

2023 PNW NEXT Program Meeting – George Fox University, Newberg, OR

Thursday, March 16: Informal gathering @ Chehalem Valley Brewery @ 6:30 – 8:30pm
(<https://www.chehalemvalleybrewery.com/>). Families/Spouses welcome.

Friday, March 17: Meeting in **Canyon Commons Room 101**

- 8am **Light breakfast**
- 8:10 **Announcements and introduction of new and old fellows**
PNW COMMIT: COMMunity for Mathematics Inquiry in Teaching, <https://www.comathinquiry.org/home>
Chris Black, Central Washington U; Kat Shultis, Gonzaga U
- 8:20 **Session I: Speed networking**
Moderator: Megan Buzby, U of Alaska Southeast
- 9:00 **Session II: Advising the advisors**
Leanne Merrill, Western Oregon U; Brandy Wiegers, Central Washington U; Aaron Wootton, U of Portland
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:15 **Session III: Creating meaningful classroom activities**
Kate Lorenzen, Linfield U
- 11:00 **Session IV: Surviving the mid-career blues**
Moderator: Chris Black, Central Washington U
Panelists: Dylan Helliwell, Seattle U; Allison Henrich, Seattle U; Stephanie Salomone, U of Portland; Aaron Wootton, U of Portland
- 12pm **Lunch on your own** – several options within walking distance. Info provided at meeting.
- 1:30 **Session V: What's next for NExT?**
Chris Black, Central Washington U; Megan Buzby, U of Alaska Southeast
- 2:30 **Adjourn**
- 3 – 5:30 **Minicourse** (Register separately at the section meeting website)
- 5:45-7:30 **Section NExT dinner @ Social Goods** (<https://www.socialgoodsmarket.com/>). Families/spouses welcome. For those taking the minicourse, come when you can – no rush.
- 8:00 **Plenary Talk: “Geometry of the Earth and Universe with The Simpsons and Futurama”**
Sarah Greenwald, Appalachian State U

Session Descriptions:

Session I: Speed networking

Megan Buzby, U of Alaska Southeast

Many of us have been meeting together for decades but don't always have time to catch up with each other's current research areas, courses taught, or collaboration needs. To remedy this situation and make new connections, participants will be randomly paired up for "speed" networking. Each person will have a few minutes to share areas they are interested in collaborating on or respond to a leading question from the moderator, followed by just a couple minutes for discussion. At the buzzer, we'll get new partners and repeat the process.

Session II: Advising the advisors

Leanne Merrill, Western Oregon U; Brandy Wiegers, Central Washington U; Aaron Wootton, U of Portland

Faculty provide a key resource to support our students' experience outside of the classroom. This session will introduce our three similar experiences in building our advisor toolkits and provide time for smaller discussions about advising supports including professional development skill-building, sharing of REUs and other opportunities, and creating both academic and social student supports.

Session III: Creating meaningful classroom activities

Kate Lorenzen, Linfield U

How can we create more meaningful classroom activities from brainstorm to execution to revising? In this discussion, we will examine all the pieces that go into making activities and how to make them better.

Bring an example of a meaningful activity you use, an activity idea that needs more workshopping, or anything in between.

Session IV: Surviving the mid-career blues

Moderator: Chris Black, Central Washington U

Panelists: Dylan Helliwell, Seattle U; Allison Henrich, Seattle U; Stephanie Salomone, U of Portland; Aaron Wootton, U of Portland

Are you haunted by déjà vu as you walk into your 35th iteration of Calculus II? Are you stuck in the cycle of write-submit-publish-rinse-repeat? Are you bogged down with administrative demands that seem to never end? For many of us, academia is a dream job, but stagnation can hit in this mid-career period. What can we do to renew our initial enthusiasm for the profession and reinvigorate ourselves?

In this panel, we shall discuss strategies to help overcome the mid-career blues. Topics will include engaging in traditional and alternative forms of scholarship; becoming a mentor, department leader, and administrator; continuing to grow and evolve as a teacher; and striving for the ever-elusive work-life balance. We will have time for audience members to share their own experiences.

Session V: What's next for NExT?

Chris Black, Associate Director; Megan Buzby, Director

Several items are coming up for discussion. Bylaw changes for the PNW Section come up every 10 years. PNW NExT has some new positions to add: Assistant Webmaster and Assistant Secretary. Director rotation? Website and listserv transition... All these topics and more! Be a part of the discussion and the direction we're headed.