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WELCOME

FROM THE ES 2025 CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of ASME's Advanced Energy System Division (AESD) and Solar Energy Division (SED), we are delighted to welcome you to the 19th International Conference on Energy Sustainability (ES 2025) Conference in Westminster Colorado from July 8 to 10, 2025!

The conference is a leading forum in which experts and researchers from academia, industry, national labs, and other key organizations gather to exchange ideas, research achievements, and explore technical developments related to energy and sustainability. The conference technical tracks cover a wide range of topics including Sustainable Buildings and Communities, Concentrating Solar Power, Solar Chemistry, Wind Energy, Energy Storage, Sustainable Manufacturing, Industrial Process Heat, Alternative Fuels, Geothermal Energy, Hydrogen Energy, Carbon Capture, Education and Policy for Clean Energy Transition, and more. The ES 2025 Conference is co-located with the Summer Heat Transfer Conference (SHTC 2025) to provide an opportunity for the attendees to expand their networks and participate in technical sessions on broader, but related, topics. We are pleased to announce that we have a full three-day schedule, including expert technical presentations, keynote speakers, panelists, and networking events.

ES 2025 will feature three distinguished keynote speakers: Dr. Ying Sun, Herman Schneider Professor at the University of Cincinnati; Dr. Junhong Chen, Crown Family Professor of Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago; and Dr. Jason Woods, Senior Research Engineer at National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). In addition, we are excited to announce panel sessions featuring experts from multiple sectors, including industry: (1) Energy Policy and Industry Perspectives, (2) AI/ML Applications for High Performance and Resilient Buildings and Cities, and (3) Long Duration Energy Storage Technologies; a workshop on "Modeling Methods for High-Temperature Particle Flows in Energy Storage, Chemical Reactors, and Additive Manufacturing"; and a special technical symposium honoring Professor Jane Davidson from the University of Minnesota.

Additionally, ES 2025 is pleased to host a half-day tour of the NREL's Golden Labs, offering participants a unique opportunity to gain firsthand insight into NREL's state-of-the-art facilities with special focus on their Energy Systems Integration Facility and the High-Flux Solar Furnace. We continue to offer and organize special programming outside of technical tracks with an emphasis on student and early career researcher participation, engagement and networking, including a Student Career Panel, Lightning Talks and newly piloted Power Hour.

This year's conference organizers have continued to prioritize the participation of new voices in our conference through registration discount awards funded by AESD and SED. These awards provide partial registration discounts for student participants as well as research scholars with substantial financial need to attend and present at our conference. It recognizes the critical role that the next generation of scholars play in ushering along the energy transition and in the future of the conference.

The ES Conference Organizing Committee would like to express our deep gratitude to the many volunteers that have made the conference possible. We wholeheartedly thank the track chairs and co-chairs, the session chairs and co-chairs, and all reviewers who have generously given their time to assemble a high-quality technical program. We also sincerely appreciate NREL for supporting the tour. We would also like to thank ASME staff members for their dedicated support of the program, and we especially express our gratitude to our authors and presenters for sharing their research results. We sincerely hope you enjoy the conference!

2025 ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Westminster Ballroom Foyer,
First Floor**

Registration Hours:

Monday, July 7, 10:00AM–6:00PM

Tuesday, July 8, 7:00AM–5:00PM

Wednesday, July 9, 7:00AM–5:00PM

Thursday, July 10, 7:00AM–3:00PM

SPONSOR EXHIBIT HOURS

**Westminster Ballroom Foyer,
First Floor**

Hours

Tuesday–Thursday, July 8–10

10:00AM–4:00PM

Don't forget to stop by and visit our Exhibitors. Their sponsorship and support help to make our conference sustainable.

BADGE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

All conference attendees must wear an official ASME 2025 ES badge at all times in order to gain admission to technical sessions, exhibits, keynotes, meals, and other conference events. Without a badge, you will not be granted admission to conference activities. Pickup your ES badge at the ASME registration table in the Westminster Ballroom Foyer on the First Floor.

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ES/SHTC will utilize the mobile app “ASME Conferences” in place of a printed program to enhance the conference experience for attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors.

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- Have the most up-to-date conference schedule in the palm of your hand
- Connect with fellow attendees
- Receive important conference updates and reminders
- Search and access session information
- Download final papers
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Keep an eye on your email for more information on how to access and navigate the app!

If you have any questions, please see ASME staff at the registration desk in Westminster Ballroom Foyer.

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Complimentary basic Internet is provided in the sleeping rooms if you are staying at the Westin Westminster. It is also available in the hotel's public space and in the meeting space.

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According to ASME's Presenter Attendance Policy, if a paper is not presented at the conference, the paper will not be published in the official Archival Proceedings, which are registered with the Library of Congress and are abstracted and indexed. The paper also will not be published in the ASME Digital Collection and may not be cited as a published paper.

SESSION ROOM EQUIPMENT

All technical sessions will be equipped with one LCD projector and one screen. Laptops will NOT be provided in the sessions. Presenters must bring their own or make arrangements in advance with the session chairs to use theirs. It is recommended that presenters bring all visual aids with them (slide advancer, pointer, etc.).

Conference Information

SPEAKER READY ROOM

The Westin Boardroom located on the 12th Floor will be available per the schedule below to review and/or practice your presentation. A screen and LCD Projector will be provided.

Tuesday, July 8, 8:00AM–5:00PM

Wednesday, July 9, 8:00AM–5:00PM

Thursday, July 10, 8:00AM–5:00PM

OPENING RECEPTION

Join your peers for refreshments, light food, and casual networking.

Monday, July 7, 6:00PM–7:00PM

South Courtyard outside on the First Floor

SOLAR ENERGY DIVISION (SED) AND ADVANCED ENERGY SYSTEMS DIVISION (AESD) AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Awards Luncheon will be on Wednesday, July 9 from 12:00PM to 1:30PM in Westminster Ballroom III on the First Floor. Come celebrate a select group for their contributions and achievements in energy sustainability.

Open to all ES registrants! Guest tickets are available on a limited basis for purchase in advance. Please see the ASME registration table for details.

CONFERENCE LUNCHESES/POSTER PRESENTATIONS

On Tuesday and Thursday, Conference lunches will be held from 12:00PM to 1:30PM in the Legacy Ballroom located on the First Floor. Please join your fellow attendees for a good meal and a great networking opportunity. On Tuesday, authors will present their research posters during lunch. Grab a boxed lunch and use the lunch time to view the posters and support the authors.

