DISTINGUISHED LECTURES AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Committee Chair, Rebecca Bates

Many of the Distinguished Lectures at this year’s conference address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are highlighting our sponsored Lecture: Alternate-Universe ASEE: An engineering education conference session from a world where the majority of engineers are Deaf. Colleagues Mel Chua, Ian Smith & Giordon Stark will create an experience for the hearing audience that illustrates their typical experiences at conferences. Via the medium of interactive theater, experience a culturally deaf engineering education space conducted primarily in American Sign Language (ASL). What might engineering look like if deafness and signing were the norm - i.e., what different insights or approaches might deaf engineers have taken in developing it as a field? What would it be like if hearing/speech was an exception to be “accommodated” in engineering classrooms built for visual communication? Participants will experience firsthand how cultural assumptions, communication mediation, and other factors impact the conference for them. The audience will then have the opportunity to reflect on and discuss that experience together. The audience will explore our own habits and assumptions around what engineering education is, who is able to participate, and in what ways participation is enabled, extending the conversation beyond deafness/disability to broader issues of representation and engineering culture.

Follow up the Distinguished Lecture period with our Round Table discussions at 11:30 in Room 24. Conversation topics will include ways to support people with hidden and visible disabilities in engineering education, supporting colleagues who may be isolated in their home institutions, ways to advocate for our scholars under attack, and ways to support all students in our classrooms. Other timely topics will be addressed depending on the participants.

Other Distinguished Lectures Related to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access

W214 "Come get your People!!" Breaking Silences about Equity in Engineering Education Research Alice Pawley

W240 Creating a Culture of Inclusion: Let’s do it! Laura Bottomley

W249 Pipeline, Pathway, or Ecosystem – Do Our Metaphors Matter? Alan Cheville

W252 Community Engagement Ethics – First Steps in a Conversation with Affected Communities Panel
FINALISTS FOR THE BEST DIVERSITY PAPER AWARDS

Following the successful response to 2015’s inaugural Best Diversity Paper awards, we are pleased to continue the effort this year. The call for nominations went out in late 2018 and sought to identify highly impactful efforts by ASEE authors that broaden participation and influence the inclusive, diverse future of engineering. Papers from the 2019 Annual Conference as well as papers published within any section or zone conference proceedings between May 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019 were eligible. Nominated diversity papers were assessed for novelty of approaches, ideas, interventions, extent of inclusivity, and demonstrated magnitude of impact. This year the committee received 23 nominations from across the zones and divisions.

The Best Diversity Paper rubric (https://diversity.asee.org/deicommittee/best-paper-rubric/) was utilized by a selection committee to assess scholarship attributes of the manuscript and determine the finalists. This year, the committee has identified 5 finalists who will present their work at the Best Diversity Paper Session (Marriott Florida Salon V) during the Annual Conference on Monday, June 17th at 1:30 pm (Session ID: M492). The finalists are listed below. Join us in hearing about the efforts being led by our colleagues to positively impact diversity and inclusion in engineering education! The presentations will help the committee identify the winning work.

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NEW WEBSITE

Check out our new website at http://diversity.asee.org/deicommittee! Diversity.asee.org is being used to highlight the broad range of diversity and inclusion activities associated with ASEE. This expansion demonstrates the growth of ASEE’s DEI efforts since the formation of our committee. The new diversity landing site lets people explore the work and resources from our committee, the Engineering Deans Council and their institution recognition program, ASEE divisions like MIND and WIED, and other sponsored activities like the LGBTQ+ Advocacy in STEM project.
Kicking off the conference with the committee’s annual face-to-face meeting at 4pm on Saturday, June 15 in Marriott Meeting Room 11, this year’s program includes a rich slate of sessions focusing on diversity and inclusion ranging from our Distinguished Lecture to interactive workshops, panels and presentations by the finalists for the Best Diversity Paper Awards.

Conversations, Workshops and Interactive Sessions - 2019 programming includes two new professional development sessions brought to you by committee members: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 100 and 200, which will give a great overview to attendees who want to learn some of the basics of vocabulary and starting points for personal growth (DEI 100) and then move on to systemic analysis of case studies and putting the ideas into practice (DEI 200). There will also be interactive sessions on addressing race and privilege in the classroom, connecting design thinking to DEI, supporting school counselors in advocacy for engineering fields, exploration of approaches and challenges in industry (sponsored by the Corporate Member Council), supporting teams, and examining the role of education research in broadening participation.

Roundtables on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Bring your voice to the table. There are round tables for specific topics related to equity and inclusion in engineering education: First Generation & Socio-Economic Status Leadership, LGBTQIA+ Leadership, Professional Track Faculty, Graduate Student Leadership, and Military Veterans Leadership. Feedback from these round tables is used to inform ASEE programming and solutions in the coming year. One round table session will have multiple topics for small groups to discuss (Wednesday at 11:30). Come ready to listen, learn and contribute - this is an opportunity to plan for next steps that we all can take to support diversity and inclusivity in engineering.

Safe Zone Ally Training - Safe Zone Ally Training is a two-part interactive workshop for students, faculty, and the professional community, during which participants will build the knowledge and skills needed to create a more inclusive and affirming environment for LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex or asexual) individuals in engineering. In Level 1, participants will focus on understanding LGBTQIA concepts and identity development, creating an inclusive environment, and becoming an ally. In Level 2, participants will discuss aspects of engineering culture that act as barriers to LGBTQIA equality, explore heterosexual and cisgender privilege, and learn to recognize bias and disrupt discrimination. Our Trans Allyship session will focus on supporting transgender students and colleagues.

Diversity Pavilion - Stop by in the exhibit hall to meet members of the Diversity Committee and learn about our resources.

Inclusive and Accessibility Resources at the Conference - Once again, the conference is pleased to continue to offer a variety of accessibility resources to help broaden participation including scooter rental, childcare, closed captioning for plenaries, gender neutral bathrooms and a mothers’ room. Full details at https://www.asee.org/conferences-and-events/conferences/annual-conference/2019/onsite-services and https://www.asee.org/conferences-and-events/conferences/annual-conference/2019/ada-accommodations.
2018-2019 Committee Members

The ASEE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is a standing committee reporting to the ASEE Board of Directors through the Chair. We meet monthly to identify, implement, and oversee the actions associated with the ASEE Diversity Strategic Plan. We welcome your feedback about diversity-related engineering education issues and topics. Please contact any of our committee members with your questions or concerns.

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