

# STEMPunk Café

Supporting Scholarship as Conversation for  
Informal STEM Research

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*The rising STAR of Texas*

# History



# A few details

## Research Spotlight: Home

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The events will provide a platform for faculty and students to share their research.

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Faculty Research Spotlight

Graduate Student Research Spotlight

Student Research Spotlight

### Introduction

Research Spotlights premiered in the Fall 2017. Alkek Library will continue these events in order to provide faculty and graduate students the opportunity to share their research with the Texas State community. Interested Faculty and Graduate Students should submit their ideas below to us for future events!

### Submit a Research Spotlight Proposal

## Alkek Library's Research Spotlight

Alkek Library's Research, Instruction, & Outreach Librarians present Research Spotlight, featuring Texas State faculty, graduate students, and upper level undergraduate students. The Research Spotlight will feature academic research, in progress or completed, followed by discussion. Presentations will be between 30-45 minutes in length.

### Submit a STEMPunk Cafè Proposal

## STEMPunk Cafè

STEMPunk Cafè is a Research Spotlight Series for student work at Texas State University, specifically in the Sciences, Tech, Engineering, or Mathematics topic areas.

We want YOU to talk for 5-15 minutes on any of the following:

- A topic from class you found fascinating
- A research paper that interested you

# Structure of the program

## Project Charter: Research Spotlight: Student research showcase

Charter Version: 1.1

Proposer: Dianna Morganti, et. al.

Sponsor(s): Sarah Naper and Lisa Ancelet

*The Project Charter is the second step in approving a project (following approval of the Business Case/Proposal). This document, once signed off, gives formal authority to move forward with the project as documented below.*

*Formal approval should be communicated via email to allow for authority and time-stamping. Approval email should include the charter as an attachment and document the Version number of the approved charter.*

### Overview

#### Project Description

This project proposes to add a student research spotlight element to the existing Faculty Research Spotlight. The student version will be informal and frequent and highlight the interesting research students are doing in and out of class. Students will get to see their interests as research and to realize that they are already a part of the scholarly conversation.

#### Alignment to Business Goals/Objectives

This project helps the University meet its QEP of Undergraduate Research by making research accessible, and providing a spotlight on research happening at all levels. Students will be taught how to include their work in Research Spotlight on their CVs. It is in alignment of the Libraries' value of "Scholarship and Research" by fostering intellectual curiosity, scholarly inquiry and discovery, and critical thinking.

# Actual Outcomes



## Is Astrobiology an Alien Concept?

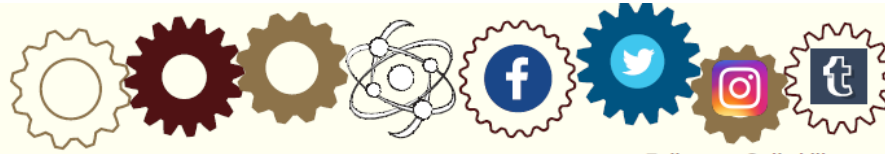
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# Successes and Failures Lessons Learned



# Future Plans for the program



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## Is Astrobiology an Alien Concept?



Join the conversation

## STEMPunk Café

Tuesday, May 1

2-2:30pm / 2nd floor open theater

## Learn more!

- ❖ Your speakers today:
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