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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual SEFH Seminar Judging Matters Panel

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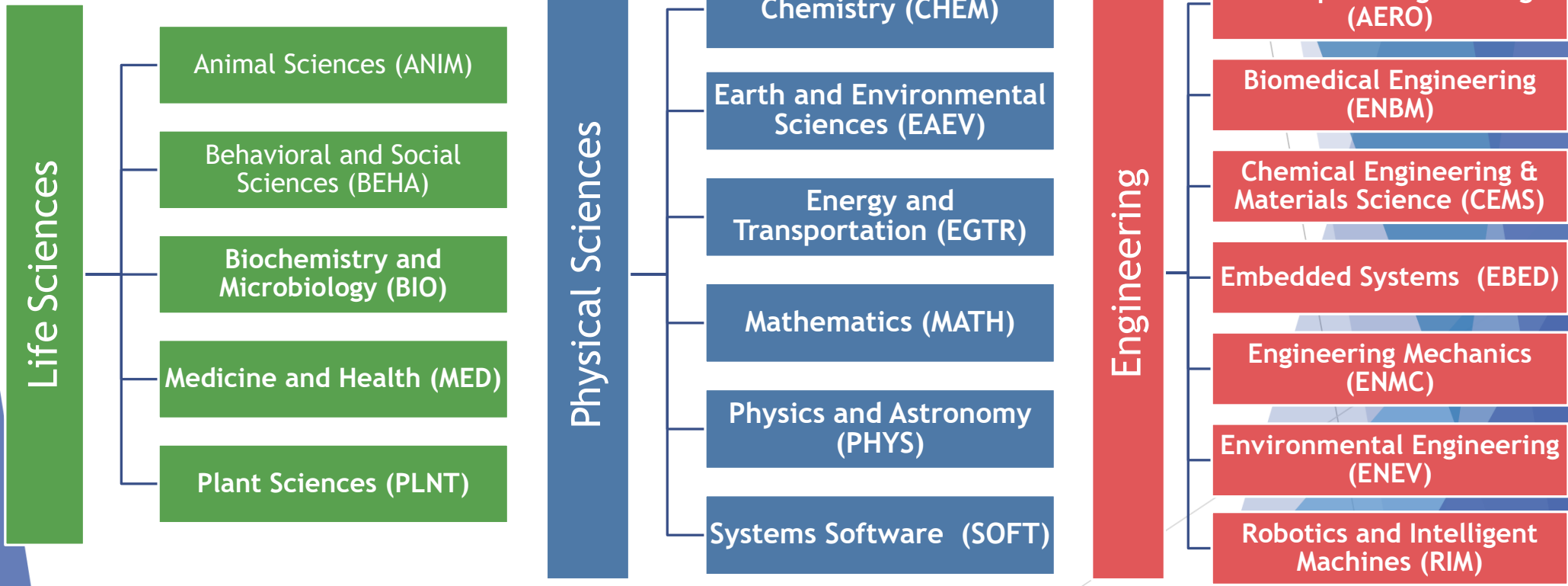
## Panelists

Andrew Kapral  
Judging Co-Chair

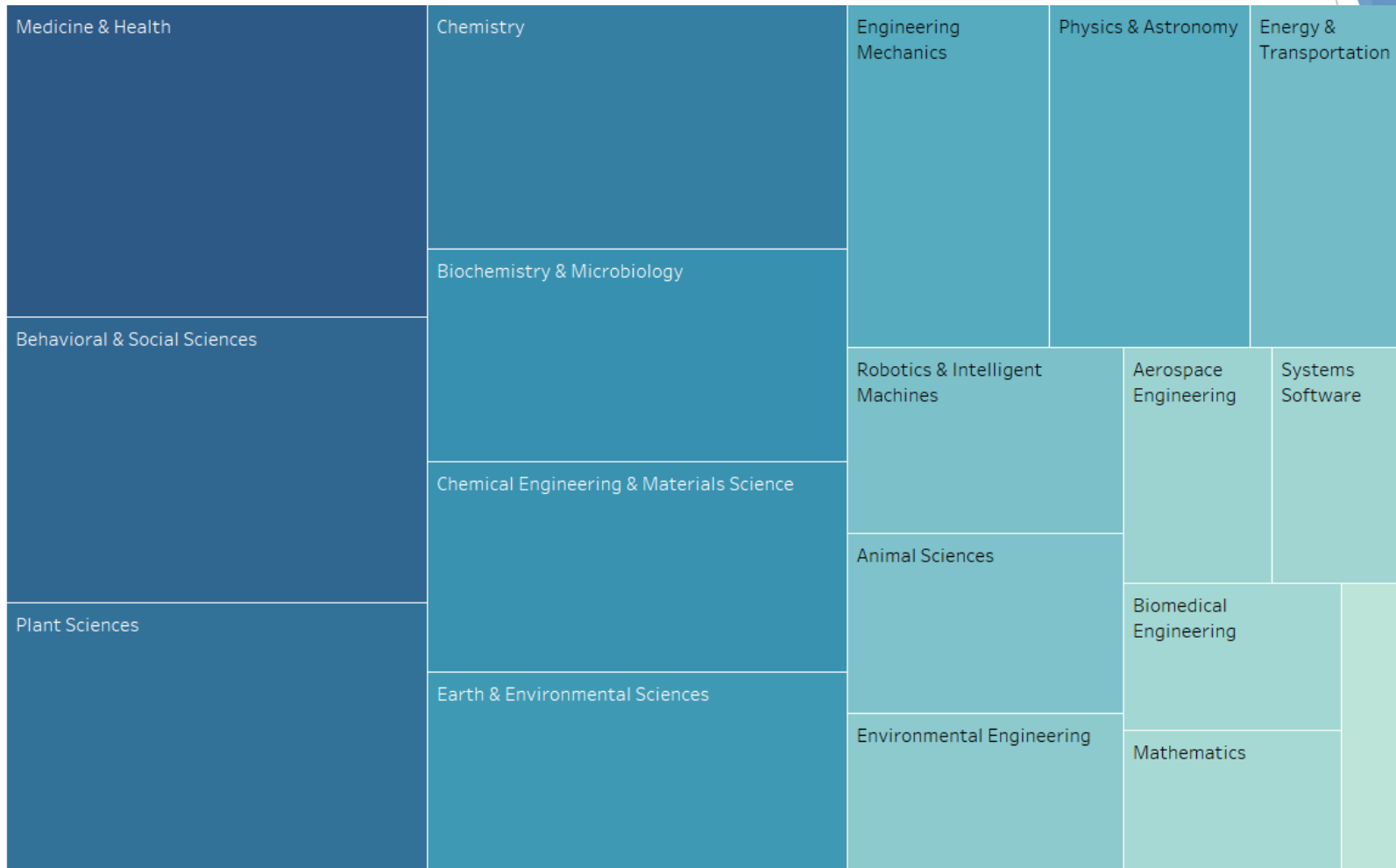
Erika Orrick  
Systems Software Category Coordinator