CONFERENCE REFRESHMENT BREAKS

Morning and afternoon breaks will be provided in the Westminster Ballroom Foyer on the First Floor. Come and meet our sponsors and join your fellow attendees for a few minutes of networking and discussion. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday–Thursday, July 8–10

10:00AM–10:20AM and 3:10PM–3:30PM

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND DIGITAL PAPERS

Each attendee will receive an email with a unique code to access digital copies of all the papers accepted for presentation at the conference. The official conference archival proceedings will be published after the conference and will not include accepted papers that were not presented at the conference. The official conference proceedings are registered with the Library of Congress and are submitted for abstracting and indexing. The proceedings are published in the ASME Digital Library. You will be provided with an individual link to the online papers via email. In the event you do not receive the email, send a request to toolboxhelp@asme.org.

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If you are experiencing a health emergency, please dial 911 and then Hotel Security.

Notifying Guests of Emergency Evacuations: At the Westin Westminster, if an evacuation is needed, the Fire Department and/or Hotel Security will make an announcement over the Hotel's P.A. system. They have specific plans, depending on the situation, to inform and direct all building occupants in a calm and clear manner. If it is deemed necessary to evacuate the building, specific instructions will be given by Hotel Management.

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Emergency: Westin Westminster: Hotel Staff/Emergency Personnel will announce location of where to evacuate based on the location of the emergency (i.e., fire, etc.).

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If a "clear and present danger" exists, begin evacuating those in danger, and yourself to a safer location...as you report the emergency to Hotel Security and 911.

Always remember that your personal safety is of the utmost importance. Leave dangerous situations to the professionals!

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A building evacuation is necessary whenever a fire alarm sounds, and building occupants should exit immediately. After a building has been evacuated, occupants must wait for Police and Security or safety personnel to evaluate the situation prior to reentry. Once outside the building, DO NOT REENTER under any circumstances until you are told it is safe to do so. If you believe someone is still in the building, immediately notify the Fire Department or Hotel Staff.

MEETING ROOM EMERGENCY PLAN

If you are in a meeting room or in the foyer and hear a fire alarm, a public address announcement, or a public safety official (i.e., security, fire, or police) calling for an evacuation, hotel staff will assist attendees in leaving the meeting room in a calm and orderly manner via the closest available exit.

The Hotel recommends that attendees continue walking in the direction of the exit signage until they find themselves in a safe area outside the building, such as the parking lots. Emergency exit signage is continuous throughout the facility to the open areas outside. By simply following these signs, attendees should be taking the shortest route to a safe area.

All emergency exit signs and overhead emergency lights will remain illuminated, even in the event of a power failure.

In any situation requiring evacuation, emergency exits and egress corridors are essential for those exiting the building and for emergency personnel entering the building. It is imperative that they remain unobstructed at all times.

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Registrants who paid the non-member conference registration fees will receive a four-month complimentary ASME Membership. ASME will automatically activate this complimentary membership for qualified attendees. Please allow approximately four weeks after the conclusion of the conference for your membership to become active.

Visit www.asme.org/membership for more information about the benefits of ASME Membership.

MOTHERS' ROOM

Westminster Office, First Floor, Outside the Westminster Ballroom
Tuesday–Thursday
7:00AM–5:00PM

This private room is available on a first-come, first-served basis as a dedicated space where lactating individuals are welcome to pump or nurse. A sign-up sheet will be provided on the door to schedule individual times.

A small refrigerator, chair, water station, and electrical outlet will be available.

REGISTRANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Whenever possible, we are pleased to plan for registrants with disabilities. Advance notice may be required for certain requests. For on-site assistance, please visit the conference registration area and ask to speak with a conference representative.

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You agree to release and hold harmless ASME from all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or relating to your participation in this event.

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Current Parking Charges:

Self-Parking (with in & out privileges)

\$10.00 per day per car

NREL TECHNICAL TOUR – SOLD OUT



National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL's) Golden Laboratories

Date: Monday, July 7, 2025

Time: 10:00am–3:30pm

Price: \$40

Join us for a half-day tour of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) during the ASME Energy Sustainability (ES 2025) and Summer Heat Transfer (SHTC 2025) Conference.

This exclusive visit, designed specifically for ES/SHTC Conference attendees, will feature a specialized tour showcasing cutting-edge research in sustainable energy. Gain firsthand insight into NREL's state-of-the-art innovations and explore groundbreaking advancements shaping the future of energy sustainability.

Facilities may include*:

- Energy Systems Integration Facility
- High-Flux Solar Furnace

*Exact labs subject to change

Schedule at-a-Glance

The schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the ASME Conferences app for detailed technical session schedule.

MOUNTAIN TIME	MONDAY, JULY 7TH	LOCATION
10:00AM–6:00PM	Registration	Westminster Foyer
10:00AM–3:00PM	NREL Tour	Meet in Lobby
3:00PM–5:30PM	Workshop: Modeling Methods for High-Temperature Particle Flows in Energy Storage, Chemical Reactors, and Additive Manufacturing (Separate Registration Fee Required)	Standley Ballroom I
6:00PM–7:00PM	Opening Reception	South Courtyard
MOUNTAIN TIME	TUESDAY, JULY 8TH	LOCATION
7:00AM–5:00PM	Registration	Westminster Foyer
7:00AM–5:00PM	Mother's Room	Library
8:00AM–5:00PM	Speaker Ready Room	Westminster Office I
8:00AM–9:00AM	ES Panel: Energy Policy and Industry Perspectives	Westminster Ballroom IV
9:00AM–10:00AM	ES Keynote: Data-Driven Innovation in Multiphase Transport for Sustainable Energy Systems, Dr. Ying Sun	Westminster Ballroom IV
10:00AM–10:20AM	Networking Break	Westminster Foyer
10:00AM–10:20AM	Joint ES/SHTC Newcomer Social	Westminster Ballroom III
10:20AM–12:00PM	01-01: Decarbonizing Industrial Processes	Meadowbrook Ballroom I
10:20AM–12:00PM	02-01: AI for Energy Sustainability I	Flatirons
10:20AM–12:00PM	03-01: Advances in Indoor Environment Technologies and Solutions	Windsor
10:20AM–12:00PM	06-01: CSP Optical Systems	Standley Ballroom I
10:20AM–12:00PM	07-01: Experimental Characterization of Particle Flows	Meadowbrook Ballroom II
10:20AM–12:00PM	19-01: Symposium to Honor Professor Jane Davidson I	Westminster Ballroom II
12:00PM–1:30PM	Lunch and Poster Session	Legacy Ballroom & Foyer
1:30PM–3:10PM	04-01: Energy Storage Systems and Applications	Meadowbrook Ballroom I
1:30PM–3:10PM	13-01: Hydrogen and Fuel Cells	Windsor
1:30PM–3:10PM	18-01: Advanced Materials for Sustainability	Flatirons
1:30PM–3:10PM	09-01: Solar Chemistry I	Meadowbrook II
1:30PM–3:10PM	10-01: Photovoltaic, Photovoltaic-Thermal, and Electrochemical Technologies I	Westminster Ballroom II
1:30PM–3:10PM	08-01: Deployment and Analysis of CSP Subsystems	Standley Ballroom I
3:10PM–3:30PM	Networking Break	Westminster Foyer
3:30PM–5:10PM	19-02: Symposium to Honor Professor Jane Davidson II	Westminster Ballroom II
3:30PM–5:10PM	14-01: Carbon Capture & Cleaner Fossil Fuel Technologies I	Flatirons
3:30PM–5:10PM	03-02: Innovative Building Material and Technologies	Windsor
3:30PM–5:10PM	06-02: CSP Receivers and Reactors I	Standley Ballroom I
3:30PM–5:10PM	07-02: Fluidized Bed Heat Exchangers	Meadowbrook Ballroom II
3:30PM–5:10PM	08-02: Technoeconomic Analysis of CSP and Thermal Energy Storage Systems	Meadowbrook Ballroom I
5:15PM–6:15PM	Lightning Talks	Windsor

