

## Disrupting Ableism and Advancing STEM: Rooting Out Bias and Barriers

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**12:00–12:05 PM ET**

### **Welcome**

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

**12:05-12:35 PM ET**

**Understanding Workplace and Workforce Barriers to Full Participation of People with Disabilities**

Facilitator:

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

Paper Presenter:

- Kate Mittendorf, PhD  
Senior Staff Scientist, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

**12:35–1:15 PM ET**

**Reflections on Solutions to Barriers Experienced by People with Disabilities in STEM**

Co-Moderators:

- Anita Marshall, PhD  
Assistant Instructional Professor,  
Department of Geological Sciences,  
University of Florida
- Mona Minkara, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Department of  
Bioengineering, Northeastern University

Panelists:

- Joey Ramp-Adams  
Founder & CEO, Empower Ability Consulting (EAC), Inc.
- Rory Cooper, PhD, PLY  
Assistant Vice Chancellor and Distinguished Professor, Research for STEM-Health Sciences Collaborations, Office of Senior Vice Chancellor for Research and Founding Director of Human Engineering Research Laboratories, University of Pittsburgh
- Sheri Byrne-Haber, JD, MBA  
Author, “This Week In Accessibility” Medium Blog

**1:15–1:45 PM ET**

***Break***

**1:45–2:30 PM ET**

**Overcoming Bias and Stigma**

Moderator:

- Emily Ackerman, PhD  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Lahav Lab,  
Department of Systems Biology, Harvard  
Medical School

Panelists:

- Andrew Houtenville, PhD  
Research Director, Institute on Disability  
and Professor of Economics, University of  
New Hampshire
- L. Miché Aaron, MS  
Doctoral Student, Department of Earth and  
Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins  
University
- Hoby Wedler, PhD  
Founding Partner/CEO, Wedland Group

**2:30–3:00 PM ET**

**Series Synthesis and Reflection**

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

**3:00 PM ET**

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