

# “Talk Nerdy” with Cara Santa Maria

Friday, Feb. 13, 2-3pm

Room 204 SEC



Cara Santa Maria is the host of the popular "Talk Nerdy to Me" science podcast. She has dedicated her life to improving science literacy by communicating scientific principles across media platforms. Although she began in academia intending to earn her Ph.D. and become a research scientist, life took her in another direction. She left her Ph.D. program to pursue science journalism, and she now works as a science communicator, writer, producer, and television personality.

Cara will be giving a talk for UH Math students, both undergraduate and graduate. She'll discuss her career as a science communicator and have a Q&A session where students can ask questions.

Science (and Mathematics) journalism is a growing field, and this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about different career paths outside of academia that one can pursue with a mathematics degree.

In addition to her “Talk Nerdy” podcast, Cara Santa Maria is the former senior science writer of the Huffington Post, a current member of The Young Turks, and a regular contributor to "TechKnow" on Al Jazeera America and "SoCal Connected" on KCET. She is also a native Texan with a B.S. in Psychology and an M.S. in Neurobiology from the University of North Texas.

Cara is also giving a talk on "Women and Minorities in STEM" on Thursday afternoon. See <http://www.math.uh.edu/PME/WhySoFew.pdf> for more details. This Friday talk, however, is exclusively for Math Students.

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