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**PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY:
“BIOLOGICAL/PREMEDICAL ILLUSTRATION PROGRAM”**

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Executive Summary: This presentation will highlight ISU's interdepartmental undergraduate program in Biological/Premedical Illustration (BPMI), a shared program of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Design. BPMI's mission is “communicating science through art.” This program is designed for students who want to combine their interests and aptitudes in science and art. Students learn the latest artistic techniques, visual design skills, and the business of being a visual communicator. They become proficient in producing a broad range of artwork, including drawings, paintings and photographs, which are scientifically accurate and aesthetically pleasing. The presentation will be led by Lynn Clark and Laura Ekl.

Lynn Clark

Lynn Clark, professor of ecology, evolution, and organismal biology, directs Iowa State's undergraduate program in Biological/Premedical Illustration. She is one of the world's leading authorities on bamboo, having named more than 90 species since her research began more than 25 years ago. Professor Clark holds undergraduate degrees in botany and horticulture from Michigan State University, and received a Ph.D. in botany from Iowa State in 1986.



Laura Ekl

Laura Ekl, a senior from Lake Zurich, Illinois, is a student in the Biological/Premedical Illustration program. As part of her program, Laura has studied cell biology, animal behavior, ecology, human and chordate anatomy, physiology, organic chemistry, and psychology. Laura, who is also earning minors in biology and mathematics, serves as a tutor in biology and math, and is an orientation leader for new students.

