

Mid-Career Workshop: Empowering Women in the Learning Sciences

New Format, New Mission

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The 2019 Mid-Career Workshop has refocused its conference-related activities to serve as community-building opportunity for those who have achieved tenure or a related professional milestone (e.g., learning scientists with positions in industry, non-profits, museums, and other learning-oriented organizations). Organized and facilitated by senior scholars, this pre-conference session will cover a diverse array of topics of concern to the mid-career community in parallel break-out sessions of approximately 30 minutes each. Participants can rotate through multiple break-out sessions.

The parallel break-outs cover issues mid-career members typically encounter, including the following:

- navigating post tenure responsibilities and opportunities, balancing work and life
- identifying and evaluating leadership opportunities and surviving these roles
- learning to delegate
- engaging in effective self-promotion
- managing interpersonal relationships in academia (“Me too” in the academy)/ supporting colleagues and students/ making oneself heard
- surviving the publication process
- managing preconceived beliefs about who “belongs” in the community

The specific topics will be tailored to those of greatest concern to the workshop attendees.

At the workshop we will be introducing a new initiative: The Mid-Career One-to-One Mentoring Program, a post-conference activity to meet the individual needs of ISLS’s Mid-Career members on an ongoing basis.