

WAGS 2022 Preliminary Program

Education on a Higher Level

Systemic Problems and Systemic Solutions

March 21–23, 2022

All events will be hosted in Mountain Standard Time!

Monday, March 21

9:00-9:05 am	WELCOME <i>Inge Wefes - President, Western Association of Graduate Schools, Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School, University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus</i>
9:05-9:20 am	Plenary Session: WELCOME TO CU DENVER AND THE MILE HIGH CITY <i>Michelle Marks - Chancellor, University of Colorado Denver</i>
9:20-10:00 am	Plenary Session: EDUCATION ON A HIGHER LEVEL - EMPOWERING GRADUATE SCHOOLS <i>Suzanne Ortega - President, Council of Graduate Schools</i>
10:00-10:15 am	Break/Exhibitors
10:15-11:30 am	Plenary Session: SUPPORT FROM A HIGHER LEVEL! <i>Constancio Nakuma - Provost, University of Colorado-Denver</i> <i>Alfred Tatum - Provost, Metro State University Denver</i> <i>Mary Clark - Provost, Denver University</i> <i>Karen Riley - Provost, Regis University-Denver</i>
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Lunch/Exhibitors
1:00-2:00 pm	Plenary Session: INVITING AND RETAINING FACULTY OF COLOR <i>Ame Lambert - Vice President for Global Diversity and Inclusion, Portland State University</i>
2:00-2:10 pm	Break/Exhibitors
2:10-3:00 pm	Plenary Session: SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS AND SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS <i>Meagan Chriswell - Member, Tsalagi Nation of Oklahoma; MD/PhD student; Executive Board Member, Association of Native American Medical Students</i>

3:00-3:10 pm	Break/Exhibitors
3:10-4:00 pm	Plenary Session: WHY HAVE ALL THE STUDENTS GONE? <i>Jesse Aleman - Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, University of New Mexico</i>
4:00-4:10 pm	Break/Exhibitors
4:10-5:00 pm	Plenary Session: INCLUSIVE CURRICULA AND SYLLABI <i>Shannon Campbell - Dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Appalachian State University, North Carolina</i>

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Tuesday, March 22

8:30-9:30 am	Plenary Session: PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN GRADUATE MILESTONES <i>Robert Augustine - Senior Vice President, Emeritus Council of Graduate Schools</i>
9:30-9:40 am	Break/Exhibitors
9:40-10:30 am	Concurrent Sessions I: ASSURING QUALITY A) Program Review, Prioritization, and Reduction <i>Rossitza Wooster - Dean, Graduate School, Portland State University</i> B) Moving Towards the 21st Century: Re-evaluating Admission Processes and Procedures <i>Anna Siddoway - Senior Graduate Program Manager, Idaho State University</i> <i>Sandy Andrade - Application Analyst, Idaho State University</i> C) Effective Mentorship - Adjusting the Award Structure for Faculty <i>Amy Spring - Director, Project Management and Communications, Portland State University</i> D) Pairing Graduate Survey Results with Graduation Outcomes to Identify and Address Gaps <i>Colleen Webb - Associate Dean, Graduate School, Colorado State University</i>
10:30-10:45 am	Plenary: Short summaries from concurrent sessions
10:45-10:55 am	Break/Exhibitors
10:55-11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions II: NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE GRADUATE EDUCATION A) Tips for New Deans, Finance Managers, HR. etc.

	<p><i>Kelli Klebe - Dean, Graduate School, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i> <i>Tammi Vacha Hasse - Dean, Graduate School, Boise State University</i></p> <p>B) Graduate Student Mental Health <i>Tammy Barry - Associate Dean, Graduate School, Washington State University</i></p> <p>C) Graduate Student Health Insurance <i>David Kieda - Dean, Graduate School, University of Utah</i></p> <p>D) Best Practices to Engage Students in Co-curricular Programs That Support Success and Well-being <i>Mary Stromberger - Dean, Colorado State University Graduate School</i> <i>Kristina Quynn - Assistant Dean, Colorado State University Graduate School</i></p> <p>E) Building Better Education Pathways for Lifelong Success <i>Jack Klett, Associate Director of Academic Partnerships, ETS</i></p>
11:45 am-12:00 pm	<p>Plenary: Short summaries from concurrent sessions</p>
12:00-1:00 pm	<p>PROQUEST AWARDS LUNCH <i>Mary Stromberger - Dean, Graduate School, Colorado State University</i></p> <p>Innovation in Technology Award <i>Ivan Evtimov, University of Washington</i> <i>“Disrupting Machine Learning: Emerging Threats and Applications for Privacy and Dataset Ownership”</i></p> <p>Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award: STEM <i>Jaycie Fickle, California State University - Bakersfield</i> <i>“Xylem structure and hydraulic function in the roots and stems of chaparral shrub species occurring at high and low elevation sites in the southern Sierra Nevada, California, USA”</i></p> <p>Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award: Non-STEM <i>Letitia Pokiak, University of Victoria</i> <i>“Meaningful Consultation, Meaningful Participants and Meaning Making: Inuvialuit Perspectives on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and the Climate Crisis”</i></p> <p>Distinguished Master’s Thesis and/or Final Master’s Capstone Project Award in the Creative, Visual and Performing Arts <i>Tryphena Yeboah, Chapman University</i> <i>“First Light”</i></p>
1:00-1:45 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions III: NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE GRADUATE EDUCATION, continued</p> <p>A) Coming to America - The Challenges for International Students to Fit in and Belong <i>Alana Jones - Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of International Affairs, University of Colorado Denver</i></p> <p>B) Mentoring to Advance Graduate Professional Identity & Experience <i>Marie-Anne de Graaff - Graduate Program Coordinator, Boise State University</i></p>

