47th Annual Conference
Oct. 10-13

15th Annual Research Symposium
Oct. 9-10

Environmental Education: A Force for the Future

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Environmental Education: A Force for the Future

NAAEE’s 47th Annual Conference will focus on the power of education to create positive change for the future. EE is a force for building a more civically engaged citizenry. It’s a force for creating a more diverse and inclusive movement. It’s a force for linking research and practice, and for demonstrating the impact of interdisciplinary education. It’s a force for optimizing human potential and delivering excellent educational opportunities for all.

Join us as we share ideas and explore ways to create a more sustainable future through the great power of environmental education.

Schedule at a Glance

**Monday, October 8**
- Research Symposium Workshop*
- Research Networking Dinner*

**Tuesday, October 9**
- Research Symposium*

**Wednesday, October 10**
- Research Symposium continues
- Pre-conference workshops* (full day and half day)
- Pre-conference field trips*
- Opening Reception, including Share Fair, Authors’ Corner, and Exhibit Fair (starts at 5:00 PM)
- Conference Opening with Keynote Speaker: Brady Walkinshaw

**Thursday, October 11**
- Concurrent sessions
- Plenary Panel: Democracy, Civic Engagement, and Environmental Education with David Orr
- Exhibit Fair Luncheon, including Affiliate Welcome
- Poster Session
- HHMI BioInteractive Short Film Screening
- Spokane Suds Stroll*
- Free night: Enjoy Spokane!

**Friday, October 12**
- Concurrent and plenary sessions
- Exhibit Fair
- eePRO Groups Brown Bag Lunch
- Annual Gala and Auction

**Saturday, October 13**
- Concurrent sessions
- Awards Luncheon
- Closing Panel: EE 30 Under 30 Honorees

**Sunday, October 14**
- Post-conference field trips*

*Requires separate registration fee
An Exciting Lineup of Keynote Speakers

**Wednesday, October 10**

**Brady Piñero Walkinshaw**  
CEO, Grist.org

Brady Walkinshaw is the CEO of the Seattle-based Grist media, the leading national environmental media organization. Brady is a former Washington State legislator, and served two terms representing central Seattle, championing housing, mental health, environmental, and criminal justice reforms. In 2016, Brady ran for US Congress, endorsed by dozens of local leaders and the Seattle Times, and described as “gutsy and effective” by local columnist Dan Savage. Before joining the legislature, Brady spent five years at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation working on food and agriculture issues in developing countries.

Before returning home to the Northwest, Brady lived and worked in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on a Fulbright Scholarship, and founded Proyecto Villa Nueva, a small nonprofit focused on youth leadership development in urban slums. The organization celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017, and was recognized by the Organization of American States for its contribution to violence prevention.

Brady is a graduate of Princeton University, where he later served on the University’s Board of Trustees. He serves on the boards of United Way of King County, the Washington Progress Alliance, the Trust for Public Land, and the Latino Victory Project. Brady lives in Seattle’s Capitol Hill neighborhood with his husband, Micah, a marine biologist.

**Thursday, October 11**

**Democracy, Civic Engagement, and Environmental Education**

**Panel Moderator: David Orr**

Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies & Politics, Emeritus, Oberlin College

David Orr is Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies & Politics, Emeritus. He also served as “Counselor to the President” of Oberlin College for ten years. Orr is the author of eight books, including Dangerous Years: Climate Change and the Long Emergency (Yale, 2016) and Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse (Oxford, 2009) and co-editor of three others. He has authored over 220 articles, reviews, book chapters, and professional publications.

In the past twenty-five years, David has served as a board member or adviser to ten foundations and on the boards of many organizations including the Rocky Mountain Institute, Bioneers, and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. He is currently a Trustee of the Alliance for Sustainable Colorado, Children & Nature Network, and the WorldWatch Institute. He has been awarded nine honorary degrees and a dozen other awards including a Lyndhurst Prize, a National Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation, leadership awards from the U.S. Green Building Council (2014) and from Second Nature (2012), and lifetime achievement awards from Green Energy Ohio and the North American Association for Environmental Education.

David has lectured at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. He headed the effort to design, fund, and build the Adam Joseph Lewis Center, which was named by an AIA panel in 2010 as “the most important green building of the past thirty years,” as “one of thirty milestone buildings of the twentieth century” by the US Department of Energy, and as one of “52 game-changing buildings of the past 170 years” by the editors of Building Design+Construction in January 2016. He was also instrumental in the design and funding of the Peter B. Lewis Gateway Center, and is the founder of the Oberlin Project and of the journal Solutions. His current work is on the state of American democracy (www.stateofamericandemocracy.org).