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Mountain Time	WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH	LOCATION
7:00AM–5:00PM	Registration	Westminster Foyer
7:00AM–5:00PM	Mother's Room	Library
8:00AM–5:00PM	Speaker Ready Room	Westminster Office I
8:00AM–9:00AM	Panel: AI/ML Applications for High Performance and Resilient Buildings and Cities	Westminster Ballroom IV
9:00AM–10:00AM	Keynote: The Circular Water Economy: Addressing the Global Water-Energy Nexus Challenge, Junghon Chen, Ph.D.	Westminster Ballroom IV
10:00AM–10:20AM	Networking Break	Westminster Foyer
10:20AM–12:00PM	01-02: Decarbonizing Commodity Chemicals and Emissions Analyses	Windsor
10:20AM–12:00PM	02-02: AI for Energy Sustainability II	Meadowbrook Ballroom II
10:20AM–12:00PM	03-03: Building Performance Simulations for Sustainable Solutions	Standley Ballroom I
10:20AM–12:00PM	09-02: Solar Chemistry II	Meadowbrook Ballroom I
10:20AM–12:00PM	10-02: Photovoltaic, Photovoltaic-Thermal, and Electrochemical Technologies II	Flatirons
10:20AM–12:00PM	19-03: Symposium to Honor Professor Jane Davidson III	Westminster Ballroom II
12:00PM–1:30PM	Solar Energy Division (SED) and Advanced Energy Systems Division (AESD) Awards Luncheon	Westminster Ballroom III
1:30PM–3:10PM	04-02: Particles and Materials for Energy Storage	Meadowbrook Ballroom I
1:30PM–3:10PM	13-02: Hydrogen Production and Storage	Flatirons
1:30PM–3:10PM	03-04: Innovative Strategies and Energy Storage for Resilient Communities	Standley Ballroom I
1:30PM–3:10PM	06-03: CSP Receivers and Reactors II	Meadowbrook Ballroom II
1:30PM–3:10PM	07-03: Thermal Energy Storage: Phase-Change and Thermochemical	Windsor
1:30PM–3:10PM	09-03: Solar Chemistry III	Westminster Ballroom II
3:10PM–3:30PM	Networking Break	Westminster Foyer
3:30PM–5:10PM	19-04: Symposium to Honor Professor Jane Davidson IV	Westminster Ballroom II
3:30PM–5:10PM	14-02: Carbon Capture & Cleaner Fossil Fuel Technologies II	Windsor
3:30PM–5:10PM	03-05: Advances in Renewable Energy and Integration	Standley Ballroom I
3:30PM–5:10PM	11-01: Alternative Energy Conversion Technology (including Wind, Geothermal, Hydro, and Ocean)	Flatirons
3:30PM–5:10PM	06-04: CSP Receivers and Reactors III	Meadowbrook Ballroom II
3:30PM–5:10PM	07-04: Modeling of Thermal Energy Storage and Receiver Systems	Meadowbrook I
5:20PM–6:20PM	SHTC/ES Career Panel	Gray's Peak
5:20PM–6:20PM	SED Buildings Committee Meeting	Westminster Ballroom II
5:20PM–6:20PM	SED Concentrated Solar Committee Meeting	Standley Ballroom I
5:20PM–6:20PM	SED Solar Chemistry Technical Committee Meeting	Meadowbrook I
5:20PM–6:20PM	AESD REEC Committee Meeting	Flatirons

Schedule at-a-Glance

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6:25PM–8:30PM	SED Executive Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)	Windsor
Mountain Time	THURSDAY, JULY 10TH	LOCATION
07:00AM–5:00PM	Registration	Westminster Foyer
07:00AM–5:00PM	Mother's Room	Library
08:00AM–5:00PM	Speaker Ready Room	Westminster Office I
08:00AM–9:00AM	Keynote: Air Conditioning in Buildings: Challenges and New Approaches, Dr. Jason Woods	Westminster Ballroom IV
09:00AM–10:00AM	ES Panel: Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Technologies	Westminster Ballroom IV
10:00AM–10:20AM	Networking Break	Westminster Foyer
10:20AM–12:00PM	19-05: Symposium to Honor Professor Jane Davidson V	Westminster Ballroom II
10:20AM–12:00PM	04-03: Thermomechanical Energy Storage	Meadowbrook Ballroom II
10:20AM–12:00PM	03-06: Heat Pump Technologies for Sustainable Solutions	Windsor
10:20AM–12:00PM	13-03: Alternative Fuel Production and Utilization I	Flatirons
10:20AM–12:00PM	12-01: Process Heat for Desalination	Standley Ballroom I
10:20AM–12:00PM	06-05: CSP Receivers and Reactors IV	Meadowbrook I
12:00PM–1:30PM	SHTC & ES Lunch	Legacy Ballroom
1:30PM–3:10PM	09-04: Solar Chemistry IV	Windsor
1:30PM–3:10PM	13-04: Alternative Fuel Production and Utilization II	Flatirons
1:30PM–3:10PM	12-02: Process Heat for Industrial Decarbonization	Meadowbrook Ballroom I
2:30PM–4:30PM	AESD Executive Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)	Standley Ballroom I
3:10PM–3:30PM	Networking Break	Westminster Foyer
3:30PM–5:10PM	Power Hour	Westminster Ballroom II
5:10PM	CONFERENCE ENDS	

