

Summer 2023: Student Representatives Board Report

The Botanical Society of America

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Annual Botany Conference: Botany 2023

Student Registrations

- The number of students registered was 494 as of June 14th, with 424 in person and 70 virtual registrations. This is a small increase compared to the 473 student registrations from last year. The registration numbers are similar to the last in-person meeting in 2019, when 497 students attended. Students make up 53% of total attendees, greater than the student attendance percentages for 2019-2022 of about 43%.

Student Events

1. Writing Your CV and Translating it Into a Public Facing Website (July 23rd, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm) feat.

Let's work together to create a comprehensive description of your career in a CV format and then create a website that will highlight those achievements for the world to see. We will first organize your skills and accomplishments in a CV that you can use for job, funding and nomination applications. Then we will use these highlights of your career history to design a website that can showcase your research, teaching, publications, speaking engagements and service. At the end of this workshop you will have the tools to write a well developed CV and to create your own website. You will also leave with a working draft of a CV and a basic academic website that you will be able to build up further in the weeks to come.

This workshop is for students and early career professionals. Please bring a draft of your current CV to edit in class, a computer and any previous attempts at making a website.

In this workshop, you will:

- Learn the basic structure of a CV and best practices for writing it
- Receive feedback on your CV from peers and instructors

- Learn the steps to create your own website
 - Why create a website? Define your audience and intentions for having a website
 - Discover possible content to include and see good examples
 - Create a structure for your personalized website content (using your CV as a starting point)
 - Work together to build a free website
- **Panelists:** Angela McDonnel, St Cloud State University; Elizabeth Hunger, US FDA; Greg Pec, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Helen Holmlund, Pepperdine University; Jessica Savage, University of Minnesota; Jim Leebens-Mack, University of Georgia; Tatiana Arias, Marie Selby Gardens
- 12 people registered as of July 13th.

2. Careers in Botany Luncheon (July 24th, 12:00pm - 1:30pm)

- We are following a world cafe format where students will be sitting at tables and the panelists will rotate between tables during the luncheon. At the end, we will come together and share insights learned with the larger group
- This year we have 12 professionals confirmed so far. The current panelists come from various careers and career stages. Our panelists are:
 - Alexandre Zuntini, Research Fellow
 - Tohmi Barrett, EcoFlora Project Manager
 - Keri Maricle, Community College Instructor
 - Agnes Dellinger, Principal Investigator
 - Hong Ma, Professor of Biology
 - Rima Lucardi, Forest Service Research Ecologist
 - Natali Ramirez-Bullon, Recovery and Listing Botanist
 - Jesse Miller, State Rare Plant Botanist
 - Jordan Metzgar, Herbarium Curator
 - Ashley Bordelon, Herbarium Collections Manager
 - Karie Pappani, Conservation Director
 - Alicia Talavera, Post-doc
- 95 students were registered for this event as of July 7th.

3. Student Social (July 24th, 9pm - 11:59pm)

We will have a Wiley sponsored student social in the Linen Building (1402 W Grove St., Boise ID)

4. Virtual BSA Student Chapter Meet-Up (July 26th, 12:00pm - 1:30pm)

This virtual networking event will be a chance for BSA students to meet one another both in person and virtual. Established chapters will have the chance to meet one another and discuss successful events and common challenges. Chapters will also have the chance to connect with students interested in joining or starting their own

chapter.

5. Facilitated Networking

- [Botany 2023 - Virtual Networking Board](#)

Connecting with Student Members outside of Botany:

Botany360:

How to Be a Successful BSA Student Rep (January 18th, 2023)

- We gave a presentation outlining the BSA Student Rep position description, requirements, the election process, and examples of candidate bios submitted, and held a Q&A for interested students.
- This event was not recorded to make sure that students asked questions freely, but presentation slides are available on the Botany360 website

Make the Most Out of Botany 2023: A Student Conference Guide (May 26th, 2023)

- Are you attending the Botany Conference for the first time this July? Or are you looking for tips on how to make the best of the conference as a student? This workshop goes over student-specific events, how to organize your time, how to make your trip as affordable as possible, and how to successfully network. It also goes over ways to make the best out of attending virtually.
- 58 students registered for the event and feedback for the event was very positive
- Eli Hartung and Josh Felton plan to continue hosting this event for future conferences

General Update

- [BSA Student Members Resources](#) (updated February 2023)
- Plant Science Bulletin

Fall PSB Issue

- Botany Conference 2022 overview
- Advice from the Career in Botany Luncheon
- Heard at the Planting the Seeds of Science Communication Workshop
- Papers to Read for Future Leaders

Spring PSB Issue

- Highlight of our Botany360 event “How to be a Successful BSA Student Representative”
- BSA Spotlight series feature

Summer PSB Issue

- Details of all the student centered events at Botany 2023.
- Making the best out of the Botany Conference: Tips for students on how to network, save money, find the free food events, and virtual conferencing best practices
- Getting to know your new student representative, Josh Felton.

Other activities:

- Served on the Nominated Awards Ad Hoc Committee: helped write recommendations for ethical guidelines for nominated awards and invited speakers/panelists and the professional conduct disclosure form. We implemented the disclosure form requests for our Botany conference event speaker invitations.
- Served on the Botany 360 Ad Hoc Committee
- Served on the Early Career Professional Development Committee
- Inclusive Conference Working Group document review: Provided written comments and contributed in the discussion reviewing the document
- Participated in the Botany 2023 Planning Meeting in Idaho
- We have been active on Twitter, engaging with students and tweeting about student and BSA events