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**EXPLORE THE SECRET LIVES OF MOLE SALAMANDERS AT SCIENCE CENTER'S
CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE**

***LEARN ABOUT THE ECOLOGY OF THE AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL LIFE STAGES OF
AMPHIBIANS FOUND IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA***

PITTSBURGH, April 26, 2018 — Explore the ecology of the aquatic and terrestrial life stages of mole salamanders at Carnegie Science Center's next Café Sci event. On **Monday, May 7**, from **7–9 pm**, join Dr. Kurt Regester, Associate Biology Professor at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, as he discusses the history of the most secretive salamanders and talks about their roles in ecosystem energy flow.

During his presentation, Regester will talk about the array of adaptations associated with mole salamanders' reproduction and survival, as well as the decline of amphibian diversity around the world.

Regester earned his PhD in Zoology from Southern Illinois University. Prior to his graduate studies, he worked as an Animal Program Supervisor at the Discovery Science Center in California, and as Curator of Education at the Nashville Zoo in Tennessee.

At Clarion, he teaches concepts in zoology, wildlife ecology, population biology, animal behavior, and ornithology. Regester also instructs the field-based course, "Ecology of Amphibians and Reptiles" at the University of Pittsburgh's Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology.

Regester's work has been published more than 25 times in journals such as *Oecologia*, *Freshwater Biology*, and *Copeia*.

Admission to Café Sci is FREE. Food and drinks are available for purchase. The doors to the event open at 6 pm for networking and refreshments, and the event lasts from **7–9 pm**. The evening includes time for informal discussion, eating, and drinking with a cash bar.

For more information and to register, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org or call 412.237.3400.

Café Sci is presented by PPG and sponsored by Green Mountain Energy.

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