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9		
5:20PM–6:20PM	SED: Buildings Technical Committee Committee Chair: Jian Zhang	Westminster Ballroom II
5:20PM–6:20PM	SED: Concentrated Solar Power Technical Committee Committee Chair: Jeremy Sment	Standley Ballroom I
5:20PM–6:20PM	SED: Solar Chemistry Technical Committee Committee Chair: Johannes Grobbel	Meadowbrook I
5:20PM–6:20PM	AED REEC Committee Committee Chair: Aggrey Mwesigye	Flatirons
6:25PM–8:30PM	Solar Energy Division Executive Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)	Windsor
THURSDAY, JULY 10		
2:30PM–4:30PM	Advanced Energy Systems Division Executive Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)	Standley Ballroom I

WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JULY 7

3:00PM–5:30PM

STANDLEY BALLROOM I

Fee \$35

Modeling Methods for High-Temperature Particle Flows in Energy Storage, Chemical Reactors, and Additive Manufacturing

This workshop will focus on a series of short tutorials/presentations that discuss modeling flow physics and heat transfer (conduction, convection, radiation) in particle flow systems.

Workshop Agenda:

Session 1: Available Particle Modeling Methods and Comparisons Between Multiphase Continuum Methods, etc.

This session introduces and compares three foundational particle modeling approaches used to simulate particulate systems in engineering and scientific applications: Discrete Element Methods (DEM), Eulerian–Lagrangian models, and Eulerian–Eulerian multiphase models incorporating $\mu(I)$ rheology. The session is designed to equip future researchers with a broad understanding of each method’s governing assumptions, computational requirements, and practical use cases. Emphasis will be placed on selecting the appropriate modeling approach based on the physical behavior of interest, available computational resources, and desired level of resolution. Participants will be provided with curated resources, example codes, and pathways to begin implementing each method in their own research.



Dr. Andrew J. Schrader (*Presenter*) is an Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Dayton, where he leads the Dayton Thermal Applications (DaTA) Laboratory. He earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Valparaiso University (2014), and M.S. (2017) and

Ph.D. (2019) degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he studied high-temperature granular flows and solar thermochemical systems under Dr. Peter Loutzenhiser. Following his doctoral work, he served as a postdoctoral fellow at Georgia Tech, advancing modeling tools for granular media. At the University of Dayton, Dr. Schrader’s research focuses on particle-based thermal energy storage and its integration with supercritical CO₂ power cycles. He also founded the University of Dayton Supercritical CO₂ Interdisciplinary Research Center, fostering collaboration among academia, government, and industry to advance next-generation energy technologies in Southwest Ohio.

Session 2: Challenges and Lessons of Large-Scale Particle Modeling at Sandia National Laboratories

With the ongoing interest in particles for energy storage and concentrating solar power technologies, Sandia has been continuing to develop computational capabilities for discrete particle modeling by

leveraging many existing projects and hardware. Recently, researchers at Sandia National Laboratories have coupled its in-house computational code suite, Sierra, with the open-source molecular dynamics code called the Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator (LAMMPS) to create a CFD-DEM capability that is able to utilize Sandia’s high-performance computing (HPC) resources. While the immense computational resources provided by HPCs extends the scale of particle problems that can be analyzed, challenges remain to increase the computational domain beyond submodels of specific particle-based applications. This talk will showcase the current CFD-DEM computational capability at SNL through exemplars while discussing many of the ongoing efforts to improve the coupling and computational efficiency for this application space.



Dr. Brantley Mills (*Presenter*) is a principal member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories specializing in the computational thermal/fluid sciences. Dr. Mills has worked in a broad range of heat transfer and renewable energy topics including: concentrating solar power, thermal systems analysis,

thermal-fluid cryogenics, reduced-order modeling, and nuclear energy. While also having an experimental background, some of Dr. Mills’ recent work has focused on the computational sciences with high-performance computing and the development of coupled, multi-physics models for particle-based concentrating solar power. Brantley Mills received his Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2014 and his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Clemson University in 2009.

Session 3: Recent Advancements in DEM Modeling



Dr. Christoph Goniva (*Presenter*) received his Ph.D. in Computational Fluid Dynamics in 2011, at the Johannes Kepler University (JKU) in Linz, Austria. From 2011 to 2014, he has been Senior Research Associate at the Department of Particulate Flow Modelling at JKU, where he headed a DEM and

CFD-DEM modelling team together with Dr. Christoph Kloss. Dr. Christoph Goniva is co-founder and director of DCS Computing, the producer of the DEM software Aspherix® and the CFD-DEM software CFDEM®coupling.

Session 4: GPU-Accelerated DEM Modeling

The Discrete Element Method (DEM) enables high-fidelity modeling of particle systems by resolving translational/rotational motion and contact forces between individual particles. However, scaling DEM to industrial applications—particularly when coupled with Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)—demands significant computational resources. This workshop presents a GPU-accelerated DEM solver designed to overcome these challenges through cost-effective parallelism and seamless integration with ANSYS Fluent. GPUs are uniquely suited for DEM due to their ability to execute thousands of simple, repetitive particle-force calculations in parallel. Unlike CPU clusters, which incur high costs for underutilized core capabilities, low-cost GPUs deliver superior performance for DEM’s arithmetic-heavy workload. The solver leverages

this architecture to simulate millions of particles efficiently, avoiding the financial overhead of CPU-based systems. The solver imports ANSYS Fluent's CFD mesh directly via Dynamic-Linked Libraries (DLLs), eliminating cross-platform communication delays. Fluent's cell geometry—including tetrahedral, hexahedral, and polyhedral meshes—is used for particle-fluid/wall interactions, ensuring compatibility with complex industrial geometries. A streamlined particle-cell search algorithm removes the need for auxiliary grids, reducing memory usage while maintaining accuracy. A novel void fraction method further enhances robustness across unstructured or irregular meshes, critical for realistic fluid-particle systems. To maximize computational resources, the CFD (Fluent) and DEM solvers run concurrently: Fluent operates on the CPU for fluid dynamics, while the GPU handles all particle calculations. This concurrent execution avoids hardware idle time, enabling full utilization of available processing power. Performance benchmarks demonstrate significant speed improvements over both CPU-based and existing GPU-coupled DEM approaches, particularly for large-scale systems. By combining GPU parallelism, direct ANSYS Fluent integration, and optimized mesh handling, this solver provides a scalable, cost-effective solution for multiphase simulations—enabling high-resolution modeling of particle-laden flows without reliance on expensive infrastructure.

