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The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of Pluto
Date/Time: Thursday, April 2, 9:15–10:30 AM
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NSTA wishes to thank The Kavli Foundation for sponsoring this speaker.

We Love to Hate Assessments; Let’s Do Something About It
Date/Time: Friday, April 3, 3:30–4:30 PM
Strand: Aligning the Lenses: Authentic, Three-Dimensional Measurement of Student Learning
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We at NSTA are elated, and we think you will be, too. Debuting at the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in Boston, we are thrilled to announce the “Science Educators’ Best of Show™” program. For the first time, you can vote on your favorite technology, lab equipment, and STEM product and services; and you can vote for that superstar, outstanding vendor who goes above-and-beyond for you with extraordinary customer service: The Outstanding Vendor, Attendee’s Choice Award.

Why? Because teachers trust teachers. This is your opportunity to tell your educator colleagues what’s “the best of the best” at the NSTA National Conference in Boston. It’s simple. Just vote via the NSTA conference app.

Let’s add a little more fun—prizes. More details will be revealed as we get closer to the conference.

Do we hear cheers already?
FEATURED PRESENTATION

The Light at the End of the Tunnel: Phenomena and Models to Guide Us

Date/Time: Thursday, April 2, 3:30–4:30 PM
Strand: The Long View: Building a Lifelong Passion for Science

Arthur Eisenkraft

2000–2001 NSTA President, and Distinguished Professor of Science Education, Professor of Physics, and Director, Center of Science and Math in Context (COSMIC), University of Massachusetts Boston

FEATURED PRESENTATION

STEM #IRL: Hurling Science Home and into the Future

Date/Time: Saturday, April 4, 9:30–10:30 AM
Strand: Learning Science in All Spaces and Places: Near and Far

Lindsey Murphy /// @AuntLindsey

Creator and Host of The Fab Lab with Crazy Aunt Lindsey, Portland, OR

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Science Is to STEM as Coffee Is to Starbucks: Real World, Relevant, and Grounds for the Perfect Integration

Date/Time: Saturday, April 4, 11:00 AM–12 Noon
Strand: Thinking, Acting, and Communicating Like Scientists: A Focus on Disciplinary Literacy

Elizabeth Birr Moje /// @UMichEducation

Dean, George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, University of Michigan School of Education, Ann Arbor

Building K–12 Data Fluency Within Three-Dimensional Learning

Special Panel • Friday, April 3, 9:30–10:30 AM

We live in a world awash in data at every turn, yet experiences with data for K–12 learners can be few and far between. What does it mean for us to prepare today’s learners for a future defined by data? What competencies and understandings are necessary in navigating the world of big data as a citizen and worker? How can three-dimensional learning experiences introduce and engage learners with data in meaningful ways? This experienced group of panelists will debate these and other important ideas in a lively conversation that draws upon current research on learning and the current realities of the workplace and world at large. Panelists include Jan Mokros, Longstanding Expert in Data; Lin Chambers, Physical Scientist / EPO Lead at NASA Langley Research Center; Karon Weber, Microsoft Education Workshop Senior Director; Tom Baker, Education Manager at ESRI; and Chad Dorsey, President and CEO, The Concord Consortium.
MARY C. McCURDY LECTURE
The Crosscutting Concepts—Science, Children’s Literature, and Beyond
Date/Time: Thursday, April 2, 2:00–3:00 PM
Valerie Bang-Jensen /// @vbangjensen
Professor and Chair, Education Dept., Saint Michael’s College, Colchester, VT

Mark Lubkowitz
Professor and Chair, Biology Dept., Saint Michael’s College, Colchester, VT

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NOAA/NESTA LECTURE
Sea Level Rise Here and Now
Date/Time: Friday, April 3, 2:00–3:00 PM
William Sweet
Oceanographer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), and Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (COOPS), Silver Spring, MD

NSTA/ASE HONORS EXCHANGE LECTURE
LifeLab Southampton: Is Health Literacy Teachable in Adolescence?
Date/Time: Saturday, April 4, 2:00–3:00 PM
Janice Griffiths /// @Janice_G
Director of Enterprise, Southampton Education School, University of Southampton, U.K.
PAUL F-BRANDWEIN LECTURE

Walden Warming: Climate Change Comes to Thoreau’s Concord

Date/Time: Saturday, April 4, 12:30–1:30 PM

Richard Primack
Professor of Biology, Boston University, Boston, MA

E.O. Wilson /// @EOWilsonFndtn
2020 Recipient of the Brandwein Medal, and an American Biologist, Theorist, Naturalist, and Author

NSTA wishes to thank Brandwein Institute for sponsoring this talk.

