

Consensus Study on Enhancing the Reach and Contributions of Informal STEM Learning

Public Information-Gathering Session #1 Agenda

May 7, 2026 (VIRTUAL)

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME

- 12:30 pm** **Arrival of Speakers**
- 12:45 pm** **Welcome, Overview of the Study and Open Session**
Heidi Schweingruber, Senior Program Director, SEEW
Leslie Herrenkohl, Study Chair
Tiffany E. Taylor, Study Director
- 1:00 pm** **Sponsor Remarks on the Study**
Moderator: *Leslie Herrenkohl, Study Chair*
- Speakers:
- **Alicia Santiago Gonzalez, National Science Foundation**
 - **Amy Wilson, National Science Foundation**
- 1:30 pm** **The Informal STEM Education Landscape: Past, Present, and Future**
Moderator: *Kirsten Ellenbogen, Committee Member*
- **Framework for Evaluating Impacts of Informal Science Education Projects-** *Sue Allen, Clean Conferencing Institute*
 - **Learning Science in Informal Environments: People, Places, and Pursuits-** *Sue Allen & Vera Michalchik*
 - **Identifying and Supporting Productive STEM Programs in OST Settings-** *Vera Michalchik, Stanford University*
 - **Learning Through Citizen Science: Enhancing Opportunities by Design-** *Raj Pandya, Arizona State University*
 - **Reimagining Equity and Values in Informal STEM Education (REVISE)-** *Stephen Alkins, TERC*

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- 2:35 pm** **Q&A and Discussion**
- 3:00 pm** **Break**
- 3:15 pm** **Exploring Big Ideas in Informal STEM Education**
Moderator: **Bruce Lewenstein**, *Committee Member*
- **STEM Learning in Digital Spaces**
Breanne Litts, Utah State University
 - **Informal STEM Education for Adult Learners**
Jill Zarestky, Colorado State University
 - **Informal STEM Learning and Societal Impact**
Nicole Ardoin, Stanford University
- 4:05 pm** **Q&A and Discussion**
- 4:30 pm** **Adjourn**