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I finally understood the 3D instruction piece, and I can already see ways to better explain the emphases and process to my colleagues. To me, the book is like having the seminar to live over again, and I’m sure that I’ll be referencing it often.

- Past NGSS Workshop Participant, Minneapolis, MN
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Wild Technology: Adventures with Open-Source Sensors, Drones, and National Geographic

Shah Selbe @shahselbe

**FOUNDER, CONSERVIFY, AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND FELLOW**

Over the last few years, Conservify has built open-source conservation technologies for use in the field on National Geographic expeditions and through our network of scientists and conservationists. This has taken us to places like Peru’s Boiling River, Botswana’s Okavango Delta, Canada’s Banff National Park, Congo’s lowland gorilla reserves, and many more. Shah Selbe will discuss some of our experiences in building open-source sensors/IoT, drones, and other tools to help better protect and understand the planet we live in. Shah is the founder of Conservify and a National Geographic Explorer and Fellow. He started his career as a spacecraft propulsion engineer but is now a conservation technologist, where he works with communities, NGOs, and developing countries to identify and deploy technologies that can help with their greatest conservation challenges.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION**

Experience: The Brain’s Most Powerful Influence

Kenneth Wesson

**EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT: NEUROSCIENCE**

Although a famous author once said, “you are what you read,” evidence-based research from cognitive science informs us instead that “you are what you experience.” Our past experiences not only shape who we become, they also literally shape the very architecture and processing idiosyncrasies inside each human brain. A former faculty member and administrator in higher education, Kenneth Wesson will address the neuroscience of learning for educational organizations and institutions throughout the United States and overseas. His audiences range from early childhood specialists to college and university-level educators, and his international audiences have included educators and administrative officers from six of the world’s seven continents. Kenneth’s research is frequently published and referenced in *Parents* Magazine, HealthNet, and the journal *Brain World*. He can be seen on PBS specials on human learning and the teenage brain. In 2017, Kenneth was selected to receive the Marquis Who’s Who Lifetime Achievement Award.
FEATURED PRESENTATION

A Woman in Mission Control

Marianne Dyson  @mariannedyson
AUTHOR AND FORMER NASA FLIGHT ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Author Marianne Dyson shares her personal experience earning a degree in physics and becoming one of the first women to join the problem-solving team in Mission Control prior to and during the first Space Shuttle flights. Marianne was one of NASA’s first female flight controllers, serving as a Flight Activities Officer during the first Space Shuttle flights, the subject of her memoir, A Passion for Space. Since leaving NASA, she has shared her passion through writing and appearances. Her children’s nonfiction books have won top awards for writing and science content. She has coauthored two books with Apollo 11’s Buzz Aldrin for National Geographic (including Welcome to Mars, which was an NSTA Best STEM Book). Marianne speculates about the future through articles and science fiction published most often in Ad Astra, the magazine of the National Space Society, and Analog Science Fiction magazine.

STRAND: Developing Persistence: The Power of Experience

Failure or delayed success has surprising benefits to students, teachers, and administrators—it often initiates meaningful learning experiences. Nurturing such experiences is part of three-dimensional learning; educators should support students in developing their own explanations, ideas, and solutions. Sessions in this strand will focus on the struggles and triumphs that drive learning and explanation development. Learn from your peers’ experiences in persisting as they negotiate the terrain of facilitating science learning for the next generation.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Supporting Equitable 3-D Science Learning Using Assessment, Phenomena, and Community Engagement

Philip Bell  @philiplbell; @STEMteachtools
SHAUNA C. LARSON CHAIR IN LEARNING SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

All students have the right to develop a deep understanding of the natural world in ways that support their goals and those of their community. Philip Bell will highlight how formative assessment, meaningful phenomena, and community engagement can support equity and justice in science education. Philip is a professor of the Learning Sciences & Human Development and holds the Shauna C. Larson Chair in Learning Sciences. He is executive director of the UW Institute for Science & Mathematics Education, which has created partnerships to envision, cultivate, and study equity-focused innovation in K–12 STEM education, and he is co-director of the Learning in Informal and Formal Environments (LIFE) Science of Learning Center.

STRAND: Advancing Three-Dimensional Classroom Culture

Educator understanding of three-dimensional learning is a continuum—from having a firm grasp of the structure of the three dimensions, to integrating appropriate science practices and crosscutting concepts, to developing grade-level storylines based on phenomena. In this strand, participants will be able to choose hands-on/interactive sessions based on their needs.

