

WAGS 2020 Program

Sunday, March 8

Pre-/Post- Conference Suggestions

Albuquerque Museum
Old Town Albuquerque
Museum of Natural History & Science
Explora
Walk along Rio Grande Bosque Trail



University of New Mexico
Sandia Tramway
International Balloon Museum
Petroglyph National Park
Local and regional hiking

- 4:00-5:00 WAGS Board Meeting
- 4:00-6:00 Registration, (North Atrium)
- 6:00-8:00 Welcome Reception, Q-Bar at Hotel Albuquerque
Welcome, Hakim Belamy, Deputy Director, City of Albuquerque Cultural Services
(and Poetry Slam Champion)
Acoustic guitar (South American, Classical, Flamenco), Ben Silva, University of
New Mexico Faculty; Lucian Raine Johnson, UNM student; Donovan Perea, UNM
student

Monday, March 9

- 7:30 Registration Opens
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast (Franciscan Ballroom)
- 8:45-9:00 Welcome Address, Julie Coonrod, President, WAGS (Alvarado D)
- 9:00-10:00 **Plenary I – CGS 2020: News and Notes**, Suzanne Ortega, President, Council of
Graduate Schools (Alvarado D)
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee Break and Exhibits (North Atrium)
- 10:30-11:30 Concurrent Sessions I (Alvarado A, B, C)

A. Moderator: Kathryn Hausbeck Korgan, Dean, Graduate College, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Panel Session: The Best Practices of a Truly Diversified Graduate Campus, from Admissions to Student Services

Kerry Mandulak, Associate Professor, School of Communication Sciences & Disorders,
Pacific University

Narce Rodriguez, Chief Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Pacific University

Robert Ruiz, Vice President, Strategic Enrollment, Liaison International

B. Moderator: Stephanie Sanchez, Associate Director, Center for Academic Program Support, University of New Mexico

i) Effectiveness of Individual Development Plans (IDPs) in Support of Student Success: Outcomes from a Survey of Postdocs

Dorthe Wildenschild, Associate Dean, Oregon State University

Tori Byington, Assistant Dean, University of Oregon

ii) University of Alberta PhD Alumni Study: Supporting and Improving the Transition from Degree to Employment

Bryan Hogeveen, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, University of Alberta

C. Moderator: Brandy A. Randall, Associate Dean, College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, North Dakota State University

i) Mind Mapping, Restructuring, and Implementation: Zero Budget Student Engagement

Amanda Eakins, Director of Graduate & Professional Student Recruitment, Engagement & Retention, Idaho State University

Bea Valencia Hernandez, Graduate Pathway Specialist Doctor of Arts, Political Science-Student, Idaho State University

ii) Professional Science Master's Programs: Ahead of the Curve! Training Talent for the Future

Ray Hoobler, Director, Professional Master of Science and Technology, University of Utah

Inge Wefes, Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School and Director, Professional Science Master's Program in Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus

11:30-11:40 Exhibits (North Atrium)

11:40-1:00 **ProQuest Awards Lunch** (Franciscan Ballroom)

Jessica Beck, Assistant Dean, Graduate School, Oregon State University

Matthew Tradewell, Graduate School, Oregon State University

Jessica Horowitz, Director, Academic Relations N.A., ProQuest Dissertation Publishing

Innovation in Technology Award

Junyue Cao, University of Washington

"Cell state and fate characterization by novel single cell genomic techniques"

Distinguished Master's Thesis Award - STEM

Fernando Temprano-Coleto, UC Santa Barbara

"Marangoni Flows: Computation and Experiments"

Distinguished Master's Thesis Award – Non-STEM

Jeanette Adame, California State University, Chico

"Citing Divine and Human Laws: Women of African Descent and the New Orleans Cabildo, 1769-1800"

Distinguished Master's Thesis and/or Final Master's Capstone Project Award in the Creative, Visual, and Performing Arts

Liz Harmer, Chapman University

"Interpretation Machine: A Memoir"

