



BLUE NOTES

April 5, 2024 – Issue 2024-05

SPRING 2024 SEMINAR SERIES:

April 5	Literature seminar: Sivanujan Suthaharan (1 pm) Title: “Artificial Intelligence Bridges Microscopy and Atomistic Quantum Simulations.” Seminar at 1:00 p.m. in Julian Hall, Room 225
April 12	Literature seminar: Sudarshana Patra (3 pm) Title: TBD
April 19	Research seminar: Kwame Osei (3 pm) Title: TBD

Seminars are held Fridays at 3:00 pm in JH 225 unless otherwise indicated.

DATES AND DEADLINES:

April 5	Transfer Day.
April 8	Deadline for thesis oral defense for May 2024 graduates.
April 12	Last day to withdraw from a full-semester course. Withdrawal grade of WX will be assigned. No adjustment of charges. Last day to officially withdraw from the University. Last day to add or remove the pass/no pass (pass/fail) option from a full-semester course.
April 15	Deadline to upload final copy of thesis to ProQuest for May 2024 graduates.
April 19	Transfer Day.

UPCOMING

April 12, 2024 Research Symposium, Illinois State University

May 3, 2024 Senior Banquet and Awards Ceremony 5:30 – 8 p.m. Circus Room/Bone Center

May 11-12 Graduation Ceremonies

STUDENT, FACULTY and STAFF ACTIVITIES:

Presentations:

Hitchcock, Shawn R., “A New Direction for an Old Reaction: The Curtius Rearrangement as a Tool for Obtaining Dehomologated Substrates.” Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois, March 5, **2024**.

^(G)**Odeh, Joy**, Witte, Jordan M., **Ferrence, Gregory M.**, and **Hitchcock, Shawn R.**, “A Curtius Rearrangement Driven Dehomologation from Carboxylic Acids Bearing Alpha-Leaving Groups to Aldehydes and Ketones.” National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Spring 2024, New Orleans, LA. March 17-21, **2024**.

Publications:

Liebsch, Jasmin; Strachan, Rebecca; ^(G)**Suthaharan, Sivanujan**; Dominguez-Candela; Ivan, Auria-Soro; Carlota; San-Millan, Andres; Walke, Rebecca; **Chilukuri, Bhaskar**; Blanca Ros, M.; **Martinez-Felipe, Alfonso**, “Tailoring the Dielectric and Ferroelectric Response of Mixtures Containing Bent-Core Liquid Crystals Through Light-Irradiation and Composition”. *Journal of Molecular Liquids* **2024**, 399, 124371. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.molliq.2024.124371>.

Awards:

^(UG)**Giavanna Alongi (Hitchcock, Shawn R.)** was awarded a departmental Redbird Scholarship research fellowship for summer 2024.

^(UG)**Grace Hohman** has won a Summer 2024 FIREBird research grant to work in **Marjorie Jones'** lab for the summer of 2024.

