

## Registration Information



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## 52ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 17-20

## 20TH ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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Education We Need for the World We Want

### Together, we thrive!

Join us for NAAEE's 2023 Annual Conference and Research Symposium—being held virtually to enable wide participation. Together, we will focus on the importance of collaboration, creativity, and crossing boundaries to address the environmental and social issues we face both locally and globally. None of us can tackle these issues alone. As soccer great Pelé said, “No individual can win a game by himself.” We need stronger collaborations, more diverse partnerships, and insights from people with varying backgrounds, perspectives, and ideas. And only when we understand the shared roots of social and ecological crises and collectively work with intention toward justice can we address the systemic injustices that have marginalized so many.

Our Annual Conference and Research Symposium offer inspiring and thoughtful keynotes, a rich variety of workshops, presentations, symposium panels, discussions, bright spots, and posters, along with great opportunities for networking, growth, and change. We'll dig into vital topics in our field, such as climate change education and climate justice, the benefits of connecting to nature, building a green workforce, protecting biodiversity, and centering equity in our work.

NAAEE is committed to making this online experience accessible to all, and we do not want registration fees to be a barrier to participation. We offer discounted rates for members, students, and retirees, along with a deeply reduced rate available to anyone whose circumstances make the standard fees a challenge. If the reduced rate poses a hardship, you may apply for a scholarship for further assistance. Check our website for information.

For details and registration information: [conference.naaee.org](https://conference.naaee.org)



## Schedule at a Glance

Bringing you two exciting weeks of plenary and concurrent sessions, along with pre-conference workshops, affinity group meetings, exhibits, special sessions, and networking opportunities

- Concurrent sessions will be scheduled between **11:00 AM and 7:00 PM** eastern daylight time.
- All keynotes for the conference will be held at 3:30 PM eastern daylight time.
- Exhibits and all prerecorded sessions will be available on demand throughout the two-week period, October 9–20.

Additional information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

## Annual Conference

### Monday, October 9–Friday, October 13

- eePRO Group meetings
- Networking events
- Affinity group meetings

### Wednesday, October 11

- Pre-conference workshops\*
- Speed Networking

### Friday, October 13

- Pre-conference workshops\*

### Monday, October 16

- Pre-conference workshops\*
- Speed Networking

### Tuesday, October 17

- Concurrent sessions
- **Welcome and opening keynote:**  
**Ross Gay and Aimee Nezhukumatathil**

### Wednesday, October 18

- Concurrent sessions
- **Keynote: Parker McMullen Bushman**

### Thursday, October 19

- Concurrent sessions
- **Keynote: Tiya Miles and Sara St. Antoine**
- Evaluation Clinic
- **Exhibits Party!**

### Friday, October 20

- Concurrent sessions
- Closing plenary to be announced

## Research Symposium

### Thursday, October 12

- Early career mentoring and networking
- Symposium keynote: Dr. Christina Kwauk
- Concurrent sessions

#### Notes:

- Registration fees for the Annual Conference and the Research Symposium are separate.
- Pre-conference workshops require an additional fee\*

#### Registration for each event includes:

- All plenary and special sessions
- A full program of live virtual sessions
- Access to all on-demand sessions
- Three-month access to all session recordings following the conference or symposium



## EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

NAAEE is committed to advancing equity, inclusion, justice, and belonging in the field of environmental education and throughout our conference. At least 15 percent of our concurrent sessions will explore strategies and programs that help diversify our audiences as well as our workforce, build cultural competence, support environmental justice, engage with new audiences, forge new and lasting partnerships, honor traditional knowledge, and increase our reach and relevance throughout society. Affinity groups including the Environmental Professionals of Color (EPOC) and the Queer Environmental Educators Network (QEEN) will also be meeting.





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## Featured Speakers

Tuesday, October 17, 3:30 PM EDT



### Ross Gay in Conversation with Aimee Nezhukumatathil



### Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Aimee Nezhukumatathil is the author of the New York Times best-selling illustrated collection of nature essays, *World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, & Other Astonishments*, which was chosen as Barnes and Noble's Book of the Year

and named a finalist for the Kirkus Prize. She also wrote four previous poetry collections including *Oceanic*. Her most recent chapbook is *Lace & Pyrite*, a collaboration of epistolary garden poems with the poet Ross Gay.

Honors include a poetry fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pushcart Prize, a Mississippi Arts Council grant, and being named a Guggenheim Fellow in poetry. In 2021, she became the first-ever poetry editor for *Sierra* magazine, the story-telling arm of the Sierra Club. She is professor of English and Creative Writing in the University of Mississippi's MFA program and her forthcoming book of essays is called *Bite by Bite*.



### Dr. Ross Gay

Ross Gay is interested in joy. Ross Gay wants to understand joy. Ross Gay is curious about joy. Ross Gay studies joy. Something like that.

Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry: *Against Which*; *Bringing the Shovel Down*; *Be Holding*, winner of the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award; and

*Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. His first collection of essays, *The Book of Delights*, was released in 2019 and was a *New York Times* bestseller. His newest collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, was released by Algonquin in October of 2022.

