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YPAC Chair Update:

Happy Spring, YPs!

We have made it through the winter and are headed into summer with the excitement of ACE 2023 in Orlando, Florida from June 5-8th. I am personally looking forward to my first in-person Conference since 2019. The Young Professionals are planning an exceptional YP Wednesday on June 7th, featuring our annual ACE events: Mentor Breakfast, Speed Networking, five Technical Session Panels and our popular Networking Reception!

ACE is my favorite A&WMA event of the year for so many reasons. I get to see and reconnect with professional colleagues who have become my “inner YP circle” and meet new colleagues who will become part of it. The support and inspiration I receive from these individuals and from the events at ACE is valuable and incomparable. Each year, the Technical Sessions are insightful, innovative, and stimulating. I even look forward to the Q&A part of the sessions to hear the conversations and solutions that arise from the presentations. YP Wednesday is packed full of events for YPs and students, so make sure to check us out and attend a meet up at the YP Hub in the exhibit hall! Check out page 3 of the Newsletter for a more detailed YP schedule.



YPAC Chair Lindsay Salvador (2nd on left) at ACE 2019 Reception

In addition to the Technical Sessions, ACE offers a variety of exhibitors, keynote speakers, local tours, networking events, student competitions, and Conference events like the Women’s Lunch and the Honors and Awards Ceremony. There is something for everyone from students to experienced professionals and I always leave ACE feeling refreshed, recharged and knowledgeable.

I hope to see you all in Orlando soon for a great Conference!

- Lindsay Salvador

WELCOME TO ORLANDO



You know Orlando as home of theme parks galore and crazy Florida Man stories. But before the Mouse moved in in the early 70's, the area was a small military town centered around the Orlando Air Base and McCoy Air Force Base. Today, Orlando has the second-fastest growth rate in the US among large cities and is the largest tourism destination in the US, which means there's plenty for you to see and do while you're here!

It goes without saying the Disney Parks and Universal Studios are some of the biggest attractions in the area. The parks are fun for the whole family so strap on those magic bands, grab a turkey leg and find a good spot to catch the parade! If you don't have time to spend at the main parks, Disney Springs and Universal's City Walk are full of fun restaurants and great for people watching!

Don't miss some of the other attractions in Orlando. Orlando City Soccer play Colorado on June 10 at the Exploria Stadium. For a more educational experience, don't miss SeaWorld or the Kennedy Space Center. There's also nearby Legoland (featuring Peppa Pig) if you are looking for something to do with small kids. And there's always plenty of quirky things to do along International Drive.

Finally, there's more to Orlando than just the concrete jungle and theme parks. If you are looking for something outdoorsy and adventurous, Orlando is home to more than 100 parks. Check out the Blue Springs State Park for kayaking and hiking, the Orlando Wetlands Park for bird watching or take an Everglades Boat tour to see some alligators. Or if an air boat ride isn't your speed, head over to the "Alligator Capital of the World" – Gatorland!



Pictured Left: Lake Eola Park. Pictured Right: Airboat Park Tour

Whatever you plan to do, pack lots of water, sunscreen and bug spray and have fun!

See ya real soon!

- Kaitlyn Watkins

YP Wednesday Program Overview

YP Mentor Breakfast

June 7, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Join us for the annual professional networking breakfast. This is a great opportunity for YPs and students to network and be mentored by an experience professional. Pre-registration is required but there's still time to secure your spot.

Speed Networking

June 7, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Don't miss this opportunity to practice your networking skills! This is a highly recommended event to YPs and students attending the conference, no matter where you are in your career. Answer questions, work your elevator speech and learn the best techniques to make connections that count. Ready...Switch!

Networking Reception

June 7, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar | Saratoga Room

Join us at Cuba Libre for drinks at this fun networking event with YPs, students and seasoned professionals. The restaurant is just a short 5 minute walk from the hotel. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

YP Hub

Tuesday – Wednesday

Exhibitor Hall

Join us at our very own exhibit booth in the exhibit hall throughout the conference at the YP Hub to hang out with fellow young professionals, meet industry leaders, and see special demonstrations. Check out the ACE 2023 app for the most up-to-date schedule!

Young Professional Technical Track – YP Wednesday

Don't miss the YP centered technical sessions held on Wednesday, June 7th and throughout the conference. These sessions are geared toward students and young professionals and provide great entry level discussions on hot topics and technology. Check out these five panels!

How Does It Work – The Rainbow of Hydrogen: Ever wonder why hydrogen is referred to by colors? This panel will give an overview of Green, Blue, Grey and White Hydrogen and cover environmental challenges with each.