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FEATURED PRESENTATION
How Do You Scale Innovation?

Sarah Young  @YoungUTed
COORDINATOR FOR DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING, UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Do you have a great idea? Of course you do, you are a SCIENCE TEACHER! Sarah Young will focus on how to take that great idea and scale it with constructive partnerships. Come learn how to take your innovation to the next level by creating a community of leaders that support your students. Sarah provides leadership as digital teaching and learning coordinator with the Utah State Board of Education, and was previously the K–12 science specialist and the STEM liaison for Utah. As coordinator for digital teaching and learning, she plans, develops, promotes, implements, and evaluates programs in digital and personalized learning. Sarah also coordinates with colleges, universities, and other educational institutions to improve the preservice and inservice education of teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.

STRAND: Cultivating Constructive Partnerships

Teaching can be isolating. Learn how to move beyond your four walls and collaborate with colleagues, informal educators, scientists, and the community. Increase opportunities to advocate for your students’ science learning while you build your leadership skills. Learn how to enhance your professional growth by using the expertise in your building and your community. In this strand, presenters will showcase collaboration with business and industry, informal science organizations, policy stakeholders, and colleagues.

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR RENO!

The Reno conference committee has arranged these special offers for Reno conference attendees.

Nevada Space Center® and National Automobile Museum
The Nevada Space Center® and National Automobile Museum are offering a special combo admission to all NSTA Reno Area Conference attendees and their family members for the entire month of October as part of October Skies Aerospace Month. Please show your badge at the reception desk to receive tickets—$10 for adults and $4 for youth (ages 6–18). Experience science, technology, engineering, and math through some of the most amazing vehicles ever conceived!

Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery)
The Discovery is offering reduced admission to NSTA Reno Area Conference attendees for $6 per adult (must show conference badge at admissions desk). This offer is valid October 11–14, 2018. The Discovery boasts 67,000 square feet of ever-changing hands-on galleries and exhibits focused on science, technology, engineering, art, history, and invention—all designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and the joy of lifelong learning in all who visit.

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FEATURED PANEL

Children’s Literature: Using Phenomena to Uncover Student Questions

Panelists:
- Kelly Milner Halls (@KellyMilnerH), Nonfiction Author for Young Readers
- Patricia Newman (@PatriciaNewman), Children’s Author
- Steve A. Rich (@bflyguy), Author; Science Methods Instructor, University of West Georgia; and Consultant, Georgia Math Science Partnership
- Dennis Schatz (@DinoManSchatz), NSTA President-Elect; Children’s Book Author; and Senior Advisor at Pacific Science Center
- Pamela Turner, Children’s Author

This innovative Author's Panel offers an opportunity for teachers to walk away with new and practical ideas of how to use the phenomena present in many children’s books. Learn what to look for in good science literature, how to help students develop their own questions about phenomena, and how to formulate investigations to answer their questions. During this special session, children’s authors will interact with teachers in an informal manner, collaborating on ways children’s literature makes phenomena come alive.

Moderator: Christine Anne Royce, NSTA President; Co-Director, MAT in STEM Education; and Professor, Dept. of Teacher Education, Shippensburg University

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Reno’s FRIDAY Night on the Town!

Start Your Evening with a Welcome Reception

Hosted by the Nevada State Science Teachers Association (NSSTA)
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Friday, October 12 • 6:00–8:00 PM
Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum*

Tour the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum and join us for hors d’oeuvres and beer/wine. Enjoy a few stories with our guest speaker Zeb Hogan, a National Geographic Explorer and host of Monster Fish.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be purchased for $10 from EventBrite (bit.ly/2zruy8P) through October 1, 2018.

All ticket fees will be donated to the Discovery Museum. Each ticket purchased includes a free drink token during the event. Pick up your drink token at the Cengage Booth (#408) by 3:00 PM on Friday.

Afterwards, attend our “Dine About Town” at some great Reno downtown restaurants. NSSTA has arranged reservations at several downtown restaurants close to the museum. Stop by the NSSTA booth to sign up with your friends or to make new ones.

