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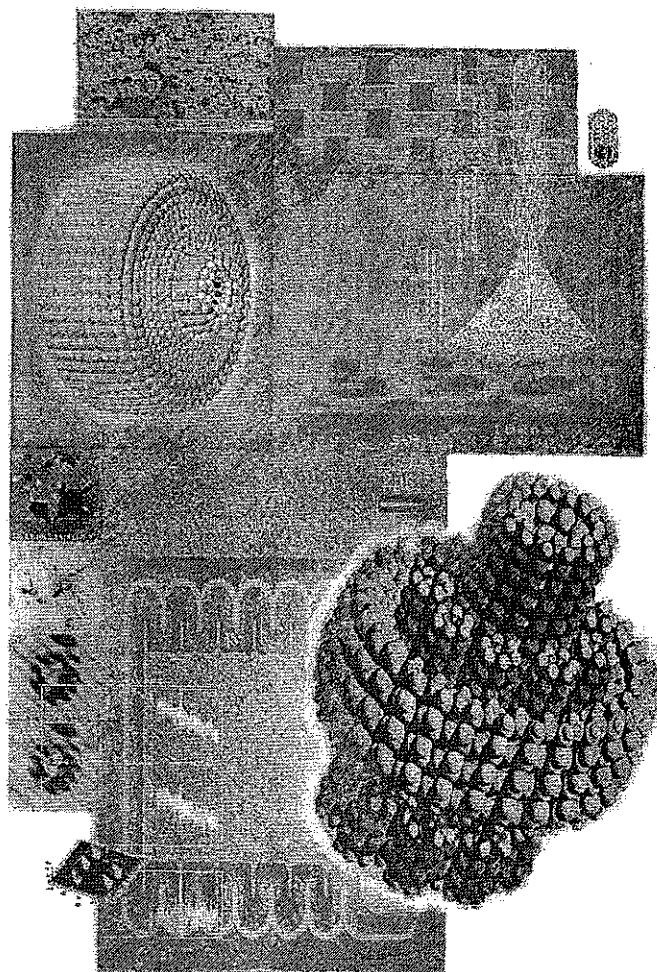
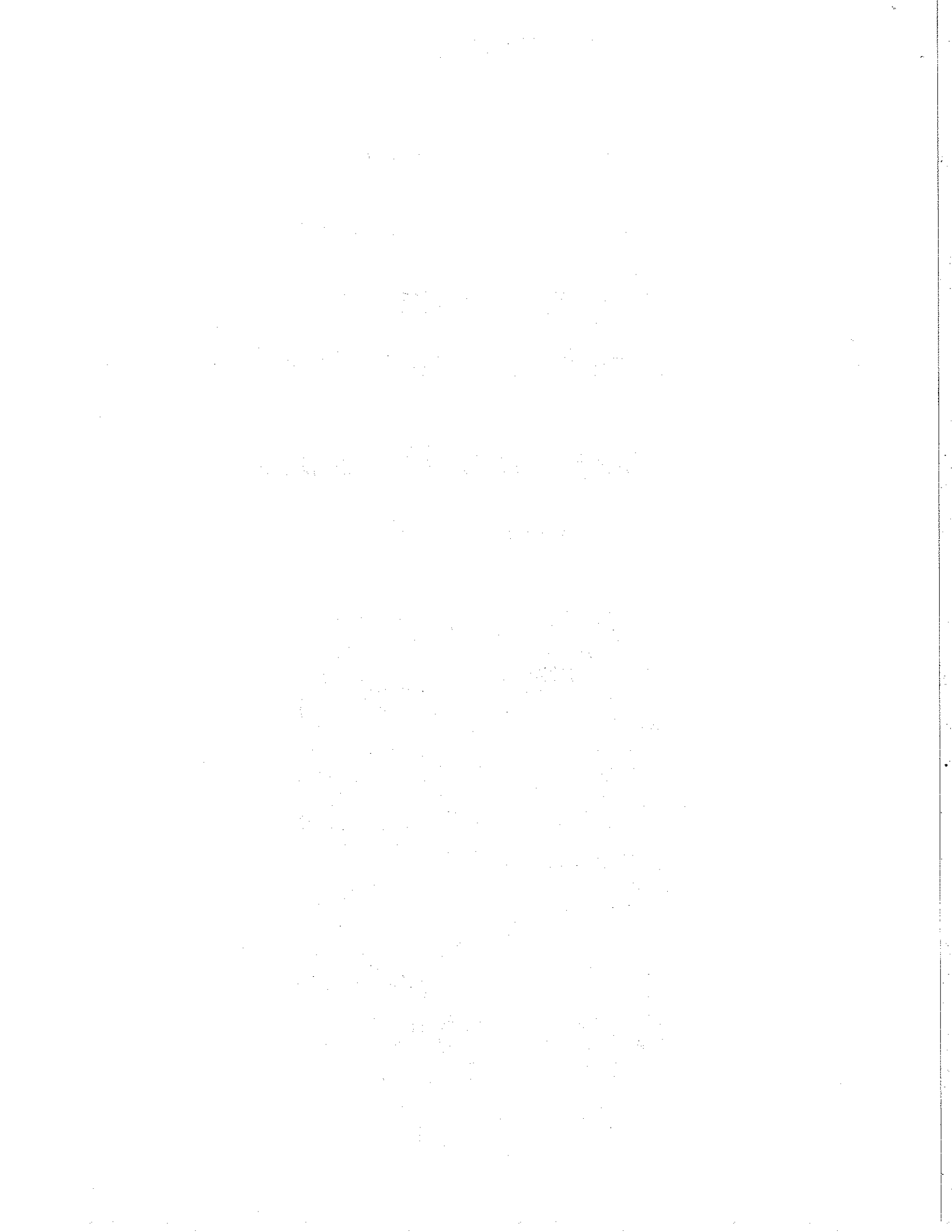


