BEST Phase II Workshop Presenters

February 10, 17, 24, 2018
Margherio Family Conference Center
Wayne State University

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Dr. Aaron Burr works as a Medical Writer for MMS Holdings, Inc. After serving as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Michigan for a year, he joined MMS Holdings Inc. As a graduate student and postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Burr won a number of awards. He obtained his B.S. in Biology from the University of Detroit Mercy and his Ph.D. in Oncology and Cancer Biology from Wayne State in 2015. Dr. Burr was a BEST Program Phase III awardee in 2014.

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Dr. Corinne Williams is a science editor at the Journal of Clinical Investigation and JCI Insight, published by the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI). Trained as a microbiologist, Dr. Williams worked as a postdoctoral researcher at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and published research on topics in molecular biology. Dr. Williams joined the ASCI as an Assistant Science Editor in 2013. She obtained her B.S. in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and her Ph.D. in Molecular, Cellular and Development Biology from University of California, Santa Barbara.
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Dr. Ethan Eagle joined the WSU faculty in January 2017 after completing postdoctoral research at Sandia National Laboratories Combustion Research Facility in Livermore, California, and in the Wooldridge Combustion Laboratory at the University of Michigan. He directs the Prometheus Combustion Laboratory at WSU, which focuses on combustion system technology improvements. Dr. Eagle holds a B.S. in Mathematics and in Aerospace Engineering and an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan.

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Dr. Evelyn Jabri is Founder and Lead Strategist at E&A Innovation Group, LLC. She leverages her 20 years of experience in business, publishing, and higher education to provide a range of consulting services to organizations and academic institutions serving the STEM fields. Dr. Jabri also mentors and coaches graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members considering careers outside of academia. In her former role as Director, Product Strategy at Silverchair Information Systems, she assisted STM publishers with developing and delivering business-critical digital information products. Before that, Dr. Jabri was Director of Editorial Development at the American Chemical Society (ACS) where she was responsible for the strategic development and significant expansion of the ACS journals and books portfolios. Evelyn began her publishing career at Springer-Nature after serving as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Indiana University. She holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Cornell University and received double B.A. degrees in Chemistry and MCD Biology from the University of Colorado.
Dr. Heinz Plaumann is a Co-founder of and Coach with QuantumQik Career. Formerly a Technology Manager / Director at BASF Corporation, he has over 30 years of industrial experience, mostly technical leadership positions, including international assignments; holds over 20 patents; and has 35 publications/conference presentations. As a career coach / mentor extraordinaire, Dr. Plaumann has led many workshops on time planning and career development. Currently, he also teaches as an adjunct professor/lecturer at several universities, including Wayne State University. Dr. Plaumann holds an M.S. in Chemical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Waterloo.
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Dr. Jeanne Andreoli is Associate Professor Emerita and former chair, Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Marygrove College. She continues her work as the Director of the Institutional Development Core and Grant Writer for the NIH-funded ReBUILDEdetroit program at the University of Detroit Mercy. Her research interests are grounded in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, including learning theory, pedagogy, and assessment. She has worked closely with the American Association of Colleges & Universities (AACU) and Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) to scale-up and institutionalize efforts to transform undergraduate STEM learning environments, primarily through facilities planning, faculty development, leadership development, and curricular innovation.

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Dr. Marcus Dickson is Professor and terminal master’s program director for Industrial/Organizational I/O Psychology at Wayne State University. His research focuses primarily on issues of organizational leadership and culture. He served for several years as Co-PI on Project GLOBE, the largest cross-cultural study of leadership and culture conducted to date. He is the founder of APORG, a unit of the doctoral program in I/O Psychology that provides consulting expertise to organizations and professional development experiences to students, primarily in the areas of personnel selection, job analysis, performance appraisal interview systems, and organizational surveys. He has received both the President’s Award for Outstanding Teaching and the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award at Wayne State University. In 2016, Dr. Dickson was elected a Fellow of the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology, a division of the American Psychology Association. Dr. Dickson obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from University of Maryland.
Dr. Tonya Whitehead is the Assistant Director of the Office for Teaching & Learning at Wayne State. She has a strong interest in promoting education in STEM fields and evidence-based teaching practices in undergraduate and graduate education. Dr. Whitehead received her doctorate in biomedical engineering from the WSU College of Engineering and serves as part-time faculty there. She began her training as an instructor while she was a King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellow. In this capacity, she attended active learning and problem-based learning bootcamps at Lawrence Technological University. Before coming to Wayne State, she received a M.S. in manufacturing and engineering management and a B.S. in computer engineering at Michigan State University. She is an active member of the American Society of Engineering Education, the Biomedical Engineering Society, the Society for Women Engineers, and Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society.
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Dr. Ken Massey is the Senior Director of Venture Development in the Office of Technology Commercialization at Wayne State University. He has a combined 28 years of biomedical research and business experience in the academic, pharmaceutical, and biotech arenas. In his current role, he identifies start-up opportunities and facilitates the efforts of WSU entrepreneurs in creating companies to develop and license technology. Before joining Wayne State, Dr. Massey was managing director of MicroDose Life Sciences and its associated venture capital fund, LifeLine Ventures, and also worked at Pfizer where he was responsible for the scientific and operational aspects of several drug development programs. Dr. Massey was Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Pharmacology at the University of Michigan after obtaining his Ph.D. from the University of Texas Southwestern. Dr. Massey is also the Mayor of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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Tobin Smith is Vice President for Policy at the Association of American Universities. He oversees AAU’s policy projects, initiatives and activities including the AAU Undergraduate STEM education and doctoral education initiatives and is responsible for matters relating to science and innovation policy and broader impacts of science. Prior to joining AAU in January 2003, Smith worked as a federal relations representative for the University of Michigan and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began his Washington career on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant to Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Michigan). Smith is a member of the National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine Roundtable on the Communication and Use of Social and Behavioral Sciences and is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Smith holds a M.S. in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and a B.G.S. (Bachelor of General Studies) degree from the University of Michigan.
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Dr. Patrick Brandt is the Director of Career Development and Training in the Office of Graduate Education at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. He directs career awareness and professional skills development programming for life science graduate students. Dr. Brandt is key staff for UNC’s ImPACT program, which was funded by an NIH-BEST grant in 2014. He was instrumental in securing $5.4 million in grant funding from NIH and Burroughs Wellcome, among other funders, to support career development, outreach, and training initiatives. Dr. Brandt received his B.S. in Biochemistry from Brigham Young University and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He held a postdoc at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences after completing his doctoral studies.

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Dr. Paulina Karwowska-Desaulniers received her doctorate in chemistry from Wayne State University, specializing in the characterization of post-translational modifications on proteins using both biological and bio-organic techniques. She continued to her postdoctoral position where she studied epigenetic modification of the genome. Currently, she is the Director of Research Priorities and Partnerships at the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University in Canada. In her role, she manages research services for the school including areas of research funding, partnership and strategic initiatives. Her career in the Research Administration started with a role as the Research Officer for Faculty of Science at York, progressing to the Strategic and Institutional Research Specialist and Research Officer in the Faculty of Science.