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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE "Cells in Motion" the Focus of this Month's Cafe Scientifique

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.

MORRIS, Minnesota (September 19, 2016)—The next Café Scientifique will take place on Tuesday, September 27, at 6 p.m. at the Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). Associate Professor of Biology PZ Myers and Katrine Sjovold '18, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will lead the discussion: "Cells in Motion: How Cells Move to Build Embryos, Create Patterns, and Cause Cancer."

Myers and Sjovold have been studying migrating cells in zebrafish embryos as a model for how cells rearrange themselves in constructing tissues, organs, and organisms. They have focused on melanocytes, the cells that make pigment stripes in the animal, because their behavior is universal and is also important in human diseases, like melanoma.

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