

## Dr. Geraldine Cochran: April 9th

Associate Director of Rochester Institute of Technology's  
Multicultural Center for Academic Success

Rochester Institute of Technology



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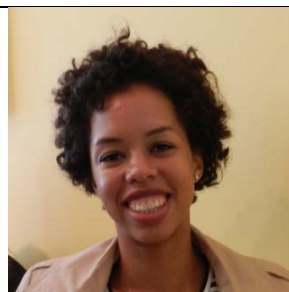
Geraldine Cochran earned her bachelor's and her master's degree in teaching from Chicago State University. Cochran earned her Ed.S. and her Ph.D. in science education and curriculum and instruction, respectively, with a cognate in physics from Florida International University. Her current position at RIT affords her the opportunity to engage in two activities for which she is very passionate, working with STEM students and engaging in education research and program evaluation. Cochran is a past chair of the Committee on Minorities in Physics for the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) and is the current chair of AAPT's Committee on Women in Physics. Cochran regularly volunteers at local middle schools and hopes that these middle school students will be both prepared and supported in pursuing both studies and careers in STEM, if they choose, regardless of their race, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

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## Cacey S. Stevens: April 16th

Graduate Student in Condensed Matter Physics

University of Chicago



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Casey Stevens is a graduate student in Sidney Nagel's group at the University of Chicago studying soft condensed matter physics. She enjoys volunteering for outreach activities at the university and in the community. Stevens received her Master's degree from the University of Chicago and her Bachelor's degree in physics from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She has won a number of awards including the Department Chairman's Award for Distinguished Service, and the First Place Presentation award in the Emory STEM Symposium. He has also recieved an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, a Robert A. Millikan Fellowship, and a National Society of Black Physicists Graduate Scholarship. She has been a guest lecturer at the Museum of Science and Industry Junior Science Cafes and has worked on increasing student diversity in science.

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## Dr. Mary Bridget Kustusich: April 23rd

Assistant Professor of Physics

DePaul University



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Mary Bridget Kustusich is an assistant professor at DePaul University and her area of expertise is Physics Education Research (PER). She received her B.S. in Physics from North Park University, her Ph.D. in Physics from North Carolina State University and then spent two years as a postdoctoral scholar at Oregon State University working on the Paradigms in Physics project. Kustusich specializes in exploring connections between mathematics and physics and the use of multiple representations. Kustusich is an active member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, at both the national and local level, as well as the American Physical Society. In addition to many invited presentations, she has published articles in the *American Journal of Physics*, *Physical Review Special Topics - Physics Education Research*, *The Physics Teacher*, the *Journal of College Science Teaching*, and the *Physics Education Research Conference Proceedings*.