Choose from a wide variety of concurrent sessions in six strands:

- Building Leadership for Environmental Literacy
- Connecting with Nature
- Conservation and Environmental Education
- Educating for Sustainable Communities
- Green Schools and Career-Connected Learning
- Linking Research and Practice to Increase Impact

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PANELISTS

**Timothy Egan**  
Author, Op-Ed Columnist  
*New York Times*

Timothy Egan is an op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*, writing an opinion piece once a week—with a Western perspective. Prior to that, Egan worked as a national correspondent for the *Times*, roaming the West. As a *Times* correspondent, he shares a Pulitzer Prize with a team of reporters for their series, “How Race is Lived in America.”

He is the author of eight books. His most recent book, *The Immortal Irishman*, was a *New York Times* bestseller. His book on Edward Curtis, *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher—The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis*, was awarded the Carnegie Award for best nonfiction. His account of the Dust Bowl, *The Worst Hard Time*, won the 2006 National Book Award, considered one of the nation’s highest literary honors, and he was featured prominently in the 2012 Ken Burns film on the Dust Bowl.

**Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg**  
Director  
Tisch College’s Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE)

Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg is the director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University. CIRCLE is a nonpartisan national research institute that focuses on youth civic learning and engagement. Kei manages CIRCLE’s expansive portfolio of research initiatives, tools for educators and policymakers, and reports that influence policy and practice in civic learning. With a background in positive youth development and interest in diverse and marginalized youth, she sees research as a powerful tool to address inequity by affecting policies and practice.

**Janet Tran**  
Director of Learning and Leadership  
Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Janet Tran is the Director of Learning and Leadership for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, where she designed and launched *Leadership and the American Presidency*, an experiential leadership program for university students through the lens of the American Presidency. She also established the inaugural Reagan Institute Summit on Education, an initiative dedicated to elevating the national conversation on education.

In her prior role as the Foundation’s Associate Director of Education, Janet helped to create the Foundation’s national portfolio of nonpartisan civic learning programs and opportunities. Janet began her career as a social studies teacher in inner city high schools within the Los Angeles Unified School District in California. She is currently a doctoral candidate in learning technologies at Pepperdine University.

**Saturday, October 13**  
**EE 30 Under 30 Honorees**

The conference culminates with our annual awards luncheon along with a panel of inspirational young leaders at the forefront of environmental change.

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NAAEE’s Annual Research Symposium brings together new and experienced researchers from around the globe to explore the current state and future directions of environmental education research and advance the use of practices proven to be effective. The symposium facilitates discussion about research in progress, fosters dialog about research-community partnerships, and provides opportunities for emerging as well as seasoned researchers to develop and expand their research skills. Participants can also meet with colleagues and mentors to discuss publishing and career advice, and issues and concerns in the world of research.

Themes
The keynote events and concurrent sessions of the 2018 Research Symposium are organized around three themes:

1. New Horizons in EE Research
   Explore ideas and challenges of the age that might inspire and drive the next generation of EE research. Sessions examine what the EE research field might be best known for over the next decade. Is it, for example, quality research of particular kinds on established or emerging topics? Activities and partnerships that make a difference to pressing concerns highlighted by the Sustainable Development Goals? A research community that is characterized by questions, processes, relationships, and outcomes of a certain order? Particular kinds of impacts of research on policy and practice?

2. Intergenerational Conversations
   Focus on new opportunities and challenges for researchers, research, and the Research Symposium, using an intergenerational conversation format. Sessions will include multiple generations, chronologically and in terms of career stage. Look for emerging scholars in conversation with established scholars on theoretical innovations and the work, scope, and diversity of the field. Expect to engage about how you and others address challenges associated with professional development, careers, mentoring relationships, and leadership along with other topics such as #MeToo.

3. Stories from Research
   In keeping with the aims of the Research Symposium, discuss works in progress, the stories behind research, and how what we have learned might guide or prepare us for future research. Find out about research opportunities and challenges, theoretical models, ethical dilemmas, new (and overlooked) research designs or datasets, and questions of capacity and capability related to undertaking and developing EE research.

eeHACK
Creativity and collaboration; empathy and experimentation; inspiration and ideation. Throughout the Research Symposium, you will be invited to participate in events that hack #enviroed. These open, participatory sessions are designed to generate “disruptive” ideas to address key challenges hardwired into the field. For example, which practices and relationships should NAAEE prioritize to draw unlikely collaborators into environmental education? Which strategies and partnerships might foster diverse participation in environmental education? What kind of pipeline needs building for this field to develop a steady flow of boundary-pushing researchers? How can #enviroed researchers help foster mindsets and partnerships that encourage better engagement with key outcomes from research in policy, practice, and community? We are eager for your input on these and other “hackables” in Spokane!