The Best Place to Explore Three-Dimensional Teaching and Learning

NGSS@NSTA Forum

Friday, April 3 • 162AB, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

This year’s NGSS@NSTA Forum focuses on the role of curriculum materials in improving three-dimensional learning. There are sessions featuring units addressing an array of disciplines and grade levels as well as the role of professional learning and assessment in using curriculum materials. Visit www.nsta.org/bostonbrowser for a list of the sessions.

NGSS@NSTA Share-a-Thon

Saturday, April 4 • 9:30–11:00 AM
162AB, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

At the NGSS@NSTA Share-a-Thon, get tips and tools to implement three-dimensional performance expectations from NSTA’s NGSS Curators, NGSS writers, and other education experts. Leave with plenty of handouts and ideas you can use in your classroom right away!
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INSTITUTES

Professional Learning Institutes (PLIs) are focused, content-based programs that explore key topics in science and STEM education in depth. PLIs are presented by experts in science and STEM education, professional learning, standards implementation, assessment, curriculum, and resources development. For complete descriptions, a list of presenters, and to purchase tickets, visit www.nsta.org/conferences/PLI. (Tickets Required)

The Next Generation of Language Learning in Science: Engaging Multiple Language Learners in the Science Classroom (PLI-1)

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Ticket Price: $125, with conference registration

A Framework for K–12 Science Education advocates a three-dimensional approach to teaching science that integrates disciplinary core ideas, crosscutting concepts, and science and engineering practices. But we need to leverage a fourth dimension—discourse—to effectively engage our nation’s fastest-growing group of students: English language learners and multilingual learners (MLLs). Presenters will offer approaches, applicable for grades K–20, for engaging MLLs with their peers in the exciting and complex reasoning and discourse of science.

The NSTA Atlas of the Three Dimensions (PLI-2)

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Ticket Price: $180, with conference registration

The NSTA Atlas of the Three Dimensions maps the elements of the core ideas, practices, crosscutting concepts, connections to nature of science, connections to engineering, and performance expectations described in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and other standards based on A Framework for K–12 Science Education. Applying the same techniques used to develop AAAS Project 2061’s Atlas of Science Literacy, the 62 maps in this new Atlas show how the elements of the dimensions relate to and build on one another. All attendees receive a copy of the Atlas.

Teaching with and Developing NGSS Storylines (PLI-3)

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Ticket Price: $125, with conference registration

This full-day institute prepares participants to use tools developed by the NextGen Science Storylines project to teach with, adapt, or design NGSS storylines that are coherent from the student’s perspective. In a coherent storyline, students help plan and manage investigations rather than simply follow instructions. Storylines support students in developing ideas over time, motivated by questions about real-world phenomena and problems, where each step is an attempt to address a question or gap in the classroom’s current explanations or design solutions. These tools have been used to design four middle school and high school units (from NextGen Storylines and OpenSciEd) that have been awarded Achieve’s NGSS Design Badge.
Using Technology to Conduct Investigations and Model Scientific Phenomena (PLI-4)

Date/Time: **Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**  
Ticket Price: **$125, with conference registration**

Using technology in three-dimensional learning experiences can be truly transformative, empowering learners to discover the world for themselves. The Concord Consortium experts guide participants through a series of interactive investigations using technologies ranging from probes and sensors, to data exploration tools, to flexible tools for modeling and simulation. Participants gain experience with free tools they can use for their own teaching and develop a research-based understanding of the importance of investigation and modeling that can make all their science lessons more engaging and effective.

