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# VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2017

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Join us as we bring  
together highlights of  
this year's conference!



Tuesday, October 17-Thursday, October 19

We hope you can join us for virtual conference week at NAAEE. We'll share a few highlights of what was planned for Puerto Rico through a series of webinars featuring some of the plenary presentations, workshops, and symposia. Please check out the schedule below, and refer to the last page for directions on how to join the webinars.

In addition to the events taking place via webinar during virtual conference week, we're creating a special virtual conference webpage on eePRO. All accepted presenters will have the opportunity to post the inspiring, important work you're doing and connect with others who share your interests. We're still working out the details, which will be announced soon, but presenters for all accepted sessions for the Conference and Research Symposium will have the opportunity to contribute:

- Papers
- Short video summations
- Presentations (such as PowerPoints)
- Posters

The session posts will go beyond the normal proceedings—we will tag each post to the virtual conference page and to eePRO Groups, where we encourage comments and further discussion about session content. And with eePRO, you can easily contact any presenter for more information.

To summarize, there are two ways to participate in virtual conference week: 1) Join us for the webinars Tuesday through Thursday; and 2) Share your session materials on the virtual conference page and contribute to our efforts to create an exciting virtual record of what would have taken place at the conference.

**Please note that presenters must have legal permission to upload any copyrighted material, including photos, cartoons, and content on our website.**

## An Exciting Line-Up of Panelists:



## Tuesday

October 17, 2:00 PM-3:15 PM EDT

Welcome and Overview (Tbilisi +40, the Global Environmental Education Partnership and an International Call for Action, and an Update from Puerto Rico)

Presenters:

**Judy Braus**, Executive Director, NAAEE  
**Christiane Maertens**, Deputy Director, NAAEE  
**Therel Santos-Díaz**, Interpretive Program Coordinator, Para la Naturaleza (invited)  
Members of the Global Environmental Education Partnership (GEEP)

Hear some of the highlights planned for the conference and this week of virtual opportunities, including insights from members of the Global Environmental Education Partnership about Tbilisi +40, a video highlighting a “Call for Action,” and how you can provide feedback on priorities for the field of environmental education in the next decade. If conditions allow, we also hope to have an update from Para la Naturaleza, our partner in Puerto Rico.



October 17, 4:00 PM-5:15 PM EDT

### Highlights from the Research Symposium

Panelists will explore the highlights from the plenary panels of the research symposium, with an emphasis on the dynamism of the field within the context of responding to new horizons and challenges for researchers, research, and the NAAEE Research Symposium itself.

Panelists:

**Dr. Kathayoon Khalil**, Principal Evaluator, Seattle Aquarium  
**Dr. Arjen Wals**, Professor, Wageningen University  
**Dr. Constance Russell**, Professor, Faculty of Education, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay  
**Dr. Alan Reid**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Monash University

Moderator:

**Dr. Nicole Ardoin**, Associate Professor and Senior Fellow, Graduate School of Education and Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University

## Wednesday

October 18, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM EDT

### Creating and Supporting Culturally Relevant Organizational Change

Youth Outside developed the Cultural Relevancy Series to ensure that organizations are working toward creating and supporting a culture that includes and celebrates difference. Join us to learn about the series and take away tips and tools to move your organization toward a commitment to equity, inclusion, and cultural relevancy.

Presenter:

**Rena Payan**, Program Manager, Youth Outside

October 18, 4:00 PM-5:15 PM EDT

### Climate Change, Education, and Hope

Join us for an inspiring panel of experts in education, policy, and conservation working to address climate change through the power of education.

Panelists:

**Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez**, State Specialist for Sustainable Programs, Kentucky State University  
**Dr. William Spitzer**, Vice President for Programs, Exhibits, and Planning, New England Aquarium  
**Vernard Williams**, Former Director of Equity and Inclusion, Alliance for Climate Education, Las Vegas

Moderator:

**Vicki Arroyo**, Executive Director, Georgetown Climate Center, Georgetown Law





**October 19, 12:00 PM-1:15 PM EDT****Growing and Supporting the Movement—Funders' Perspectives**

Funders representing foundations, government, and corporations will share current trends, funding priorities, and challenges that impact environmental education.

