

Disrupting Ableism and Advancing STEM: Fostering Effective Mentorship in the STEM Ecosystem

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12:00–12:05 PM ET

Welcome from the Planning Committee Chair

- Bonnielin Swenor, PhD, MPH
Director, Johns Hopkins Disability Health
Research Center

12:05–12:45 PM ET

The Role of Mentorship in Disrupting Ableism and Advancing STEM

Moderator:

- Rupa Sheth Valdez, PhD
Associate Director, Department of Public
Health Sciences and the Department of
Systems and Information Engineering,
University of Virginia

Paper Presenters:

- Melissa McDaniels, PhD
Scientist and Associate Executive Director,
Center for the Improvement of Mentored
Experiences in Research (CIMER),
University of Wisconsin, Madison

- Edmund Asiedu, MPA
Co-Chair, National Disability Mentoring
Coalition (NDMC)

12:45–1:30 PM ET

Effective Mentorship Relationships: Fireside Chats

Moderator:

- Michele Cooke, PhD
Professor, Department of Earth, Geographic
and Climate Sciences,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Mentorship Pair #1:

- Hoby Wedler, PhD
Founding Partner/CEO,
Wedland Group
- Dean J. Tantillo, PhD
Professor Department of Chemistry,
University of California, Davis

Mentorship Pair #2:

- Raja S. Kushalnagar, JD, LLM, PhD
Professor and Director of the Information
Technology Undergraduate Program and
Accessible Human-Centered Computing
Graduate Program, Gallaudet University

- Matthew Seita, PhD
Recent Graduate, Department of Computing and Information Sciences,
Rochester Institute of Technology

Mentorship Group #3:

- Kristen Shinohara, PhD
Assistant Professor, School of Information,
Rochester Institute of Technology
- Loam Shin
Undergraduate Student and Research Assistant, Center for Accessibility and Inclusion, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Michelle Olson, BS
Master's Student, School of Information, Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Rochester Institute of Technology

1:30–2:00 PM ET

Break

2:00–2:45 PM ET

Programs to Foster Effective Mutual Mentorships Among Disabled Individuals

Moderator:

- Logan Gin, PhD
Assistant Director of STEM Education,

Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning,
Brown University

Panelists:

- Erica Avery, PhD
Recent Graduate, Department of
Physiology, Johns Hopkins University
- Ana Caicedo, PhD
Professor of Biology, University of
Massachusetts, Amherst and
Co-Director, The Mind Hears
- Alyssa Paparella, BA
PhD Candidate, Cancer and Cell Biology
PhD Program and Center for Precision
Environmental Health, Baylor College of
Medicine and Founder, DisabledinSTEM
- Edward O. Manyibe, PhD, CRC
Capacity Building Director and Research
Associate Professor, Rehabilitation
Research and Training Center (RRTC) on
Research and Capacity Building for Minority
Entities, Langston University

2:45–3:00 PM ET

**Reflections and Overview of Upcoming
Series Sessions**

- Christopher Atchison, PhD
Program Director,
Directorate for STEM
Education (EDU), Division

for
Equity of Excellence in
STEM (EES), National
Science Foundation (NSF)
and Professor, School of
Education and Department
of Geology, University of
Cincinnati

- Mark H. Leddy, PhD, MS
Lead Program Director,
Division of Equity for
Excellence in STEM and the
Directorate for STEM
Education (EDU), National
Science Foundation
- Bonnielin Swenor, PhD,
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Director, Johns Hopkins
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