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# Program Announced for the Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference March 6-8 at Oregon State University

Agenda to focus on the Mindscape and Landscape: The Intertwined Nature of Mental, Social and Planetary Health

January 11, 2023 – The 2023 Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) taking place March 6-8 at Oregon State University is an event built to inspire change, facilitate action, and to promote collaboration around sustainability within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. Tours, keynotes, plenaries, sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities give participants the tools to advance environmental and social justice at their own higher education institutions after attending the conference.

The conference theme takes a holistic approach to exploring the relationship between mindscapes and landscapes in order to establish a sense of connection with the environment, to inspire learning from one's emotions, and to offer insights on coping, adaptation, and resilience. Conference content will encourage attendees to consider holistic well-being as a tool to drive an equitable and sustainable world forward.

As a regional conference, the WOHESC program addresses the priority issues for higher education in the Cascadia region, with a broader lens on a national or global scale.

### **2023 Conference Highlights**

#### **Content Tracks:**

- Student Leadership
- Green Building and Spaces
- Engagement
- Procurement and Funding
- Decarbonization and Clean Energy

#### **Behind-the-Scenes Tours:**

- Oregon State University Basic Needs Center led by OSU Student Peer Navigators
- Oregon State University Agrovoltaic Research Building
- o The Confluence Building Corvallis Environmental Center
- Walking Tour of Oregon State University Energy Efficiency Projects presented by Energy Trust of Oregon
- Energy-Efficiency and Maintainability for District Utility Plants and Laboratory Buildings,
   presented by Systems West Engineers

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

- Kathleen Dean Moore | Author, Take Heart: Encouragement for Earth's Weary Lovers
- Jayathi Murthy | President, Oregon State University

#### **Notable Speakers:**

- Elena Passarello | Author, *Animals Strike Curious Posts*
- Janice Lee | Author, Separation Anxiety
- Joao Vilca Soto | Chief Executive Officer, Ruta Verde Sustainability
- Lynn Palmanteer-Holder | Director of Tribal Government Affairs, Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges
- Alison Kwok | Director of NetZED Lab, University of Oregon
- Emily Bowling | Director of Community Engagement, Oregon State University
- o Donna Barry, RA | Design Director, Higher Education Practice Area Leader, Gensler Seattle
- Ericka Colvin | Architect, Director of Sustainable Practice, Integrus + YGH
- Tona Khau | Executive Director for Facilities and Capital Projects, Seattle Colleges
- o Brandon Trelstad | Chief Sustainability Officer, Oregon State University

- o Steve Mital | Director, Office of Sustainability, University of Oregon
- Kendi Esary | Director, Student Life and Leadership, Portland Community College

#### **Featured Sessions:**

- Student Sustainability Action Challenge
- o Making Kin: Writing the More-Than-Human World in the Age of Global Warming
- o Diving into Decarbonization: Clean Energy Solutions for All Campuses
- Action as an Antidote to Anxiety: Developing Environmental Justice Leaders Through Collaborative Fellowships
- When Belief is Not Enough: Aligning Communication Methods to Move Audiences to Action
- o [WORKSHOP] The Climate Agency 'Snowball'; Designing A Personal Sustainability Toolkit
- Ayni and Indigenous Knowledge to Equip Tomorrow's Environmental Leaders
- o Embracing Social Justice and DEI in the Design of Community Buildings
- o [WORKSHOP] The Relation of Personal Happiness and Environmental Activism

## **Conference Details**

# Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) March 6-8, 2022

**Location**: Oregon State University | 725 SW 26th Street, Corvallis, OR 97331

Schedule and Speakers: <a href="http://wohesc.org/program">http://wohesc.org/program</a>

Tickets can be purchased online at <a href="http://wohesc.org/registration">http://wohesc.org/registration</a> or by phone at 503.226.2377.

# **About Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference**

The Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) is organized by B Corporation Social Enterprises, Inc. and is an event dedicated to inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration related to sustainability within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. Keynotes, plenaries, workshops, and networking opportunities empower participants to advance environmental performance at their own institutions of higher education. More information at <a href="http://wohesc.org/">http://wohesc.org/</a>.