

NIEHS Diverse Researcher's Integrated Virtual Engagement Network (DRIVEN!)

AGENDA

Monday, July 19, 2021

1:00-5:00 PM

[\[Zoom Link\]](#)

The Division of Extramural Research and Training (DERT) is hosting this meeting to create a virtual experience that will provide networking opportunities among the Diversity Supplement Recipients. Additionally, this event will provide an opportunity for awardees to discuss their shared experiences within their educational and career journey and hear from previous diversity supplement recipients about their stories and possible career and funding opportunities. Furthermore, this virtual meeting will create an opportunity for DERT staff to learn where some of the transitional roadblocks may be for environmental health scientists from underrepresented groups in the scientific community. This inaugural meeting is open to Diversity Supplement recipients awarded in 2021, invited Diversity Supplement alumni, and NIEHS staff.

Welcome and Introductions

1:00 -1:10 pm

Welcome to the Inaugural DRIVEN! Meeting

Gary Ellison, PhD, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training
Frederick Tyson, PhD, Program Director, Genes, Environment, and Health Branch

1:10 -1:25 pm

Grantee Introductions <https://bit.ly/DRIVENIntros>

Brittany Trottier, MPH, Health Specialist, Superfund Research Program

Please take a few minutes before the meeting to click on the link above and tell us a little about yourself.

During this 15 minute introduction time, each participant will only have time to tell us your name and university.

Career Development

1:25 – 2:55 pm

1:30 – 2:20 pm

EHS Career Pathways Panel and Small Group Discussions

Moderator: Melissa Smarr, PhD, Health Scientist Administrator, Population Health Branch

Panel Discussion:

Gamola Fortenberry, PhD, MPH, REHS/RS, Epidemiologist at USDA-FSIS; LCDR at US Public Health Commissioned Corps

Frank Johnson, PhD, Technical Expert Toxicologist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics; Director, Pediatric Pulmonary Division Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Yanci Mannery Baker, PhD, Medical Science Liaison, Fresenius Medical Care North America

Lindsey Treviño, PhD, Assistant Professor, Division of Health Equities, Department of Population Sciences, City of Hope National Medical Center

Joseph Yracheta, Founding Member and Recruiter, Indigenomics: Path the Health and Social Equity; Senior Scientist, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.

2:20 - 2:35 pm

Q & A

2:35 - 2:55 pm

Networking Opportunity: *What I wish people would have told me...*

Meeting Rooms with Panelists

Room 1: Gamola Fortenberry

Room 2: Frank Johnson

Room 3: Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir

Room 4: Yanci Mannery Baker

Room 5: Lindsey Treviño

Room 6: Joseph Yracheta

2:55 – 3:05 pm

Break

3:05 – 4:10 pm

Scientific Program Support

3:05 – 3:25 pm

Overview of NIH, NIEHS and Funding Mechanisms – Mike Humble, Ph.D.

3:25 – 3:40 pm

Developing Relationships with NIH Program Officers – Frederick Tyson, Ph.D.

3:40 – 3:50 pm

Q & A

3:50 – 4:10 pm

Networking Opportunity: Meet NIEHS Staff

*Put the information you learned in the sessions above to use by talking with NIEHS Program Staff. You can review the MS Excel file titled **Diversity Supplement Recipient List for Sharing** to see what branch and Program Officer or staff are most related to the areas of research interest that you indicated in your registration.*

Room 1: [Population Health Branch](#)

Room 2: [Genes, Environment, and Health Branch](#)

Room 3: [Exposure, Response, and Technology Branch](#)

Room 4: [Worker Education and Training Branch](#)

Room 5: [Hazardous Substances Research Branch](#) ([Superfund Research Program](#))

Room 6: [Grants Management](#), [Scientific Review](#), and [Program Analysis](#) Branches

Virtual Networking

4:10 – 4:35 pm

Large Group Brainstorm: Next Steps for DRIVEN! – Kristi Pettibone, PhD

Participants can share ideas for this network via <https://bit.ly/DRIVENNetworking>

4:35 – 4:40 pm

Closing Remarks – Claudia Thompson, PhD

4:40 – 5:00 pm (Or longer!)

Social Networking Opportunity

If you have a theme or question for a breakout room during this networking time, let us know using the chat and we'll set it up for you!