

Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop

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NAPB meeting 2023 Host: Clemson University – Registration through NAPB meeting site:

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Join us for an exciting professional development session focused on **Telling your story @ work**. Learn about how to communicate with your colleagues @work effectively. Understand the key principles of optimal communication and how to apply them in your day-to-day interaction as well as presentations or interaction with senior management. Learn how to structure your story, including science in your story and mentorship.

The purpose of this workshop is for graduate students to better understand and learn specific skills that are generally useful in life but specifically when working in industry and looking for a successful development of one's career. The workshop is free of charge to invited graduate students participating in the NAPB Annual Meetings.

Highlights of this workshop include:

- Understand the why and the how in Communication at work
- Include the science in your story
- How to share your personal story at work
- Interact with course participants to practice telling your story

Telling your story @ work is co-sponsored by Corteva Agriscience™ and Bayer Crop Science®. The three instructors will be Masha Trenhaile, Ajit Nott and Rebecca Dunning.

Masha Trenhaile is Head of University Strategy and Outreach at Bayer Crop Science, within the Breeding organization. Masha's role concentrates on identifying strategic university partnerships for the Breeding organization, fostering relationships with faculty and administrators of the partner institutions, and identifying top talent to create a talent pipeline for Bayer Crop Sciences, by mentoring students individually and finding mentors for them within the organization. Masha started her career in building the Research Park at the University of Illinois and then becoming a site manager for AbbVie Biopharmaceutical Innovation Center, before joining Bayer. Masha holds an MS degree in Advertising from University of Illinois and still resides in Champaign, IL with her family.

Ajit Nott is a Coach with a passion for helping people transform their potential. An area of focus for Ajit is to help people say what they mean to get what they need. To improve his own communication skills, he developed an effective process that is simple and catalyzes self-learning. Over the last 8 years he has coached 100s of people in effective communication workshops using the ABCD123 model and received rave reviews from participants. Ajit did his Ph.D. in molecular biology from Brandeis University and followed that with post-doctoral research at the Salk Institute in San Diego. He has successfully led global teams with direct accountability and through influence. Currently he leads a research team at Corteva Agriscience, a global agriculture company based in Johnston, Iowa. He is a member of the International Coaching Federation (ICF Global) and served on the board of ICF Iowa Chapter. He loves reading books, running half-marathons, and practicing Zen for mindful living.

Rebecca Dunning leads the national Foundation for Food and Agriculture Fellows Program ([FFAR Fellows](#)) based at North Carolina State University. FFAR Fellows are PhD students (150 to date) studying food and agricultural sciences in 35+ universities across the US and Canada who are drawn to the 3-year program to enhance their personal and professional development. After a career in agriculture and food systems work in industry, academia, and government, Rebecca has found her ultimate “fit” in supporting students to maximize their productivity and well-being in graduate school and beyond. Rebecca has an MS in Agricultural Economics from Auburn University, a PhD in Sociology from Duke, and certifications and experiences to train individuals and groups to: *build self-awareness for self-development* (DISC, MBTI, CliftonStrengths, MBTI, EQI2.0, Intercultural Development Inventory, Five Behaviors of a Cohesive Team®); *improve interpersonal communication, influencing, and time-management skills* (Crucial Conversations®, Influencer®, Getting Things Done®), *develop and manage projects to completion* (using the PMP® framework), and *create and maximize valuable mentoring relationships*.