

Disrupting Ableism and Advancing STEM: Creating Disability-Inclusive Workforces and Workplaces

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

12:00–12:05 PM ET Welcome from the Planning Committee Member

- Jordan Rodriguez, MS
Civil Engineer in Training, Phoenix DPG Co-Lead, Stantec

12:05-12:45 PM ET Workplace Experiences and Advice from and for Decision Makers

Moderator:

- David Caudel, PhD
Associate Director, Frist Center for Autism and Innovation, Vanderbilt University

Panelists:

- Amy Bower, PhD
Senior Scientist, Physical Oceanography, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Susanne M. Bruyère, PhD, CRC
Academic Director, K. Lisa Yang and Hock E. Tan Institute on Employment and Disability and Principal Investigator and Co-Project Director, EARN
- Meenakshi Das, MS
Software Engineer, Microsoft
- Anupa Iyer Geevarghese, JD
Chief of Staff, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP),
U.S. Department of Labor

12:45–1:15 PM ET *Break*

1:15–2:00 PM ET Moving Beyond Compliance with Legal and Employment Policies and Procedures

Moderator:

- Logan Gin, PhD
Assistant Director of STEM Education, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning,
Brown University

Panelists:

- Cathie Axe, MEd
Executive Director, Student Disability Services (SDS), Johns Hopkins University
- Jasmine Harris, JD
Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania
- Aaron Konopasky, JD, PhD
Senior Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

2:00–2:45 PM ET

Supporting Worker Professional Development and Career Advancement

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Associate Director, Frist Center for Autism and Innovation
Vanderbilt University

Panelists:

- Ernie Dianastasis, MBA
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI)
- John Tschida, MPP
Executive Director, Association of American Centers on Disabilities (AACD)
- Mariah Lynn Arral, BS
NIH National Research Service Award F31 Fellow and Doctoral Candidate,
Department of Chemical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University
- Christian Vogler, PhD
Director, Technology Access Program
Principal Investigator for Telecommunications Access,
Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center
Gallaudet University

2:45–3:00 PM ET

Reflection 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

- Jordan Rodriguez, MS
Civil Engineer in Training, Phoenix DPG Co-Lead
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3:00 PM ET

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