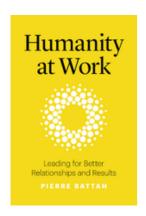


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2018 Camp Participants watching sea urchin fertilization

#### WHATS COMING UP:

## Bringing Our Humanity in the Return to the Workplace

This workshop will take place at the Mount on Friday, June 17 from 8:30-11:30am. Co-facilitated by award-winning author Pierre Battah and founder of Solva Leadership Françoise Roy, this workshop will explore how work and workplaces are changing, especially with changes to where and how we work, and will provide participants with tools that will aid in meeting the demands of your roles efficiently, effectively, and productively while attending to your well-being. Cost is \$10 which includes a light breakfast. Workshop details and registration can be found at: WISEatlantic.ca/events.

## Senior Girls Get WISE Science Summer Camp - Still Spots!

We still have a few spots left for our Senior GGW Science Summer Camp for girls 15 & 16 years of age. This camp is taking place August 8-11, 2022 and it runs from 10:00am-3:00pm daily. It's a great experience, but don't just take our word for it, here are a few things past participants had to say:

"Loved the whole week! Would definitely do it again in the future."

"Amazing Camp! Everyone is so nice and I loved being able to meet so many amazing people - peers and professors and scientists!"

Register today at: wiseatlantic.ca/ggwcamps/

#### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

#### Science Odyssey Event

On May 7th we hosted "Pondering Ponds: Exploring the Biodiversity in Pond Water" for Science Odyssey week. Participants were taken to two different ponds on the campus of the Mount, took samples of the water, and used testing strips to determine the pH of the samples. Using Foldscopes, which are origami-style hand-held microscopes, like the one pictured right, participants viewed samples of the water and were able to view some various types of algae! We also had a discussion about human impacts on various water systems and why different water systems have differing pH and critters.



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#### **FEATURES:**

# **OAtCanSTEM Colloquium**

The Queer Atlantic Canadian STEM Colloquium is taking place October 20-21, 2022 at Mount Saint Vincent University. This FREE event is a community-building project aimed at enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusion and connecting LGBTQ+ folks in Atlantic Canada doing STEM. Submissions for presentations are open now until June 27th.

Keynote speakers include Dr. Vanessa Raponi and Dr. Gwen Grinyer.

Registration and full details can be found at: event.fourwaves.com/qatcanstem2022/pages

#### **CCWESTT CONFERENCE 2022**



Keynote Speaker Dr. Maydianne Andrade

WISEatlantic was one of the co-hosts of the successful Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology Conference (CCWESTT) that took place May 12-14 in Halifax, NS. Over 300 participants and more than 70 presenters from all across Canada came together for insightful conversations around the conference themes of Intersectionality, Recruitment & Retention, Outreach, Culture Transformation, Inclusive Leadership, and Building Better Allies.

The conference kicked-off on May 12th with the Policy Forum which was co-facilitated by Christina Marie Comeau and Donna Clark. This forum sought new ways of thinking and doing to expand opportunity for women's voices in hastening the evolution of systems towards more inclusive futures. This forum took place ten years after the first policy forum in Halifax in 2012. The image to the right depicts main themes from the forum.





Co-hosts Eva Martinez & Tamara Franz-Odendaal with Keynote Speaker Michael Bach

The opening reception took place on the Thursday evening with a warm welcome from CCWESTT President Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko. Larissa presented long-time board CCWESTT board member Nan Armour with an award for her dedicated service to the board. Friday began with an eye-opening keynote address from Dr. Maydianne Andrade, Professor and President and Co-Founder of the Canadian Black Scientists Network, followed by break-out sessions. Lunch featured keynote speaker Michael Bach, founder and chair, Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, who gave participants practical steps on how to do EDI right. Friday concluded with the youth outreach event which featured some inspiring STEM role models. Saturday was filled with more break-out sessions and a moving keynote from Natasha Ferguson, Founder, Ethelfox Construct Group. The conference ended with the gala dinner featuring some spectacular examples of East Coast entertainment. A big THANK YOU to all who organized, sponsored, and attended the conference!