- 1:00-2:00 **Plenary II – The Impact of Politics and Policy on our Graduate Student Population**, Gabriel Sanchez, Professor of Political Science, University of New Mexico (Franciscan Ballroom)
- 2:00-2:15 Coffee Break and Exhibits (North Atrium)
- 2:15-3:15 Concurrent Sessions (Workshops) II (Alvarado A, B, C)
- A. Recruitment and Retention of Latinx Graduate Students: Lessons from HSIs**
Chuck Ambler, Dean-in-Residence, Council of Graduate Schools
- B. Personal Professional Development**
Jackie Wirz, Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies, Oregon Health & Science University
- C. Learning to Teach: A Comprehensive Graduate Course in Evidence-based Teaching Practices in Higher Education**
Veronica Zepeda, Director of Graduate Student Services, University of Nevada, Reno
Matt Aguirre, Director, Postdoctoral Affairs, Graduate Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives, University of Nevada, Reno
Charity Peak, Academic Director, Association for College and University Educators (ACUE)
- 3:15-4:00 Bus transportation to UNM (Bellamah Ave, north side of hotel)
10 minute architectural walk or drop off by Fine Arts Center
- 4:00-5:30 **Plenary Panel Session – Critical Indigenous Changes to Campus Climate** (Keller Hall, Center for the Arts, UNM) All participants are associated with UNM
- Welcome by James Holloway, Provost
Introductions by Jesse Alemán, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies
Moderated by Pamela Agoyo, Director of American Indian Student Services and Special Assistant to the President for American Indian Affairs
Jennifer Denetdale, Professor, American Studies; Discussant: Institutional Interventions
Leola Tsinnajinnie, Assistant Professor, Native American Studies; Discussant: Curricular Changes
Tiffany Lee, Professor, Native American Studies; Discussant: Native American Studies Graduate Program
Closing by Assata Zerai, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion
- 5:30-7:00 Chardonnay–Champagne Reception with **Mariachi Performance** (outside museum) University of New Mexico Art Museum
- 7:00 Bus transportation back to Hotel Albuquerque or dinner nearby and transportation on your own

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:30 Registration Opens
- 7:30-8:45 Breakfast Table Talks with Sponsors ([Franciscan Ballroom](#))
- 9:00-10:00 **Plenary III – Beyond Millennials: Today’s Graduate Students**, [Nasha Torrez](#),
Dean of Students, University of New Mexico ([Alvarado D](#))
- 10-10:30 Coffee Break and Exhibits ([North Atrium](#))
- 10:30-11:30 Concurrent Sessions III ([Alvarado A, B, C](#))
- A. Moderator: Jesse Alemán, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, University of New Mexico**
Panel Session: The Perils and Pitfalls of Program Review
Kima Cargill, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs & Planning, The Graduate School,
University of Washington
Becky Corriell, Director, Academic Program Review & Strategy, The Graduate School,
University of Washington
Kathryn Hausbeck Korgan, Dean, Graduate College, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Andy Karduna, Associate Dean, The Graduate School, University of Oregon
- B. Moderator: Tammi Vacha-Haase, Dean, Graduate College, Boise State University**
i) **Values, Goals, Habits, and Student Success**
Leslie Ellen Blood, Director of Graduate Community and Professional Development,
University of Colorado Boulder
ii) **Forget Your Troubles, Come on Get Happy! Community Engagement and Wellness Initiatives**
Jackie Wirz, Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies, Oregon Health & Science University
iii) **Creating a Changed Culture in the #metoo Era: A University-Wide, Grassroots Sexual Harassment Awareness Movement**
Jackie Wirz, Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies, Oregon Health & Science University
- C. Moderator: Maribeth Watwood, Dean, Graduate College, Northern Arizona University**
i) **Rebooting the Graduate Tuition Benefits Program at the University of Utah with Faculty Support**
David Kieda, Dean, The Graduate School, University of Utah
ii) **Financial Capability: Is Financial Wellness and Financial Literacy Enough?**
Luis Vázquez, Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, New Mexico State University
Denise Esquibel, Assistant Dean, Graduate Academic Affairs, New Mexico State University
iii) **How Universities Show They Care: Proactive Retroactive Recruiting**
Elisa Mattison, Director, Graduate School, University of Alaska Anchorage
- 11:30-2:00 **Networking lunch** at nearby restaurants, stroll through Old Town or museum
Sign up sheets at the registration table
- 2:15-3:15 **Plenary IV – Graduate Education and Federal Policy: Who’s Driving Whom?**, [Lauren Inouye](#), Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs
for the Council of Graduate Schools ([Alvarado D](#))

