

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference March 6-8, 2023 at Oregon State University

February 27, 2023 — The Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) kicks off on **Monday, March 6th** through **Wednesday, March 8th** at **Oregon State University** in Corvallis, Oregon. Higher education institution leaders, staff and students from the Cascadia region will join forces to inspire change, facilitate action, and promote collaboration around sustainability and environmental justice.

The 2023 conference theme **Mindscape & Landscape: The Intertwined Nature of Mental, Social and Planetary Health** will take a holistic approach and explore the elements of relation between mindscapes and landscapes. Program content will aim to establish a sense of connection with both environment and people, inspire learning from emotions, and offer insights on coping, adaptation, and resilience. This year's event will encourage attendees to consider holistic well-being as a tool to further an equitable and sustainable world.

2023 Conference Program Highlights:

Behind the Scenes Tours

- Oregon State University Basic Needs Center
- Oregon State University Agrovoltaic Research
- The Confluence Building - Corvallis Environmental Center
- Oregon State University Energy Efficiency Projects Walking Tour
- Art Walk - EMERITUS: Art & Science in the Trees

Main Stage Sessions

- Student Sustainability Action Challenge
- Keynote Address - **Jayathi Murthy | President, Oregon State University**
- Keynote Address - Change Like a River by **Kathleen Dean Moore, Ph.D. | Author, Take Heart: Encouragement for Earth's Weary Lovers**

- Keynote Address - Managing for Abundance: Purple Prairies as Indigenous Placekeeping by **David Harrelson | The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**
- Author's Plenary - Making Kin: Writing the More-Than-Human World in the Age of Global Warming
- Indigenous Studies Experts - Response and Reflection to Managing for Abundance

Notable Speakers

- Alison Kwok | Professor, Department of Architecture; Director of NetZED Lab, University of Oregon
- Brandon Trelstad | Sustainability Officer, Oregon State University
- D'Andre Fisher | Associate Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Community, Seattle Colleges
- Emmanuel Nwodo | Senior Manager of Global Relations, Global Electronics Council
- Daryl Pierson | Director, Planning and Sustainability Office, Portland State University
- Dr. Gail Woodside | Tribal Liaison, College of Forestry, Oregon State University
- Dr. Robert Holden | Author, Higher Purpose
- Joao Vilca Soto | Chief Executive Officer, Ruta Verde Sustainability
- Kendi Esary | Director, Student Life and Leadership, Portland Community College
- Lynn Palmanteer-Holder | Director of Tribal Government Affairs, Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges
- Monica J. Stenzel | Founder, Spokane Falls Sustainability Center

Featured Sessions

- Action as an Antidote to Anxiety: Developing Environmental Justice Leaders through Collaborative Fellowships
- Ayni and Indigenous Knowledge to Equip Tomorrow's Environmental Leaders
- Diving into Decarbonization: Clean Energy Solutions for All Campuses
- Embracing Social Justice and DEI in the Design of Community Buildings
- Inner Nature: Contemplative Processes Inspired by a Podcast
- It's All Connected! Climate Change, Social Justice, Basic Needs Support and Student Leadership
- Partnering Together for a Clean Energy Future
- Student and Planet Health: A Journey Through Sustainable Design
- [WORKSHOP] The Relation of Personal Happiness and Environmental Activism

Press Passes, Interview Requests, and Photos - Contact: ericka@wohesc.org

Conference Details

Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC)

Monday March 6th - Wednesday March 8th, 2023

Location: Oregon State University CH2M Hill Alumni Center

Schedule and Speaker Line-Up: wohesc.org/program

Registration: wohesc.org/register or by phone at 503.226.2377

About Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC)

The Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) - created and organized by B Corporation Social Enterprises, Inc. - is an event dedicated to inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration related to sustainability and social justice 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 <http://wohesc.org/>.

About Oregon State University

As one of only three land, sea, space and sun grant universities in the nation, Oregon State serves Oregon and the world by working on today's most pressing issues. Our more than 35,000 students come from across the globe, and our programs operate in every Oregon county. Oregon State receives more research funding than all of the state's comprehensive public universities combined. At our campuses in Corvallis and Bend, marine research center in Newport, OSU Portland Center and award-winning Ecampus, we excel at shaping today's students into tomorrow's leaders.

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