FOOD AND DRINK: No one can live on science alone.

Lunch:
Within five blocks of the conference venue, you can go to Lennie’s ($$), which does excellent pizza, Jimmy John’s ($) sandwiches or Sobon ($, no-frills Korean). Grab an ice cream from Red Mango or an excellent bubble tea from Bapu’s stand while you’re there! The school library (next door to the conference) has a food court in the basement called Bookmarket Eatery, but it opens at 1 pm Saturday/Sunday (Burgers, Coffee, Ice Cream)

Dinner:
Go to beautiful downtown Bloomington! Walk through the beautiful IU campus, which is very woody. Navigate to the Sample Gates, then take Kirkwood west until you hit Downtown: aka ‘The Square’ (At Kirkwood and Walnut). If you’re driving, take 10th Street west to College, turn Left, and you’ll be run into the square. If you need to park downtown, most places don’t have individual parking lots--there are paid meters on the street or a free parking garage between Walnut and College on 4th Street.

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• Farm Bloomington: Upscale farm-to-table with a killer cocktail menu. Off the square.
• Uptown Café: Upscale Cajun with great wine options and ample portions. Off the square.
• Cardinal Spirits: A local distillery with a superb small plates menu using local ingredients. A 10 minute walk down the B-line Trail from downtown, very limited parking.

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• Esan Thai is authentic Thai food at reasonable prices. Excellent vegetarian options. Near campus.
• King Dough does thin, wood-fired pizza with a dazzling array of high-quality toppings—watch out, it gets busy! On the Square.
• Function Brewery has a short menu if you’re overwhelmed by options. They offer panini, soup, dessert, and meat & cheese plates. Make sure to try the milk stout! Off the square.
• Homie Hotpot is right off the Square, and for about $20, you can get unlimited sushi and authentic hotpot. Great for groups.
• Upland Brewery (you’ve seen them on Parks and Rec!) is one of the earliest craft breweries in town. They have American favorites served with their classic brews. Their pizza is great! Plan on driving here—they have their own parking lot.

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• The Owlery is vegan and vegetarian friendly, with vegetarian versions of American comfort food (think seitan and tofu). Lovely for breakfast as well. Off the Square.
• Mother Bear’s pizza is Chicago style—it is a campus favorite, no frills, but takes about 30 minutes if you go deep dish! Directly south of the conference on campus at 3rd street.
• Dat’s is Cajun on a budget under $10 for a very filling lunch. Close to campus.
• Falafels is Greek on the cheap—Shwarma, sandwiches, and of course, falafels. Between campus and downtown.
• The Tap is a great choice if you just want a bite of something—try their fries. On the Square.
• Anything on 4th Street between Dunn and Lincoln will be authentic food beyond American favorites: Thai, Chinese, Tibetan, Korean, Turkish, and more. Close to campus.
• There’s several chains on Kirkwood if you’re thinking something familiar: Chipotle, Qdoba, Noodles and Company, and Potbellies. All are close to campus.

Bars:
For the most extensive tap selection, try the Tap (On the square). It’s often busy late at night, but has live music and the most taps in town. That said, Bloomington is home to many superb local brew pubs, many of which are easy to access: Bloomington Brewing Company is just 5 blocks from the conference (inside Lennie’s), and downtown, there’s Function, the Tap, and Upland. If beer isn’t your scene, the Cade is an arcade bar with $5 cover, but free games upon entering and cheap cocktails, alcoholic slushies, and reasonable beer prices, right off the Square. There’s several upscale cocktail locations (Uptown, Farm), but for a unique Bloomington experience, try the local craft distillery: Cardinal Spirits. Cardinal is a short walk down the B-line trail from Downtown, but well worth it. They have excellent cocktails, a lovely patio with a great view, and fantastic liquor.