

WNY STEM Forum 2026 Schedule

Place: NSC 220, UB North Campus

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 (room scheduled to 9:30 pm)

Date and Time	Speaker/Title	Host
September 9	Speaker: John Atkinson, Associate Professor, Department of Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering. Title: The Most Littered Item in the World Just Got 10,000x Worse	Omer Gokcumen
September 23	Speaker: Christen Civiletto, attorney, author of Thundering Waters: The Toxic Legacy of Niagara Falls, adjunct at UB Law. Title: Uncovering Contamination: The Lawyer-STEM Partnership	David Lacy
September 30	Speaker: Chunming Qiao, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Computer Science and Engineering Title: Connected and Autonomous Vehicles	Omer Gokcumen
October 7	Speaker: Arin Bhattacharjee, Professor, Pharmacology & Toxicology. Title: "Slipping" out of pain	Steve Free
October 21	Speaker: Jason Briner, Professor, Department of Earth Sciences. Title: Rare rock samples from below the ice foretell Greenland's future	Steve Free
October 28	Speaker: Atri Rudra, Inaugural Chair, Department of AI and Society. Title: AI and Society department @ UB	David Lacy
November 4	Speaker: Steven Ray, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry Title: Using Plasmas in Chemistry and Spectroscopy: From Mars to PFAS	Javid Rzayev
November 11	Speaker: Jason Niu, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology and Environmental Health. Title: Cardio-metabolic health development from birth to death	TBA
November 18	Speaker: Peter Liu, Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Title: Tailoring Light with Nanoscale Structures	Javid Rzayev