How Does It Work – Air Modeling Fundamentals: This introductory panel give an overview of air modeling, different models available to use, how and when to use modeling and how to trouble-shoot.

How Does It Work – Air Modeling in Action-Case Studies and Real-Life Applications: This panel will showcase examples of how air modeling is used in real world projections and applications.

How Does It Work – ESG: For a general overview of the methods for calculating metrics related to Environmental, Social, Governance, check out this panel. Speakers will explain quantification processes and share some of the nuances they deal with.

How Does It Work – Managing Waste and Water Issues during a Natural Disaster: This panel will provide an overview of the current initiatives regarding Florida's coastal resiliency and preparedness to natural disasters.

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Get Ready for ACE 2023!

A&WMA is excited to welcome everyone to Orlando for the 116th Annual Conference & Exhibition on June 5-8, 2023. Hosted by the Florida Section, this year's conference on "Smart Growth: Balancing Development, Restoration, and Resiliency" will provide our unparalleled technical content on current environmental issues, along with invaluable networking opportunities.

The conference kicks off on Tuesday, June 6 with the high-powered Keynote Session, "Sustainable by Design." Panelists include Kate MacGregor, Vice President of Environmental Services, NextEra; Jeffery Koerner, Director of the Division of Air Resource Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and Dr. Jennifer Languell, Founder and President, Trifecta Construction Solutions.

Over 50 panels and platform sessions will cover topics such as Environmental Justice, EPA Priorities, Air Quality and Pollution Control, Climate Change, PFAS in Landfills and Wastewater, and more. Four professional development courses are being offered on Air Dispersion Modeling, Puff Dispersion Modeling, Emission Control Theory and Design, and Environmental Risk Communication. Certificates for CEUs are available for course and technical program attendance.

ACE 2023 will provide plenty of networking opportunities to catch up with your colleagues and create new connections. Attend one of our receptions, the Women's Professional Development Luncheon, Honors & Awards Ceremony, and student and young professional programs. Leading companies in the exhibit hall will also showcase their latest technology and solutions for the industry.

You can explore more of Orlando by attending technical tours at local facilities on the cutting edge of technology and environmental practices. This year's tours include the NASA Kennedy Space Center, Orange County Landfill and Stanton Energy Center, and Orange County Ambient Air Station.

Register now and find complete conference details at www.awma.org/ACE2023. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando this June!

YP Advice Column

Q: How do you balance work and personal life?

A: Ah, the age old question. And one whose answer I think is unique to each person. It's important to figure out what you want that to look like for yourself. Some people enjoy the constant hustle, while others need that downtime away from work to come back refreshed and be able to do their best. Whatever version of work-life balance you want, I think it's important to set those boundaries and expectations early in your career. It will be harder to change them once people come to expect you to be available 24/7.

Sometimes it's hard to stop working and power down for the day or the weekend when you are drowning in work. One important question I ask myself as the day winds down is "Does this absolutely have to get done today or can it wait until tomorrow?" If the answer is that it does not absolutely have to be done right this minute, then power down and take that much deserved time away from work.

Another suggestion for balancing work and personal life is don't have your work email synced to your phone. You can have it synced while you're on the clock if you need it, but switch that off when you aren't working. If you see that notification that you have a new unread message, chances are that you're going to look at it. So take that temptation away, and don't sync your email to your phone unless you need it.

Vacations are another hard one. I bet you help cover your coworkers projects and responsibilities while they are on vacation, right? Let them return the favor and help you out while you are enjoying your time off! You've earned those vacation hours, so take them. Set your out of office email response and voicemail directing people to one of your coworkers. Your coworkers know how to contact you if there is an emergency and you are the only one that can remedy it. So relax and enjoy that time off. Don't forget to turn off that work email on your phone!

I hope this gives you some ideas to help with the balancing act. Try out one of the suggestions, and see how it works for you!

YP Current Events

Aurelie Marcotte, YP Local Support Chair

Scholarship Opportunities

Lake Michigan States Section - Stephen H. Rothblatt Memorial Scholarship

For the 14th year, the Air & Waste Management Association Lake Michigan States Section (A&WMA-LMSS) will again be awarding a graduate student scholarship in memory of Mr. Stephen H. Rothblatt. Mr. Rothblatt was a longtime supporter and contributor to the A&WMA-LMSS, including serving as Chairman of the Board from 1987-1988. In his professional capacity, Mr. Rothblatt was the Director of the Air and Radiation Division at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, in Chicago, Illinois.

