WL Professor elected co-spokesperson of STAR experiment

Helen Caines, Associate Professor of Physics, has been elected co-spokesperson of the STAR experiment at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at Brookhaven National Laboratory. STAR is a large collider detector that investigates the quark-gluon plasma that existed in the first microseconds after the Big Bang. The STAR Collaboration consists of around 600 faculty, national laboratory scientists, postdoctoral fellows, engineers and students from 61 institutions in 13 countries. Professor Caines will commence her three-year term on July 1, 2017, with newly-elected fellow co-spokesperson Dr. Zhangbu Xu, a Yale Ph.D. graduate with Professor Jack Sandweiss and currently a Staff Scientist at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

According to Horace D. Taft Associate Professor of Physics Sarah Demers, “Helen is amazing. She does a [great deal] of service (chairing a university-wide IT committee, serving on the UWC, chairing our climate and diversity committee), incredibly innovative teaching ... , AND she co-taught the ‘Being Human in STEM’ course and has done presentations for the teaching community at the CTL), and she has consistently been at the forefront of the most exciting developments in her field.”

Congratulations, Helen!