

2021 NOW Conference Agenda Overview

The skills and knowledge gained from the NOW Conference sessions can be universally applied by all staff attendees. Additionally, we recognize the unique connection each session has with our conference theme: “*Innovate, Collaborate, Grow!*” Participants can tailor their session selections to their individual needs using the focus tracks below:



= Innovate



= Collaborate



= Grow Your
Career



= Becoming Your
Best Self



= Communicate

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Opening Remarks:

[Angela Stopper](#)

Welcome Speaker:

[Chancellor Carol Christ](#)

9:15 - 9:45 AM

Morning Keynote:

[Why do you want to live BIG and what does it take?](#)

Speaker: [Aiko Bethea](#)

9:45 - 10:00 AM

Break

10 min facilitated activity (Optional)

[Creative Visualization Meditation](#) with [Diana Acidera](#)

10:00 - 11:15 AM

Breakout Sessions Round 1:



[Snowball: Harnessing the Power of Compound Interest in Life and Finance](#)

Speaker: [Dave Schonenberg](#)



[Discover Your Unique Edge to Land the Job You Always Want](#)

Speaker: [Jolie Lam](#)



[It Starts with You: Relationship Building at Berkeley](#)

Speakers: [Charlotte Cowden](#) and [Jennifer Mora](#)



[How to be an Anti-Racist Within Your Sphere of Influence](#)

Speakers: [Michele Rabkin](#), [Thembi Jackson](#), [Audrey Thomas](#) and [Roia Ferrazares](#)



[Let's Talk About It: Learn to Communicate Assertively!](#)

Speaker: [Dionne Teasley](#)



[Promoting Professional Development & Community Building Through the Dean of Students Externship Program](#)

Speakers: [Deepak Sharma](#) and [Heidi Yu](#)



[Coaching Fundamentals \(BetterUp\)](#)

Speakers: [Kyle Sandell](#) and [Ali O'Malley](#)

11:15 - 11:30 AM

Break

10 min facilitated activity (Optional)

[Zumba!](#) with [Nadia Qabazard](#)

11:30 - 12:45 PM

Breakout Sessions Round 2:



Peer Coaching: a Career Development Experiential Learning Space

Speakers: [Colin Gerker-Junsay](#), [Isela Peña-Rager](#) and [Ying Kuah](#)



How to Protect Your Peace While Fighting for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Speakers: [Justin Oliver](#), [Breanne Tcheng](#) and [Aryn Jackson](#)



Interrupting Impostor Syndrome through Creative Play

Speaker: [Sabina Morgan](#)



Community Care in a Challenging Time

Speakers: [Iberia Zafira](#), [Tina Herod](#), [Emma Ringer](#) and [Paola Alonso](#)



Interviews that Result in Offers: Becoming the Candidate of Choice

Speaker: [Kim Sapp Dinwiddie](#)



Berkeley Changemaker - The Sum of Us: Building a Culture of Belonging

Speaker: [Laura Hassner](#), [Rich Lyons](#) and [Cristy Johnston Limón](#)



Dante's Comedy and the Art of Work

Speaker: [Nicole Pagano](#)

12:45 - 1:45 pm

LUNCH

Networking Activities (Optional): [Virtual Coffee Chat](#)

1:45 - 2:00 PM

Break
10 min facilitated activity (Optional)

Adult Recess/Stretch Break with Cori Evans

2:00 - 3:15 PM

Breakout Sessions Round 3:



In Pursuit of Team Synergy: Enhancing Psychological Safety Skills Demo

Speaker: Catherine Ciano



Fewer, Shorter, Better Meetings: Getting the Most Out of Stand-Ups, Networking & More!

Speaker: Jill Finlayson



Finding My Voice in a Complex Organization

Speakers: Fatima Alleyne, Ari Wolfe, Claire-Marie Kooi and Michael Mansfield



That's Not Funny: How to Use Humor Appropriately in the Workplace

Speaker: Alfred Day



Stuck on the Escalator: What We Know Now about Thriving

Speaker: Danny Ceballos



Marketing the Most Important Product of All: YOU

Speaker: Patricia Bailey



Questions, Questions, So Many Questions: Be Curious, Not Judgmental - Uncle Walt

Speaker: Kevin M. Reyes

3:15 - 3:30 PM

Break
10 min facilitated activity (Optional)

[Tahitian/Polynesian Dance](#) with [Nicole Castillo](#)

3:30 - 4:00 PM

Afternoon Keynote

[Ask Janet! A moderated Q&A with Janet Napolitano](#)

Speaker: [Janet Napolitano](#)

Moderator: [Eugene Whitlock](#)

4:00 - 4:15 PM

Closing Remarks
NOW Conference Co-Chairs, Lisa Rykert and Maddy Irwin

4:20 - 5:10 PM

Post Conference Networking Activity: [Virtual Happy Hour](#)