*Uber to the museum for approximately $10
Reno Conference + SPECIAL EVENTS

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FRIDAY
OCTOBER 12

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Developing Assessments to Advance Three-Dimensional Classroom Culture (SC-1)

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2:00–5:00 PM
TICKET PRICE: $15 ADVANCE; $20 ON-SITE

Strand: Advancing Three-Dimensional Classroom Culture

A key way for teachers to support a three-dimensional (3-D) culture in their classrooms is to use 3-D assessments that are designed to meet the vision of the NGSS. However, there is a lack of high-quality 3-D assessments readily available to teachers. In this short course, you will learn how to design 3-D assessments by brainstorming scenarios for eliciting student understanding and using task formats to build questions that engage students with the scenario. Participants will receive resources such as STEM Teaching Tool #29: Steps to Designing a Three-Dimensional Assessment.

Ocean Plastic Pollution: Issues and Solutions (SC-2)

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9:00 AM–12 NOON
TICKET PRICE: $25 ADVANCE; $30 ON-SITE

Enrich your classroom with NGSS-focused activities surrounding plastic pollution issues and solutions. Activities will highlight plastic’s physical and chemical properties, including density and buoyancy. Not only will we emphasize looking at the impacts of prolific plastic use, but we will also explore solutions to plastic pollution, alternatives to single-use plastics, and empowering students to tackle environmental problems without experiencing ecofatigue. This short course will include strategies to encourage critical thinking about environmental issues and methods to help students gain awareness and examination of everyday resources and uses. Empower your students to become part of the plastic pollution solution! Door prizes and resources!
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Reno conference attendees can earn one (1) or two (2) graduate-level credit/units in professional development through Dominican University of California course #EDUO 8025. To obtain credit/units, you must be registered for the NSTA Reno area conference, complete the required assignments, and pay a fee of $95 for one credit/unit or $190 for two credits/units. An NSTA transcript is also required. Your required assignments must be successfully completed and sent to the instructor within three weeks of the conference ending date. Deadline is November 30, 2018. Visit bit.ly/2udgREG for complete details.
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Becoming Scientifically Literate: Insights from Research on Learning and Teaching

Heidi Schweingruber
DIRECTOR, BOARD ON SCIENCE EDUCATION, THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE

Science is a way of knowing about our world. In a society where science and technology now touch nearly every part of our lives, it is critical to understand the processes and practices of science and to become critical consumers of scientific research. Drawing on studies from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Heidi’s talk focuses on exploring what scientific literacy is and the kinds of learning experiences students need to become more scientifically literate.

STRAND: Freedom to Become Scientifically Literate

Developing scientifically literate global citizens is increasingly critical in today’s society. Opportunities for students to analyze data, make claims, engage in argument from evidence, and grapple with authentic science and engineering problems are essential to achieving this goal. Sessions in this strand will focus on creating environments that engage students in becoming connected to the world around them and prepare them to be the next generation of decision makers.
FEATURED PRESENTATION

Seven Touches to Enlightenment

Ned Tillman  @nedtillman

AUTHOR, EARTH SCIENTIST, OUTDOOR GUIDE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

Ned Tillman is a tireless advocate and strong voice in support of sustainability, with special emphasis on watershed restoration and land preservation. He will share his seven strategies for getting students connected to the world around them. An accomplished environmental scientist and lifelong outdoorsman, his mantra is strength through organization. For 27 years, he provided energy and environmental consulting services to governments and corporations worldwide. Now he applies those skills to give others the tools to save the waters, forests, and land they love. Ned has authored several books, including *The Chesapeake Watershed: A Sense of Place and a Call to Action* and *Saving the Places We Love, Paths to Environmental Stewardship*. He holds a master’s degree in Earth and environmental sciences from Syracuse University. More information about his sustainability campaign is available at [www.savingtheplaces.com](http://www.savingtheplaces.com).

Participants can sign up to meet one-on-one with Ned following his presentation in order to share ideas, explore opportunities to collaborate, or to learn more about his strategies. Sign up at the MAST booth or at the end of the talk. Anyone who cannot attend can reach Ned at ned@sustainable.us or [www.savingtheplaces.com](http://www.savingtheplaces.com).

**STRAND: Cultivating Curiosity in the Capital Region**

Children are born with natural curiosity that is often “schooled out” of them. The challenge of science education is to provide opportunities that spark their sense of curiosity, hone their critical-thinking skills, and help them to make sense of the world in which they live. The national capital region is rich in resources and environments that invite students to wonder about the world around them. Local contexts and relevant phenomena use, build, and sustain student curiosity by providing opportunities to ask questions, solve problems in multiple ways, and deepen understanding. In this strand, participants will explore tools, strategies, and local resources to tap into and maintain their students’ curiosity.
During this panel discussion the CEOs of two leading advocacy groups—Teach Plus and The Education Trust—will discuss ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and why classroom teachers must be the driving force behind the practice and policy changes needed to address the serious equity challenges we face today. Additional panelists to be announced.

