



The Grace Anne Stewart Speaker Series



Welcome!

To keep EAS informed of Grace Anne Stewart Speaker Series (GASSS) activities, we will be circulating monthly newsletters! In addition, here you will find useful resources related to EDI and mental health. This month the resources focus on LGBTQIA2S+ supports and services.

About the Grace Anne Stewart Speaker Series

The Grace Anne Stewart Speaker Series (GASSS) is a student-led equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) initiative which aims to address issues related to EDI in the Earth and Atmospheric sciences department at the UofA and broader geoscience community. The issues we wish to address include underrepresentation, inequality, discrimination, and bias related to gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, ability, and neurodiversity in geoscience.

GASSS update and events

The Speaker Series

Because GASSS covers numerous topics, we are categorizing our talks. We are embracing a new look with a subheader and colour coded, symbolised poster to make it clear what issue each talk is addressing. The colours and symbols were picked with colour blind and neurodivergent individuals in mind. The talks will be divided into the following subcategories:

- Women in geoscience
- Black, Indigenous, people of colour (BIPOC)
- LGBTQIA2S+
- Ability and Neurodiveristy
- Mental health awareness



Mental Health Awareness



LGBTQIA2S+



Women in Geoscience



Ability & Neurodiversity



BIPOC

Upcoming Talks



Thursday March 4th 2021, 11 MDT: Dr. Lisa White (Women in Geoscience, BIPOC, Neurodiversity)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85651377881?pwd=aUdlL2dONjIjU3U1WlJ4bjBiQT09>

Title: Integrating virtual fieldwork, paleontology collections, and visualization tools to enhance geoscience instruction for diverse audiences

Find more information here:

<https://cms.eas.ualberta.ca/gass/category/speaker-series/>



Thursday April 1st 2021, 11 MDT: Dr. Dawn Sumner (Women in Geoscience)

Title: Asking Different Questions About the Great Oxidation Event

Unlearning Racism in Geoscience (URGE)

As many know, we are currently running the URGE program for our department. This program is a 16-week structured reading and seminar course to learn about racism in geoscience, what we can do to be more inclusive, and develop policy and guidelines that are actively anti racist. We believe working as a department to achieve these goals will make our department more inclusive and have a long lasting positive impact on individuals. **Registration is closed. However, depending on further demand, we can allow people to sign up to participate. If you are please interested email us: stewartspeakerseries@gmail.com.**

For more info:

[Unlearning Racism in Geoscience | Earth and Atmospheric Sciences \(ualberta.ca\)](#)

[URGEOSCIENCE – Unlearning Racism in Geoscience](#)

Other Speaker Series and EDI initiatives

ATLAS symposium: Two panel discussion will be held at the symposiums covering topics of indigenous participation in geoscience and issues faced by LGBTQIA2S+ persons in geoscience. These events are currently being organized and the dates and times are to be announced.

GeoWomen: [Advancing women working in the geoscience professions \(geowomen.org\)](http://geowomen.org)

Tuesday March 16th 2021, 12:00-1:00 pm MDT: Yulini Arediningsih

Title: Rediscovering Myself as a Geologist

Register by March 16th at 9:00 am [here](#).

Scientific QUEERies: [Promoting the LGBTQIA2S+ community in STEM](#)

Tuesday March 2nd 2021: Dr. Alexandra Keinath

Tuesday March 30th 2021: Dr. Sophie Comer-Warner

Please use the following google form to sign up to the mailing list if you wish to receive details for these and future talks: <https://forms.gle/bgLWhHMwosBTzNrb6>

Other Resources

The rainbow pages

- The yellow-pages for LGBTQ+ youth resources in Edmonton, including health supports, transgender supports, and affirming churches and congregations.
- <https://www.therainbowpages.ca>

LGBTQ+ Newcomer Services

- Provides one on one support services, group supports, information referrals and settlement advice for individual newcomers to Canada.
- Also available for people with permanent residency, refugee claimants, and any LGBTQ+ people with other status in Canada.
- <https://www.centrefornewcomers.ca/lgbtq>

Egale

- National organization that educates and advocates for the LGBTQI2S+ community, and also provides inclusivity training for organizations and schools.
- <https://egale.ca>

