

Mentoring and Leadership Council
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The MLC has met twice (March 22nd and May 10th) as a whole team since the 2023 convention. Sub-teams have met in between these meetings to discuss particular topics/initiatives.

Curating Mentoring-Related Resources

Our Council has been working on curating a set of resources related to mentoring –especially academic mentoring to be housed on the upcoming revised NCA website. The resources we are collecting include: mentoring awards that are being given interest groups and caucuses; peer mentoring programs, activities, sessions; conference mentoring events, activities, panels; links to mentoring books, materials, tools, and websites.

Conference Planning

Most of our labor has been focused on planning for the 2024 convention panels. We did solicit nominations from the membership for our third panel below through the NCA newsletter.

We've submitted three panels and a business meeting:

NCA Governance and Leadership Pathways

This session will present an orientation to NCA's governance structure and explore different pathways for association members to become leaders in interest groups, Legislative Assembly, Executive Committee, various national committees among other opportunities. Former and current member-leaders will share their stories and experiences in various roles of leadership. The purpose of the panel discussion is to help NCA members to understand a variety of ways they can serve in leadership and governance and to get a realistic preview of what those roles are like and how they can be rewarding.

Co-chairs: Laurie Lewis (University of Texas San Antonio) & Raquel Moreira (Southwestern University)
Panelists:

Justin Danowski, NCA
Angharad Valdivia, valdivia@illinois.edu (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
Kevin Barge, kbarge@tamu.edu (Texas A&M University)
Pavitra Kavva, pkavva@cpp.edu (CalPoly Pomona)
Ken Newby, kenneth.newby@morehouse.edu (Morehouse College)
Janie Harden Fritz harden@duq.edu (Duquesne University)

Spotlight on Mentoring within and across NCA Caucuses

In this spotlight panel, the Mentoring & Leadership Council will collaborate with NCA Caucuses to showcase long-term and innovative mentoring activities within and across Caucuses. Representatives from Asian/Pacific American Caucus, Caribbean Communication Caucus, Indigenous Caucus, La Raza Caucus, SWANA Caucus, and Women's Caucus will share, discuss, and reflect together mentoring activities, ideas, and/or needs. This spotlight panel serves as both a co-learning space and a listening session to advance conversations about mentoring.

Co-chairs: Yea-Wen Chen (San Diego State University), Lisa Hanasono (Bowling Green State University), and Rico Self (North Carolina State University)

Panelists:

Ali Na (Asian/Pacific American Caucus) ali.na@queensu.ca
Colby Miyose (Asian/Pacific American Caucus and Indigenous Caucus) colby.miyose@hawaii.edu
Kate LaPierre (Women's Caucus) burkkster@gmail.com
La Royce Batchelor (Indigenous Caucus) l.batchelor@uwinnipeg.ca
Leandra Hernandez (La Raza Caucus) leandrahernandez11@gmail.com
Maggie Williams (Caribbean Communication Caucus) mgwill22@umd.edu
Mehri Yavari (SWANA Caucus) myavari@wooster.edu

Spotlight on Mentoring Best Practices and Challenges

In this spotlight panel, the Mentorship & Leadership Council (MLC) will recognize four academic mentors who have made a significant difference in helping their students and colleagues become better teachers, scholars, and community members within their institutions. Panelists will participate in a roundtable discussion about best practices and challenges in embodying and uplifting mentorship that is accessible and supportive. Panelists will respond to a series of questions to help distill their efforts in professional development, building intellectual communities, providing opportunities and resources, pedagogical support, writing feedback, infusing inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA) into institutions, and more.

Co-Chairs: Ashli Stokes (UNC Charlotte) and Eddah M. Mutua (St. Cloud State University)

Panelists:

Leslie Harris (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) harrisl@uwm.edu
Stevie M. Munz (Utah Valley University) Smunz@uvu.edu
Musa Malik (University of California, Santa Barbara) musamalik@ucsb.edu
Marc A. Ouellette (Old Dominion University) mouellet@odu.edu

Mentoring Related News Articles

We are planning pre and post-conference Spectra articles to highlight mentoring-related topics. Our focus is to celebrate and further define mentoring and to share resources and knowledge and ideas about mentoring in our roles in higher education.