

Name	Title	BIO	Sent Reg/Information	Contact	Panel Topic	Panel Time
THURSDAY, FEB 27						
Edward Szurek	WCC Faculty, Computer Science and Cybersecurity	Ed Szurek started his journey in technology as a WTMC and WCC student before launching his career in Network Engineering. He worked as a consulting engineer and then spent a decade leading technical teams at a major global technology company. His work covered many areas, from voice systems and automation to professional training. He later became a technical lead specializing in wireless networks and network security. In 2019, he began teaching part-time and, three years later, made the switch to full-time teaching to help train the next generation of IT and cybersecurity professionals. He is still actively engaged in the worlds of Networking and Cybersecurity, and runs an independent consulting business on the side	Yes	eszurek@wccnet.edu	computer science	Thursday, 11:30-12:30
Eric Gilbert	John Derby Evans Associate Professor, School of Information specializing in social computing and social media research	Eric Gilbert is a Professor in the School of Information at the University of Michigan. Prior to Michigan, he was on the faculty in the College of Computing at Georgia Tech. Currently, he is on sabbatical as a Visiting Scholar with the Rebooting Social Media initiative, part of Harvard's Berkman Klein Center. Dr. Gilbert is a sociotechnologist, with a research focus on building and studying social computing systems. His work has been supported by grants from the SSRC, Rockefeller Foundation, Craig Newmark Philanthropies, Facebook, Samsung, Yahoo!, Google, Microsoft, ARL, DARPA, and the NSF. At Michigan, he runs the comp.social lab, and is affiliated with SCRL, CSMR, MISC, and ESC. Dr. Gilbert's work has been recognized with multiple best paper awards, as well as covered by outlets including Wired, NPR, The Washington Post, and The New York Times. He is the recipient of an NSF CAREER award, the National Academy of Sciences Kavli Fellowship, the Georgia Tech Young Faculty Award, the CSCW Service Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). Dr. Gilbert is also a Distinguished Member of the ACM, and won the ICWSM Test of Time award in 2024. He previously served as Program Chair and Steering Committee Chair for ICWSM, and as General Chair and Editor for CSCW. Prof. Gilbert is an alum of Teach For America (Chicago '02), and holds a BS in Math & CS and a PhD in CS—both from UIUC.	yes	eric@eegilbert.org	computer science	Thursday, 11:30-12:30
Umang Bhojani	User Researcher at Wayfair in Boston, former WCC STEM Scholar	Umang Bhojani graduated from WCC with an Associate's degree in General Studies in 2021 and transferred to the University of Michigan where he graduated with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Information Science in 2024. He currently works at Wayfair as a User Researcher in Boston	Yes	ubhojani@umich.edu	computer science	Thursday, 11:30-12:30
Heidi Dodson	WCC Chemistry Faculty	Heidi Dodson credits growing up on a farm in rural Michigan with her love of science and nature. Heidi graduated from Oakland University with a B.S. in Chemistry, and went to the University of Texas, where she discovered a passion for chemistry and biology, resulting in a Master's Degree in Biochemistry. Heidi worked as a criminalist doing forensic analysis in a large city in Texas, then worked as a microbiologist in the medical devices field and as a biochemist in the pharmaceutical industry. For the last 18 years Heidi has taught chemistry at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, MI. When she isn't teaching, Heidi enjoys traveling with her family, skiing and spending time in nature.	Yes	hdodson@wccnet.edu	chemistry	Thursday, 11:30-12:30
Steven Toth	WCC Chemistry Faculty	Steven Toth is a full-time faculty member at Washtenaw Community College who primarily teaches introductory Chemistry courses and labs.	Yes	stoth@wccnet.edu	chemistry	Thursday, 11:30-12:30

Gavin Edwards	Asso. Professor of Chemistry, Eastern Michigan University	I was born in South Wales, UK. After my BS in chemistry, I received a PhD in Atmospheric Chemistry from the University of Leicester, UK and completed postdoctoral research work at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, CO and Purdue University in Indiana. I am now an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Eastern Michigan University. I have worked and EMU since 2007. My research group measures both air quality, and the factors that influence it. My group is passionate about analyzing the quality of the air we as citizens are exposed to, both in the Detroit urban corridor, and around the state of Michigan. Outside of my research work I am the coordinator of the general chemistry program and a member of the assessment and advising committee where we steer students in their path through the chemistry and biochemistry major and EMU and offer career advice post graduation and are active in recruitment to our programs at Eastern.	Yes	gedward4@emich.edu	chemistry	Thursday, 11:30-12:30
Brittany Albaugh	Assoc. Professor of Chemistry, Eastern Michigan University	Brittany Albaugh completed her undergraduate studies at Grand Valley State University and earned a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin. She is a faculty member in the Chemistry Department at Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches undergraduate chemistry labs and upper-level biochemistry courses. Her research, funded by the NSF, focuses on epigenetics and involves both undergraduate and graduate students. Additionally, she directs a high school research summer program at EMU.	Yes	balbaug1@emich.edu	chemistry	Thursday, 11:30-12:30