due In WiSH by 10/19/2025

19: Deadline to submit applications to the Tommy G. Thompson Leadership Scholarship is **Sunday, October 19**. One scholarship award of up to \$3,000 is offered to one student per academic year. Scholarships are intended for undergraduates who have shown public leadership in their lives in a way that reflects the general legacy of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ▼

+ **ICYMI: From *The Daily Cardinal*:** Morgridge Hall, the new home of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Computer, Data and Information Sciences (CDIS) programs, which may soon separate from Letters & Sciences, is officially open for business. After a two-and-a-half-year construction project which cost \$260 million, Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin and a host of other speakers cut the ribbon on Morgridge Hall Friday, ushering in a "new AI revolution" that will sweep the campus. [Click here for the full story.](#)

+ **ICYMI: From *WKOW News 27*:** Where someone lives can shape their health, just as much as the care they receive. That's why Dr. Amy Kind of her team at UW-Madison have developed the Area Deprivation Index (ADI). The tool maps health disparities using the impacts of income, housing, education and employment on health. [Click here for the full story.](#)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources held a public hearing Thursday on its proposed rule to mirror PFAS standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency last year. [Click here for the full story.](#)

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The Global Health Institute sends Tuesday updates to let you know about GHI and campus events and opportunities that foster deeper understanding of the complex determinants of health and disease for people, animals and ecosystems. *To submit global health related events or reading suggestions in GHI's Events+, send them to communications@ghi.wisc.edu by noon on Fridays.*

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