This year, A&WMA-LMSS will be awarding one scholarship for the 2023/2024 academic year to a graduate student studying in the field of environmental studies at an institution of higher learning located within the service region of the A&WMA-LMSS. The scholarship will be valued at \$1,500.00. This could include students studying in the department of environmental engineering, environmental science, meteorology, geology, etc. The goal of the scholarship is to ensure adequate human resources and to improve knowledge and skills in the fields of air and waste management. We are currently seeking applicants for this scholarship.

Applications are due by April 30, 2023. Application information can be found on our website at https://lmawma.org/Stephen_H._Rothblatt_Scholarship.

Events

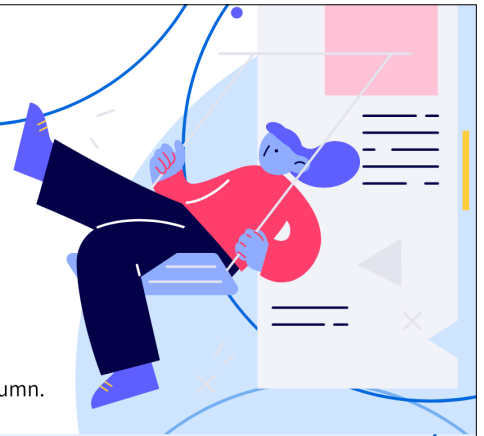
Louisiana Section – The Louisiana Section is holding their scholarship golf tournament on May 4, 2023, at Pelican Point Golf Club in Gonzales, Louisiana. Anyone is encouraged to register and attend! The sign-up is available at <https://la-awma.org/events/2023-yp-golf-tournament/>.



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Publishing Young Professionals!

The Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC) invites you to **submit an article for the A&WMA EM Magazine!** Be featured in the Annual YP Issue or add to the YP Perspectives column.



1. Who is eligible?

Young Professionals (YPs) and students 35 years old and under can submit articles. No A&WMA membership required! Write anything from technical to soft skills in the environmental industry.



2. Contact us

Feel free to email the **YPAC Publications Committee** through our main page www.awma.org/ypac. We can provide you with further details, links, and gladly answer any questions you have.



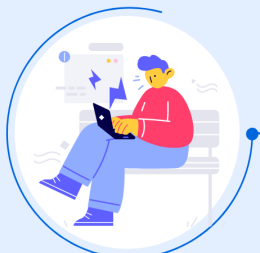
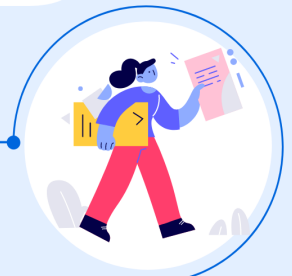
3. Get writing!

Write a maximum of 1500 words for the Annual YP Issue or 1000 words for YP Perspectives column. Make sure to follow the general **A&WMA Author Guidelines**.



4. Submission

Submit your article and attachments to the YPAC Publications Committee and A&WMA Managing Editor. Deadlines are posted on the **EM Editorial Calendar**.



5. Review process

Your article will be reviewed by **EM's Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC)**. After approval, there will be two rounds of edits with provided timelines and due dates.



6. Published!

EM Magazine publishes final issues online and provides all authors with a high resolution PDF copy. Hard copies are available for order through Blurb.



Don't be shy, reach out to us!



Interested in volunteering for YPAC?

www.awma.org/ypac

YPAC Officers LIST

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YPAC Officer	Position	Chapter	Section
Lindsay Salvador	YPAC Chair	Research Triangle Park	South Atlantic States
Kerry Weichsel	Vice-Chair	N.A.	Allegheny Mountain
Vacant Until 2025	Past Chair		
Kaitlyn Watkins	ACE Liaison (2023)	SE Florida	Florida
	ACE Liaison (2024)		
Ramine Cromartie	Technical Committee Chair	N.A.	West Coast
Maria (Gaby) Saavedra	Technical Committee Vice-Chair	Georgia	Southern
Stephanie Taylor	Vitality Committee Chair	N.A.	Midwest
Vacant	Vitality Committee Vice-Chair		
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Vacant	Publications Committee Vice-Chair		
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Aurelie Marcotte	Local Support Committee Chair	Research Triangle Park	South Atlantic States
Fiona Jiang	Local Support Committee Vice-Chair	N.A.	Golden West
Patrick Wright	Communications Committee Chair	Connecticut	New England
Vacant	Communications Committee Vice-Chair		
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If you have questions or comments on the *YP Connection*, or would like to submit articles, please send an email with *YP Connection* in the subject line to pwright@woodardcurran.com