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We're in the homestretch, everybody! LOTS of special events coming up to finish out the semester - including a near-total solar eclipse on Monday(!), so read on so you don't miss out.

Our next issue will be published on Wednesday, April 17. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please email [krisfres@umich.edu](mailto:krisfres@umich.edu) by Monday, April 15.

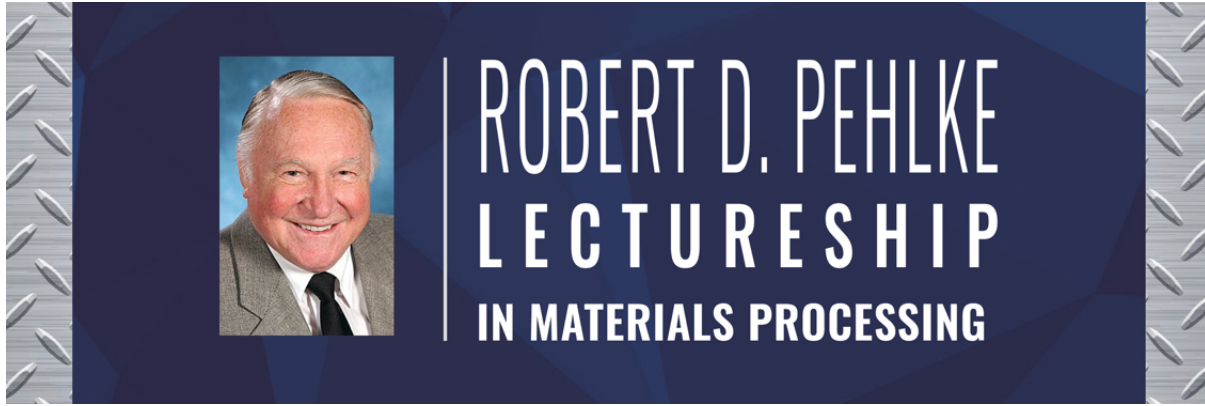
## Events Recap

**Holi celebration features fun and festive foods**

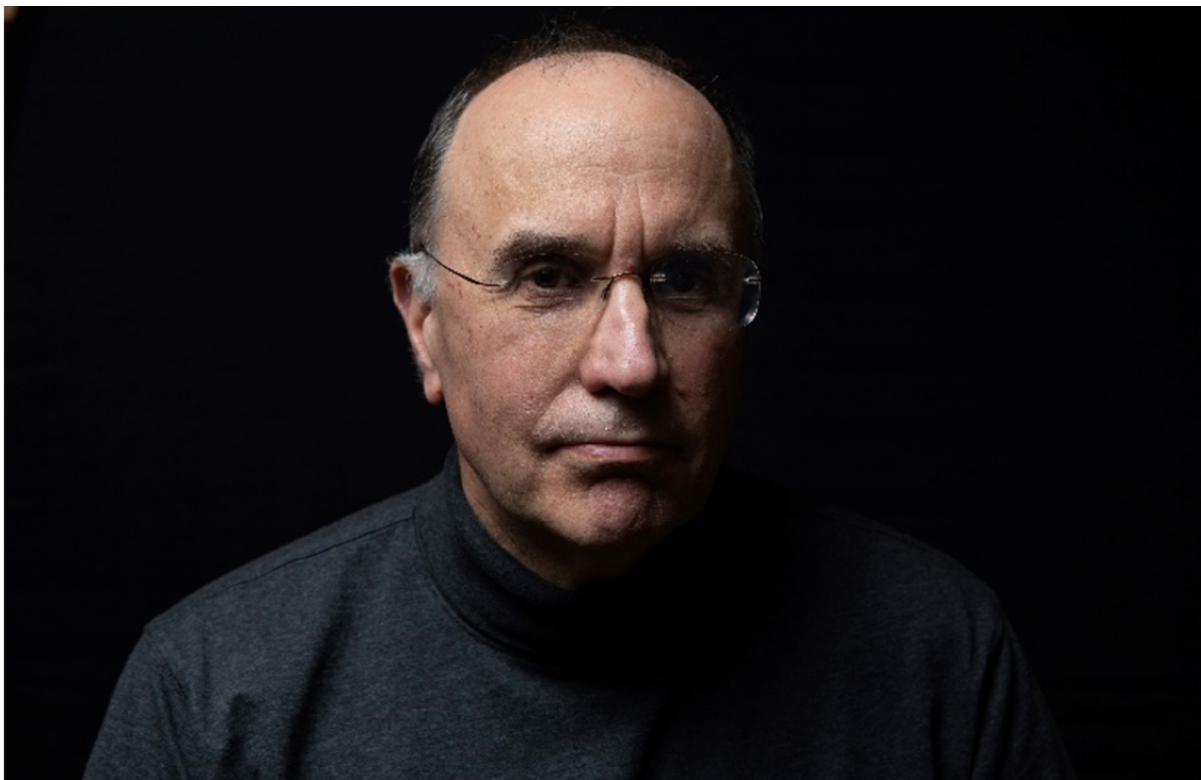


MSE students enjoying the Holi celebration on Monday, March 25 include (top left) **Arkajit Ghosh**, (middle right) **Maheshwari Kakade** and **Harshada Suryawanshi**, and (bottom) seniors **Heather Hare**, **Vincent Bouwhuis**, **Haley Whalen**, **Drew Novak**, **Audrey Young** and **Sabrina Huynh**. Participants enjoyed delicious samosas, vegetable pakora, gulab jamun, carrot halwa and mango lassis catered from Madras Masala. Click [here](#) to see more photos.

