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**Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC)
March 2-4, 2022 Program Announced**

Sessions and speakers to provide action to achieve equitable, regenerative economy

January 5, 2022 – Seattle, WA. The 2022 **Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC)** is an event platform for inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration around sustainability within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. Tours, keynotes, plenaries, sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities empower participants to advance environmental and social justice performance at their own higher education institutions after attending the conference - taking place **March 2-4, 2022 at South Seattle College**.

WOHESC Keynote speaker Jessica Yinka Thomas, President of B Academics will help the audience achieve “the goal of sharing best practices in teaching, identifying opportunities for collaborative research, and connecting to a global community of academics committed to building a more equitable, inclusive and regenerative economy.”

Elizabeth Bagley, WOHESC Keynote and Director of Programs at SEI will share more on the Energize Colleges program and how they partner with higher education institutions to provide opportunities to both build sustainability leaders and to improve the operational sustainability on campuses.

As a regional conference, WOHESC program content addresses priority issues for higher education in the Cascadia region, with a broader lens applicable for a national scale.

The [2022 conference program](#) features the following highlights:

Keynote Speakers:

- Jessica Yinka Thomas | President of B Academics
- Elizabeth Bagley | Director of Programs, SEI
- Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap | President, South Seattle College

Notable Speakers:

- Annalee Newitz | Author, Techsploitation.com; 'Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age'
- D'Andre Fisher | AVP of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, North Seattle College
- Jim Simon | Director of Sustainability, Gonzaga University
- Jonathan Arakawa | Co-Vice President, National Congress of American Indians Youth Commission
- Maiya Martinez | Earth Ambassador, United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY)
- Maria Spiliotopoulou | Manager of Student Learning and Leadership, Simon Fraser University
- Marina Psaros | Author, The Atlas of Disappearing Places
- Melissa Nelson | Professor of Indigenous Sustainability, Arizona State University
- Monica J. Stenzel | Sustainability Center Director, Spokane Falls Community College
- Sadie Olsen (Lhaq'temish name Kwastlmut) | Co-Founder, Whiteswan Environmental
- Watson Whitford | Chippewa Cree Nations, Earth Ambassador, United National Indian Tribal Youth

Featured Content/Sessions:

- Community-Engaged Learning Across Disciplines: Facilitating Student Leadership
- Founding a Sustainable Culture Through a Faculty and Facilities Partnership
- Imagining A Just Future: Writers on the World We Want to Build
- In the Trenches: Accelerating On-the-Ground Climate Action
- Shifting the Culture Towards Equity: Practicing Equity Tools in Stakeholder Settings
- Student Sustainability Action Challenge Workshop
- Teaching Social and Environmental Justice Through Project-Based Learning
- Youth Activism for Climate Justice and Indigenous Ways of Knowing

Conference Details

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March 2-4, 2022

Location: South Seattle College - 6000 16th Avenue SW Seattle, WA 98106

Virtual ticket option available from any location via laptop or mobile device

Schedule and Speaker Line-Up: <http://wohesc.org/program>

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://wohesc.org/registration> or by phone at 206.459.0595.

About Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC)

The Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) was created and organized by B Corporation Social Enterprises, Inc. and is an event dedicated to inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration related to sustainability within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. Keynotes, plenaries, workshops, and networking opportunities will empower participants to advance environmental performance at their own institutions of higher education. More information at <http://wohesc.org/>.