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## SCIENCE AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES

“The Science and Romance of Diamonds” OR “From Heat and Pressure Comes True Love”

San Luis Obispo, CA – (immediate release) The Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM), will continue its ongoing informal, educational lecture series “Science After Dark” with a lecture at 6:30pm, February 17, 2016 at Luis Wine Bar in San Luis Obispo. The series is scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month through June, 2016. Visit [www.ccstem.org](http://www.ccstem.org) for details of future topics and locations.

What better way to celebrate Valentine’s Day (post holiday that is) than with a celebration of diamonds, featuring gemologist Jamie Foster. Ask any bride, well, practically any bride, the wedding story better begin with something that actually comes from a great deal of heat and pressure - a diamond, just like a long-lasting marriage. Let's go to great depths to find out where diamonds come from, open our eyes to all the colors of the rainbow, look up to out-of-this-world diamond beauties. We’ll include a dash of history and lore. It will be an ode to diamonds and all things pure, pure science that is. You’ll have to provide the romance on your own time.

Jamie Foster holds a B.A. in geology from Carleton College in Minnesota and a California teaching credential. His career periods have included software engineering, real estate development, gemology, the (outer) space business, two years teaching at SLO Classical Academy, and now railroading. Interests include website development and photography for nonprofits, choral music, astronomy, coaching DI teams, and wine. Oh, and he was in a play once with his granddaughter at SLO Little Theatre.

Where: Luis Wine Bar, 1021 Higuera Street, SLO (must be over age 21)  
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
Time: Discussion starts at 6:30pm, come early to get settled and order your beverage. Light appetizers available for purchase, or you may bring your own food. All beverages must be purchased at Luis Wine Bar. Selections include wine, beer, organic sodas, coffee, and tea.  
Cost: \$5.00 cover charge

Originally dubbed “Pub Science Nights,” Science After Dark is modeled after similar traditions established in other cities across the country. As a program of CCSTEM, Science After Dark is a fun way to get people excited about science, while also helping boost business at each hosted venue. The ten-month series is presented with support from the City of San Luis Obispo, and the SLO Children’s Museum.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/ScienceAfterDarkSLO](https://www.facebook.com/ScienceAfterDarkSLO) or [www.ccstem.org](http://www.ccstem.org).

Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM) is a network of educators, business professionals and other community members invested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and achievement. All of tomorrow’s workers will need the analytical, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills that STEM subjects impart. CCSTEM is committed to enhancing and promoting STEM learning and developing career readiness in San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties by fostering the collective impact of local, state, and national stakeholders.