Teaching A Medical Mystery: A Digital Middle School Science Unit for the NGSS (PLI-5)

Date/Time: **Saturday, April 4, 8:00 AM–12 Noon**  
Ticket Price: **$50, with conference registration**

Do you need a middle school curriculum that is designed to address the NGSS? In this half-day institute, presenters introduce a 10-week online curriculum that is free and has received a high rating from the EQuIP Peer Review Panel. As students complete the unit, they answer the question, How can a problem in one body system cause symptoms in other body systems? Come explore the unit and learn about the real-world phenomenon that anchors the learning, as well as the supports for teachers and students.

Developing Data Fluency Through Citizen Science and Real Data (PLI-6)

Date/Time: **Saturday, April 4, 1:00–5:00 PM**  
Ticket Price: **$50, with conference registration**

Citizen science offers a supportive framework to engage in science investigations that are grounded in real-world observation, contributing to and building on locally relevant questions, and to work with real-world data to draw evidence-based conclusions. Through these learning experiences, students build science practices, data fluency, and critical-thinking skills in an authentic and engaging way. This PLI engages participants in models of data learning taken from multiple citizen science contexts and leveraging multiple technology tools that support work with large and complex datasets.
NETWORKING EVENT
Join your colleagues at this networking event. To purchase tickets, visit www.nsta.org/bostonbrowser. (Tickets Required)

NSTA Teacher Awards Gala (M-1)

Date: Friday, April 3, 6:00–8:30 PM
Registration Fee: $78 advance; $83 on-site

Come enjoy a fabulous evening celebrating with this year’s teacher award recipients! ALL of the teacher awards will be presented in one grand evening. Join your colleagues in recognition of this year’s winners. Evening attire is requested to honor our teacher award recipients. A limited number of tickets are available for this social event.

—Photo courtesy of Mike Weiss

Elementary Extravaganza

Friday, April 3, 2020 • 8:00–10:00 AM
Ballroom West, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

JOIN THE FUN

• Hands-on activities
• Preview science trade books
• Learn about award and grant programs
• Walk away full of ideas and arms filled with materials
• Door prizes and refreshments
• 100+ presenters

Each Partner School receives these benefits:

- **NSTA membership** for all teachers in the school building
- **One free conference registration** for a teacher/administrator to a STEM Forum or an NSTA Conference
- **Recognition** as an NSTA Partner School
- **One print journal** for the school building and e-journals for every teacher/member in the school
- **One hard copy of NSTA Reports** (newspaper) with e-Reports for every teacher/member in the school
- **Access to Learning Center Forums**, including collections of NGSS and STEM resources differentiated by grades
- **An initial one-on-one conversation** with NSTA to determine which products and services can best support school-wide professional learning goals
- **Participation in three virtual conferences** per year, exploring critical topics for STEM and NGSS integration
- **Access** to a national NGSS and STEM listserv and 16 other listservs

In addition, each teacher gets discounts on

- NSTA conferences and workshops
- NSTA Press books
- Enhanced e-books

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Contact us: schoolmembership@nsta.org
EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Discover what Boston has to offer on one of our ticketed educational trips. For complete descriptions (including departure locations) and to purchase tickets, visit www.nsta.org/bostonbrowser. (Tickets Required)

Teaching Science Outdoors (T-1)

Date: Thursday, April 2, 9:00 AM–4:30 PM
Ticket Price: $69 advance; $74 on-site

Join us for this exploration of teaching science outdoors. Led by the Friends of the Boston Schoolyards and the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Science Department, participants will travel by bus to three special sites: the Arnold Arboretum, the Boston Nature Center, and a BPS outdoor classroom, where they will learn how to connect children with nature through authentic and meaningful outdoor science explorations. Participants will meet with a BPS science teacher in her outdoor classroom to learn how she brings students outside to learn. Lunch provided. Note: Wear clothing and shoes appropriate for walking outside, rain or shine.

Behind the Scenes at the Harvard Museum of Natural History (T-2)

Date: Thursday, April 2, 12:45–4:45 PM
Ticket Price: $30 advance; $35 on-site

Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of Harvard’s amazing zoological collections, comprising more than 21 million specimens not accessible to the public. Following the tour, you will have time to visit the HMNH public museum, as well as the adjoining Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, and the nearby Semitic Museum. Note: Children and spouses may visit the public museum after paying the entry fee but they cannot participate in the collections tour.

