

**NEWSLETTER**

**July 2024 Edition (12)**

[Access previous editions: https://sciencetechstudies.ucr.edu/news](https://sciencetechstudies.ucr.edu/news)



The UCR STS Initiative's 2nd Fall Kickoff event, Tuesday, October 22 10:00 - 4:00 in CHASS 1113.

The UCR STS Initiative's goal for the 2024-2025 academic year is to expand and support **graduate student interdisciplinary research**.

The 2024 - 2025 Fall kick-meeting will encourage graduate students engaged in STS research to present their findings, share their ideas for proposed future research, and explore partnerships and collaborations with graduate students in other fields and disciplines. The focus of the 2024-25 academic year will be to enhance and encourage our next generation of future professors, scientists and professionals to continue to tackle the existential STS issues that we face. We are especially interested student research topics that impact diverse communities as part of our UCR-STS mission is to encourage transdisciplinary efforts to include the valuable opinions of expert voices from outside the campus.

Currently, **the focus is on the recruitment of graduate student participants** who are interested in doing interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary projects. ***Faculty is encouraged to share their ideas about potential keynote speakers, etc. and the names of grad students that they feel will be interested in being a part of this upcoming event.*** Please, forward this information via email to Juliann Allison ([juliann.allison@ucr.edu](mailto:juliann.allison@ucr.edu)), Yolanda Moses ([yolanda.moses@ucr.edu](mailto:yolanda.moses@ucr.edu)), and Linda Jean Hall ([linda.hall@ucr.edu](mailto:linda.hall@ucr.edu)).

Submitted by Linda Jean Hall, July 2024.

## Featured Postdoc Position:



Please circulate this announcement for a postdoc position as widely as possible. We are mainly recruiting through word of mouth, and your support will be greatly appreciated. The field of study can be in any humanities or social sciences discipline/interdiscipline. A strong background in environmental studies or science and technology studies with a social justice orientation is preferred.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION** The Department of Society, Environment and Health Equity at the University of California, Riverside is recruiting for a postdoctoral position to work with a research team on a grant funded by the Department Of Energy, A Humanities-Driven STEM for Student Training in Carbon Capture and Conversion under Dr. Chikako Takeshita. The appointment will begin during summer of 2024 or as soon as possible and will be for two years with the possibility of extension contingent on budget and performance.

This opportunity will involve collaboration with a materials science research team studying carbon capture and conversion methodologies using computational chemistry techniques, and will collaborate with Dr. Chikako Takeshita and Dr. Bryan Wong's material science research team to identify humanistic and social issues that intersect with carbon capture and conversion science and technology. The research shall result in co-authored peer-reviewed articles in humanities or social sciences journals. This position is full-time and will require 40 hours of work each week dedicated to the Department of Energy (DOE)-funded project. Remote work, depending on the research agenda, may be permissible.

A successful candidate should have a minimum qualification of an M.A. in a humanities or social sciences discipline and be at least ABD at the time of application. A Ph.D. is required at the time of start. Candidates should have scholarly expertise in environmental justice, environmental or energy policy, and/or science and technology studies. Additional knowledge of rare metals mining, net-zero emission approach to climate mitigation, quantum physics, or computational modeling is preferred.

Applications must be submitted electronically to UC Recruit at <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF01955> and must include a cover letter, curriculum

vitae, a writing sample, a 2-page research statement, a statement of past and/or planned future contributions to advancing diversity and inclusive excellence, and three confidential letters of recommendation. Review of applications will begin on August 13, 2024 and may continue until filled. Applications received by August 13 will receive full consideration.

Applicants who use Interfolio may utilize a feature provided by the Interfolio Service to allow Interfolio to upload their letters directly into AP Recruit. Applicants can input an Interfoliogenerated email address in place of their letter writer's email address. Interfolio refers to this as Online Application Deliveries. The following link on the Interfolio website shows how to set this up (<http://help.interfolio.com/entries/24062742-Uploading-Letters-to-an-Online-Application-System>).

