

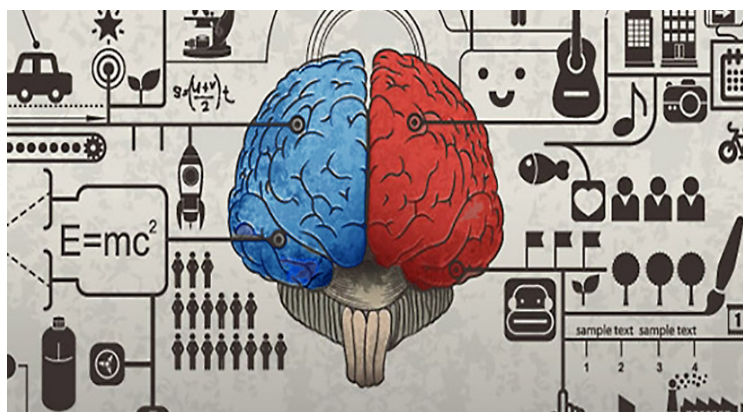
## From the Dean's office

→ Dorthe Eisele (Chemistry & Biochemistry) and Pouyan Ghaemi (Physics) are winners of the 2017 [Feliks Gross Award](#). The Feliks Gross Awards are presented each year to assistant professors in recognition of outstanding research, or potential for such, in the humanities or sciences, including social and life sciences. The Feliks Gross Award is considered CUNY's highest award for Assistant Professors. Congratulations to Professors Eisele and Ghaemi!



→ CCNY Art + Science Leonardo da Vinci Challenge  
The first CCNY ART + SCIENCE competition is now open and accepting entries. The competition is a collaboration between undergraduate students. Form a team with your fellow students and compete against another team for a chance to win the grand prize of \$1,000. Submission deadline is **May 12, 2017**.

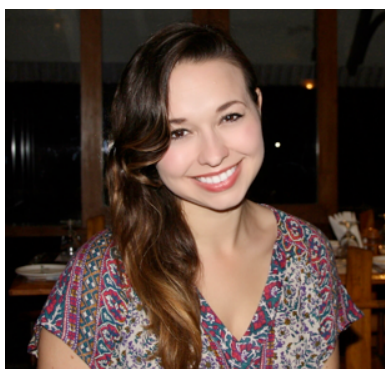
For more information click here: <https://goo.gl/cSAi72>



## Biology News

→ Monika Buczek, Ph.D. student and Biology major, won an Outstanding Abstract Award (OAA) for her upcoming poster presentation at the American Society of Microbiology national meeting in New Orleans. The OAA is dedicated to highlighting outstanding abstracts and only a

limited number of abstracts were selected across the seven tracks for this honor. Along with recognition in the program book and on the poster itself, the OAA comes with a monetary travel award to be used toward conference attendance.



## EAS News

→ Aaron Davitt, Ph.D. student, EES major, won first place for the Division of Science at Thursday's CUNY Graduate Student Symposium. His poster presentation was entitled: The monitoring of vineyards through the use of remote sensing and a radiative transfer model.



Authors are Aaron Davitt, Kyle McDonald, Nick Steiner, Vanessa Escobar, and Peggy O'Neill.

Aaron Davitt is currently doing research in Kyle McDonald's Ecosystem Science Laboratory.

## Math News

→ The Kolchin Seminar in Differential Algebra  
Saturday, April 8, 2017, 2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.  
Baruch College campus, Room 6-215  
Speaker: Peter Thompson, Graduate Center, CUNY  
Title: Upper bounds on commuting polynomial derivations

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.  
Baruch College campus, Room 6-215  
Speaker: Eli Amzallag, Graduate Center, CUNY  
Title: On the complexity of Hrushoski's Algorithm

## Physics News

→ Michio Kaku's Hanover Enrichment Series speech reported in Hanover's student newspaper: "There Will Still Be Physics in the Future". For more information click here: <https://goo.gl/18Mx9s>



→ SAVE THE DATE  
Special Physics Seminar  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 3:30 p.m.  
MR-418N  
Speaker: Professor Aron M. Bernstein, MIT  
Title: Nuclear weapons: sources of strength or vulnerability?  
Abstract: An objective overview of the nuclear arms race will be presented with an emphasis on the current escalating dangers due to nuclear weapons modernization, and a brief sketch of how nuclear weapons work. Some ironic lessons from history will be sketched too. Our current overkill capacity will be illustrated by the explosive power of one nuclear submarine. An examination of some possible pathways to nuclear conflict will be presented. If time permits current non-proliferation efforts such as the Iran agreement, and problems with North Korea will be included. A personal outlook about preventing future nuclear weapons use along with the vital role of education will be presented.