

**New STEM Network,  
Sponsors' Report, 2007-2008**

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**Participant Summary**

Attendees for 2007-2008 represent 72% of the 36 New STEM tenure-track faculty who came to UMA in 2006 and 2007 (plus a few “old-newSTEM” faculty from earlier years, and some invitees from Hampshire and Mt. Holyoke). They came from 5 colleges and 18 departments.

24 professors came to two or more events; 13 attended three or more events. We are particularly aggressive in inviting faculty who arrive in January, and women and underrepresented minorities.

38 participants

14 women, including 5 URM

6 male URM

(4-5 babies or small children, not including the picnic)

**Events:**

Informal dinner	10/19	DuBois Library 13 <sup>th</sup> floor
Happy Hours	11/30	Guinness Lounge
	3/28	Guinness Lounge
Lunch	2/6	Amherst Room CC
Family/ & Friends Picnic	5/10	lawn and lobby of Guinness Lounge

The format for the events is an informal meal, with some time for informal networking. In addition, 3 participants each time presented a “research snapshot,” explaining their work and eliciting questions and discussion. At each event there were between 18 and 25 attendees. One evening, Don Fisher of MIE took one of the snapshots and spoke about research collaborations he has participated in and how they developed. At the February lunch, Nick deCristofaro of CVIP spoke on how to both publish and patent.

(Despite requests for other days, Fridays had the better attendance.)

In addition, in response to ideas generated in the ADVANCE grant working group, we facilitated two separate networking sessions held off-campus for New STEM New Primary-Caregivers and their infants and toddlers (one or two per attendee). Jeanne Hardy of Chemistry hosted the first event and Becky Ready of Neuropsychology hosted the second event. They provided the venue and New STEM provided an informal dinner for the parents and children, and facilitated a short discussion.