3:15-3:45 Coffee & Networking Break (North Atrium)

3:45-5:15 Concurrent Sessions IV (Alvarado A, B, C)

- A. Moderator: Scott Lowe, Associate Dean, Graduate College, Boise State University**
- i) The Graduate School and Institutional Research Office Collaborations: Creating Tools for Data Informed Decision Making**
 Krystyna Aune, Dean of Graduate Division, University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Yang Zhang, Director of Institutional Research, University of Hawaii at Manoa
 - ii) From Survey to Implementation: Using Data to Promote Effective Graduate Student Development**
 Stephanie Sanchez, Associate Director, Center for Academic Program Support, University of New Mexico
 Aeron Haynie, Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of New Mexico
 - iii) Graduate Student Preferred Communications**
 Valarie Burke, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- B. Moderator: James Marshall, Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, California State University, Fresno**
- i) The Matthew Principle and Hiring Patterns at American Research Universities**
 Anthony Olejniczak, Director, Academic Analytics Research Center
 Lori Esposito, Affiliated Researcher, Academic Analytics Research Center
 - ii) A Mile in Their Shoes: Improving International Enrollment Strategy through Effective Student Engagement**
 Christian Heckmann, University Relations Manager, Prodigy Finance
 Molly Dineen, University Relations Director, Prodigy Finance
 - iii) What Do Fewer International Students Mean for the Future of Graduate Education?**
 Robert Ruiz, Vice President, Strategic Enrollment, Liaison International
- C. Moderator: Inge Wefes, Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School and Director, Professional Science**
- i) Supporting Incoming Graduate Students through a Peer-tutoring and Mentorship Program**
 Eve Lowenstein, Doctoral Student, Oregon Health & Science University
 Lauren Miller, Doctoral Student, Oregon Health & Science University
 Thomas Fernandez, Doctoral Student, Oregon Health & Science University
 - ii) Diversity and Inclusion Support Systems in Graduate School**
 Leslie Ellen Blood, Director of Graduate Community and Professional Development, University of Colorado Boulder
 - iii) Student Support Services for Online Adult Graduate Students at Comprehensive Universities: A Gap Analysis**
 Natalie A. Lupton, Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator, Information Technology and Administrative Management Department, Central Washington University
 - iv) Using AI Software to Accelerate the Thesis Dissertation Clearance Process**
 David Kieda, Dean, The Graduate School, University of Utah

5:30-6:30 **Flamenco**, Tapas, and Sangria Reception ([Tablao](#))
Complimentary Performance by National Institute of Flamenco
 Leah Ellis, Production Coordinator

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, March 11

7:30-8:45 Liaison and ETS Sponsored Breakfast ([Franciscan Ballroom](#))

9:00-10:00 **Plenary Panel Session – Navigating the New Normal: Graduate Education Leadership in Times of Frequent Upper Administrative Change**
 ([Alvarado D](#))

Brandy A. Randall, *Panel Organizer*, Associate Dean, College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, North Dakota State University
 Chevelle Newsome, Dean, Graduate Studies, California State University, Sacramento
 Kathryn Hausbeck Korgan, Dean, Graduate College, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 Claudia Tomany, Dean, College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, North Dakota State University

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break & Exhibits ([North Atrium](#))

10:30-11:15 **WAGS 3MT Final Concurrent Sessions** (Because of the nature of these concurrent sessions for the students, we ask that you hold all applause to prevent interrupting the 3MT taking place next door. Thank you).

Alvarado A – Julie Coonrod, Moderator
 Alvarado B – Kate Korgan, Moderator
 Alvarado C – Tammi Vacha-Haase, Moderator

11:25-noon **WAGS 3MT Final** ([Alvarado D](#))
 Tammi Vacha-Haase, Dean, Graduate College, Boise State University

Noon-1:00 Lunch and Closing WAGS Meeting ([Franciscan Ballroom](#))

1:00-2:00 WAGS Board Meeting