



## **Science Distilled: The Story of the Future**

*Empowering communities with models and forecasting*

**RENO, Nev. (Jan. 22, 2024)** – The first installment of the 2024 Science Distilled lecture series will kick off with an exploration of the powerful models and forecasting that keep the public informed about critical environmental and community concerns. Desert Research Institute (DRI) and the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) present “Science Distilled: The Story of the Future” on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at DRI’s Elizabeth West Stout Conference Center, 2215 Raggio Pkwy. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Join distinguished speakers as they discuss the dynamics of urban heat and extreme weather modeling, as well as the role of community dashboards in presenting quality-of-life data and how this data is being used to accurately predict education outcomes. Featured panelists include Dr. John Meija, associate research professor of climatology; Kylie Rowe, executive director of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, a grassroots organization that collects and publishes quality-of-life indicator data in Northern Nevada; and JT Stark, data visualization and analytics coordinator at Washoe County School District. Visitors will learn how data-driven models enhance readiness and responses to challenges in the changing world.

Science Distilled, the lecture series created by DRI and The Discovery, makes cutting-edge science approachable through presentations on current and curious topics, held at hip locations in a social atmosphere. Started in 2016, speakers at Science Distilled events have covered topics ranging from genetics, to climate change, to personal energy independence.

Tickets for Science Distilled are \$10 for members of The Discovery and \$15 for nonmembers. Science Distilled is presented with support from Ormat Technologies Inc., IMBIB Custom Brews, KUNR and PBS Reno. Visit [sciencedistilled.org](https://www.sciencedistilled.org) for more information or to purchase tickets.

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### **About The Discovery**

The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs, exhibitions and events, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum’s mission, visit [www.nvdm.org](https://www.nvdm.org).