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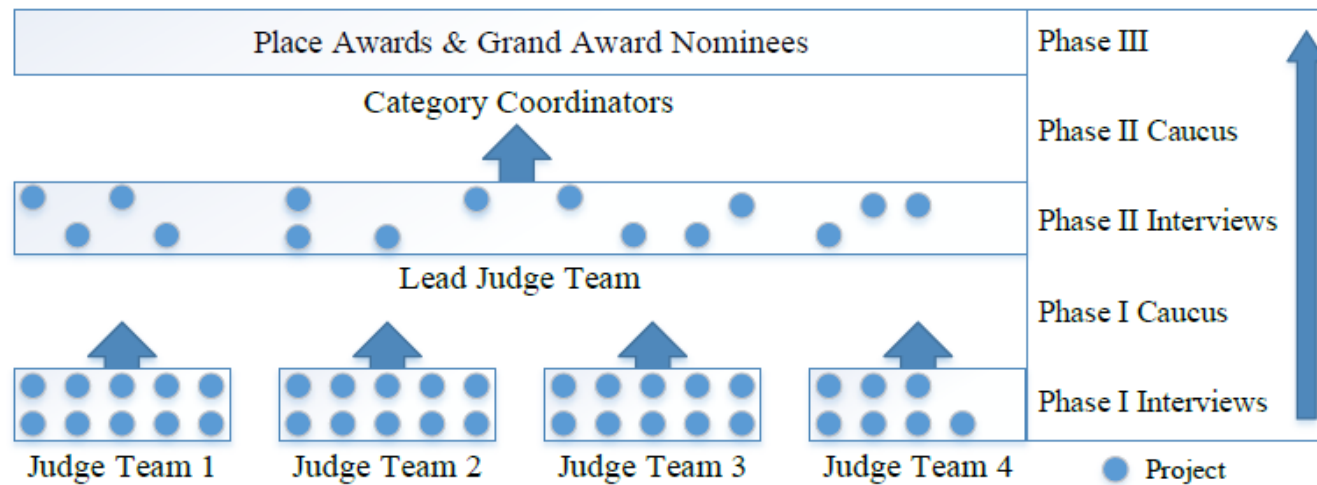
# SEFH 2023 Category Structure



# Categories



# The Judging Process



Round 1: Judge Teams (3-4 judges) score 7-12 projects & select 20%-30% for Phase 2

Phase II: Most Judges provide feedback to project which did not advance.  
Lead Judge Teams review projects & select Place Awards.

Phase III: Most Judges are not involved.  
Category Coordinators review 5-6 projects & select Grand Awards

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## Special Cases

- Team Projects: Should not be held to an artificially higher standard. It is reasonable to expect team members to explain their contributions to the project.
- Continuation Projects: Students choosing to extend their work from a previous year should be able to demonstrate advancement from one year to the next. Continuation projects are identified by a form.
- Regulated Research: Projects conducted outside the home, school, or the field (e.g. research institution, industrial) will be identified with a form. These projects should be the students own work but may be connected to the ongoing work of the larger organization. **It is not your responsibility to determine whether a student did the work on their own.**

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# Panel Discussion

## **Creating your project**

- Picking a topic
- Picking a category
- Designing & executing a project

## **Presenting your project**

- The display
- The Interview

**Questions?**