Freedom Trail 90-Minute Tour: Walk Into History® (T-3)

Date: Thursday, April 2, 1:00–4:15 PM
Ticket Price: $20 advance; $25 on-site

Follow the footsteps of America’s Founding Fathers on the Freedom Trail! Led by 18th-century costumed guides, this 90-minute walking tour is the Freedom Trail Foundation’s most popular, introductory tour. Note: Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Group will take public transit.
Explore the Christa McAuliffe Center for Integrated Science Learning (T-4)

**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 1:00–6:00 PM  
**Ticket Price:** $45 advance; $50 on-site

Join us for an exploration of Earth’s climate at the Framingham State University Planetarium. Watch the full-dome film, *Dynamic Earth* exploring the inner workings of Earth’s great life support system: the global climate. After the film, educators will demonstrate how we use planetarium visualization software to display real data from NASA’s constellation of Earth Observing System satellites. Travel time is an hour each way.

Freedom Trail Pub Tour (F-5)

**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 5:00–8:15 PM  
**Ticket Price:** $52 advance; $57 on-site

Join a Freedom Trail Player®—18th-century costumed guide—on a Historic Pub Crawl and visit the real headquarters where the American Revolution was brewed—Blackstone Block.  
**Note:** Must be of legal drinking age: 21 or older; no substitutions. This 90-minute tour includes four pints of beer. Group will take public transit.

Geology and Habitats of Thompson Island: Walking Tour of a Boston Harbor Island (F-1)

**Date:** Friday, April 3, 7:20 AM–5:15 PM  
**Ticket Price:** $25 advance; $30 on-site

Join us for a walking tour of Thompson Island in Boston Harbor. After a 25-minute ferry ride, we will investigate the bedrock geology of Boston from the harbor perspective. We will focus on the perspective of grades 3–8 students, but all levels of teachers are welcome.  
**Note:** Dress appropriately for a 5-mile hike in spring weather, including sturdy footwear. A picnic box lunch is included. Group will walk a half mile to and from the Convention Center and the marina/pier.
Teaching About Oceans and Coasts: An Insider’s Look at Research Institutions in the Woods Hole Area (F-2)

Date: Friday, April 3, 8:00 AM–5:30 PM  
Ticket Price: $66 advance; $71 on-site

Explore ocean and coastal research at renowned Woods Hole area laboratories! At Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (www.waquoitbayreserve.org), we’ll learn about research and try out curricula on estuary systems and coastal impacts of climate change. Enjoy lunch on own at one of Woods Hole’s many restaurants. In the afternoon, we’ll get the insider’s tour of Woods Hole research institutions. Note: We’ll be outside for much of the time so dress in layers and wear walking shoes. Travel time will be 1.5 hours each way.

Protecting the Blue Planet at the New England Aquarium (F-3)

Date: Friday, April 3, 8:30 AM–12:20 PM  
Ticket Price: $42 advance; $47 on-site

Come join us at the New England Aquarium, where you will meet with one of our Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life staff to hear about innovative research. Afterward, our Education staff will share a case study on an educational opportunity with youth using this real-world data. Participants will receive free entrance into New England Aquarium where they can self-explore all of our exhibits, including the brand-new 9,000-gallon floor-to-ceiling Indo-Pacific Reef tank.

Deer Island Tour and Interactive “Down-the-Drain” Presentation (F-4)

Date: Friday, April 3, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM  
Ticket Price: $32 advance; preregistration only

Take a tour of the facility to learn more about the history of the Island, in addition to the science and technology involved at one of the largest wastewater treatment plants in the country. The tour will begin in the restored 19th-century pumping station with an interactive “Down the Drain” presentation of the wastewater treatment process, followed by a tour of the plant. Note: Participants must present ID to enter facility and wear close-toed shoes. Photography is restricted to the exterior of the facilities. Travel time is one hour each way.

