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Join Our Science Hangout With Derek Muller

Sigma Xi will host a Science Hangout with Derek Muller, a 2014 honorary member, on [our Google+ page](#) June 24 at noon EST. Everyone is invited to watch the conversation live!

Muller is an acclaimed science communicator, filmmaker, and television presenter. He is best known for creating the YouTube channels Veritasium and 2Veritasium. Videos on these channels have been viewed more than 65 million times. Approximately 1.4 million people have subscribed.

Muller writes, directs, films, edits, animates, and stars in these science videos. Muller has said the goal of his films is to show science's "relevance, comprehensibility, and lack of dry, boring, textbook-style exposition."

Follow him on Twitter at [@veritasium](#).

Watch the "World's Roundest Object" video from Veritasium:



Dates to Remember

November 6-9, 2014:
[Sigma Xi's 2014 Annual Meeting](#)

November 7-8, 2014:
[Sigma Xi's 2014 International Research Conference](#)



Contact Us

We welcome any comments or concerns you may have as a member. For staff assistance, or to share your ideas, please e-mail us at memberinfo@sigmaxi.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Since 1983, noted science advocates, top science journalists, and friends of research who have made important contributions to science but are not eligible for Sigma Xi membership have been elected honorary members. Induction of these members is typically a highlight of the Society's Annual Meeting.

Muller will be a speaker at Sigma Xi's Annual Meeting November 6-9 at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel in Glendale, Arizona, USA.

Let's Meet At Euroscience Open Forum

American Scientist Senior Editor Sandra Ackerman is attending Euroscience Open Forum from June 21-June 25 and would love to host a Sigma Xi ESOF 2014 meet-up. Will you be in Copenhagen for the conference? If so, e-mail membership@sigmaxi.org or tweet to [@SigmaXiSociety](https://twitter.com/SigmaXiSociety) to let us know and we will give you details on the time and place for the meet-up. And make sure you tweet to [@SigmaXiSociety](https://twitter.com/SigmaXiSociety) all the news from ESOF!



Sandra will be live tweeting during the conference through [@AmSciMag](https://twitter.com/AmSciMag) while using #ESOF2014. Sigma Xi members can also connect with each other during the conference using #ESOF2014SX.

Internship Opportunity: Office of Science and Technology Policy

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Fall 2014 Policy Internship Program is accepting applications through June 20, 2014. This is a unique opportunity to work closely with senior White House officials and science and technology policy analysts.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for one of three terms (fall, spring, or summer), each term lasting no more than 90 days. These positions are without compensation but the assignments provide educational enrichment, practical work experience, and networking opportunities with other individuals in the science and technology policy arena. Visit the [OSTP webpage](#) for more information.

What Would You Ask Your Engineering/Science Super Hero?

You know who they are. They are the ones who inspired you to become a scientist or an engineer. They are the mentors that you looked up to during graduate school and beyond. If you could ask them one question, what would it be?

Career advice? How to find grant funding? What is the biggest challenge in your field? Tips on research ethics?

Send us your super question! We will secure an answer from other Sigma Xi members and share it on our new professional collaboration platform, launching this fall. All active members of Sigma Xi from across the globe can ask their super question, see the response, and share in the discussion.

Send your questions to memberinfo@sigmaxi.org with the subject line "My Super Question."



Got a Science Selfie?

Many thanks to all of you who have sent us your selfie taken in the lab, in the classroom, or in the field. Sigma Xi is starting to compile a database of our members in action. We are collecting these photos to share them with other members on our social media and our upcoming virtual professional collaboration platform.



Send Heather Thorstensen, our communications manager, your photos conducting science and engineering research by e-mailing

hthorstensen@sigmaxi.org. Make sure to include your name, location, and the nature of your research.

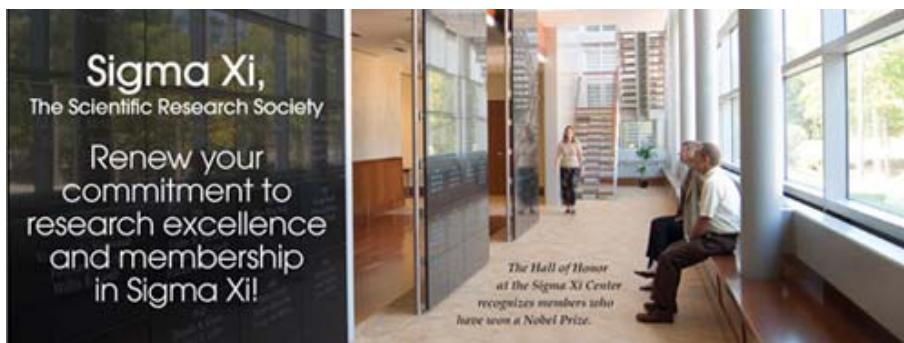
Photo: [Daniel Costa](#) was studying southern sea lions when he went to visit this colony of King penguins on Volunteer Point in the Falkland Islands. Costa is a distinguished professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Membership-at-Large Election Going On Now

Members who are not affiliated with chapters may vote on their new associate director now through July 1, 2014. [Read vision statements and CVs from the candidates.](#)



Members-at-large received the ballot via e-mail on June 2.



Don't Forget! Renew Your Sigma Xi Membership Online Today

Sigma Xi's dues schedule is run on a fiscal year that begins each July 1 and our programming is dependent on our members' support.

You can [pay your fiscal year 2015 dues online](#).

You will need your member ID number to complete payment and update your contact information. If you would like to request your member ID number, please e-mail memberinfo@sigmaxi.org.

Thank you for your sustaining membership!

Best of Social Media, May 9-June 9, 2014

Most popular Sigma Xi Facebook post:



Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society shared a link.

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A set featuring female researchers will become an official LEGO product, hitting shelves in August 2014. <http://bit.ly/1ouzk1>



The Female Scientist CUUSOO Set Is Officially Getting Made Into a LEGO Product

www.geekosystem.com

The LEGO Ideas (CUUSOO) female scientist set will really get made by LEGO.

Most retweeted Sigma Xi tweet:



SigmaXiSociety @SigmaXiSociety · May 16

Sigma Xi member Don Mayer describes judging some of the brightest scientific minds in the world at #IntelISEF bit.ly/1gNbbIU

Retweets: 5

Most popular *American Scientist* Facebook post:



American Scientist

May 31 at 10:15am · 🌐

Catnip is popularly known for its effects on domestic cats and even lions. But what's in it for the catnip plant? Surely it did not evolve its compound to intoxicate cats. It does not need them for pollination or propagation. So, is another creature the intended target for catnip's active principle, nepetalactone?

What do you think the answers are to these questions? Read to find out:

<http://ow.ly/xrKYf>

#aturday #catnip #cats #science #plants



Most retweeted *American Scientist* tweet:



American Scientist @AmSciMag · May 27

It's Rachel Carson's birthday! Read our [#review](#) on her novel, "The Sea Around Us": ow.ly/xjDrF ow.ly/i/5HTo8 #biology



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Member Benefit: LTC-Global

With 35+ years of long-term care insurance experience, LTC-Global will save Sigma Xi members time and money on a long-term care insurance quote. They don't just offer one solution. They offer multiple carriers to help you best meet your individual needs and budget.



Highlights of the program:

- As a Sigma Xi member, you may be eligible for a premium discount.
- Your extended family members (including spouses, brothers, sisters, parents, children age 18+, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and in-laws) are also eligible for coverage.

[Visit their webpage](#) for further information and to get started.



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