**Title:** “Too creative for science?”

**Professional Title:** Professor of Genetics

Affiliate Faculty member in Life Sciences Communication & the Division of the Arts

**Brief Description:** Have you ever wondered what it is like to grow up in a family of artists and then end up a scientist? What does thinking like an artist offer the scientist? Can the blending of art and science encourage a more diverse population of students to pursue science, and improve the public understanding of science? Ahna will give you an exciting glimpse into her life and how she has impacted science, education and the public with her two passions: science and art.

**About the speaker:** Ahna is a Professor in the Department of Genetics and also an affiliate faculty member in Life Sciences Communication and the Division of the Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She mentors both scientists and art students in her lab, and also serves on the board of the Wisconsin Science Museum, where many of her art-science collaborations are on display. In 2008, she was named a Remarkable Women in Science from the AAAS. In 2015, she was honored as a Kavli Fellow from the National Academy of Sciences. In 2018, she was awarded the first ever Inclusive Excellence Award by the ASCB and HHMI. In 2019, was awarded the honor to serve as a AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador for Women in STEM. Her science and art have been featured by Apple, *The Scientist, USA Today, Smithsonian, PBS.org, NPR* and *Science* magazine. One of her great hobbies is cooking/baking, including scientific cakes, and she manages a foodblog, [foodskop.com](http://foodskop.com), and her social media sites (@foodskop) in her free time.

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