

SE&T Colloquium Series-Winter 2018

Speaker	Prof. Laurie Reed Department of Physics
Title	<i>The Geography of Iceland</i>
Abstract	<p>Iceland is a Nordic island nation of about 400,000 citizens located in the North Atlantic Ocean between Greenland, the United Kingdom and Norway. It sits just below the Arctic Circle and smack dab on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the boundary between the North American and Eurasian plates of the Earth's crust. This combination of characteristics has resulted in a starkly beautiful and essentially treeless landscape of active volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, lava fields, fjords and breath-taking waterfalls. I was one of six photographers invited to visit Iceland for a personal guided tour of such highlights over two weeks in September 2017. The purpose of this talk is to offer views and descriptions of some of these landforms, all so very foreign to us here in Michigan. I will also touch on some aspects of Icelandic language and culture and will bring samples of world-famous Icelandic chocolate.</p>
Date	Tuesday, February 20
Time	4:10-5:00pm
Place	Pioneer 240
	Refreshments will be served at 4:00pm.