

Tennessee Academy of Science 2021 Annual Meeting Announcement Call for Papers

The 131st meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science will be hosted at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**. Please note that the meeting is about two weeks earlier than usual. Registration will be in Stonecipher Lecture Hall. The business meeting, poster session, plenary session, lunch, and afternoon technical sessions will take place in Stonecipher Lecture Hall, Laboratory Science Commons, and Oakley STEM Center; check the website prior to arriving or the meeting program at registration for location details. Tennessee Technological University is located at 1 William L. Jones Drive, Cookeville, TN 38505, and the Stonecipher Lecture Hall is located on Golden Eagle Way (called W 8th St on Google Maps) between Stadium Drive and N Peachtree Ave. Parking will be available in the lot next to the Laboratory Science Commons.

The plenary session for this year's meeting will feature Professor Adam Holley from the Department of Physics at Tennessee Technological University. Dr. Holley received his Ph.D. in experimental nuclear physics from North Carolina State University and studies very low energy "ultracold" neutrons and their potential for helping explain what we observe about the universe. His talk is titled "The Tortoise and the Hare: A Race for Answers to Big Questions About the Universe".

Tennessee Academy of Science members and individuals, including students sponsored by TAS members, are invited to present at the Annual Meeting. Titles and abstracts should be submitted electronically by **October 8, 2021 at midnight central time**. Instructions for electronic abstract submission is included in the attached "2021 Abstract Submission Instructions" document. The section chair list is also attached. Additional information can be found at http://www.tennacadofsci.org.

For your convenience, you can renew your Tennessee Academy of Science membership and register for the Annual Meeting online at <u>http://www.tennacadofsci.org/annual_meeting/registration.php.</u> Pre-registration will close on **Monday, November 1, 2021**. Although you will still be able to register after this deadline on-site, it is helpful for planning purposes if you can pre-register. Any questions about the annual meeting should be directed to your section chairperson or the annual meeting coordinator Dr. J. Allyn Smith (<u>smithj@apsu.edu</u>).

For those needing overnight accommodations in Cookeville there are several hotels off I-40 Exit 287. These hotels are about 3 miles from campus. Several hotels offer a government rate of \$96/night contingent on availability, including but not limited to the Fairfield Inn and Suites and the Hampton Inn.

Please note that we are planning on having this meeting in person. However, considering the rise of the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, if we must modify to a hybrid or entirely remote meeting, we will contact TAS members via email.

We look forward to seeing you at the Tennessee Academy of Science Meeting on November 6, 2021!

Sincerely,

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