



**Thursday,
August 30th
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

Hopheads Brewery and Bottle Shop
150 High St SE in Downtown Salem

The State of Oregon Research Academy (SORA) exists to offer those working for the State of Oregon an opportunity to network, build connections for collaboration, and learn more about research, data, and statistics.

2:00-2:15 pm: Presentation I

Becca Bourson
Oregon Department of Transportation
Geographic Information Services (GIS) Analyst

Becca will provide an overview of the work done by the GIS unit, available data, and how you can use it.

2:15-2:30 pm Presentation II

Job Vacancy Survey of Employers

Henry Fields
Oregon Employment Department
Workforce Analyst for Lane County

Henry will discuss the process, results, and findings of the Employment Department's annual Job Vacancy Survey of Employers. With over 5,000 business responses across the state in 2017, the data show key differences in how difficult it is to fill jobs in different regions, occupations, and industries. He will also share how he uses the data to help employers in Lane county understand the tightening labor market.

2:30-3:30 pm Bingo and Networking

Enjoy a game and time to connect with fellow state employees. Refreshments are provided by SEIU 217 Sub-Local and prepared by Marshall Ryan, Executive Chef at Hopheads Brewery and Bottle Shop.

For more details about the venue, please see: <https://hopheadsbeer.com>



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For questions, contact Will Burchard at william.g.burchard@oregon.gov.

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