

The GSFLC Presents
2016 Alternative Careers Symposium

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The traditional career path of scientists can typically be summarized as undergrad → grad school → post-doc → academic/industrial job. In our 2016 Alternative Careers Symposium, Dr. Tom Zinnen will describe his unique career path, which led him through academia, industry, a corn farm, and Capitol Hill before arriving at his current position as a biotechnology specialist at UW–Madison. Along the way, he's influenced science policy as a speech writer with the NSF and as a Congressional Science Fellow with the House Committee on Agriculture. Tom has also emphasized public outreach at UW–Madison by organizing the Wednesday Nite @ The Lab public science series and UW-Madison Science Expeditions. Finally, Tom will discuss the unifying themes of his career, including the promotion of science savvy through epistemology, access to the public land-grant research university, and cultivation of the next generation of science outreachers.