

Higher Education's Path to Sustainability and Resilience: A Workshop

Committee

Gillian Bowser

Chair

Dr. Gillian Bowser, Associate Professor in Department of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability, Colorado State University. Dr. Bowser's background is in ecology with over 20 years as an ecologist for the National Park Service at 8 different postings. Her work on pollinators and species conservation includes long term studies using participatory science databases. At Colorado State University, her work has expanded to include global environmental negotiations including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, The Convention on Biological Diversity, and The International Union for the Conservation of Nature. She is a Senior Fellow for the American Association for the Advancement of science and an alumni Fellow of the Science, Technology and Diplomacy program of AAAS serving at the US Department of State. She received her doctorate in biology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, a Masters in Zoology from University of Vermont, and Bachelors of Science with a minor in art from Northwestern University.

Bryan Alexander

Member

Bryan Alexander is a senior scholar at Georgetown University, as well as an internationally known consultant in the field of higher education's future. In that field he has conducted extensive research into how higher education might be impacted by, and respond to, the climate crisis. Alexander has published the first monograph on the subject, *Universities on Fire* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2023). He has spoken, presented, and consulted on this topic in several nations, including throughout the United States. He won the 2020 Association of Professional Futurists Most Significant Futures Works award for another book, *Academia Next*, and received the 2020 Council of Independent Colleges Academic Leadership Award. He served as director of emerging technologies for the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education. Alexander received a PhD in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan in 1995.

Andy Hong

Member

Andy Hong is an Assistant Professor in the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah. He is the director of the Healthy Aging and Resilient Places Lab, whose mission is to create healthier and more resilient places for all people across the lifespan. His research focuses on the interplay between the built environment and human health, with a particular interest in the social and environmental determinants of health. His goal is to collaborate with local communities to develop equitable and sustainable place-based approaches to healthy aging and resilient places. Andy previously held positions at the University of Oxford, the George Institute for Global Health, the University of British Columbia, and the Korea Transport Institute. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Southern California and his graduate and undergraduate studies at the University of Washington.

Daniel Wildcat

Member

Daniel R. Wildcat is a Yuchi member of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma. He is an Indigenous scholar, writer, and professor at Haskell Indian Nations University. In 2013 he was the Gordon Russell visiting professor of Native American Studies at Dartmouth College. Dr. Wildcat received an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He is a noted speaker on Traditional Ecological Knowledges. He is currently the Principal Investigator for the Rising Voices, Changing Coasts Hub at Haskell. He is the author and editor of several books: *Power and Place: Indian Education In America*, with Vine Deloria, Jr.; *Destroying Dogma: Vine Deloria's Legacy on Intellectual America*, with Steve Pavlik; *Red Alert: Saving the Planet with Indigenous Knowledge*, and *On Indigenuity: Learning The Lessons Of Mother Earth* which argues we need Indigenous ingenuity or Indigenuity to address the destructive character of the Anthropocene.

Meghan F. Zahniser

Member

Meghan Fay Zahniser is the Executive Director of Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). She has been with AASHE since 2009 and previously held the positions of Director of Programs and STARS Program Manager. Prior to AASHE, Meghan worked as Sustainability Specialist at NELSON, where she provided sustainability expertise and consulting services to various clients. She also spent over five years working at the U.S. Green Building Council, where, as Manager of Community, she developed and managed a local chapter network for building industry professionals and helped create the Emerging Green Builders program that integrates students and young professionals into the green building movement. Meghan also worked as Environmental Educator for the University at Buffalo Green Office, organizing campus and community education focused on energy conservation, green building, and sustainable living. She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, with concentrations in environmental studies and health & human services, from the University at Buffalo, a master's degree in Organization Management and Development from Fielding Graduate Institute, and a certificate in massage therapy from the Potomac Massage Training Institute.

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