**Program**

**Collaborating: Special Challenges for the Beginning Investigator**

Panelists: Steve Welch, Professor, Agronomy

Stacey Kulesza, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering

Melanie Derby, Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Mingjun Wei, Associate Professor, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Scientific collaboration is a complex exchange; even more so for the early career investigator who simultaneously balances other tenure-track obligations, requirements, and challenges. We have lined up a terrific panel of faculty who will discuss their unique collaborative experiences in their role as junior or senior faculty, with federal agencies, as well as National Labs. They will also offer suggestions on how to identify projects for collaborations, how to find the right faculty partners and provide tips on roadblocks to avoid.

**Announcements**

**National Instruments on-campus visit**: Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22

Igor Alvarado, NI’s academic business development manager will meet with administrators, faculty and staff seeking to build or strengthen proactive industry-university collaborations. Mr. Alvarado has particular interest in meeting with tenure-track faculty to learn more about your interests in partnering with industry and answer any questions you may have about NI. Contact Barb Moore, [bjmoore2@ksu.edu](mailto:bjmoore2@ksu.edu), to schedule an appointment.

**Chemical Engineering Lab Tour**

Friday, March 1 – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Meet in 1005 Durland Hall, Chemical Engineering main office, at 2:00 p.m.

**Spring TTFN Meetings – Tentative Dates and Topics** (Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

* March 19 – *Managing Stress*
* April 16 - *Managing Your Award: Overview of award review and acceptance process, compliance protocols, purchasing, using start-up funds*
* May 14 - *Reviewer Comments and How to Use Them (proposal resubmissions)*

**Pivot is changing its URL**to [https://pivot.proquest.com](https://pivot.proquest.com/).

The current URL will be discontinued on March 1, and traffic will not automatically redirect. **Be sure to update your bookmarks and links**. Funding Alerts will come from an @proquest.com address (instead of @cos.com). All data and functionality will remain. Links from the K-State Research website have been updated. If you haven’t already, take a few minutes to update your Pivot profile so potential collaborators find relevant information about you.