

# Society of Women in Science

## 2022-2023



**SWS hosted 7 seminars with 7 accompanying buffet lunches for female-identified scientists at Duke during the 2022-2023 academic year.**

- Natalie Klco gave the Christine Aidala Lecture in Physics
- Fan Li gave the Susan Alberts Lecture in Statistical Science and Biostatistics & Bioinformatics
- Amy Goldberg gave the Sohini Ramachandran Lecture in Evolutionary Anthropology
- Sarah Gaither gave the Nalini Ambady lecture in Psychology
- Pardis Emami-Naeini gave a lecture in Computer Science
- Adrienne Stiff-Roberts gave the Etta Z. Falconer Lecture in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Sara Haravifard gave the Hanna Dabkowska Lecture in Physics

**OFA facilitated our ability to advertise SWS events to over 250 female-identified scientists at Duke, including all types of faculty, postdocs, and research scientists across Trinity and Pratt.**

We reached female-identified scientists in the disciplines of Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Earth and Climate Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Environmental Sciences and Policy, Evolutionary Anthropology, Marine Science and Conservation, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, Physics, Psychology and Neuroscience, and Statistical Science.

SWS is grateful to the OFA for financial support for this series of events, as well as to Kathy Peterson for managing the program, and the Rhodes Information Initiative at Duke for providing facilities and program support.

**Co-conveners: Lillian Pierce (Mathematics) and Roxanne Springer (Physics)**

This year our priority was to re-build familiarity, scientific excitement and optimism among female-identified researchers and scholars within the sciences across Trinity and Pratt, after 2.5 years of isolation and disconnection. With the assistance of OFA, we were able to invite female-identified faculty, postdocs, and research scientists. Mixing between post-docs, early career faculty, mid-career faculty, and senior faculty is often found to be very affirming, and this blended structure gave participants a chance to share inspiration across scientific disciplines and career stages.



A total of 69 people RSVP'd to attend 1 or more of the lunches, and mathematics made a strong showing (due to the math program's presence in Gross Hall, where the lunches took place). At the seven events, the attendance numbers were as follows: 19, 21, 25, 15, 25, 32, 26 individuals.

**Scientists who attended remarked how impressed they were by the seminar and the enjoyable lunch, as well as the feeling of community.**

The vibrant feeling of community among women in science at Duke needs significant rebuilding. It is impressive that over 250 female-identified career scientists work at Duke, and we want to reach all of them via the SWS network over the coming years. With continued investment in the community, SWS can strengthen the professional resilience of our members.

**We ask that OFA make the remaining funds available to the next co-conveners of SWS, for events in the 2023-2024 academic year.**