Contact Search Chair Chikako Takeshita [chikako.takeshita@ucr.edu](mailto:chikako.takeshita@ucr.edu) with any questions. Department: <https://sehe.ucr.edu/>

#### Featured Domestic & International Events/Conferences:

**SCIENCE SHAPING TOMORROW**

AAAS ANNUAL MEETING  
Boston, MA | February 13-15, 2025

## 2025 AAAS ANNUAL MEETING: HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, BOSTON, MA, FEBRUARY 13-15

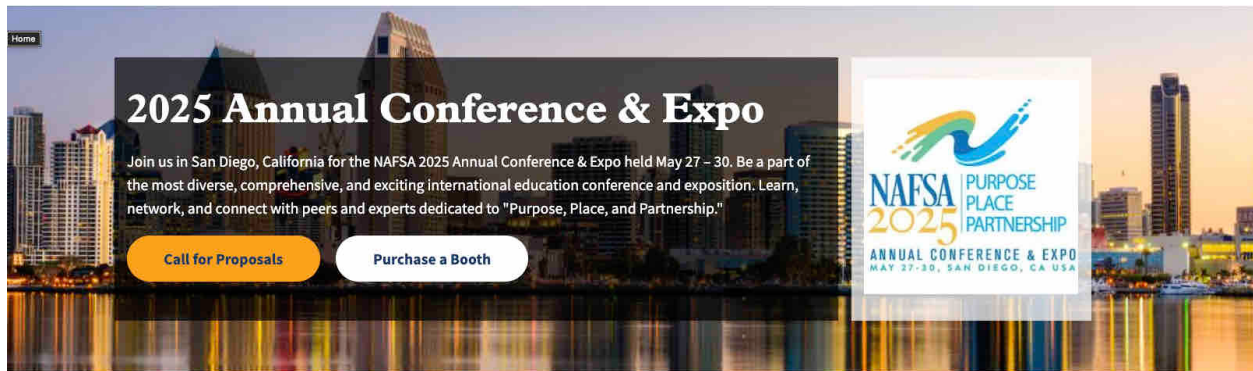
<https://meetings.aaas.org/>



This year's theme, Science Shaping Tomorrow, invites us to celebrate and strengthen the projects and collaborations among science, policy, and communication that already exist and to promote the infusion of scientific and technical expertise into the public discourse and policymaking. We will not only highlight the responses to challenges and crises, but also marvel at what our future could be."

Willie E. May, Ph.D.  
AAAS President, Morgan State University

**POSTER SUBMISSIONS**



# Join Us at the NAFSA 2025 Annual Conference & Expo!

NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the world's largest association dedicated to international education and exchange, invites you to the NAFSA 2025 Annual Conference & Expo. Be a part of the most diverse and comprehensive global event attended by professionals from across the field. We are pleased to welcome you to our most exciting conference ever! Join us in San Diego, CA from May 26 to 30, 2025.

International educators from all corners of the world will gather at NAFSA 2025 to discover the latest innovations, new strategies, and best practices. Establish and build upon your institutional partnerships as we unite to foster purpose, place, and partnership. Attend sessions developed by your peers from international education leaders and changemakers across the globe. Connect with fellow attendees and build a network essential to your professional success.

## *Purpose, Place, and Partnership*

Our theme builds upon our collective mission and the tenants of international education. We embrace the layers and holistic importance of place-- personally, professionally, and at our institutions. Our commitment to building sustainable opportunities for global learners is reflective of the partnerships that we foster across campuses, communities, and nations.



3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH WASTE AND RECYCLING

📅 April 28-30, 2025 | Houston, TX

Register Now

Submit Abstract

Brochure



**April 28 – April 30 2025**  
**Houston, TX**

<https://wasteandrecycling.org/>

### What's happening in ENSURE-2025?

United Scientific Group (USG) cordially extends invitations to individuals worldwide to join us for the "3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Environmental Sustainability through Waste and Recycling," scheduled to take place in Houston, TX from April 28-30, 2025.

United Scientific Group (USG) is a non-profit organization like to extend our heart full thanks to all of our organizers, scientific committee, speakers and presenters for making the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Environmental Sustainability through Waste and Recycling (ENSURE-2023) (Hybrid) a great success! The event was held in a Hybrid mode from dates April 10-12, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Environmental Sustainability through Waste and Recycling (ENSURE-2024) (Hybrid) was held in a Hybrid mode from dates March 11-14, 2024, and gathered attendees and participants from across the globe.