# Upcoming Events



## 2024 Pehlke Lecture with Michael Cima this Friday



As the 2024 Pehlke Lecturer, **MIT Professor Michael J. Cima** will present "*Translational biomedical engineering*" on **Friday, April 5 at 10:15 a.m. in 1013 Dow**. Prof. Cima is actively involved in materials and engineered systems for improvement in human health such as treatments for cancer, metabolic diseases, trauma, and urological disorders. *The lectureship is open to everyone, so please join*

*us for this special event!*

## Special events this month for undergraduates

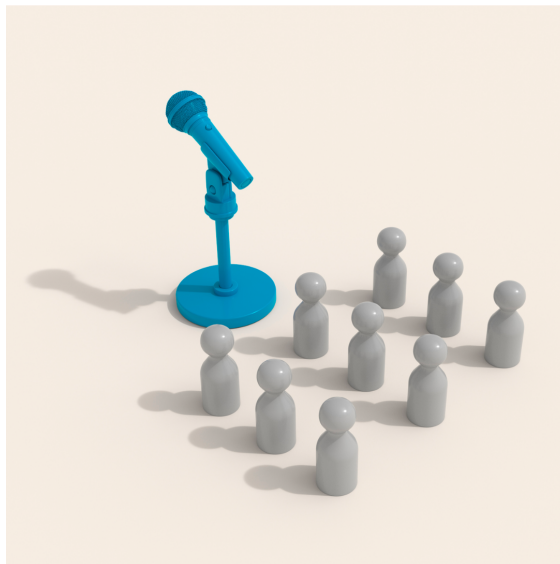


### MMS Board Elections

**When:** Friday, April 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Where:** 1571 GGB

**What:** Come vote and enjoy some **pizza!**



### Town Hall with Profs. Holm, Yalisove and Shahani

**When:** Wednesday, April 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Blue Lounge, 1280 GGB

**What:** **ALL undergraduate MSE-declared students** are invited to give feedback about the department.



### Foraina with Tim



### Student Appreciation

**When:** Sunday, April 14 - 10:00-2:00  
(weather permitting)

**Where:** Dr. Tim Chambers' blacksmithing lab in Whitmore Lake

**What:** Learn the basics of forging! There are 14 slots available, but no limit for the potluck or to just watch. All levels welcome. [Sign up](#) by **April 10**.

## Student Appreciation Luncheon

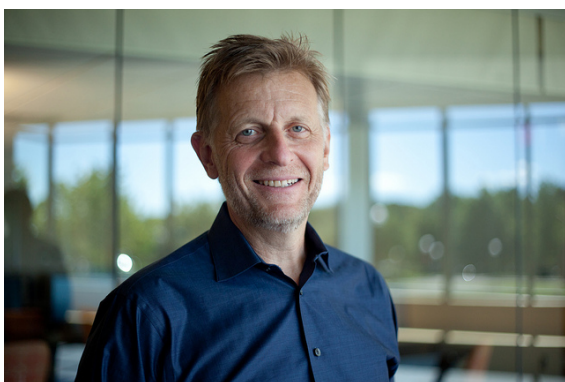
**When:** Friday, April 19 - 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** 1571 GGB

**What:** All undergraduates are invited to our annual Student Appreciation Luncheon, where, as a thank you, faculty & staff will build your lunch to order. [RSVP](#) required by **April 10**.



## Graduate Student Bootcamp with John Kieffer April 5



### "Keeping Lab Notebooks Updated"

**Presenter:** Professor John Kieffer

**When:** Friday, April 5, 12-1:00 p.m.

**Where:** 1005 H.H. Dow

Lunch will be provided for all registrants

[Register here](#)

## Abdon Pena-Francesch part of Saturday Morning Physics

### "Bioinspired microrobotics: Lessons from Nature" (family-friendly event)

**Presenter:** Assistant Professor Abdon Pena-Francesch

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** 170 & 182 Weiser Hall or live stream:

<https://youtu.be/lbsL6DXRfHE>



## Registration open for 2024 Graduation Awards Dinner



**The Class of 2024** - seniors and all graduating master's and PhD students - plus all MSE faculty and staff are invited to attend our annual MSE Graduation Awards Dinner on **Thursday, April 25, 6-8 p.m.** at the Ford Robotics Building. Please [\*\*RSVP by Thursday, April 11.\*\*](#)

# Special Announcements

## Sounding the alarm: important PSAs about Dow safety

Keith McIntyre, MSE senior facilities engineer, passed along this important information:

- When an alarm goes off in the building, you must assume the alarm is real and not a drill.
- Please listen carefully to the public address system for instructions **and follow those directions.**

Here are the three types of alarms you could hear and the actions you should take:

### Fire Alarms

- Leave the building immediately.
- Either exit the first floor doors and gather in the Grove east of the Bell Tower or exit from the third floor doors and cluster inside the circle of the driveway.
- Move away from the building; do not congregate by the doors.

