



# 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 throughout the year!

### *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

### Upcoming Talks

**Thursday November 18, 2021, 11 MDT:** Dr. Emily Martin (Women in Geoscience), research physical scientist in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Center for Earth and Planetary Studies.

*Area of Research: Planetary surface processes and tectonic deformation across our solar system. In particular, she is interested in the evolution of subsurface oceans on Saturn's moon Enceladus and other icy satellites.*

*Stay tuned for more information.*

### GASSS Program - Mentorship Program

We are happy to announce the launch of the pilot Mentorship Program in EAS. During the pilot program running from September 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 we hope to improve the student experience in EAS and ensure better pastoral care. Mentor-mentee relationships will work to bridge the gap in communication between various levels of the

department body and improve the sense of community for all in EAS. Our hope is to initiate a permanent mentorship program after feedback from the pilot program. If you have any questions or concerns about the mentorship program please feel free to contact [EASmentorship@gmail.com](mailto:EASmentorship@gmail.com). If you missed the chance to participate as a mentee or mentor in the pilot program, everyone is able to view the [handbook](#) that provides a collection of resources on various topics from mental health to scholarships.

### *GASSS Program - Unlearning Racism in Geoscience (URGE)*

As many know, a group from our department participated in the URGE program that took place from January 2021 to May 2021. This program was 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. To view the outcomes of the URGE program please visit:

<https://cms.eas.ualberta.ca/gass/unlearning-racism-in-geoscience/>

### URGEOSCIENCE – Unlearning Racism in Geoscience

## **Other Speaker Series and EDI initiatives**

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

Tuesday November 16th 2021 from 12 - 1 pm MDT: Michelle Saquet

*Title:* Starting a Consulting Business: Part 2.

Register by November 15th at 9:00 am [here](#).

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

Tuesday November 2nd 2021 at 1 pm MDT: Dr. Michael Moloney, Chief Executive Officer, American Institute of Physics (Physics, Administration).

Tuesday November 16th 2021 at 1 pm MDT: Dr. Lien Luong, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta (Ecology, Parasitology).

Tuesday November 30th 2021 at 1 pm MDT: Dr. Antigona Segura, Professor, Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares, Universidad Nacional Autónoma De México (Astrobiology).

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>. The future speaker schedule can be found on their [website](#).

## Resources

- [Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Grant Program](#)
- [Inclusion Alberta](#) assists families and individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Edmonton-based inclusive podcast: [The Well Endowed Podcast](#)
- [WISEST STEM podcast](#) is all about advancing the conversation around diversity and inclusion in science, engineering and technology.

## Activities in Edmonton and Surrounding Areas

- [Dig In St. Albert's Horticultural Festival](#), November 5 to 14
- [James Cameron - Challenging the Deep](#), Telus World of Science, November 6
- [November Fall Craft & Vendor Market](#), November 6 and 7
- [Beauty & The Grinch](#), Jubilations Dinner Theatre, Until January 8, 2022
- [Paranormal Tours](#), Fort Edmonton Park, November 7-December 1
- [Garden Valley Hall Christmas Market](#), November 13 and 14
- [Art Society of Strathcona Christmas MarketPlace](#), November 13 & 14
- [NOSH Food Fest](#), November 13 & 14
- [Winter Wonder Forest](#), November 19, 2021 to January 9, 2022
- [Beverly Heights Christmas Craft & Gift Show](#), November 20
- [Christmas in November - Arts & Crafts Show](#), November 20
- [Winter Craft Sale](#), November 20
- [Arts and Craft Sale](#), November 20
- [November Vendor & Craft Market](#), November 20 and 21
- [Hand2Hand Christmas Market](#), November 20
- [SCARS Christmas Gift Market](#), November 21
- [Science on Tap: The Science of Addiction](#), *virtual*, November 25
- [Makers Market YEG](#), November 26 and 27
- [Royal Bison Art and Craft Fair](#), November 26 to December 12
- [Edmonton Christmas Market](#), November 26 to December 12
- [Enchanted Forest](#), November 26, 2021 to January 7, 2022
- [Christmas Vendor Market](#), November 27
- [A Christmas Carol by Citadel Theatre](#), November 27 to December 23
- [Winter Gardens Market](#), November 27
- [Sherwood Park Silver Bells Winter Market](#), November 27
- [St. Albert Indoor Christmas Market](#), November 27 to December 19
- [Winter Whyte Light Up](#), November 27
- [Kingsway Holiday Parade](#), November 28
- [The Northern Light Dining Experience](#), November 29, 2021 to January 9, 2022

## Supporting EDI

We encourage you to support EDI in any way you can; whether it be by contributing to a fundraiser or supporting local businesses! The links below can get you started but it is no way an exhaustive list.

### Fundraisers

- [Black Health Alliance](#) - This is a community-led registered charity working to improve the health and well-being of Black communities in Canada.
- [True North Aid](#) - Runs projects to support the critical needs of Indigenous communities and help reduce the poverty gap that exists between them and the rest of Canada.

### Businesses

- [Zen Lion Loungewear & Design](#) - Edmonton Black-owned small business.
- [Workhall](#) - Indigenous-owned clothing business operating in Edmonton and Vancouver.
- [The QUILTBAG](#) - Edmonton LGBTQ2S+ and Black-owned business that is an LGBTQ+ retail shop. This shop carries pins, pronoun buttons, patches, stickers, art by local artists, and trans gear.
- [Mother Earth Essentials](#) - Edmonton Indigenous-owned beauty and wellness shop.
- [Indigenous-owned businesses in Edmonton](#)
- [Black-owned business in Edmonton](#)
- [Queer-friendly businesses in the Edmonton area](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

- There are many volunteer opportunities advertised by the city of Edmonton which you can find [here](#).
- [Edmonton Humane Society](#)
- [SPCA](#)
- [Zoey's Animal Rescue](#)
- [SCARS](#)
- [Meals on Wheels](#)
- [Edmonton Food Bank](#)
- [Homeless Connect YEG](#)
- [The Mustard Seed](#)
- [Campus Food Bank](#)
- [Edmonton Senior Centre](#)

## Contact Information

Please reach out to us if you want us to look into certain resources or have information that can be included in our next newsletter. If you have any speakers that would be a good fit for our speakers series, feel free to let one of our committee members know or send us an email!

All monthly newsletters will be posted on our website along with additional resources to access at any time. Resources from previous newsletters will be posted on our website.

The [Grace Anne Stewart Speaker Series](#) Organizing Committee  
Find links to all our platforms [here](#), including our **new website**.

*The speaker series is always looking for new volunteers, feel free to email us for more information on how to get involved at [stewartspeakerseries@gmail.com](mailto:stewartspeakerseries@gmail.com)! If you're interested, follow us on our social media as well for internal and external events:*

*Twitter: @StewartSpeaker Instagram: @stewart\_speaker\_series  
and LinkedIn: Grace Anne Stewart Speaker Series*

*GASSS respectfully acknowledges that we are situated in ᑕᑦᓂᑦᓂᑦᓂᑦᓂᑦᓂᑦ  
(Amiskwacîwâskahikan) on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.*