

NSTA 2026 Author Sessions and Exhibitor Workshops



Workshops Thursday, April 16

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 209B

**Professional Learning in Informal Science:
Making connections to the NGSS***

Dr. Jesse Wilcox with Leah Litz, Karen Hays

8:00 p.m.–9:00 a.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 264B, North Building

**Teaching About Climate Science Using
Pacific-Coast-Centered Phenomena
to Anchor Storylines**

Dr. Michael Wysession

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 252A, North Building

**From Boring to Brilliant: Transform Your
Science Lessons in 60 Minutes**

Dr. Almitra Berry

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 209B

**Literacy in Action: Integrating ELA to Strengthen
Phenomenon-Based Science Investigations**

Dr. Jesse Wilcox with Kathy Renfrew, Rebecca
Abbott, Rebecca Garelli

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 259A, North Building

**Understanding and Responding to Pandemics:
The Value of Storytelling and Evidence-Based
Interdisciplinary Teaching**

Dr. Joseph Levine

2:20 p.m.–3:20 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 209B

**Building Mathematical Thinking through
Cross-Cutting Concepts**

Dr. Jesse Wilcox

2:20 p.m.–3:20 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 259A, North Building

**Understanding and Teaching About Global
Change: The Ultimate Interdisciplinary
Challenge**

Dr. Joseph Levine

2:20 p.m.–3:20 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 256A, North Building

What's So Phenomenal about Phenomenon?

Obie Martin

3:40 p.m.–4:40 p.m.

Anaheim Marriott
Platinum Ballroom 2

**Using the La Brea Tar Pits to Anchor a Place-
Based Earth Space Storyline that Integrates
Biology, Chemistry, and Physics**

Dr. Michael Wysession

3:40 p.m.–4:40 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Room 262B, North Building

**The Fantastic Five: An Anatomical Exploration
of Fingers**

Dr. Sophia Garcia

Workshops Friday, April 17

9:20 a.m.–10:20 a.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 259A, North Building
CRISPR and the New Science of Genetic Engineering – The Revolution in Human Genetics

Dr. Kenneth Miller

10:40 a.m.–11:40 a.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 259B, North Building
Rosalind Franklin and DNA: Searching for the Real Story

Dr. Kenneth Miller

10:40 a.m.–11:40 a.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 251C, North Building
But My Kids Can't Read This!

Obie Martin

2:40 p.m.–3:40 p.m.
Anaheim Marriott
Platinum Ballroom 6
Cultural Bridges: One Question That Transforms Science Learning

Dr. Almitra Berry

2:40 p.m.–3:40 p.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 259A, North Building
Biology and Public Health: Challenge, Opportunity, and Optimism

Dr. Kenneth Miller

4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 259A, North Building
Defending Science by Teaching Science: Advocating for Functional Scientific Literacy

Dr. Joseph Levine

4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 263A, North Building
Do You Start Your Chemistry Lessons with a Lab? You Should!

Dr. Christopher Moore

Workshops Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 208B
Cultural Bridges Masterclass: Crafting Inclusive Science Beginning Monday Morning

Dr. Almitra Berry

9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 263A, North Building
Taming AI in the Physics Classroom with Structured Student Input

Dr. Christopher Moore

10:20 a.m.–11:20 a.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 153, North Building
Using Bad Data Analysis to Teach Data Analysis

Ramy Mahmoud

11:40 a.m.–12:40 p.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 260C, North Building
Just Algebra: Assessing Student Thinking in Physics Problem-Solving

Dr. Christopher Moore

11:40 a.m.–12:40 p.m.
Anaheim Convention Center
Room 210B
From Hired to Inspired: Training Tomorrow's Great K-12 Teachers Today

Courtney Toht, Kelly Suarez

Exhibitor Workshops Friday, April 17

Anaheim Convention Center 213C

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Roundtable: What Districts Should Demand from HQIM

Rosamond Kane

9:20 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

Strategic Leadership Moves for HQIM Success

Kelly Suarez and Courtney Toht

10:40 a.m.–11:40 a.m.

Why Does It Matter? College and Career Readiness Has Never Been More Important than NOW

Jason Marshall

1:20 p.m.–2:20 p.m.

Experience High School Science, Not Just a Demo

Obie Martin

2:40 p.m.–3:40 p.m.

Boost Literacy Skills with Science and the Science of Reading

Ramy Mahmoud



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