

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

Eastern Illinois University Chapter
600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois 61920

Dear Colleagues,

You are cordially invited to the 11th Annual Sigma Xi Banquet and Lecture to be held on Thursday, March 27, 2008 in the University Ballroom at the MLK, Jr. University Union. The banquet is sponsored by the EIU chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, and is offered in conjunction with the College of Sciences' ScienceFest, to be celebrated the following day. The distinguished Sigma Xi speaker this year is Dr. Roger White, who will speak on *Cities and Regions as Complex Self-Organizing Entities: From Dynamical theory to Planning and Policy Support Tools with Cellular Automata Based Urban Models*. Dr. White will give a second talk at 1 pm Friday titled *Land Use and Environmental Policy: New Tools for a More Effective Approach*. Dr. White is a Geographer at Memorial University in St. Johns, Newfoundland who is interested work which underlies a developing theory of cities and regions as self-organizing, complex adaptive systems.

We will be presenting our 2nd annual *Sigma Xi Award for Teaching Excellence in High School and Middle School Science and Mathematics*. We will also be honoring the winners of the College of Sciences' SURE and GSI awards. The evening will begin with a reception and cash bar at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 pm. There will be a brief chapter meeting at 7:30 followed by the free lecture open to the public at 8:00 pm. If you wish to attend the banquet, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and send it along with your payment to Dr. Brenda Wilson, Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

We are also seeking nominations for new members, both faculty and graduate students. Any active full member may nominate an individual for membership. Those who have shown potential as researchers are invited to join as associate members. Full membership is conferred upon those who have demonstrated noteworthy achievements in research. Faculty membership is \$86 (\$71.00 for yearly dues and a one-time initiation fee of \$15.00) and graduate student membership is \$40 (\$25.00 for yearly dues and a one-time initiation fee of \$15.00). The nomination form and information about nomination are included on the next pages. More information about Sigma Xi can be found at their website (www.sigmaxi.org) or at the College of Sciences' website (www.eiu.edu/~colsci).

Please send the nomination form by Monday, March 17, 2008 to Dr. Steven Daniel, Department of Biological Sciences, or contact Dr. Daniel for more information (581-7840; sldaniel@eiu.edu).

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**Reservation Form for Sigma Xi Banquet, Thursday, March 27, 2008
MLK, Jr. University Union, University Ballroom @ 6:00 pm.**

Reservations are due by Friday, March 21

The dinner will be a Cajun Buffet. Selections include fried catfish, pan blackened chicken, sausage jambalaya, fresh fruit, a variety of vegetables, and dessert.

The cost is \$16.00 if paid by Friday, March 21, or \$20.00 at the door. Checks can be made payable to "Sigma Xi." Please complete this form, detach, and send to Dr. Brenda Wilson, Communication Disorders and Sciences.

Name _____

Number attending _____

Amount enclosed _____