Is It Spring Yet? (S-1)

Date: Saturday, April 4, 9:15 AM–12:45 PM  
Ticket Price: $45 advance; $50 on-site

For the curious person, signs of spring in the Arnold Arboretum landscape abound. Venture outdoors with bug boxes, binoculars, pollen collectors, and thermometers; we will seek out the flora and fauna that herald the re-emergence of life. Wear warm clothes, a hat, and comfortable
walking shoes. Note: Participants should be able to participate in a 2-hour outdoor program that involves a mile walk on pavement.

**WGBH Studios Tour, Science Media Screening, and Panel Discussion (S-2)**

**Date:** Saturday, April 4, 1:00–5:00 PM  
**Ticket Price:** $30 advance; $35 on-site

WGBH is America’s largest producer of PBS content on TV and online. Visit our studios to see where STEM productions like NOVA, Design Squad, Peep and The Big Wide World, and other shows are produced. Watch screenings in our theater of upcoming science media and resources WGBH is preparing for broadcast, as well as for publication on our education platform PBS LearningMedia. Trip includes a brief panel discussion on the work we’re doing in STEM for diverse learners. Light refreshments and a bit of social time, optional studio tours, and complimentary gift bags included. Note: No filming allowed in the theater, however photos are permissible.

**Freedom Trail 3-Hour Tour: Walk Into History® (S-3)**

**Date:** Saturday, April 4, 12 Noon–5:15 PM  
**Ticket Price:** $26 advance; $31 on-site

Follow the footsteps of America’s Founding Fathers on the Freedom Trail! Led by 18th-century costumed guides, you will visit all 16 official historic sites on this walking tour of Boston’s iconic 2.75-mile Freedom Trail. For a complete description of all 16 sites, visit www.thefreedomtrail.org/trail-sites. Note: Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes, as well as bring water to drink. Group will take public transit.

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**Meet Me in the Middle Day** designed just for middle school educators at NSTA’s 2020 National Conference in Boston!

The day’s events include workshops/presentations, two Roundtable Conversation networking sessions featuring a variety of topics, and an afternoon Share-a-thon with up to 100 presenters sharing their ideas. All specifically designed for middle level educators.

You’ll walk away with ideas you can use in your classroom next week!

**Organized by the National Middle Level Science Teachers Association (NMLSTA)**

Attend for a chance to win a variety of incredible door prizes!
This dynamic event brings together educators and organizations that are actively implementing STEM programs in their schools or districts.

Come prepared to learn tactics that work, build your professional learning network, connect with effective outreach programs and partnerships, discover new resources, and build a strong curriculum.

Louisville, Kentucky
July 22–24, 2020
### SAMPLE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Make your own conference schedule using the Boston Session Browser (www.nsta.org/bostonbrowser). Browse events by day, format, subject, grade level, conference strand, sponsor, or keyword.

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SHORT COURSES

All short courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so act now! For complete descriptions and to purchase tickets, visit www.nsta.org/bostonbrowser. (Tickets Required)

Building Understandings of Natural Phenomena: Hands-On Learning About Living Things and Their Relationships to Each Other and Their Environment (SC-1)

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2:00–5:00 PM
Ticket Price: $24 advance; $29 on-site

Strand: Learning Science in All Spaces and Places: Near and Far

For preservice and inservice early childhood / elementary educators—experience life science inquiry and build your knowledge of core ideas and concepts related to living things, using life science concepts in NGSS K-LS1-1 and 1-LS-1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes. Use natural phenomena (rocks, plants, animals) and 5Es and other models to deepen student learning. Participate in NGSS three-dimensional hands-on activities involving multiple subject areas designed to support student thinking, learning, and reflecting about rocks/plants/animals and the relationships between them. Discuss the teacher’s role in using natural phenomenon to support children’s scientific thinking, conceptual development, and engagement in the practices of science, integrating STEM and literacy in context. For more information, visit www.nsta.org/earlyyears and www.edc.org/cindy-hoisington.

