

The 21st Century Scientist: Skills for Success



96th Annual Graduate Women in Science National Conference: June 15th-17th, 2017

Conference Events

Thursday Events

- **South Dakota Biotechnology Association Showcase**
6pm
Free for GWIS members
Free for SD Biotechnology Association Members
\$30 for non-members

Friday Events

- **SBIR/STTR Proposal Preparation Workshop**
Holiday Inn Sioux Falls, City Center
8am - 4pm
\$50
\$25 for South Dakota Women, courtesy of SD EPScoR
- **Meet & Greet with Speakers The Museum of Visual Materials**
6pm
\$30 for GWIS members
\$50 for Non-members
Limited amount of tickets available

Saturday Events

- **GWIS National Conference The 21st Century Scientist**
The Washington Pavilion
8am-5pm
\$75 for GWIS members
\$100 for non members
- **Banquet and Keynote Speaker**
The Washington Pavilion
6pm
\$50 for GWIS members
\$60 for non-members
Conference + Banquet special price:
\$100 for GWIS members
\$120 for Non-members

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Saturday Conference Agenda

- 8:00-9:00am Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00-9:30am Welcome Address
Dr. Stacey Kigar, 2015-2016 GWIS National President
Dr. Michelle Booze, 2015-2016 President Eastern South Dakota Chapter
Dr. David Pearce, Executive VP of Sanford Research
- 9:30-10:30am Dr. Isaiah Hankel, Founder of the Cheeky Scientist
- 10:30-11:00am Networking with Exhibitors & Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00pm Dr. Elizabeth Travis, Associate VP of Women Faculty Programs, MD Anderson
Co-sponsored by WIMS of the University of South Dakota Medical School
- 12:00-1:15pm Lunch & Silent Auction
- 1:15-2:15pm Dr. Amy Elliot, Director of Center for Health Outcomes & Population Research
- 2:15-3:30pm Networking with Exhibitors
Scientific Poster Session
- 3:30-4:50pm Panel Discussion, Essential Skills for Landing the Career You Want
- 4:50-5:00pm Farewell Address
Dr. Michelle Booze, 2016-2017 GWIS National President
- 5:00-6:00pm Networking with Exhibitors & Hors d'Oeuvres
- 6:00-10:00pm Banquet & Silent Auction
- 7:15-8:15pm Rebecca Johnson, Science Writer and Author

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Call for Posters!

Share Your Science at the Conference!

Showase your scientific reasearch, practice scientific communication skills, and network with scientists from across the country and our region! The poster competition is open to graduate students and post-docs in STEM fields. You do not need to be a GWIS member to compete, but must be registered to attend the 2017 GWIS National Conference on Saturday, June 17th.

Register by May 19th, 2017 by visiting the link on the conference website <https://gwiseastsodak.org/national-conference/>

Posters will be judged by GWIS members who work in different STEM fields. This poster competition will be from 2:15-3:30PM on Saturday June 17th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place (\$300) and 2nd place (\$150).

GWIS members who are not graduate students or post-docs may submit posters, but will not be judged in the poster competition.

**First Place: \$300
Second Place: \$150**

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Featured Speakers:



Dr. Isaiah Hankel
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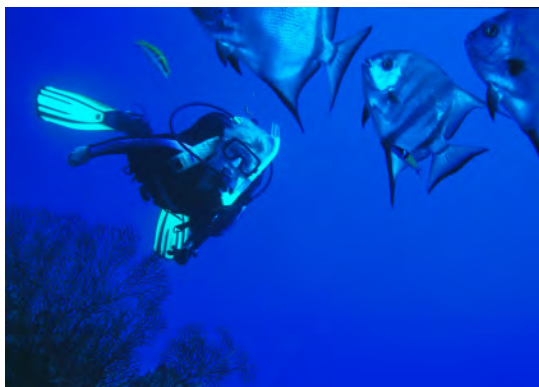


Dr. Elizabeth Travis
Associate VP
Women's Faculty Programs
MD Anderson Cancer Center



Dr. Amy Elliott
Director at Center
for Health
Outcomes & Prevention
Sanford Research

Banquet Speaker:



Rebecca Johnson
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Dr. Isaiah Hankel, The Cheeky Scientist



Isaiah is a Ph.D. in Anatomy & Cell Biology and internationally recognized Fortune 500 consultant. He is an expert in the biotechnology industry and specializes in helping people transition into cutting-edge career tracks. Isaiah believes that if you feel stuck somewhere in your life right now, you should make a change.

“Don’t sit still and wait for the world to tell you what to do. Take action. Experimentation is the best teacher.”



“Finding your purpose in life is the first step to having the career of your dreams. Whether you want to work for a large corporation, start a nonprofit organization, or build a massively successful business of your own, it all starts with purpose. Nothing you do matters until you know where you’re going. Find your focus and happiness and success will follow.”
–Isaiah Hankel, Ph.D.

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Dr. Elizabeth L. Travis



Dr. Travis is the Associate Vice President for Women and Minority Faculty Inclusion and Mattie Allen Fair Professor in Cancer Research in the departments of Experimental Radiation Oncology and Pulmonary Medicine at The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center. She is an internationally recognized scientist who has made significant contributions to our understanding of the effects of radiation on normal tissues in her 25 years in the field. For the past eight years, she served as Associate Vice President for Women Faculty Programs where she led efforts to further the academic careers of women physicians and scientists by ensuring they are appointed to high profile committees and leadership positions, by leading institutional policy change to address obstacles that interfere with women's success, and by providing career guidance to countless women faculty. The office recently expanded under her leadership to include minority faculty and became the Office of Women and Minority Faculty Inclusion where she will apply similar and new strategies to address their specific career needs.

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Dr. Amy Elliott



Dr. Amy Elliott is a Scientist and Founding Senior Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Population Research at Sanford Research and Professor and Co-Division Chief for Pediatric Research at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. Dr. Elliott received her doctorate degree in Child Clinical Psychology from Western Michigan University and completed an internship and fellowship in Behavioral Pediatrics and Genetics at the Munroe-Meyer Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Elliott's research in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and fetal/infant mortality occurs through collaborations with investigators and communities across the United States, as well as in South Africa.



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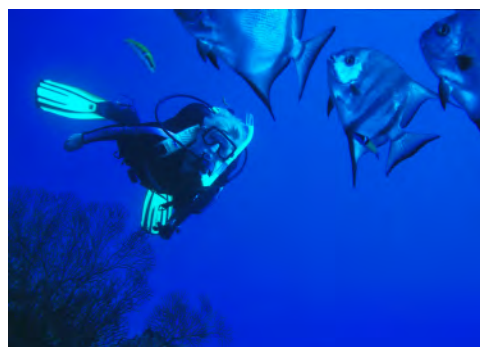
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Rebecca L. Johnson

Rebecca L. Johnson writes books for children and young adults that highlight why science is such an exciting endeavor: there are no shortages of new species, remarkable adaptations, and fresh insights into life on Earth. She believes that scientists have the world's best jobs, and has been fortunate to work with many of them in far-flung corners of the planet. Her books (75 and counting) have received honors and awards from many institutions, including the American Library Association, National Science Teachers Association, and Children's Book Council. In schools where Johnson has given presentations about working with scientists in Antarctica, kids often refer to her as "the woman who almost got killed by a leopard seal."



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