The Small Hall Makerspace in the Physics Department at the College of William & Mary, Virginia, provides students with access to equipment that is usually only found in research labs and machine shops, off-limits to all but a few. By encouraging an ecosystem of student clubs and the integration of makerspace activities in courses, the makerspace has expanded to provide students of both arts and sciences with a space where they can learn and innovate in interdisciplinary groups without the time pressures and rigid expectations of traditional teaching labs. In collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Center of the Business School, we are developing an entrepreneurship physics track that combines makerspace projects with development of funding proposals, business plans and management plans. At our relatively small institution without an engineering school we are using the makerspace to create experiences in innovation and entrepreneurship for our students.

TIME: 3:45-4:45 pm, Thursday, October 6, 2016
(refreshments: 3:30 pm)

PLACE: B-1220 Lehman Auditorium, SEH building, GWU
800 22nd Street, NW (use 22nd street entrance)
METRO STATION: GWU/FOGGY BOTTOM (BLUE & ORANGE LINES)