A Collection of Climate and Energy Educational Resources, Guiding Teachers Toward Climate and Energy Education (SC-2)

Date: Thursday, April 2, 3:00–6:00 PM
Ticket Price: $37 advance; $42 on-site

Multiple organizations devoted to climate literacy will share inquiry-based, peer-reviewed curriculum and instruction resources focused on Earth’s climate and global climate change. Participants will interact with educators from Climate Generation, National Center for Science Education, the Paleontological Research Institution (Cornell University), the Understanding Global Change Project (University of California, Berkeley), Young Voices for the Planet, American Meteorological Society, High School Students’ Climate Literacy through Epistemology of Scientific Modeling (Climes) project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the U.S. Ice Drilling Program, NOAA, Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network (CLEAN), and NSTA, itself. For more information, visit www.cleanet.org.

“I Don’t Know What to Write!” Use Models and Activity Summary Boards to Give Students Something to Write About (SC-3)

Date: Friday, April 3, 8:00–11:00 AM
Ticket Price: $36 advance; $41 on-site

Strand: Thinking, Acting, and Communicating Like Scientists: A Focus on Disciplinary Literacy

Experience a lesson progression that builds knowledge to “figure out” phenomena while using science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to act, think, and communicate like scientists. Modeling supports the use of practices and crosscutting concepts through a progression of lessons and an activity summary board. The activity summary board serves as
a record of students’ learning progression and develops a reference for constructing explanations; writing Claim, Evidence, and Reasoning; as well as engaging in argument from evidence. At the end of the workshop, participants will have experienced tools for the classroom that will engage students in three-dimensional learning.

Using the “How Do Eggs Become Chickens or Other Living Things?” Storyline to Support Students in Meaningful Engagement in Core Life Science Performance Expectations (SC-4)

Date: Friday, April 3, 10:30 AM–5:00 PM
Ticket Price: $40 advance; $45 on-site
Strand: Aligning the Lenses: Authentic, Three-Dimensional Measurement of Student Learning

Participants explore “How do eggs become chickens or other living things?”—a coherent NGSS storyline in which student questions lead to planning and carrying out investigations rather than simply following instructions. Immersed as students, participants experience the unit anchor where they develop their own Driving Question Board, identify related phenomena, and propose possible investigations to the lessons and unit performance expectations (MS LS1-1, MS LS1-2, MS LS1-3, and MS LS4-3). Finally, participants will examine authentic artifacts of summative three-dimensional assessments to map to the unit performance expectations and Driving Question Board. Bring your laptop/tablet. Plan for a 30-minute break for lunch on own.

NSTA Press Short Course: Understanding Climate Change (SC-5)

Date: Friday, April 3, 2:00–5:00 PM
Ticket Price: $34 advance; $39 on-site
Strand: Thinking, Acting, and Communicating Like Scientists: A Focus on Disciplinary Literacy

Engage students in this “hot topic” as they investigate evidence of climate change, present their findings, and create solutions—with three-dimensional learning woven throughout. Short course includes scaffolding for students to research climate change and then present their findings to classmates in much the same way that scientists do. We will share a system to evaluate both the ripple effects of a warming climate and the actions that can be taken to mitigate climate change. The curriculum is designed to be easy to use even if teachers have no background in climate science or are new to NGSS. Examples of student work will be shared to provide an in-depth look at the knowledge gained in these lessons. Presenters’ PowerPoint and handouts will be provided. Note-taking encouraged.

An Introduction to Using Free, Online CODAP Data Software in Grades 6-14 STEM Classrooms (SC-6)

Date: Saturday, April 4, 8:00–11:00 AM
Ticket Price: $37 advance; $42 on-site
Strand: The Long View: Building a Lifelong Passion for Science

We’ll dive into datasets useful at multiple grade levels, learn ways to use CODAP (codap.concord.org), and think about data practices. Participants will work with three or more datasets spanning multiple disciplines using the NSF-funded Common Online Data Analysis Platform (CODAP), which is free, online, open source, and classroom friendly. Working in pairs, participants will explore data, generate conjectures, share visualizations for whole group discussion, learn about “data moves,” and become sufficiently proficient with CODAP to begin using it with students. Bring laptops (not tablets)!
NESTA and CIRES: On Board with MOSAiC: Unprecedented Science and Curriculum from a Year in the Arctic (SC-7)

Date: Saturday, April 4, 8:00–11:00 AM  
Ticket Price: $34 advance; $39 on-site  
Strand: Learning Science in All Spaces and Places: Near and Far