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15TH Annual Research Symposium

Monday, October 8

Optional Pre-Symposium Events for Research Symposium Participants

EE Research Field Session: Place Matters for Research in EE
Monday, October 8, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Meander along an ADA accessible trail following the Spokane River while you creatively and critically consider the significance of “place” in EE research. Asking, “How does place matter for how we do our research?” the group will move along the river, stopping to learn from local researchers, practitioners, and community members grappling with the intense complexities of place. Participants will consider how place matters in a diversity of EE research and, through a facilitated culminating activity, how place matters in your own research context.

Research Networking Dinner
Monday, October 8, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM
Join the Research Symposium Chairs, featured panelists, and many other colleagues and mentors for a casual evening of food, fun, and conversation focused on EE research at the Saranac Public House. Diners will include the Research Symposium Chairs, featured panelists, and many other colleagues, friends, and mentors. These optional events require separate registration. Register early; space is limited.

Special Events Included with the Research Symposium

Research Symposium Awards Reception
Tuesday, October 9
Graduate Student & Early Career Breakfast
Wednesday, October 10

About NAAEE

For more than four decades, NAAEE has served as the professional association, champion, and backbone organization for the field of environmental education. Dedicated to strengthening the field, we bring the brightest minds together to accelerate environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education to create a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

NAAEE’s influence stretches across North America and around the world, with members in more than 30 countries. NAAEE and its 56 state, provincial, and regional Affiliate organizations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico have more than 20,000 members. Our members are professionals working across business, government, higher education, formal (K-12) education, nonformal education, early childhood education, science and STEM education, philanthropy, and other sectors of society.

NAAEE also oversees the Natural Start Alliance, focused on early childhood environmental education; serves as the Secretariat of the Global Environmental Education Partnership (GEEP), in partnership with US EPA and Taiwan EPA; and partners with US EPA to help strengthen environmental education and support professional development through the ee360 program.

Amazing opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends; become inspired and informed about cutting-edge initiatives in the field; THE place to be for environmental education at the national (and international) scale.

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Pre-Conference Field Trips

Wednesday, October 10

Visit naaee.org/conference for more information.

Refuge Explorations

The Channeled Scablands—Turnbull National Wildlife’s predominant ecosystem—are called one of the seven wonders of Washington state. Join refuge staff on a hike exploring this unique wetlands habitat, which is home to more than 200 bird species. You’ll also participate in a hands-on aquatic macroinvertebrate investigation and learn about the refuge’s educational programs.

Time: 8:00 AM–12:30 PM
Location: Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, Cheney
Cost: $65, includes transportation

Ridges to Rivers: Extremes of the Pacific Northwest

Experience Washington’s rich cultural and natural history in the state’s two largest state parks. Start with a guided hike along the heavily forested trails of Mount Spokane and end the day with a visit to the Spokane House Interpretive Center in Riverside State Park. Learn the story of Eastern Washington’s early fur trade and the changes it brought to the lives of the Spokane-area Native Americans.

Time: 8:30 AM–4:00 PM
Location: Mount Spokane State Park, Mead and Riverside State Park, Spokane
Cost: $115, includes transportation and lunch

Spokane Riverside by Boat and Boot

Start your day on the water, floating down the spectacular Spokane River with Riverkeeper Jerry White. The trip starts at Spokane Falls, and brings you into Washington’s second largest state park, Riverside State Park.

Time: 8:30 AM–4:00 PM
Location: Spokane River and Riverside State Park, Spokane
Cost: $140, includes transportation, lunch, and boat rental

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Post-Conference Field Trips

Sunday, October 14
Visit naaee.org/conference for descriptions and prices.

Urban Kayaks
As city sounds and bird songs serenade, you’ll paddle single sit-on-top kayaks from the upriver dam to downtown Spokane. This 3½-mile paddle will take you past towering cottonwood trees, train trestles, and arched bridges—an amazing adventure through the heart of the city. This is mostly a flatwater paddle with two small rapids.
Time: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Location: Spokane River, Spokane
Cost: $65, includes transportation and kayak rental

Riverside on Horseback
Experience Riverside State Park the way it was viewed by early explorers: on horseback! This two-hour ride with True West will guide you through scenic trails at a leisurely pace that will allow you to enjoy expansive views as well as the native plants and animals of the park's Ponderosa pine forest and open steppe habitats.
Time: 12:15 PM-3:30 PM
Location: Riverside State Park Equestrian Area, Spokane
Cost: $65, includes transportation and rider fees

Pre-Conference Workshops

Wednesday, October 10

All Day Workshops
• Diving Into Water Issues: Create Your Own Deliberation Guide
• The Road to NAAEE Higher Education Accreditation: A Map for Success