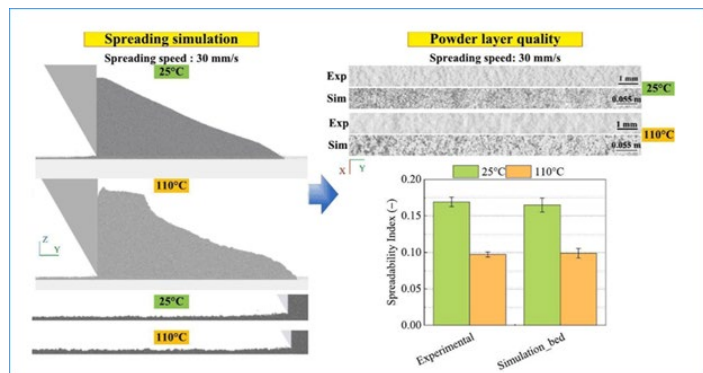


Dr. Alireza Kianimoqadam (*Presenter*) is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Dayton working on particulate solar thermal energy systems. With a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maine and a foundational background from Isfahan University of Technology,

he architects advanced simulation frameworks that bridge high-performance computing, machine learning, and multiphysics modeling.

Session 5: DEM Modeling Applied to Laser Powder Bed Fusion

In Powder Bed Fusion (PBF) additive manufacturing, the quality of the powder layer is vital for achieving high-density, defect-free parts. A smooth and uniformly packed layer ensures consistent energy absorption and proper layer bonding during the fusion process. Powder spreading is a key step that influences the homogeneity and stability of the deposited layer. Spreading speed significantly affects particle dynamics—higher speeds can increase particle inertia and reduce the time for rearrangement, resulting in unfilled regions and irregular surfaces. Temperature also plays an important role: at room temperature, lower interparticle cohesion promotes better flow and uniform deposition, whereas elevated temperatures enhance cohesion, leading to particle aggregation and reduced spreadability. These changes impact surface roughness and packing fraction, ultimately affecting the quality of the manufactured component. Numerical methods such as the Discrete Element Method (DEM) offer valuable insight by capturing particle-scale interactions and predicting powder behavior under various process conditions. By understanding the effects of spreading speed and temperature, more stable and optimized powder layering can be achieved, improving the overall efficiency and reliability of the PBF process.



Dr. Sina Zinatlou Ajabshir (*Presenter*) is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Salerno (UNISA), Italy. His research focuses on the properties of powders used in powder-based 3D printing methods. He holds a BSc and MSc in Materials Science and

Engineering from the University of Tabriz and Sharif University of Technology (SUT), respectively. He earned his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering with a specialization in Chemical Engineering from UNISA, with a dissertation centered on powder flowability and spreadability in powder bed fusion processes. Before joining the Powder Technology Group at UNISA, he served as a Research Assistant at SUT, where he worked on additive manufacturing and welding. His research interests include particle characterization, powder flow behavior, physical metallurgy, microstructure evolution, and the development of computational models using Discrete/Finite Element Methods.

Session 6: Unsteady Multiphase Flows in Inertial Particle Separators for Helicopter Engine Filtration Applications

Gas turbine engines can be subject to damage from ingesting dust, ash, and debris. This can result in increased maintenance costs, downtime, and even engine failure. An inertial particle separator (IPS) is an inlet-mounted device that can remove sand, dust, and other harmful material from the engine flow path. This system can minimize particulate ingestion during helicopter landings in austere brown-out conditions, increasing engine life and aircraft survivability. Typically, IPS systems have lower engine power losses than alternative engine inlet filtration technologies. Due to the competing demands of high particle separation and low total pressure costs, IPS designs must make a number of tradeoffs that affect both particle trajectories and flow path characteristics. Operational IPS designs may experience unsteady separated flows that lead to particles being ingested into the engine core flow. These unsteady flows are challenging to characterize even with a combination of modelling and testing. This presentation will review the relevant fluid and particle physics, testing and modelling approaches, and the current state of the art of IPS designs.



Dr. Brian Connolly (*Presenter*) is a Senior Research Engineer at Southwest Research Institute. His work focuses on computational modelling of multiphase, combustion, and hypersonic fluid flows.



Session 7: Fluidized Bed Modeling Methods

Dr. Federico Munnichi (*Presenter*) is a Researcher in Computational Science at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) developing numerical methods for multiphase flows applied to energy-

related processes. His research is centered around flows with gas, liquid, and solid components in extreme conditions, such as high-speed separation systems, low gravity bioreactors, plastic pyrolysis, and fibrillation of sheared PTFE powders. He has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the Graz University of Technology and has conducted research at academic institutions such as Purdue University, the University of Nottingham, and the Colorado School of Mines, where he developed mathematical models and numerical methods for slurry flows in fractures, gas-particle heat transfer, subsurface flows, fluidized bed heat exchangers, and membrane filtration. During his career, Dr. Munnichi has conducted research on multiphase flows at all scales, from flows with resolved particles or bubbles to large systems employing coarse-grained continuum models.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

9:00AM–10:00AM

WESTMINSTER BALLROOM IV

**Ying Sun, Ph.D.**

*Herman Schneider Professor
Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering
University of Cincinnati*

Keynote Title: Data-Driven Innovation in Multiphase Transport for Sustainable Energy Systems

Abstract: Harnessing AI and data science offers a transformative pathway to accelerate discovery and innovation of energy systems. From advanced modeling of transport phenomena and materials discovery to digital twins and extended reality, these tools enable the rapid development of next-generation solutions for batteries, electronics cooling, data centers, nuclear energy, and quantum computing, where energy efficiency and security is critical. Integrating multiphysics modeling with surrogate models, physics-informed AI, and hybrid approaches dramatically reduces computational cost while preserving accuracy, enabling efficient design space exploration. AI-driven inverse design further expands opportunities for system-level optimization under complex real-world constraints. This talk presents examples of machine learning, spanning supervised, unsupervised, generative AI, physics-informed, and reinforcement learning to enhance the understanding and design of multiphase transport processes across energy-intensive systems that support emerging industries in AI, quantum information science, and nuclear energy. The presentation also highlights the importance of building domain-specific data infrastructure to unify experimental data, high-fidelity simulations, and data-driven models, paving the way for more robust and scalable energy solutions.