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## A few of our outstanding plenary speakers!



Dr. Ross Gay



Aimee  
Nezhukumatathil



Parker McMullen  
Bushman



Dr. Tiya Miles



Sara St. Antoine



Dr. Christina Kwauk



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### Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 PM EDT



#### **Parker McMullen Bushman**

Parker McMullen Bushman is Chief Operating Officer of Inclusive Guide and founder of Ecoinclusive Strategies. She is also the Board President for the National Association for Interpretation. Listed by *Outside Magazine* in 2022 as one of the *20 Most Influential*

*People in the Outdoor Industry*, Parker is a dynamic speaker and facilitator who engages audiences in new thinking around what it means to be a diversity change-agent and create dynamic organizational change. Parker’s background in the nonprofit leadership, conservation, environmental education and outdoor recreation fields spans more than 24 years. She has a passion for equity and inclusion in outdoor spaces. Her interest in justice, accessibility, and equity issues developed from her personal experiences facing the unequal representation of people of color in environmental organizations and green spaces. Parker tackles these complex issues by addressing them through head-on activism and education.

### Thursday, October 19, 3:30 PM EDT

#### **Tiya Miles and Sara St. Antoine**



#### **Dr. Tiya Miles**

Tiya Miles is the author of seven books, including four prize-winning histories about race and slavery in the American past. Her latest history, *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*, was a *New York Times* bestseller

that won eleven historical and literary prizes, including the 2021 National Book Award for Nonfiction and the 2022 Cundill History Prize. *All That She Carried* was named A Best Book of the Year by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Atlanta-Journal Constitution*, NPR, *Publisher’s Weekly*, *The Atlantic*, Time, and more. Her other scholarly works include: *The Dawn of Detroit*, *Tales from the Haunted South*, *The House on Diamond Hill*, *Ties That Bind*, and the forthcoming *Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped the Women Who Challenged a Nation*. Miles publishes essays in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Atlantic*, and other media outlets, and she has consulted with colleagues at historic sites and museums on representations of slavery, African American material culture, and the Black-Native intersectional past, including, most

recently, the *Fabric of a Nation* quilt exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her work has been supported by a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Award, the Mellon Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Miles’s newest book is her debut time-bridge novel, *The Cherokee Rose*, a ghost story set in the plantation South and based on historical events. She was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and she is currently the Michael Garvey Professor of History and Radcliffe Alumnae Professor at Harvard University.



#### **Sara St. Antoine**

Sara St. Antoine is an author and editor with a longstanding interest in nature, kids, and story. She’s written educational materials for World Wildlife Fund, Audubon, National Wildlife Federation, and Conservation International; compiled book lists and family

adventuring ideas for the Children & Nature Network; and created the *Stories from Where We Live* series of “literary field guides” for Milkweed Editions. Her novel *Three Bird Summer* (Candlewick Press, 2014) was a 2014 *Boston Globe* Best Book for Children and ALSC Notable. Her newest novel, *Front Country* (Chronicle Books, 2022), was the runner-up YA honoree for the 2023 Green Earth Book Award. Sara holds a BA from Williams College and a master’s degree from the Yale School of the Environment. She lives with her family in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### Friday, October 20, 3:30 PM EDT

**Closing keynote to be announced—check our website for details**

#### **2023 Conference Strands**

Choose from a wide variety of concurrent sessions in six strands:

- **Advancing Civic Engagement and Sustainable Communities**
- **Building Leadership for Environmental Literacy**
- **Connecting with Nature**
- **Conservation and Environmental Education**
- **Green Schools, Universities, and Vocational Institutions**
- **Linking Research and Practice to Increase Impact**





# 20TH ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

## OCTOBER 12



NAAEE's annual Research Symposium brings together new and experienced researchers from around the globe to explore the current state and future directions of environmental education research and advance the use of practices proven to be effective. The symposium fosters discussion and collaboration among members of the EE research field, including researchers, students, policymakers, and practitioners at all stages of their careers. Colleagues and mentors also offer publishing and career advice, and discuss issues and concerns in the world of research.

As we mark the 20th anniversary of the NAAEE Research Symposium, sessions will promote dialogue around challenges ranging from climate change to environmental, economic, and racial injustices. Panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, and posters will address methods and theory (e.g., postcolonialism, posthumanism, new materialism, ecopsychology, narrative inquiry, participatory action research) or pedagogy and programming (e.g., climate change education, community-based learning, culturally sustaining pedagogy, civic engagement), as well as their intersections.

## Featured Speaker

Thursday, October 12, 11:00 AM EDT



### Dr. Christina Kwauk

Research Director, Unbounded Associates

Christina Kwauk is a social scientist with an interdisciplinary focus on education for climate action. She is an expert on girls' education in developing countries, 21st century skills and youth empowerment, and the intersections of gender, education, and climate change.

Christina co-edited (with Radhika Iyengar) *Curriculum and Learning for Climate Action: Toward an SDG 4.7 Roadmap for Systems Change* and co-authored (with Gene Sperling and Rebecca Winthrop) *What Works in Girls' Education: Evidence for the World's Best Investment*. She has published numerous policy papers, including "The New Green Learning Agenda: Approaches to Quality Education for Climate Empowerment," as well as academic articles on topics in climate change education, gender, health, and international development and education.

