Upcoming fall term events

There are a number of events the RISE Center is hosting this semester, including workshops, seminars, and a conference. Listed below are the dates, times, and speakers of these events.

**Research, Reflect, and RISE workshop:**
September 8, 12-1 p.m.
Location: LSE 244
How can we make undergraduate science exams more equitable?
Speaker: Sara Brownell
Lunch provided for people who RSVP

**Research, Reflect, and RISE workshop:**
October 13, 12-1 p.m.
Location: LSE 244
How can we make undergraduate science spaces more inclusive for students with disabilities?
Emma Goodwin
Lunch provided for people who RSVP
RISE seminar:
October 19, 11-12 p.m.
Location: LSC 202
Using religious cultural competence in evolution education to promote positive attitudes towards science and advance inclusive biology education
M. Elizabeth Barnes
Lunch provided afterwards for people who RSVP

Research, Reflect, and RISE workshop:
November 3, 12-1 p.m.
Location: LSE 244
How to help foster community, confidence, and growth mindset in teaching assistants
Megan Barker
Lunch provided for people who RSVP

RISE seminar:
November 8, 3-4 p.m.
Location: LSC 202
Behind the diversity numbers: Achieving racial equity on campus
W. Carson Byrd
Reception with food afterwards

Natural Sciences Inclusion Summit:
November 9, 9-5 p.m.
Location: MU Ballroom
Talks, posters, and info booths on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the natural sciences
Lunch provided
RISE seminar:
November 10, 10-11 a.m.
Location: LSC 202
Gaining momentum for disciplinary change: A systems approach to departmental leadership in DEI
Susan Cheng
Lunch provided afterwards for people who RSVP

New RISE Center publications

RISE Center PhD student Carly Busch published a study that examined student depression in online courses.

RISE Center Director Sara Brownell was senior author on a published study that compared student perceptions about evolution acceptance in community colleges and research institutions.

RISE Center awards, celebrations, and noteworthy accomplishments

RISE Center postdoctoral student Emma Goodwin was awarded an NSF postdoctoral scholarship. Read more about her accomplishments here.
RISE Center core member Katey Cooper, and 19 other ASU faculty, received **NSF CAREER awards**. Katey Cooper was also named one of **NBC’s Pride 30** for her work making biology more inclusive for LGBTQ+ undergraduates.

RISE Center affiliate Ariel Anbar partnered with Carnegie Mellon University to make general chemistry courseware more equitable. Read about it [here](#).

**Introducing New RISE Members!**

**Antonio Dunbar**  
**Assistant Professor, Higher and Postsecondary Education**  
**Core faculty member**

Dr. Antonio Dunbar's research examines how historical and contemporary legacies of oppression influence college student development, experiences, and success. As a queer cisgender Latino man, he is particularly passionate about uplifting queer and trans communities of color, Latinx populations, and other marginalized groups.
Jessica Verpeut
Assistant Professor, Behavioral Neuroscience
Affiliate faculty member

As an Assistant Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, Jessica's research focuses on the development of cerebellar neural circuits and structure. Her lab uses cutting edge techniques to manipulate neurons in specific parts of the brain to examine resulting behavior.

Being a member of the LGBTQ+ community, Jessica's lab is welcoming to diverse students and strives for an inclusive environment.