MOSAiC stands for the Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate. In this short course, embark on an expedition with MOSAiC! Explore the Arctic of the past and present through a nature of science unit. In order to plan an Arctic expedition, students will compare and contrast past (wooden sailing ship Fram) and present (MOSAiC) expeditions to learn how methods, technologies, and our knowledge of the Arctic has changed over the past century. Students will hop aboard Arctic vessels in VR Google Expeditions, use engineering practices to design a ship that can withstand the pressure of the ice, and examine satellite imagery to predict their route. In addition to the nature of science unit, participants will learn about MOSAiC research related to the unique ecology of sea ice-driven ecosystems from a MOSAiC scientist. Bring a smartphone/laptop, as well as Google Cardboard if you own one. For more information, visit mosaic.colorado.edu/education.

Assessing What Matters: Designing Equitable 3-D Performance Assessments to Support All Learners (SC-8)

Date: Saturday, April 4, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM  
Ticket Price: $47 advance; $52 on-site  
Strand: Aligning the Lenses: Authentic, Three-Dimensional Measurement of Student Learning

Explore the key features of equitable three-dimensional assessments, designing assessments that value and advantage the assets students bring to the table. Walk away with a deeper understanding of the NGSS, knowledge of what 3-D assessments “look like” and how to design them, and models of how to design and modify current assessments to better support diverse learners. Bring your laptop. Plan for a half-hour break for lunch on own. For more information, visit snapse.stanford.edu.

Equity and STEM (SC-9)

Date: Saturday, April 4, 10:30 AM–4:00 PM  
Ticket Price: $22 advance; $27 on-site

What hinders STEM access for ALL students? Learn and experience proven strategies that can enhance educators’ own cultural competency, diversity awareness, and perspectives on racism and prejudice. We will employ two structures (dyads and support groups) for our participants to experience them, discuss how they might be used with students or colleagues, resulting in developing an Equity Action Plan with short- and long-range goals, outcomes, and activities to implement when they return to their respective workplaces. Teams of two or more from a school, district, or region are recommended but not required. Plan for a half-hour break for lunch on own.
High School Share-a-Thon
Set Yourselves Higher!
April 4, 2020, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 253AB

Looking for new lessons for your classroom?
Join your fellow high school science educators to:
• Network with other secondary science teachers and share ideas.
• Hear about different activities in an informal manner, talk with the presenters one on one.
• Walk away with ideas to use tomorrow.
• Learn about award and grant programs.
• Enter to win doorprizes!

Interested in being a presenter?
Contact Brenda Jones (NSTA High School Division Director) at Brenda_Walsh@eden.k12.mn.us.

Linking Literacy
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

Join science teachers from across the globe for a special event focusing on science and children’s literature! All are invited; however the event is especially geared for elementary teachers looking for strategies to increase science instruction while meeting ELA standards as well.

Highlights of the event will be:
• Hearing directly from great authors of trade books as they celebrate their work, discuss their books, and suggest how to use them in your classroom.
• Engaging in small group “Conversations with Authors” about how their books can help bring forth equity, promote three-dimensional science, and offer phenomena to engage readers, and make cross-curricular connections.
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*Exclusive Exhibit Hall and Exhibitor Workshop Hours • Thu., 11:00 AM–12:30 PM

### EXHIBIT LOCATION
The exhibits are located in Hall A of Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

### FLOOR PLAN
Preview and create your own list of Boston exhibitors before the conference using the link above.

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1. REGISTER

The fastest way to register 24 hours a day—register online at www.nsta.org/bostonreg with a credit card.

Fax your registration form* and a copy of your purchase order to 703-243-3924.

Mail your registration form* and payment to:

NSTA Conference Department
PO Box 90214
Washington, DC 20090-0214

* Registration forms are available as PDFs at www.nsta.org/bostonreg.

2. HOUSING

Boston Housing Deadline: March 9, 2020

Make your hotel reservations now and save! NSTA has negotiated special discounted room rates with 14 hotels near the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (the convention center).

Visit: www.nsta.org/bostonhousing and have your credit card and arrival/departure information ready.