Roberto J. Rodríguez served in senior roles in the United States Senate and in the White House. From 2009 to 2017, he developed and led President Obama’s education initiatives to build systemic change and improve opportunity and outcomes across the educational continuum. Under his leadership, support for higher academic standards, enhanced teacher development and advancement, and deeper investment in America’s schools ultimately led to the enactment by Congress of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. Prior to his service in the White House, Roberto spent eight years as principal education adviser to the late U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy. He holds an EdM from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

John B. King, Jr. is the president and CEO of The Education Trust, a national nonprofit organization that aims to identify and close opportunity and achievement gaps, from preschool through college. He served as the U.S. Secretary of Education from 2016 through 2017. In tapping him to lead the U.S. Department of Education, President Obama called Dr. King “an exceptionally talented educator,” citing his commitment to “preparing every child for success” and his lifelong dedication to education as a teacher, principal, and leader of schools and school systems. He holds a Master of Arts in the teaching of social studies and a PhD in education from Teachers College at Columbia University.

STRAND: Monumental Challenge: STEM Equity, Diversity, and Advocacy via NGSS

“Arguably, the most pressing challenge facing U.S. education is to provide all students with a fair opportunity to learn” (Framework; NRC 2012, p. 282). Educators must advocate and take action to provide equity and access to STEM opportunities for students. The three-dimensional nature of the NRC Framework provides an incredible opportunity for teachers to engage ALL students in STEM education. To develop innovative and responsible citizens for tomorrow, we must foster creativity, academic risk-taking, and perseverance within ALL student groups today. This strand will focus on supporting teachers in creating inclusive classrooms that are culturally proficient and celebrate diverse ideas and solutions essential for STEM literacy.

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Academic Vocabulary Through Engaging Phenomena (SC-1)

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 8:00–11:00 AM
TICKET PRICE: $12 ADVANCE; $17 ON-SITE

We will explore owl pellets in a series of NGSS lessons designed to engage English language learners and build academic vocabulary through discussion, writing, and reading. This short course uses a 5E lesson plan to demonstrate how an inquiry into owl pellets and owl habitats can help grades 3–5 students access academic vocabulary, build their conceptual framework, and inspire reading and writing that will become the basis for further inquiry.
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Andrés Ruzo  
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GEOThermal SCIENTIST AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHic EXPLORER

When disciplines meet—discovery often follows. A lot can be gained by stepping out of our comfort zone, but taking those steps is too often inherently difficult, requiring plenty of work to get in the right position. Join National Geographic Explorer Andrés Ruzo for a journey into the Amazon, to explore the forces threatening the jungle, and potential solutions that may come from crossing disciplines and grade levels. In 2011, Andrés became the first geothermal scientist granted permission to study the sacred Boiling River of the Amazon. He believes that environmental responsibility and economic prosperity can go hand in hand, and uses science to unite both aims.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Novel Engineering and Integrated STEM Lessons for Developing Literacy and Problem-Solving Skills

Amber Leigh McFarland Kendall  
COORDINATOR OF STEM PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, THE ENGINEERING PLACE, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Novel Engineering is an NSF-funded and research-based, literacy-focused approach to integrated STEM lessons for K–8 classrooms—with the term “integrated” meaning that engineering design challenges provide the opportunity for students to research and apply concepts and skills from literally any other content area, such as science, math, social studies, ELA, art, and music. Join Amber as she presents the guiding principles of integrated lesson planning, video and written examples of students engaged in Novel Engineering, recent research and trends, and why in the world we think engineering should be a part of the K–8 classroom. A former physics teacher at North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, she holds a PhD in engineering education from Tufts University.