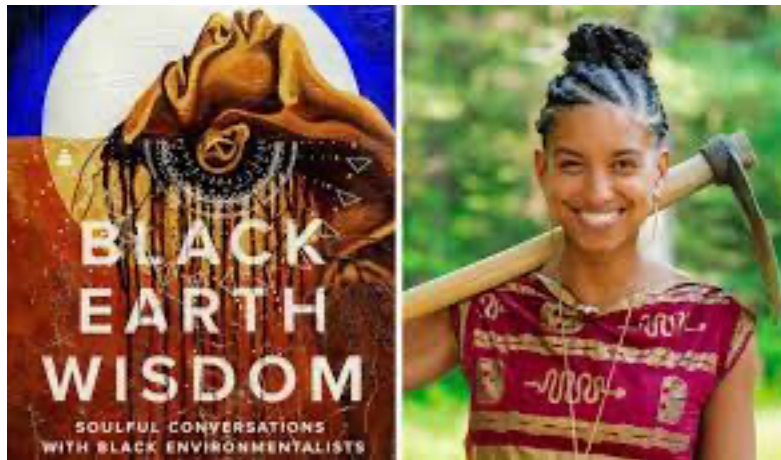
### *Registration*

Acquire access to meeting materials, including a vast digital library containing all of the presentations from both virtual and in-person sessions. Get 20% off when you register for five or more passes and embark with us on this exciting journey containing thought-provoking Plenary talks, Keynote talks, Discussion Panels, Poster Symposia, Video Presentations.



Featured Book/Article

## BLACK EARTH WISDOM: SOULFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH BLACK ENVIRONMENTALISTS



**A soulful collection of illuminating essays and interviews that explore Black people's spiritual and scientific connection to the land, waters, and climate, curated by the acclaimed author of *Farming While Black***

Author of *Farming While Black* and co-founder of Soul Fire Farm, Leah Penniman reminds us that ecological humility is an intrinsic part of Black cultural heritage. While racial capitalism has attempted to sever our connection to the sacred earth for 400 years, Black people have long seen the land and water as family and understood the intrinsic value of nature.

This thought-provoking anthology brings together today's most respected and influential Black environmentalist voices --leaders who have cultivated the skill of listening to the Earth --to share the lessons they have learned. These varied and distinguished experts include Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Alice

Walker; the first Queen Mother and official spokesperson for the Gullah/Geechee Nation, Queen Quet; marine biologist, policy expert, and founder and president of Ocean Collectiv, Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson; and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, Land Loss Prevention Project, Savi Horne. In *Black Earth Wisdom*, they address the essential connection between nature and our survival and how runaway consumption and corporate insatiability are harming the earth and every facet of American society, engendering racial violence, food apartheid, and climate injustice.

Those whose skin is the color of soil are reviving their ancestral and ancient practice of listening to the earth for guidance. Penniman makes clear that the fight for racial and environmental justice demands that people put our planet first and defer to nature as our ultimate teacher.

Contributors include:

Alice Walker - adrienne maree brown - Dr. Ross Gay - Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson - Rue Mapp - Dr. Carolyn Finney - Audrey Peterman - Awise Agbaye Wande Abimbola - Ibrahim Abdul-Matin - Kendra Pierre-Louis - Latria Graham - Dr. Lauret Savoy - Ira Wallace - Savi Horne - Dr. Claudia Ford - Dr. J. Drew Lanham - Dr. Leni Sorensen - Queen Quet - Toshi Reagon - Yeye Luisah Teish - Yonnette Fleming - Naima Penniman - Angelou Ezeilo - James Edward Mills - Teresa Baker - Pandora Thomas - Toi Scott - Aleya Fraser - Chris Bolden-Newsome - Dr. Joshua Bennett - B. Anderson - Chris Hill - Greg Watson - T. Morgan Dixon - Dr. Dorceta Taylor - Colette Pichon Battle - Dillon Bernard - Sharon Lavigne - Steve Curwood - and Babalawo Enroue Halfkenny