
Event Agenda

NSF EPSCoR 28th National Conference

Sun, Oct 13, 2024

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Conference Check-in

Location: Hilton Omaha, second floor (at the top of the escalator)

Sign up for a 1:1 meeting with an NSF Program Officer

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Hilton Omaha, second floor (at the top of the escalator)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome and Networking Reception

Location: Grand Central Foyer

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Photo Ark Presentation

Location: Grand Central Ballroom

Speaker: Cole Sartore

Mon, Oct 14, 2024

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast

Location: Blackstone Room

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

WELCOME

Location: Grand Central Ballroom

Host Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM

Location: Grand Central Ballroom

Speaker: Matt Andrews

Official Welcome by UNL Chancellor Rodney Bennett and UNO Chancellor Joanne Li

8:45 AM - 9:05 AM

Location: Grand Central Ballroom

Welcome from NSF EPSCoR

9:05 AM - 9:30 AM

Location: Grand Central Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Sandra Richardson

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Addressing the Health Risks of Contaminants in Rural Drinking Water

Speakers: Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Jesse Bell

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Morning Break

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Closing the Gender Gap in STEM Education: the 'Professor Sko Science Show'

Location: Grand Central Ballroom

Speakers: Mark Thompson, Brenda Skoczelas

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch

Location: Blackstone Room

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

POSTER SESSION (odd-numbered posters present)

Location: Grand Central Foyer

- 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM** **Working with American Indian and Alaska Native Communities in EPSCoR Jurisdictions**
 Location: St. Nicholas A
 Speakers: Mark Griep, Sheridan McNeil, Dana Gehring, Aaron Thomas, Sarah Penney-Jackson, Selena Connealy, Tarissa Spoonhunter, Debbie Mekiana, Brenda Konar
- 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM** **Planning Research Ecosystem Foundations: Cyberinfrastructure**
 Location: Hill
 Speakers: Gwen Jacobs, Fred Harris, Sean Cleveland, Henry Neeman, Scotty Strachan, Derek Weitzel
- 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM** **Across the Spectrum: Engaged Research with Communities**
 Location: Grand Central C
 Speakers: Meredith Sutton, Alej Martinez, Nichole Lumadue, Kai Nielsen, Jarvon Stout
- 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM** **Equipping You for Advocacy and Working with Elected Officials**
 Location: Grand Central DE
 Speakers: Matt Hammons, John Fuller, Amanda Greenwell
- 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM** **E-RISE Projects**
 Location: Grand Central AB
 Speakers: Nick Klein, Adam Smith, Prabuddha Chakraborty, Terry Donaldson, Casonya Johnson, Cathleen Webb
- 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM** **NSF Targeted Use-Inspired Research Funding Opportunities (EPSCoR, TIP, ENG/ERC)**
 Location: St. Nicholas B
 Speakers: Jose Colom, Sandra Cruz-Pol, Ela Mirowski, JD Swanson
- 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM** **Afternoon Break**
 Location: Grand Central Foyer
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Building Your Road Map: Planning for Your Personal Well-being and Professional Success**
 Location: Hill
 Speakers: Julie Benson, Lisa Rohde
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **AI Research in EPSCoR Jurisdictions**
 Location: St. Nicholas A
 Speakers: April Heyward, Juniper Lovato, Ali Abedi, Subrata Acharya
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Science Communication at the Front Lines**
 Location: Grand Central DE
 Speakers: Brittney Van Der Werff, Heather Akin, Shireen Adenwalla
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **E-CORE Projects**
 Location: Grand Central AB
 Speakers: Shane Moeykens, Amy Slocum, Elin Torell, Marian McCord, Selena Connealy, Chinonye Nnakwe Whitley, Ben Saylor
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Technology Use in Education Outreach and Diversity Initiatives**
 Location: Grand Central C
 Speakers: Brandy VanDeWalle, Sarah Paisley, Nancy Ooki, Christine Hanakawa, Darren Snyder, Alisa Gilmore, Naomi Rachael Hutchquist
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **NSF Funding Opportunities in the CISE and SBE Directorates**
 Location: St. Nicholas B
 Speakers: Marta Alfonso-Durruty, Lisa Cliggett, Sharon Geva

Tue, Oct 15, 2024

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Breakfast**
 Location: Blackstone Room