STRAND: Illuminate Literacy Through Science

Science provides an authentic and engaging context for literacy learning. Part of the science/literacy interface teaches students to use the language of science. Sessions will focus on demonstrating ways to use science investigations to strengthen the literacy skills of preK–12 science students. Sessions will highlight disciplinary practices that promote students’ reading, writing, thinking, speaking, and listening as scientists.
**FEATURED PRESENTATION**

**Stepping Outside the Bounds: Character, Creativity, Community, and Culture**

ChaMarra K. Saner  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, CATAWBA COLLEGE**

It is ChaMarra Saner’s belief that an environment stemmed from science education provides students with the stimulation and curiosity to explore their desired passion while developing the knowledge and technical skills to persevere. She will share how through teaching/mentoring she strives toward the development and creative functions, as well as the simultaneous development of practical skills in supporting student growth. ChaMarra is actively involved in her college and the community as the faculty adviser for the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, and regularly volunteers in the Rowan Salisbury and Iredell County schools systems. She holds a PhD in chemistry from Louisiana State University.

**STRAND: Amp Up Science Instruction**

How can educators go beyond the science standards? By “amping up” science instruction through technology, best practices, and personalized learning, teachers can generate powerful learning experiences for their students. This strand will provide participants with extended learning opportunities for improving current instruction.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION**

**Cultivating Curiosity: Practical Tips to Create High-Voltage Experiences for Students Outside the Classroom Through Community and Scientific Partnerships**

Laura Kloepper  
**BIOACOUSTICIAN AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE**

Curiosity and learning is enhanced when students move beyond the classroom and into Project-Based Learning, which allows students to experience the messy realities of “real-world science.” These immersive experiences allow students to ask questions, “do” hands-on science, and interpret information in their natural world. Laura Kloepper will give practical tips on how educators can initiate and form lasting community and scientific partnerships to enhance high-voltage student experiences outside the classroom. Her current research investigates how bats use their echolocation in large swarms without interfering with one another.

**STRAND: High-Voltage Science Strategies Beyond Standards**

Purposeful learning takes place when students are able to apply the learned standards to situations, challenges, and problems beyond the science classroom. This requires the integration of mathematics, humanities, engineering, technological tools, and community relevance. This strand increases participants’ understanding of and ability to facilitate student science learning and engagement in and beyond the classroom.
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The IMAGINE-NC Project: Integrating Mathematics and Geology in Eastern North Carolina (SC-1)

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2:00–5:00 PM
TICKET PRICE: $15 ADVANCE; $20 ON-SITE

Developed by the Aurora Fossil Museum and East Carolina University science and education faculty, IMAGINE-NC activities link grade-appropriate mathematics with geology. This short course will include examples of hands-on activities and curriculum developed for the project. Important themes addressed are fossils, landforms, Earth materials, mapping, hydrologic cycle, and geologic time. Join us to learn about incorporating similar activities into your classroom. For more information, visit bit.ly/2Iy1uwH.

Model Rocketry: A Highly Motivational STEM Teaching Tool (SC-2)

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 8:00–11:00 AM
TICKET PRICE: $25 ADVANCE; $30 ON-SITE

Strand: Amp Up Science Instruction

This is an introduction to model rocketry. Participants will design and build two types of model rockets—an ESTES solid fuel model rocket and NASA’s air-powered paper stomp rocket. They will learn about model rocket launch techniques and Newton’s laws of motion—forces like gravity, lift, thrust, and drag—as well as explore aerospace STEM concepts and principles relating to NASA/JPL’s space exploration program. Due to safety restrictions, the ESTES model rocket will be built, but not launched, while the stomp rocket will be built and launched. For more information, visit www.estesrockets.com and bit.ly/2Kdv3bC.

Note: Participants should bring a pair of ANSI Z87.1 Eye Protection Goggles as presenters will have a limited supply on hand.
Not the Usual Suspects: Strategies to Cultivate New Community Partnerships (SC-3)

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2:00–5:00 PM
TICKET PRICE: $15 ADVANCE; $20 ON-SITE

Strand: High-Voltage Science Strategies Beyond Standards

How do you identify new partners? In this short course, we’ll use the NAAEE Guidelines for Excellence for Community Engagement to work through strategies to identify new individuals/organizations, strengthen relationships with existing partners, and reach beyond the “usual suspects” to make new connections. The goal is to help you identify the organizations and individuals and build relationships to achieve your goals for student learning. Please come to the short course with a general idea of who your current partners are. For more information, visit www.eenc.org.

DISCOVERY PLACE

Science Social, Tinkering, and Energy Extravaganza!

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018
Time: 6:00–8:00 PM
Location: Education Studio, Discovery Place, 300 N Poplar St., Charlotte, NC 28202

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Questions? Contact us at 704-372-6261 or via e-mail at douglast@discoveryplace.org. Space is limited.

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