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**9:00 a.m.**

*Hoffman Hall*

## Welcome

**Julianne Winder**

Center for Talented Youth Representative

**Marcia Fischer**

Assistant Dean for Enrollment and Outreach  
Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science  
Portland State University

## Opening Remarks

**Robert D. "Skip" Rung**

President and Executive Director  
Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI)

## Program Information

**Danielle Amatore**

Ph.D. Student, Department of Science and Mathematics Education  
Oregon State University

**Skip Rochefort, Ph.D.**

Director, Pre-College Programs  
Professor, Chemical Engineering  
Oregon State University

**9:15 a.m.**

*Hoffman Hall*

## Keynote Address

*Nanotechnology and Artificial Photosynthesis*

**Carl Wamser, Ph.D.**

Professor, Department of Chemistry  
Portland State University

While engineers have become more adept at making things smaller and smaller, chemists have been able to create fully functional molecules and molecular assemblies that are larger and larger. Nanotechnology is where these two endeavors come together. Taking inspiration from nature, we will explore key features of photosynthesis and examine possibilities for modeling nature's structures and strategies in order to make an efficient solar cell.

**10:00 a.m.**

## Break and Dismissal to Workshops

*Please remain seated after the keynote presentation.*

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## 10:15 a.m. Session I — Parents

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*SMU Room 338  
Parent Groups 1, 3, 4, & 5*

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*SB1 Room 107  
Parent Groups 2, 6, 7, & 8*

### ***The Science, Engineering and Social Impact of Nanotechnology***

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Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering  
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## Session I — Students

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*SB2 Room 201  
Student Group 1*

### ***The Clot Thickens: Nanoglue and a Commotion in the Blood***

**Owen McCarty, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering  
Oregon Health & Science University

Investigate microfluidic properties of blood through a hands-on activity experimenting on the impact of thrombin on fibrinogen.

*SB2 Room 269  
Student Group 2*

### ***Nanotechnology: Experiments in Solar Energy***

**Mike Walter**

Graduate Student, Department of Chemistry  
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Explore the tiny new world of nanotechnology and build nanoparticle-based solar cells.

*SB2 Room 207  
Student Groups 3 & 6*

### ***Investigating a Tiny World***

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Oregon State University

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*SB2 Room 261  
Student Groups 4 & 8*

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Undergraduate Student  
Oregon State University

Hands-on activity with inquiry and design components that is based on an interesting liquid magnet.

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## 10:15 a.m. Session I — Students (continued)

*FAB 10*  
*Student Groups 5 & 7*

### *NanoBiosensors: Sensing Small Things in Small Devices - Lab on a Chip!*

**Shalini Prasad, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Vindhya Kunduru**

Graduate Student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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**Vinu. L. Venkataraman**

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This workshop provides hands-on experience about the step-by-step development of a biosensor device.

## 11:15 a.m. Break

## 11:30 a.m. Session II — Parents and Students

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*SB2 Room 269*  
*Student Group 3*  
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*Hoffman Hall  
Student Groups 1, 2, & 8  
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### ***Really Tiny Problems on a Really BIG Ship:***

### ***How Forensic Science Helped Explain the Sinking of the RMS Titanic***

**Jennifer Hooper McCarty, Ph.D.**

Oregon Health & Science University

Johns Hopkins Alumnus (MSE in 1999 and PhD in 2003, Materials Science and Engineering)

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## 12:30 p.m. Lunch

*Hoffman Hall*

Lunch will be served in the lobby area of Hoffman Hall. CTY families may dine in Hoffman Hall or outdoors, if weather permits.

*Optional Tours of the Electron Microscopy Center will be given during lunch, at 12:30 p.m. and 1:10 p.m., and again at the conclusion of the day's program, at 3:50 p.m.*

## 1:45 p.m. Session III — Parents

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**2:45 p.m.** Break

**3:00 p.m.** Final Presentation

*Hoffman Hall*

*Preparing for a World of Possibilities*

**Robert D. "Skip" Rung**

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Skip Rung was asked in December 2003 to serve as the initial Executive Director of the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), Oregon's first "Signature Research Center" and an unprecedented collaboration among Oregon's research universities (Oregon State University, University of Oregon, and Portland State University) and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). ONAMI's dual mission is to grow "small tech" research in Oregon and commercialize technology in order to extend the success of Oregon's world-leading "Silicon Forest" technology cluster, which includes the most advanced R&D and manufacturing operations for leading companies such as Intel Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, FEI Company, ON Semiconductor, Pixelworks, Electro Scientific Industries, Xerox Office Products, Tektronix, Invitrogen, and many dynamic smaller firms. ONAMI has so far received \$37M in state investment and has more than tripled Oregon's annual federal and private research awards in the fields of nanoscience, green nanotechnology, nanoscale metrology, and microtechnology-based energy and chemical systems.

**3:45 p.m.** Conclusion of Program

We sincerely hope that you enjoyed today's program. Please complete your evaluation and parent outreach forms and return them to the registration tables before you depart. Thank you.

**3:50 p.m.** Optional Tours

Optional tours of the Electron Microscopy Center will be given at the conclusion of the day's program.

**Special thanks to Portland State University for hosting this program;  
to Dr. Skip Rochefort, Marcia Fischer, Kristen Nieman, Sara Vandehey, Dr. Shalini Prasad,  
and Danielle Amatore for their tireless efforts in preparing today's excellent program;  
to all the faculty, administrators, and students who willingly gave their time and expertise;  
to the Portland State University student ambassadors and the CTY volunteers who assisted throughout the day;  
and to FEI Company for donating SEM equipment and technical support.**

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