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Conference Check-in**
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| 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM | Morning Announcements & Information Sharing Location: Grand Central Ballroom |
| 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM | Keynote Introduction Location: Grand Central Ballroom Keynote speaker: Jeffrey Gold |
| 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | CONFERENCE KEYNOTE -- Innovation Anywhere, Opportunities Everywhere: Accelerating the Frontiers of Science and Technology Through Talent, Ideas and Innovation Location: Grand Central Ballroom Keynote speaker: Sethuraman Panchanathan |
| 9:45 AM - 10:05 AM | Morning Break Location: Grand Central Foyer |
| 10:05 AM - 10:45 AM | Cranes, Plains, and a Watershed - finding home in flyover country Location: Grand Central Ballroom Speaker: Michael Forsberg |
| 10:50 AM - 11:30 AM | Primates, Plants, and People: Committed to All-encompassing Conservation Location: Grand Central Ballroom Speaker: Edward Louis |
| 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Lunch Location: Blackstone Room |
| 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | POSTER SESSION (even-numbered posters present) Location: Grand Central Foyer |
| 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM | Using Time-Lapse Images as a Tool for Research, Education, and Communication Location: Grand Central C Speakers: Mary Harner, Troy Gilmore, Heather Akin, Mariah Lundgren, Gerhard Shoener |
| 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM | Quantum Research in EPSCoR Jurisdictions Location: Hill Speakers: Christian Binek, Matt Doty, Marek Osinski, Jake Douglass, Chitrleema Chakraborty, Lizandra Godwin |
| 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM | Evaluation of EPSCoR Projects Location: St. Nicholas A Speakers: Michelle Terwilliger, Katie Echols, Rick Schumaker, Doug Byers |
| 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM | Creative Collaborations and Partnerships in EOD Location: Grand Central DE Speakers: Tara Borland, Misty Wehling, Tracy Niday, Julie Benson, William Duncan, Niraj Patel, Gabrielle Johnson, Julie Risien, Kaylie Hogan-Schnittker |
| 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM | NSF Directorate for STEM Education Funding Opportunities Location: St. Nicholas B Speakers: Felecia Nave, Thomas Kim, Melissa Luna, Jackie Huntoon |
| 2:00 PM - 3:20 PM | Accelerating STEM Business Development in EPSCoR Jurisdictions Location: Grand Central AB Speakers: Josie Schafer, Jason Gallo, Tyler Scherr, Joy Eakin ; Organizer: Deanna Marcelino |
| 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo Visit (must be pre-registered for this option) |
| 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM | Afternoon Break Location: Grand Central Foyer |
| 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM | Advances and Opportunities in Use-Inspired Research and Education (UIRE) Location: Grand Central AB Speakers: Michael Muszynski, Jennifer Forbey, Zoey England, Josephine Kershaw, Alan Paul, Julie Risien, Simal Ozen Irmak, Chloe Vorseth, Quency Phillips, Douglas Hutchings |

- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **AI Applications in Education and Outreach**
 Location: St. Nicholas A
 Speakers: Bernard Cole, Regina Toolin, Juan Cui, Jordon Gilmore, Cailin Gramling ; Organizer: Lillian Gamache
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Inclusive Excellence: Engaging STEM's Future**
 Location: Grand Central C
 Speakers: Marianna Burks, Kristi Montooth, Kim Webber, Nicol Reiner
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Postdoctoral Researcher Development**
 Location: St. Nicholas B
 Speakers: April Heyward, Selena Connealy, Rick Schumaker
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure: EPSCoR and National Science and Engineering Leadership**
 Location: Hill
 Speakers: Chinonye Nnakwe Whitley, Jonathan Friedman, Michael Strickland, Partha Sarkar
- 3:40 PM - 5:00 PM** **Best Practices for EPSCoR Jurisdiction Offices**
 Location: Grand Central DE
 Speakers: Matt Andrews, Andrew Kliskey, Michelle Terwilliger, Belinda Sturm
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **NSF Program Officer Networking Reception**
 Location: Blackstone Room

Wed, Oct 16, 2024

- 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM** **Breakfast**
 Location: Blackstone Room
- 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM** **NSF EPSCoR Leadership and Program Officers**
 Location: Grand Central Ballroom
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM** **Morning Break**
 Location: Grand Central Foyer
- 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM** **Meetings of the EOD, Comms, PA, PD, and Cyber Infrastructure groups**
- Program/Project Directors (PDs)**
 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
 Location: Grand Central ABC

Program/Project Administrators (PAs)
 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
 Location: Grand Central D

Education/Outreach/Diversity Staff (EODs)
 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
 Location: Grand Central E

Communicators (Comms)
 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
 Location: Paxton

Cyber-infrastructure
 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
 Location: St. Nicholas A
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM** **Boxed Lunches ("to-go" or eat on-site)**
 Location: Blackstone Room