Early Career Networking Event
Thursday November 5th from 4:50 – 5:30 pm EST

Students, postdocs, and other early-career conference attendees within the first 2-3 years of professional work, we hope you will join us for our first annual Early Career Networking Event!

• Due to the virtual nature of the conference, actual networking may be a little less fluid than usual, especially for early-career attendees who may be attending this conference for the first time. Engagement with colleagues and time for focused one-on-one discussions has always been an essential quality of ASME ICEF conferences. To ensure that our early-career attendees still have the opportunity to engage in these important discussions, we are excited to offer an organized virtual networking session.

Meet with key leaders of the field in an informal unmoderated group discussion setting.

Three networking rooms will be organized by career interest, featuring:

**Academia**

Caroline Genzale  
Associate Professor  
Mechanical Engineering  
Georgia Tech

Adam Dempsey  
Assistant Professor  
Mechanical Engineering  
Marquette University

André Boehman  
Professor  
Mechanical Engineering  
Director, W.E. Lay Automotive Laboratory  
University of Michigan

**Industry**

Kelly Senecal  
Owner and Co-founder  
Convergent Science

Elana Chapman  
Senior Fuels/Biofuels Engineer  
General Motors

Chad Koci  
Senior Engineering Specialist  
Energy & Transportation Technology  
Caterpillar Inc.

**National Labs**

Riccardo Scarcelli  
Principal Research Scientist  
Energy Systems Division, Multi-Physics Computation Section  
Argonne National Laboratory

Lyle Pickett  
Distinguished Member of Technical Staff  
Sandia National Laboratories

Robert Wagner  
Director  
Director, Buildings and Transportation Science Division  
Oakridge National Laboratory

• This is your opportunity to get to know these successful leaders on a more personal level, ask how they have navigated their own career paths, including successes and pitfalls, and to find out what opportunities they see for the future generation of engineers in the field of internal combustion engines.

Please **RSVP** by Friday 10/30 and let us know if you’ll be there!
Logistics

• Time: Thursday November 5 4:20 pm – 5:00 pm EST
  • NOTE: Daylight savings time ends on Nov. 1
• ASME will send out a calendar invite to you with Zoom connection link
• Arrive 10-15 mins early
  • Calendar invite will have this time built in
• You can also access the Zoom links through Pheedloop (conference hosting app)
• Please ensure the best internet connectivity you can manage
  • Close proximity to wi-fi router
  • Physical ethernet connection

• **Meeting notes:**
  • Within the conference app, there will be separate Zoom links for each room: 1) Industry, 2) Academia, 3) National Labs
    • Moderator to start networking session by letting attendees know that they can join other networking rooms via the separate Zoom links in the conference app
  • Assigned moderators within each room will call on attendees to ask their questions.
  • Attendees will either “raise hand” or type their question in chat – this will form an order for calling on attendees
  • Avoid dominant voices - Give all attendees a chance to ask questions before allowing further questions from a given attendee
• Moderators:
  • National Labs: Lyle Pickett
  • Industry: Chad Koci
  • Academia: Caroline Genzale
Objectives of the Early Career Networking Event

• **Vision:**
  - Informal multi-way interactions
  - Avoid feeling like an expert panel session
  - Provide focused networking based on career interest
    • Separate mentor groups for Academia, Industry, and National Labs
  - **Ideal world:** beverage in hand at a brewery
  - **Real (current) world:** Zoom meeting 😊

• **Mentees:**
  - Build professional network and explore career options when these crucial personal interactions have been nearly impossible
  - Exposure to diverse experiences/pathways/humans
  - Be inspired!

• **Mentors (us):**
  - Share our stories
  - Share views on the future opportunities (hope) in the field of IC engines
  - Get to know rising engineers in our field
  - Be inspired!
53 responses

Are you planning to attend the Early Career Networking Event?
53 responses

- Yes: 75.5%
- No: 9.4%
- Maybe: 15.1%

Your current professional status:
53 responses

- Undergraduate: 26.4%
- Graduate school - M.S.: 28.3%
- Graduate school - Ph.D.: 13.2%
- Postdoc: 17%
- Other - 2-3 years post graduation: 15.1%

I am interested in visiting the following networking rooms (check all that apply):
53 responses

- Industry: 48 (88.8%)
- Academia: 43 (81.1%)
- National Labs: 40 (75.5%)
Discussion Items and Questions

• Potential network bandwidth issues with large number of video feeds
  • May need to ask attendees to turn off their video if problems arise

• Getting people talking
  • Your introductory slides will be posted outside the Zoom link
  • Ideas on good brief ice breaker activity?
  • Question mole planted in each room?

• Other questions?

Thank you for volunteering!