Dear STEM Education Center Colleagues and Friends,

Our fall semester is moving along smoothly and we look forward to continued fall weather as we head into November. Our STEM Center Open House held on October 20 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm was a great success. Our office manager, Christine Slattery and Communications Director, Kelly Auxier organized this event that showcased our current work. Fifteen posters from graduate students, faculty and staff at the STEM Center highlighted the Center’s research and people working at the center. Over 50 visitors came to the open house, interacted with the people representing each poster, enjoyed great food and beverages, and most importantly connected with members of the STEM Education Community. Thank you to Jeff Smith of H. B. Fuller Company who sponsored the Open House. We also thank CEHD Dean Jean Quam for joining us at this event.

Our first STEM Center seminar for the 2015-2016 academic year is scheduled for January 29, 2016 from 11:30 – 1:00. We look forward to hearing from Sarah Carter and Laura Beukema from Twin Cities Public Television. Their talk is called: *The SciGirls Seven: A Transmedia Approach to Engaging Girls in STEM*.

We will continue with our STEM seminar series during the spring semester. Look for more information in future newsletters.

The National Council Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference and Exposition takes place at the Minneapolis Convention Center November 11-13. Kathy Cramer is the program chair for this conference. 4 STEM Center faculty and 6 current graduate students will be presenting at this conference. In addition, 7 graduates from the Math Education Ph.D. program are returning to the Twin Cities to present at this 3 day event.

As directors of the STEM Education Center, we feel fortunate to work with such capable and committed people whose work in mathematics, science, engineering and STEM integration continues to improve STEM instruction and learning practices in PreK- 12 classrooms.

Best wishes,
Kathy Cramer & Karl Smith