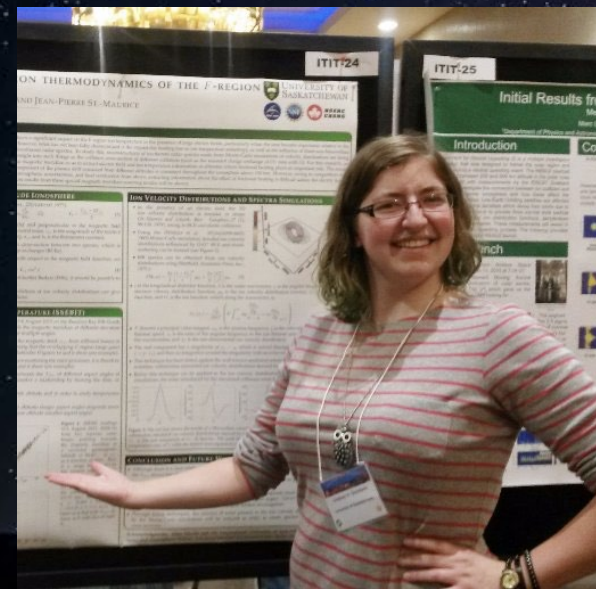


# From newcomer to networker: Creating a collaborative community

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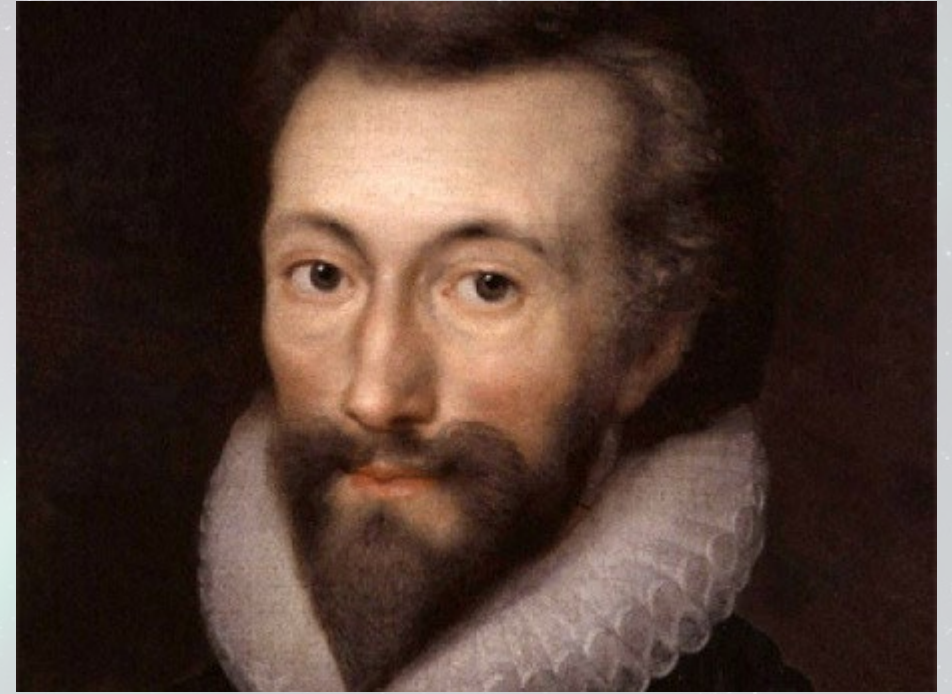


**No man\* is an island,**  
*Entire of itself;  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.*

*If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less,  
As well as if a promontory were:  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were.*

*Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee.*

- John Donne, 1624



**\*(person)**



# Why network and be *collaborative*?

- It helps your research!
  - Few research papers have only one author.
- It helps your funding!
  - Learn about new funding opportunities
  - Learn how to write proposals
  - Create more powerful proposals
- It helps your mental health!
  - Many scientists have a shared experience, and we can help each other get through rough times
  - Your network will help you know when you are doing too much, and help you refocus.
  - Your network will also help you know what you should expect as your progress in your career/life.
    - Particularly in CEDAR-GEM, which is so multi-generational.





# Tips on Networking

- **Use your talents**
  - Don't do things you do not want to.
- Get involved
  - Stay within your bandwidth
  - Do not worry about being too “junior” or “senior”
- Talk to others
  - I have a community of colleagues (friends) that I will know for decades
- Help others and ask folks to collaborate.







# Summary

- I have certainly had my problems, but have found a lot of support.
- I am having lots of fun being in this community and getting to know you all.
  - I hope to stay involved for decades to come.
  - I look forward to working with the community in the ways that work for me.