Biography: Dr. Ying Sun is the Herman Schneider Professor in Mechanical Engineering and the Director of Research and Strategic Initiatives in the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Cincinnati. She served as Head of the Department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering at the University of Cincinnati and as Program Director of the Thermal Transport Processes Program at the National Science Foundation. Her research interests span multiphase flows and heat/mass transfer, complex fluids and interfacial phenomena, machine learning and data-driven methods, and multi-scale modeling. Dr. Sun is an elected Fellow of APS and ASME and a recipient of the NSF CAREER Award, AFOSR Summer Faculty Fellowship, CNRS Visiting Professorship, and Drexel College of Engineering Research Achievement Award. She serves as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer* and has been a visiting professor at Princeton University, Ecole Polytechnique, and Tsinghua University. Dr. Sun recently co-chaired the 2025 Gordon Research Conference on Micro and Nanoscale Phase Change Phenomena and leads an NSF REU Site on American Leadership of Industry with Zero Emissions.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9:00AM–10:00AM

WESTMINSTER BALLROOM IV

**Junhong Chen, Ph.D.**

*Crown Family Professor of Molecular Engineering
University of Chicago
Lead Water Strategist and Senior Scientist
Science Leader for Argonne in Chicago
Argonne National Laboratory*

Keynote Title: The Circular Water Economy: Addressing the Global Water-Energy Nexus Challenge

Abstract: The global demand for freshwater continues to rise due to economic growth and urbanization, while available supplies are increasingly limited, resulting in heightened water stress worldwide. At the same time, water and energy are deeply interconnected: water is required for energy production, and energy is needed for water production. In the U.S., municipal wastewater treatment alone consumes approximately 3% of the nation's electricity, yet only about 10% of the treated water is recovered and reused. To address these challenges, this presentation proposes a circular water economy vision that optimizes the water-energy nexus by recovering and reusing critical resources—such as critical minerals, nutrients, organics, and freshwater—for sustainable purposes. A key enabler of this circular economy is the availability of low-cost, real-time water quality monitoring. Current detection methods for critical water contaminants are often expensive or unsuitable for *in situ*, real-time analysis. To overcome these limitations, this talk will introduce an innovative approach for real-time water sensing, leveraging the molecular engineering of 2D nanomaterials in a field-effect transistor (FET) platform. The sensor works by detecting changes in the electrical conductivity of the 2D nanomaterial channel, which occurs when chemical or biological species bind to molecular probes anchored on the nanomaterial's surface. This enables precise detection of a wide range of analytes—including PFAS, heavy metals, bacteria, and nutrients—by measuring changes in the sensor's resistance. This patented technology offers a powerful solution for real-time detection of contaminants with high sensitivity and selectivity, suitable for both one-time testing and continuous, in-line monitoring in field settings. The presentation will explore the molecular engineering behind this sensor, focusing on the design of the nanomaterial channel and the molecular probes, through both theoretical models and experimental results. Finally, the talk will conclude with a discussion on the translation of this platform from concept to prototype product, highlighting industry partnerships that are driving its commercial development.

Biography: Junhong Chen is currently the Crown Family Professor of Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago and Lead Water Strategist & Senior Scientist at Argonne National Laboratory. He also serves as the Science Leader for Argonne's presence in the City of Chicago (Argonne in Chicago). Since March 1, 2024, Dr. Chen has been serving as the Co-PI and Use-inspired R&D Lead for the NSF Great Lakes ReNEW Water Innovation Engine. Prior to coming to Chicago, Dr. Chen served as a program director for the Engineering Research Centers program of the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the director of NSF Industry-University Cooperative Research Center (I/UCRC) on Water Equipment & Policy (WEP). He founded NanoAffix Science LLC to commercialize real-time water sensors based on 2D nanomaterials. Dr. Chen received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from University of

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Minnesota in 2002 and was a postdoctoral scholar in chemical engineering at California Institute of Technology from 2002 to 2003. His current research focuses on nanomaterial innovation for sustainable energy and environment. Dr. Chen has published 300 journal papers and has been listed as a highly cited researcher (top 1%) in materials science/cross-field by Clarivate Analytics. He is an elected fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry, National Academy of Inventors, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

8:00AM–9:00AM

WESTMINSTER BALLROOM IV



Jason Woods, Ph.D.

Sr. Research Engineer

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Keynote Title: Air Conditioning in Buildings: Challenges and New Approaches

Abstract: This presentation explores the longstanding challenge of air conditioning for buildings. It begins with an overview of the vapor compression cycle—a 150-year-old technology used in most air conditioning systems—and the key barriers to enhancing its performance. It also discusses the impact air conditioning has on global energy use and the challenges it makes for the electric grid. The talk then briefly reviews various options for improving vapor compression efficiency, with a particular focus on dehumidification. It will then discuss open-absorption cooling systems, which offer a novel approach for efficient air conditioning and enables inherent energy storage.

Biography: Dr. Jason Woods is a Distinguished Researcher in NREL's Advanced Building Equipment Research Group. His expertise is in heat and mass transfer and phase change processes, with applications to air conditioning, heat pumps, thermal energy storage, and dehumidification. He leads projects at NREL that connect system-level modeling with technology development and experimental research. Dr. Woods has 96 publications and has been issued 12 U.S. patents in building HVAC-related technologies, with one of these receiving an R&D100 Award.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

8:00AM–9:00AM

WESTMINSTER BALLROOM IV

Energy Policy and Industry Perspectives

Join us for an engaging panel session on “Energy Policy and Industry Perspectives,” where we will explore the impacts of recent energy policies and legislation on the landscape of sustainable energy technologies. Legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (2021) and the Inflation Reduction Act (2022) have catalyzed significant research and development efforts across the energy sector, driving innovation in sustainable energy technologies. More recent policies may redirect focus toward other energy technologies and away from renewable technologies. Our panel of experts will discuss how industry is adapting to these changes, navigating both opportunities and challenges as they strive to align with evolving energy policies.

This session is designed for researchers, engineers, and practitioners from academia, national labs, government, and industry who are eager to understand the evolving energy policy landscape and its implications for technological advancement. Attendees will gain valuable insights into industry directions and priorities arising from these policies. The goal is to foster a collaborative dialogue that enables attendees to better align their efforts with industry needs, ultimately contributing to the development of effective solutions that support both regulatory goals and market demands.

Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

Panelists:



Christopher Worley
Senior Director of Public Policy
Sunrun



Ashwin Salvi
Co-Founder
AtmosZero



Steven Christensen
Director Innovation & Commercialization
Xcel Energy



Alicia Lindauer
Energy Resources Program Coordinator
U.S. Geological Survey

Moderators:



Clifford Ho, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist, Sandia National Laboratories,
Albuquerque, New Mexico
ASME Fellow



Rohini Bala Chandran, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
University of Michigan

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

8:00AM–9:00AM

WESTMINSTER BALLROOM IV

AI/ML Applications for High Performance and Resilient Buildings and Cities

Organized by: *ASME Journal of Engineering for Sustainable Buildings and Cities*

As the urgency to create high-performance buildings and resilient and healthy urban environments grows, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are emerging as powerful tools for optimizing building performance, enhancing energy efficiency, and informing data-driven urban planning. This panel brings together leading experts from academia and industry to explore the latest advancements in AI/ML applications for high-performance and resilient buildings and cities.

Discussions will cover a range of critical topics, including predictive energy modeling, AI-driven optimization of HVAC and building controls, smart grid integration, climate-adaptive energy infrastructure planning, and the role of digital twins in improving building operation as well as energy performance.

Panelists will also address key challenges such as data availability, scalability, and the practical implementation of AI-driven solutions in the built environment.

Attendees will gain insights into how AI and ML are shaping the future of energy efficient and resilient urban development and the opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration in driving innovation at the intersection of technology, engineering, and environmental science.

The panel will be preceded by a Special Issue on the *ASME Journal of Sustainable Buildings and Cities*.

Panelists:



Troy Harvey
CEO and Co-Founder
PassiveLogic



Brian Freeman
Lead Data Scientist
Trane Technologies



Hohyun Lee
Professor and Department Chair
San José State University



Juan Pablo Montoya-Rincon
Postdoctoral Associate
University at Albany

Moderator:



Hamidreza Najafi
Associate Professor
Florida Institute of Technology

THURSDAY, JULY 10
WESTMINSTER BALLROOM IV

9:00AM–10:00AM

Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Technologies

Organized by: National Consortium for Advancing Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Technologies

The Long-Duration Energy Storage (LDES) National Consortium provides a forum through which stakeholders across the LDES ecosystem can convene to identify barriers, determine potential synergies, and collaboratively develop and implement strategies necessary to achieve LDES technology commercialization within the next decade. The LDES National Consortium is comprised of National Laboratory and U.S. industry and community stakeholders, known as “Teaming Partners.” A Leadership Team powered by the knowledge, expertise, and relationships possessed by six U.S. National Laboratories guides a broad network of Teaming Partners to collaboratively develop a set of actionable recommendations to address identified challenges facing LDES technologies. Teaming Partners play a critical role in this LDES National Consortium by helping to define the key questions, issues, and outcomes that the LDES National Consortium must address to support the commercialization of LDES technologies. Currently, the Consortium has 180+ teaming partners and continues to grow.

This panel will introduce activities and outcomes of the LDES National Consortium that dealt with 11 challenges for LDES commercial “lift-off.” Panelists will discuss the challenges that must be addressed in order for LDES technologies to overcome commercialization barriers when a specific LDES technology and/or the LDES ecosystem is deemed to be

self-supporting (i.e., no longer reliant on public funding) as deemed by empirical evidence, such as cost performance, improved round-trip efficiency (RTE) levels, increased levels of private investments in technologies or projects, increased numbers of LDES projects, etc. The output from the LDES National Consortium is a comprehensive plan for LDES commercialization that can be offered to diverse regions, markets, communities, and end-use customers.

There will also be a Q&A session between the panelists and the audience regarding the Consortium as well as broader topics in LDES.

Moderator:



Like Li, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering
 University of Central Florida*

Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) National Consortium

LDES for Grid Resilience and Low-Cost Energy



Luke McLaughlin, Ph.D.
 Development and
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Henk Laubscher, Ph.D.
 Demonstration and
 Deployment Team Lead



Rebecca Barney, Ph.D.
 Customer Adoption
 Team Lead



Jeffrey Gifford, Ph.D.
 Investment Confidence &
 Financing Team Lead



Zhiwen Ma, Ph.D.
 Use Case Development
 Team Lead



Guangdong Zhu, Ph.D.
 GeoTES for LDES and
 Data Center Project Lead

Networking and Special Sessions

SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM IN HONOR OF PROF. JANE DAVIDSON

You are cordially invited to participate in a special symposium to honor Prof. Jane Davidson during the ASME 19th International Conference on Energy Sustainability 2025. Prof. Davidson has made seminal contributions to ASME, the Solar Energy Division, and both low- and high-temperature solar thermal energy. She retired from the University of Minnesota in 2022. We are privileged to honor her in this symposium.

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Symposium Organizers

- Prof. Julia Nicodemus, *Lafayette College*
- Prof. Luke J. Venstrom, *Valparaiso University*
- Prof. Peter Krenzke, *Valparaiso University*
- Prof. Adam Gladen, *North Dakota State University*
- Prof. Rohini Bala Chandran, *University of Michigan*

ES/SHTC NEWCOMER SOCIAL

TUESDAY, JULY 8 **10:00AM–10:20AM**
WESTMINSTER BALLROOM III

All first-time attendees of the Energy Sustainability & Summer Heat Transfer Conference (including students) are invited to attend a brief social with conference organizers and other new attendees. A brief presentation will focus on how to get the most out of your conference experience. Grab a beverage from the coffee break and join us to meet other first time attendees!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to offering the ES 2025 Student Registration Fee Scholarship, ES2025 features activities dedicated to students, including the Poster Presentation Session, Lightning Talks, and the Career Panel. These activities will be available to all student registrants.

Be sure to join the Solar Energy Division (SED) and Advanced Energy Systems Division (AESD) Awards Luncheon to support the Student Paper Award and Graduate Student Award winners! The Awards Luncheon is open to all ES25 registrants.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

MONDAY, JULY 15 **12:00PM–1:30PM**
LEGACY BALLROOM AND FOYER

Please join us to support ES students and presenters during this poster presentation. Grab a box lunch and visit with our poster authors.

LIGHTNING TALKS

TUESDAY, JULY 8 **5:15PM–6:15PM**
WINDSOR

All participants are welcome! The Lightning Talks session provides a forum for practicing scientific communication skills, networking, and community building. We invite interested participants to deliver short (<5 mins) presentations/elevator pitches, with or without slides, to showcase and introduce their research, advertise for open jobs/research positions, seek research collaborators, learn more about participating in organizing the ASME-ES conference, and get feedback on work-in-progress or any roadblocks that you've run into in research.

ES/SHTC CAREER PANEL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 **5:20PM–6:20PM**
GRAY'S PEAK

Panelists from academia, industry and national laboratory positions will discuss their career paths, compare a typical workday in academia, industry and national laboratory positions and answer student's questions regarding career decisions.