Call 877-352-6710 (toll free) or 801-505-4611 (international) between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM Mountain Time, Monday–Friday. Be prepared to provide all the information on the housing form**.

Mail CHECKS ONLY—Download housing form** and mail with check (one form per room request) to:

Orchid.Events–NSTA/Boston
175 South West Temple, Suite 30
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Do not mail to NSTA.

**Housing form is available as a PDF at www.nsta.org/bostonhousing.

Save $90 on your registration when you become an NSTA member!
NSTA has made arrangements with several major airlines to offer discounted fares to NSTA conference attendees. For complete details on these discounts as well as the best way to get around town, visit: www.nsta.org/bostontravel

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** No exhibit hall hours on Sunday

**REGISTRATION CATEGORIES**

The **Member rate** applies to the following:
- Current NSTA members
- Nonmembers who submit an NSTA membership application and membership fee along with the registration form
- MAST members (Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers)—**MAST members receive the NSTA member rate for the 2020 Boston National Conference only**

NSTA members who are fully retired and have been an NSTA member for at least five years may register at the **Retired rate**.

Full-time students 18 years of age or older may register at the **Student rate** if the registration form is accompanied by a copy of a current university ID or a letter from the university indicating full-time enrollment.

Your non-teaching spouse/guest and children must be registered in order to visit the Exhibit Hall but do not need to submit separate registration forms. Please provide their names on your own registration form. Children of high school age and younger can be registered for free. **A fee is required for your spouse/guest.** College students and teaching spouses must submit separate registration forms and payment.
VISIT THE NSTA STORE

Wednesday  4:00–7:00 PM
Thursday  7:30 AM–6:00 PM
Friday  7:30 AM–5:30 PM
Saturday  7:30 AM–3:30 PM
Sunday  8:00 AM–12 Noon

◆ Award-winning books filled with best practices, science content, teaching tips, and lesson plans.
◆ T-shirts, totes, and other science gifts to take back to your classroom.
◆ All attendees get member pricing—20% off all NSTA Press® products.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
SHARE-A-THON

WHEN?
Saturday, April 4, 2020 • 12:30–2:30 PM

WHERE?
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 253AB

Come engage with organizations that bring you exciting resources, programs, and opportunities available to you from museums, after-school, media, and other informal science education providers!

• Interactive hands-on activities
• Explore new and engaging ways to connect with your students
• Learn about FREE programs and resources
Join HHMI BioInteractive
for Workshops and Movie Night
at the 2020 NSTA National Conference
on Science Education in Boston
Room 153B

Thursday, April 2
8:00–9:30
Telling the Story of Island Biogeography with HHMI BioInteractive Resources

10:00–11:30
Enhance Science Practices and Data Literacy Using HHMI BioInteractive Resources

12:00–1:30
Group Work? No, Group-Worthy Work! Collaborative Tasks with HHMI BioInteractive

2:00–3:30
Anchoring Life Science Lessons With HHMI BioInteractive Phenomenal Images

4:00–5:30
Get Glowing with Bioluminescence: Connections Across Scales with HHMI BioInteractive

HHMI Night at the Movies

The Serengeti Rules
Thursday, April 2, 6:00–9:30 PM

Ballroom East
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC)

Admission is free!
Complimentary refreshments before the show.

Friday, April 3
8:00–9:30
Solar-Powered Sea Slugs: Investigating Phenomena with HHMI BioInteractive

10:00–11:30
Using Models to Explain Population Growth Using HHMI BioInteractive Resources

12:00–1:30
Telling Engaging Stories with HHMI BioInteractive’s Playlist Planning Tool

2:00–3:30
Modeling Biogeochemical Cycles: Exploring Ecosystem Dynamics Using HHMI BioInteractive Resources

4:00–5:30
Using HHMI BioInteractive Resources to Model Inclusive Literacy Strategies

Saturday, April 4
8:00–9:30
Explore and Create Video Case Studies with HHMI BioInteractive Resources

10:00–11:30
Using HHMI BioInteractive Resources in a Sickle Cell Disease Storyline

12:00–1:30
Connect Life, Earth, and Physical Science Learning with Understanding Global Change
SAVE UP TO $55
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