Christina works as an education consultant and is Research Director at Unbounded Associates. She also serves on the Cosmos of Stars for RegenIntel, Girl Rising's Advisory Council, the International Jury for the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education, and the Judging Academy for the World's Best School Prizes. Formerly, Christina was a Fellow at the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution, Associate Director of the Monitoring and Evaluation of Climate Communication and Education (MECCE) Project, and Head of Climate and Education at the Education Commission.

## Closing Plenary

Thursday, October 12, 5:30 PM EDT

The Research Symposium will close with reflections from 2023 co-chairs Dr. Scott Morrison and Dr. Marijke Hecht.

Please join us  
in thanking the  
fantastic co-chairs  
of NAAEE's 20th  
Annual Research  
Symposium.



**Dr. Scott Morrison**  
Elon University



**Dr. Marijke Hecht**  
The Ohio State  
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## Research Symposium Special Sessions



### EARLY IN YOUR RESEARCH CAREER? THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

#### Meeting of the Minds: Early Career Mentoring and Networking

This early morning session focuses on mentoring early career researchers. Early career standouts in our field will offer advice, and breakout rooms will include publishing, setting a research agenda, grant funding, writing, and working outside the academy.



### WANT TO PUBLISH? CHECK THIS OUT!

#### Journal Editors' Panel: The Changing Landscape of Publishing in EE/ESE

Editors of six EE/ESE journals will introduce their publications and share commentary on changes they're seeing within the publications landscape (AI, changing incentives for publishing among diverse academics, open access, etc.). The session will include time for comments, questions, and discussion.

## Pre-Conference Workshops

Visit [conference@naaee.org](mailto:conference@naaee.org) for workshop descriptions and prices. All workshops will be held virtually and preregistration is required.



### Wednesday, October 11, 12:00–3:30 PM EDT

- 2023 Affiliate Assembly
- Connecting Students to Climate Change Through the Power of Storytelling
- Environmental Action Civics: A Roadmap for Success
- Leading for Change: NAAEE Community Engagement Guidelines

### Friday, October 13, 12:00–3:30 PM EDT

- Crash Course for Climate Change Educators
- Learning Locally, Transforming Globally: The UN SDGs in My Community
- Regenerative Oceans: Exploring New Pathways for the Future of Ocean Resilience
- Teaching the Whole Student with Nature Journaling

### Monday, October 16, 12:00–3:30 PM EDT

- Creating a More Sustainable World Through Systems Thinking Education
- Engaging in Storytelling, Sensemaking, and Data Visualization with FieldScope
- Postionality, Privilege, and Power in Environmental Education
- The Road to NAAEE Higher Education Accreditation: A Map for Success





## Making Connections at the Conference

Love those hallway conversations at an in-person conference? We're working hard to bring that spirit to the virtual setting. Here are some of the networking opportunities that will happen throughout the two-week Annual Conference and Research Symposium. Check our website for more details.

- Chat with individual attendees or all attendees on the conference platform.
- Attend eePRO Group meetings to connect over similar EE interests.
- Meet with affinity groups.
- Join the fun in Speed Networking sessions.
- Participate in scheduled group discussions during our networking hour.
- Use our conference Slack channel to start your own discussion topic and add to others.
- Compete in friendly contests and pick up cocktail and mocktail recipes during the Exhibits Party.
- Host or attend an in-person keynote watch party.

## Calling All Exhibitors! Virtual Exhibit Hall



Strut your stuff! Share your resources and programs with conference attendees by purchasing a virtual exhibit booth and customizing your page with information, videos, files, web links, social media links, and more. Collect leads, chat with attendees, interact live, and take advantage of the Exhibit Party on Thursday, October 19—a dedicated hour exclusively for exhibitor interactions!

For more information, visit our website.

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- Evaluation Clinic
- Fundraising Roundtables
- Skill-building sessions for young professionals
- Virtual Exhibit Hall



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## About NAAEE

For more than five decades, NAAEE has served as the professional association, champion, and backbone organization for the field of environmental education. Dedicated to strengthening the field, we bring people together to accelerate environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education to create a more just, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

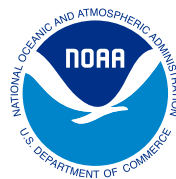
NAAEE's influence stretches across North America and around the world, with members in more than 30 countries. NAAEE and its 54 state, provincial, and regional Affiliate organizations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico have more than 20,000 members. Our members are professionals working across business, government, higher education, formal (K-12) education, nonformal education, early childhood education, science and STEM education, philanthropy, and other sectors of society.

NAAEE also oversees the Natural Start Alliance, focused on early childhood environmental education; serves as the Secretariat of the Global Environmental Education Partnership (GEEP), in partnership with U.S. EPA and EPA Taiwan; leads the ee360+ initiative to strengthen the EE field and support professional development through a cooperative agreement with U.S. EPA; and, in partnership with NOAA, leads the eeBLUE program to build capacity for environmental literacy.

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