	<p>C) Recruiting Faculty of Color <i>Donathan Brown - Assistant Provost & Assistant Vice President, Rochester Institute of Technology</i></p> <p>D) Cultural Barriers: Finding Your Why in a Non-Traditional/Rural State <i>Anna Siddoway - Senior Graduate Program Manager, Idaho State University</i></p>
1:45-2:00 pm	Plenary: Short summaries from concurrent sessions
2:00- 2:10 pm	Break/Exhibitors
2:10-3:10 pm	<p>Plenary Session: WHAT IS CRITICAL THINKING? <i>Jonathan Haber - Educational Researcher, Author and Entrepreneur</i></p>
3:10-3:20 pm	Break/Exhibitors
3:20-4:05 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions IV: CAREER READINESS</p> <p>A) Helping Graduate Students Reflect on What They Know, Want and are Capable of <i>Nick Shaklee - Assistant Director, Career Center, University of Colorado Denver</i></p> <p>B) Communicating: Speaking and Presenting with Conviction <i>Chris Hill - Instructor, University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus</i></p> <p>C) Experiential Learning/Community Engagement <i>Shannon Campbell - Dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Appalachian State University, North Carolina</i></p> <p>D) What we Thought They Knew - Basic Engagement Skills Extra-Curricular Requirements? <i>Maribeth Watwood - Dean, Graduate College, Northern Arizona University</i></p>
4:05-4:20 pm	Plenary: Short summaries from concurrent sessions

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Wednesday, March 23

9:00-9:45 am	<p>Plenary Session: 3MT PRE-SESSION 1 <i>Rossitza Wooster - Dean Graduate School, Portland State University</i></p> <p>Congratulations to our Regional 3MT Competitors!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mel Anderson - Idaho State University</i> • <i>Rebekah Call - Claremont Graduate University</i> • <i>Kishore Chittimalli - North Dakota State University</i>
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9:00-9:45 am	<p>3MT PRE-SESSION 2</p> <p><i>Jesse Aleman - Associate Dean, University of New Mexico</i></p> <p>Congratulations to our Regional 3MT Competitors!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Lupe Franco - San Jose State University</i> ● <i>Mariana Marcos Hernandez - University of Texas El Paso</i> ● <i>Varsha Koushik - University of Colorado, Boulder</i> ● <i>Shana Adiel Lanzetta - Northern Arizona University</i> ● <i>Sina Mehdinia - Portland State University</i> ● <i>Dalton Miller - Boise State University</i> ● <i>Amelia Munson - UC Davis</i>
9:00-9:45 am	<p>3MT PRE-SESSION 3</p> <p><i>Inge Wefes - Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School, University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical School</i></p> <p>Congratulations to our Regional 3MT Competitors!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Morgan Nelson - University of Utah</i> ● <i>Victoria Peña-Parr - University of New Mexico</i> ● <i>Adelle Price - CU Denver Anschutz</i> ● <i>Melissa Schofield - University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i> ● <i>Shubham Soni - University of Alberta</i> ● <i>Sook Mun (Alice) Wong - Chapman University</i> ● <i>Torrey Stephenson - University of Idaho</i>
9:45-10:00 am	Break/Exhibitors
10:00-11:00 am	<p>KEYNOTE:</p> <p>THE VALUE OF EXPERTISE</p> <p><i>Tom Nichols - Professor of National Security Affairs, US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island</i></p>
11:00-11:10 am	Break/Exhibitors
11:10-11:50 am	<p>Plenary: Concurrent Sessions V:</p> <p>TRAINING EXPERTS</p> <p>A) Reasons to Earn a Master's</p> <p><i>Timothy (TJ) Panfil - Sr. Director, Graduate Admission and Enrollment Management, Elmhurst University Office of Admission</i></p>

	<p>B) Assessing Prior Learning for Non-Traditional Graduate Students <i>Geeta Verma - Professor, STEM Education, University of Colorado Denver</i></p> <p>C) Competence-Building Learning Versus Competency-Based Learning <i>Maribeth Watwood - Dean, Graduate College, Northern Arizona University</i></p> <p>D) Micro Credentials <i>David Blancha - Assistant Director, Grad Pathways, Institute for Professional Development, University of California, Davis</i></p>
11:50 am-12:05 pm	Plenary: Short summaries from concurrent sessions
12:05-12:20 pm	Short Lunch Break
12:20-1:00 pm	<p>3MT Competition <i>Rossitza Wooster - Dean Graduate School, Portland State University</i></p>
1:00-1:15 pm	<p>Business Session - Passing the Gavel <i>Inge Wefes, WAGS President</i> <i>Maribeth Watwood, WAGS Treasurer</i> <i>Rossitza Wooster, WAGS President Elect</i></p>