

Saturday,
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William Pitt
Union, University
of Pittsburgh



WOMEN IN STEM CONFERENCE

Breakout
Session Tracks:

- Get Real
- Blaze Your Trail
- Forge the Future
- Stand Up & Speak Out

8:30 – 9:05 Check-In, Headshots, Networking Breakfast & Welcome Ballroom

9:15 – 10:00 Breakout Session #1

Room 540	Room 837	Room 538	Room 527
What My Job Has Taught Me <i>Dr. Renee Clark</i>	Perfecting Your Pitch: Effective Scientific Communication from the Classroom to the Boardroom <i>Dr. Carla Ng, Dr. Sarah Haig, Dr. Leanne Gilbertson</i>	Angel Investing 101 <i>Yvonne Campos & Christine Tandon</i>	Know Your Worth and the Value of Negotiation <i>Emily Bennett & Lauren Fagan</i>

10:10 – 10:55 Breakout Session #2

Room 540	Room 837	Room 538	Room 527
Working in Different Cultures <i>Lee Anne Sgro & Katarina Clase</i>	Will Saying 'No' Now Hurt Your Chances of Getting a 'Yes' Later? (Panel) <i>Petra Mitchell, Dr. Ipsita Banerjee, Rose Devine, Dr. Gelsy Torres-Oviedo, Lisa Morrison</i>	Ideation and Wrapping a Business Model Around It (Workshop) <i>Babs Carryer & Emily Siegel</i>	Using the Imposter Syndrome to Help You Excel in Your Career <i>Dr. Susan Fullerton</i>

11:05 – 12:20 Lunch & Keynote Speech #1 - Lauren Harrington Ballroom

12:30 – 1:15 Breakout Session #3

Ballroom	Room 837	Room 310	Room 918
Work-Life Balance (Panel) <i>Donna Bursick, Karen J. Levin, Deanna Sinex, Jaqueline Welsh, Dr. Morgan Fedorchak, Dianne McMaster, Helen Patricia</i>	The Great Debate: Industry, Graduate School, or Both? <i>Stephanie Opalinski</i>	Are You A.I. Ready? <i>Deepika Devarajan</i>	Read to Lead <i>Alyssa Bell</i>

1:30 – 2:40 Keynote Speech #2 - Dr. Melissa Bilec Ballroom

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Lauren Harrington

Rockwell Automation

Technology Innovation, Automation, Mobility, Safety, and Network Security are at the forefront of discussions. How do we produce and deliver...better, faster, more efficiently, with optimized asset utilization...and less risk to our valuable team as well as intellectual property. Lauren currently works for Rockwell Automation as an Industry Team Lead. Prior to her current role, she has worked as the Natural Gas Lead for Marcellus & Utica Shale, and as a Channel Account Manager. Before joining Rockwell Automation, Lauren worked for Grant Industrial Controls, Inc. as a Proposal Engineer and Project Coordinator. Before entering industry, Lauren received her degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology from Penn State University as well as later receiving her BS in Organizational Leadership from Robert Morris University. She also holds an MBA with a certificate in Project Management from Robert Morris University.



Dr. Melissa Bilec

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Dr. Melissa Bilec is an associate professor in the Swanson School of Engineering's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; she is the Deputy Director of the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation. She is also a Roberta A. Luxbacher Faculty Fellow, and she serves as the Pitt STRIVE Director of Faculty Community Building and Engagement for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Dr. Bilec's research focuses on the sustainable built environment. She explores system-level environmental performance of buildings, while developing a deeper understanding of environmental impacts, energy use, and indoor air quality. She is an expert in life cycle assessment (LCA), and works to advance LCA through method development. Dr. Bilec is personally interested in high-impact research that addresses significant societal challenges through innovative research approaches. Most recently, she is working to solve the global plastic waste challenge through the advancement and development of circular economy principles. At a local level, she collaborates with local businesses and communities to promote ambient and indoor air quality awareness through air quality monitoring, civic engagement, and citizen science.