Morning Workshops
• Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Movement
• Building Equitable Partnerships with Underserved Communities to Implement Environmental Education
• Environmental Ethics as Everyday Action
• The GLOBE Program and Eco-Schools: Intersections in Science and Sustainability
• Professional Learning to Teach Instructors to Use Evidence & Explanations

Afternoon Workshops
• Climate Change Community Level Solutions: Moving from ‘Me’ to ‘We’
• Designing for Change: Connecting EE Research and Practice
• Integrating Civic Action into EE: The Earth Force Process
• Moving the Field Forward: Equitable and Inclusive Workforce Development
• Using Citizen Science and Food Webs to Ask Ecological Questions

INDY
Helping People Helping Wildlife

CASH
Helping People Helping Wildlife

The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife’s Karelian Bear Dogs provide a non-lethal option for handling conflicts between wildlife and humans. Meet the dogs and learn more about this extraordinary program at the opening reception.

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Conference Opportunities
Sign up for these exciting options when you register for the conference.

Wednesday, October 10
Share Fair
At the Share Fair, nonprofit organizations highlight their successful programs and inspiring ideas through tabletop displays and engaging conversations. This event will be held during the opening reception on Wednesday evening. Purchase your table by the August 24 early bird deadline to be listed in the conference program.

Authors’ Corner
Want to share your latest works with conference participants? Authors interact with conference attendees and promote, sign, and sell their publications in the Author’s Corner. This event will be held during the opening reception on Wednesday evening. Purchase your table by the August 24 early bird deadline to be listed in the conference program.

Thursday, October 11
HHMI BioInteractive Movie Night
HHMI BioInteractive develops educational films capturing the essence of scientific thinking and the thrill of scientific discovery. Come enjoy some of HHMI's newest films highlighting ecology and conservation biology, and featuring the work of Dr. Manuel Leal, who studies the behavioral ecology of lizards in Puerto Rico. Enjoy light hors d’oeuvres, the screening, and a discussion session with special guests.

Spokane Suds Stroll
What better way to meet new colleagues than to spend your open evening networking over a few drinks? Join the Suds Stroll and visit three nearby Spokane nightspots to enjoy beer, cocktails, dinner, and great conversation. The venues were selected for their local flavor; some emphasize organic and locally sourced ingredients. Must be 21.

Friday, October 12
Annual Gala and Stapp Scholarship Auction
Dust off your flapper duds and grab your party gear. Enter the Roaring '20s and '30s on Friday, October 12, when you swing into Spokane's beautiful art deco Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox. Originally built in 1931 and restored in 2007, this incredible venue is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Spokane Register, and the Washington Heritage Register. The evening’s entertainment will include a live performance by The Good Company, an electro-swing band based in Washington, along with our fun-filled live auction, which features special treasures in all price ranges, including a fabulous trip to the Galapagos Islands donated by Lindblad Expeditions. Be there to slip in your final bid and snatch up a great variety of books, arts and crafts, jewelry, clothing, pottery, and more as the silent auction concludes.

Auction Donations Needed
Our annual Stapp Scholarship Auction helps support NAAEE’s student scholarship fund—the more great items we have to auction off, the more students we can help support. Check our website for information about bringing or shipping your donations to Spokane.

Want to Volunteer?
Volunteers have two options for reducing conference registration rates: work a four-hour shift and attend the rest of that day for free (Thursday or Friday only), or volunteer for eight hours over the course of the conference and earn free registration. Meals are not included. Contact us at conference@naaee.org. Volunteer registration opens in July.

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint
NAAEE is working with Renewable Choice Energy to reduce the environmental impact of our conference. You can easily purchase verified emission reductions (VERs) on your registration form. This voluntary effort helps balance the carbon dioxide emissions associated with your travel to the conference and use of resources during your stay in Spokane. Renewable Choice supports a variety of domestic and international projects that conform to leading standards.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

NAAEE is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of environmental education.

Among other conference opportunities, the Center for Diversity and the Environment, an ee360 partner, will offer a workshop on Wednesday, the Environmental Professionals of Color will be holding a national business meeting on Thursday, and our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion eePRO group will be meeting on Friday. We strive to dedicate at least 15 percent of our concurrent sessions to exploring strategies and programs that help diversify our audiences as well as our workforce, build cultural competence, support environmental justice, engage with new audiences, forge new and lasting partnerships, honor traditional knowledge, and increase our reach and relevance throughout society.

Spokane Convention Center
334 West Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

Housing

NAAEE is holding room blocks at Davenport Grand Hotel and the DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center. Both hotels are immediately adjacent to the convention center. For special conference pricing, you must reserve online through the Visit Spokane Housing Bureau by September 7, 2018, using the link below. You may not book directly through the hotels. Room blocks are limited; we recommend booking early.

There is more information about hotel reservations at www.naaee.org/conference.

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