

Black in Physics of Living Systems (PoLS) research:
building the tools to support and celebrate Black scientists in
interdisciplinary scientific and engineering research

MEETING AGENDA

Friday March 12th, 2021
(All times listed in EST)

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome
- 1:45 p.m. **Ebony Omotola McGee** - Vanderbilt University
Black, Brown, Bruised: How Racialized STEM Education Stifles
Innovation
- 3:15 p.m. **Alison Williams** - Wesleyan University
Lessons from the Lab: A Journey From Manure to DNA
- 4:00 p.m. **Donnell Walton** - Corning, Inc
21 years, 2 months, and 13 days in Industrial Research & Development
- 4:45 p.m. Closing remarks
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Saturday March 13th, 2021
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- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and introductions
- 1:15 p.m. Mentoring and networking workshops:
- Victoria McDonnell and Robert Tillman, Rice University
Becoming an Effective Mentor: Strategies, Skills, and Conversations
 - Tonie Snell, Diversity Forward
Networking Strategies for Building Your Unique Mentor Team
- 3:45 p.m. Closing remarks
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