POWER HOUR

THURSDAY, JULY 10 **3:30PM–5:10PM**
WESTMINSTER BALLROOM II

Free-form discussion open to everyone, designed to address the interests and needs of all scientists and the challenges they face in their careers. Specifically, the program promotes meaningful conversations amongst colleagues of all career stages about barriers to career advancement and strategies to support the professional growth of all members of the community. Modeled after the GRC Power Hour.

The ASME Advanced Energy Systems Division and Solar Energy Division are pleased to present six awards in two categories to the participants of the ES 2025. The recipients will be recognized at the Solar Energy Division (SED) and Advanced Energy Systems Division (AESD) Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, July 9, from 12:00PM to 1:30PM.

OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD

To promote high quality research contributions in the field of Energy Sustainability, up to three outstanding papers will be recognized for their originality, impact, clarity, and elegance. The selection will be based on input from the reviewers, track chairs, and the organizing committee.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT-LED PAPER AWARD

To promote the contributions of undergraduate and/or graduate students in the field of Energy Sustainability, up to three outstanding papers featuring students as lead author(s) will be recognized for their originality, impact, clarity, and elegance. The selection will be based on input from the reviewers, track chairs, and the organizing committee.

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THANK YOU! Thank you to our Track Organizers! Without their dedication and time commitment, ES could not be a successful conference.

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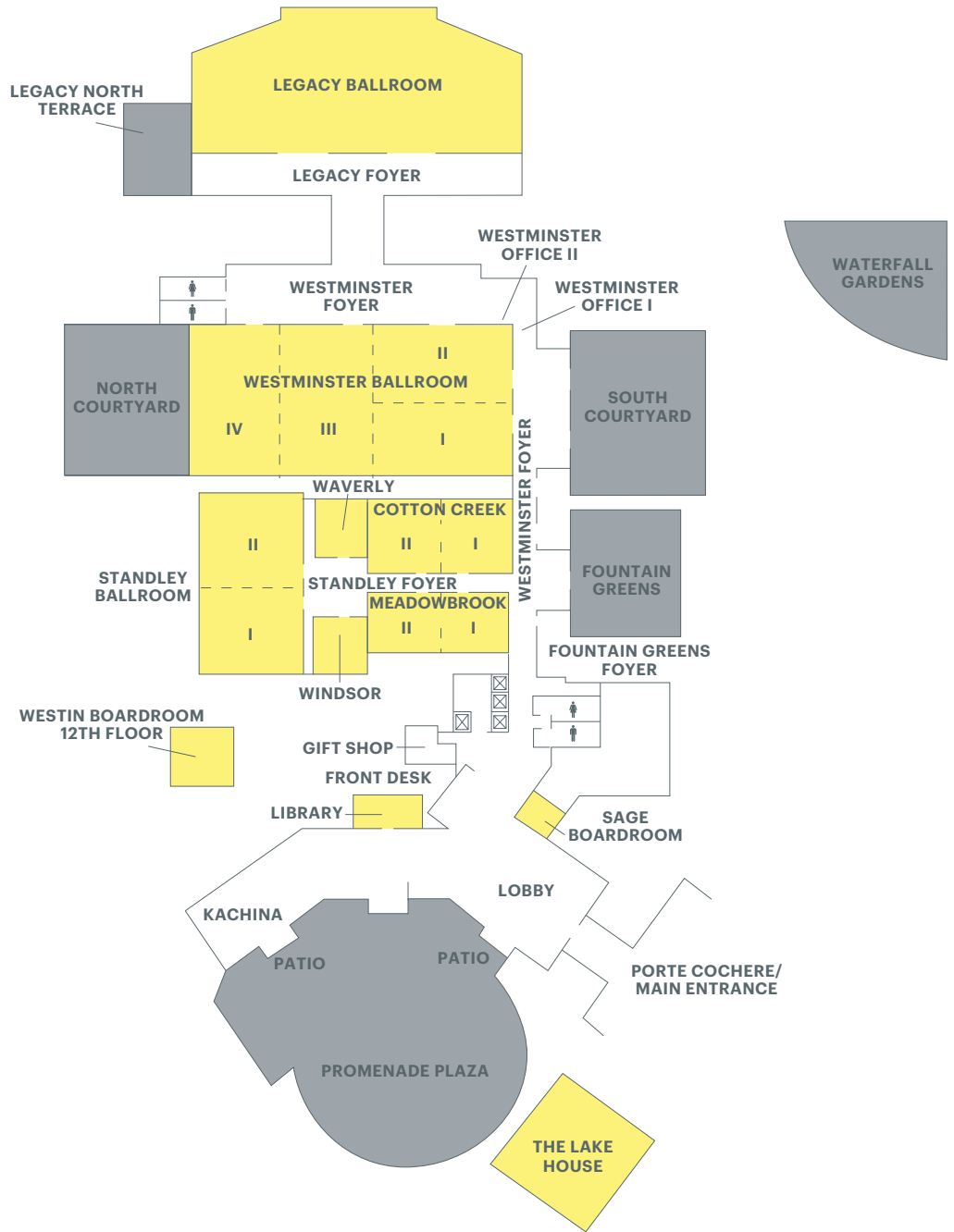
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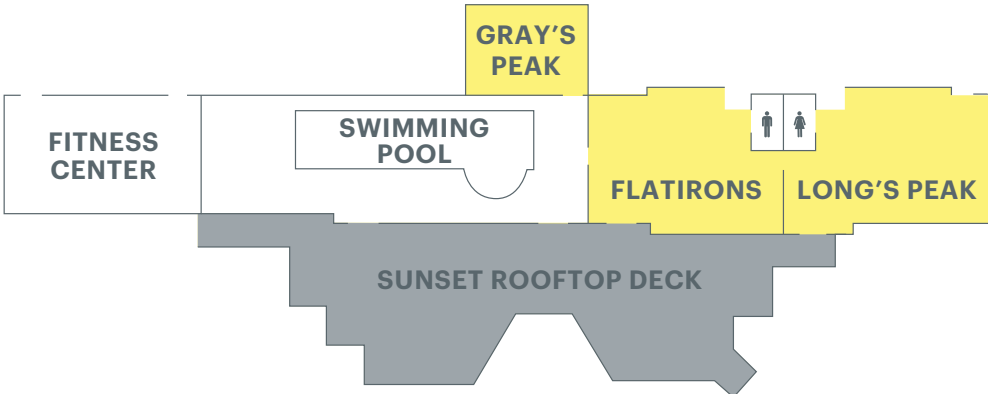
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