

A DEI WORKSHOP

ENHANCING OUR CROSS-CULTURAL MENTORSHIP

MONDAY, APRIL 1

2-3 PM

IGB 612

As we each work to increase pathways and broaden participation in STEM, we will often serve as formal and informal mentors to students and newer professionals with different backgrounds and life experiences than ourselves. What do we need to know in order to best mentor across cultural difference?

Join Ross Wantland for a conversation about the skills of cross-cultural mentorship and support.

This session will focus on the experiences of historically under-served and under-represented students, including a look at research and some basic strategies for improving our mentorship with students of color, women and transgender students, students with disabilities, and other groups.

Through this interactive session, participants will learn about utilizing a framework of “equity mindedness,” which “call[s] attention to patterns of inequity in student outcomes” (USC’s Center for Urban Education), while improving our skills for strengths-based, dynamic mentorship.

Space is limited. Register at www.igb.illinois.edu/RSVP-cross-cultural



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