**Panelists:**

**Jason Morris**, Senior Program Officer,  
Pisces Foundation

**Nancy Bales**, Executive Director,  
Gray Family Foundation

**Louisa Koch**, Director of Education,  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**Alexandra Hertell**, Executive Director,  
Fundación Segarra Boerman e Hijos, Inc. (invited)

**Moderator:**

**Cara Gizzi**, Vice President of Public Safety, Education,  
and Outreach, UL

**October 19, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM EDT****EE 30 Under 30: Young Leaders Making a Difference**

NAAEE, in partnership with the US Forest Service, the Global Environmental Education Partnership, US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Administration Taiwan, put out a search for 2017's top "EE 30 Under 30"—individuals around the world who are using environmental education in their communities to create change. Four of these exceptional individuals will share their accomplishments, stories, and plans for the future—and leave us on a high note as we look forward to coming together for NAAEE 2018 in Spokane.

**Panelists:**

**Ankita Bhalla**, Sophomore, Washington University in St. Louis and Founder, Jagriti Environmental Education Program

**Connel Bradwell**, Wildlife Education Manager, Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society

**Lucila Belén Castro**, PhD Candidate, Institute of Ecology and Animal Diversity, University of Cordoba and Head, Pacific Biodiversity Institute South American office

**Leandra Taylor**, Coordinator, Merge Alliance

**Moderator:**

**Danni Washington**, Co-Founder, Big Blue and You and Host, *Exploration Station: Nature Knows Best*



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## Joining the Webinars and Livestreamed Events

Use this link to join any of the scheduled webinars listed below:

<https://zoom.us/j/755382374>

Please plan to connect to the audio through your computer. If you need to connect to the audio via telephone, please use this information:

Call: 1-646-876-9923

Enter access code: 755382374#

If you would like to receive reminder emails for virtual conference events as well as links to recorded webinars at the end of each day, please sign up here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DKWN3S8>

### Livestreaming Events!

We are hoping to be able to livestream two of our virtual sessions:

**The opening session** on Tuesday, October 17 at 2:00 PM ET and **30 Under 30: Young Leaders Making a Difference** on Thursday, October 19 at 3:00 PM ET. Please check [the website](#) for updates on how to join the livestreamed events, as we coordinate the technology to facilitate an engaging live event.

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When Hurricane Maria slammed into Puerto Rico, life changed for every living thing on the island. Today, communities throughout the island are facing the biggest humanitarian crisis in modern history, with **very limited access to clean water, food, health care, and other basic services**. At the same time that the hurricane has turned people's lives upside down, the island's rich biodiversity—from the coastal habitats to the central mountains—has also been hit hard.

For more than a year, **NAAEE has worked hand-in-hand to plan the conference with our nonprofit partner and conference co-chair, Para La Naturaleza (PLN)**. They have been a tireless force for education and nature, with a mission to preserve the island's beauty and educate about the importance of conservation and stewardship. By maintaining more than 50 natural areas, conducting environmental education programs, and serving as conservation champions, PLN is protecting the island's unique natural resources and ensuring that all residents and visitors have access to the amazing wild places that make Puerto Rico one of the Caribbean's most beautiful islands.

Join us as we come **Together for Puerto Rico** to support not only the staff and families of Para La Naturaleza as they recover and rebuild, but also their work to protect the island—from restoring and reopening their properties to rebuilding urban forests and educating people about how to adapt to a changing climate and revitalize communities. Together, we can bring hope to our incredible colleagues as they face this tremendous challenge for the island's future.

**Juntos Para Puerto Rico y Para La Naturaleza!**



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