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**[“Big Science Through a Small Lens” This Month at Cafe Scientifique](#)**

*Assistant Professor of English Chrissy Kolaya will lead the discussion on the importance of effective science communication.*

The next Café Scientifique will take place on Tuesday, January 26, at 6 p.m. at the Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). Chrissy Kolaya, assistant professor of English at the University of Minnesota, Morris, will lead the discussion: “Big Science Through a Small Lens: the story of the US’s attempt to build the world’s largest particle accelerator, told through the eyes of two families.”

Kolaya’s debut novel, *Charmed Particles*, tells the story of one community’s response when its town comes under consideration as a site for the proposed Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) in the late 1980s. Kolaya will discuss her research into the SSC and the challenge and importance of effective science communication.

Café Scientifique is an ongoing series that offers a space where anyone can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology for the price of a cup of coffee. Meetings take place outside of a traditional academic context and are committed to promoting public engagement with science.

Interested audiences can look forward to additional discussions, typically held on the last Tuesday of selected months. All are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged.

Café Scientifique is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program. Additional information is available at [morris.umn.edu/hhmi](http://morris.umn.edu/hhmi).

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