### Severe Weather

- Gather in the main east-west hallway on the first floor outside of the classrooms.

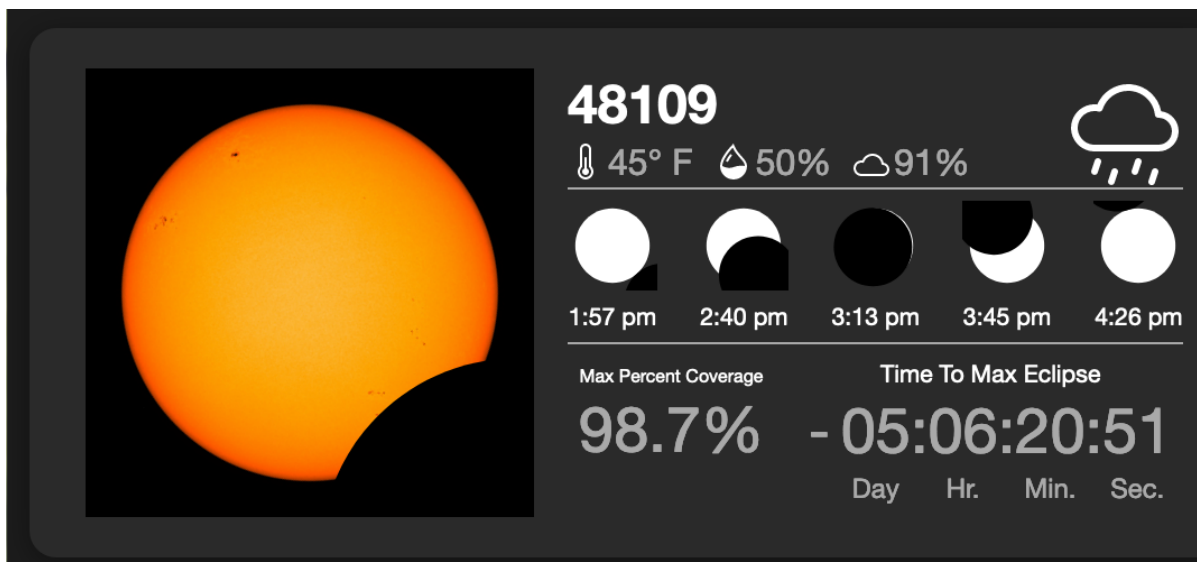
### Active assailant

- Remember the mantra *Run, Hide, Fight*.
- If you can get away safely, leave the area.
- If you do not feel it's safe to leave, shelter in place and barricade yourself in an area farthest away from the threat
- In the worst case scenario, fight with whatever resources you have available.

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## Solar eclipse event happening this Monday, April 8

A [total solar eclipse](#) will cross North America on Monday and all of Michigan will at least get to see a partial eclipse. Here in Ann Arbor, we should experience 98% coverage starting at 1:57 p.m. with maximum coverage at 3:13 p.m. and ending at 4:26 p.m. (See [NASA data](#) for zip code 48109 below.) It will be the last solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States until 2044.



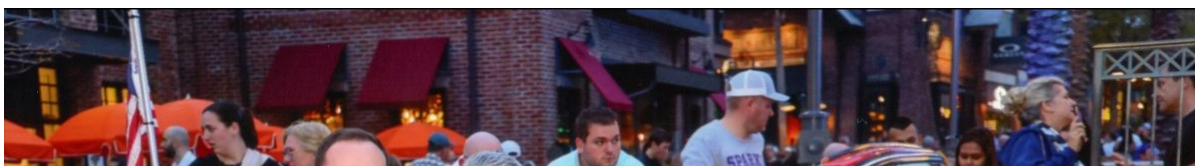
## Faculty News & Awards

### Hovden receives 2024 MSE Faculty Award



**Associate Professor Robert Hovden** is the recipient of the 2024 MSE Faculty Outstanding Accomplishment Award for his stellar performance in materials research and teaching, and service to the department. He will be officially recognized at the Graduation Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 25. ***Congratulations, Robert!***

## And on that note...





During the TMS Annual Meeting in Orlando last month, MSE chair **Liz Holm**, along with MSE alum Jonathan Madison (right) of NSF and Michael Titus of Purdue (left) had the opportunity to take a drive (and boat ride) in an [amphicar](#). The vehicle started as a car on land but then drove down a boat ramp straight into a lake, where they chugged around until it was time to drive back out of the water.



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