

The Power in the Spoken Word - Challenges in Communicating in Science.

Communication is at the heart of our connection with people.

Thinking of a career in science, especially animal or public health?

Speaking effectively and directly to the people we serve is an essential skill.

Join us for an afternoon of speakers who will explore the diverse ways that the spoken word impacts our skill at communicating ideas. Our keynote speakers have experience in training science and health professionals how to communicate effectively. This workshop aims to keep the fun in the practice. Each speaker will be taking a short time to present a lively talk to stimulate your curiosity and give you a window into the possibilities for developing oral communication skills to learn and ways to practice. No experience necessary - feel free to come, learn, participate.

Who should attend? This is an introductory workshop open to all University of Saskatchewan students. If you are pursuing a career in health, animal health, or applied science and want to know how to broach difficult topics, explain complex science in plain language, or learn about storytelling, this workshop will have something for you.

Certificate available for those who participate.

Hosted by the **Centre for Applied Epidemiology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

Date:

June 1, 2021: 1 to 4:30 PM - Join us for an afternoon of speakers and a networking panel.

June 3, 2021: 1 to 4 PM - Try out some oral speaking exercises.

Where: Webex online. Meeting link will be shared after registration.

Cost: Free to University of Saskatchewan students. You must use your nsid email to register.

Registration: This two day workshop can be registered for at the link below. Each day needs to be signed up for individually.

<https://usask.webex.com/usask/onstage/g.php?PRID=1696663ce3eaa455dce28f909fe53370>

Workshop Goals: Practice here, explore other opportunities to practice.

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AGENDA

June 1, 2021

1:15 Opening Remarks

1:30 to 2:30

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Kaylee Byers

Consider Conversation: How SciComm can Complement your Career

Dr. Jordan Wordsworth

Why 'Soft Skills' is a Misnomer: Transferable Skills in Health Science

2:30 to 3:10

Break and Networking Panel: A chance to meet our keynote speakers, ask questions, hear some stories.

3:10 to 3:30 Lynn Bytyqi, Communication Tips from an ESL Instructor, Student Advisor and Part-Time Program Coordinator, University of Saskatchewan Language Centre

3:30 to 3:50 Oarabile Kgosisejo, DTM MSc, Introducing Toastmasters as one place to practice your speaking skills.

3:50 to 4:20 Dr. Sandy Bonny. Scientific Storytelling. An interactive 30 minute presentation focused on the 3 Rules for good storytelling in science, fiction, and science fiction too.

June 3, 2021

1 to 4:00. Workshop session. Interactive sessions on Networking, Framing Responses, Storytelling.

Registration for this is limited to 40 people. Break times will be scheduled throughout the afternoon.

Emphasis on fun practice.

Those that register and participate in the Day 2 Workshop Session will be provided with a certificate.

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Speaker Bios

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kaylee Byers

Consider Conversation: How SciComm can Complement your Career

Dr. Kaylee Byers (she/her) is the Deputy Director of the British Columbia node of the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative and a postdoctoral fellow in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia. Kaylee is the co-founder of Nerd Nite Vancouver, co-hosts the Nerdin' About podcast, and facilitates Science Communication training through SciCATs (Science Communication Action Team). She's also an avid knitter, paddleboarder, and appreciator of puns.



<https://www.kayleebyers.com/>

Speaker: Dr. Sandy Bonny

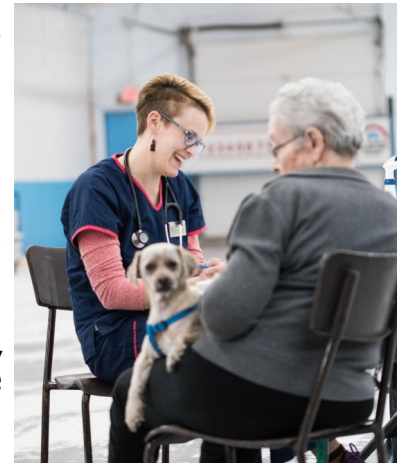
Scientific Storytelling

Sandy Marie Bonny is a lifelong member of Saskatoon's Treaty 6 community with an interdisciplinary background in the academic earth sciences (PhD U Alberta) and literary and visual arts--she teaches, coordinates, and creates at intersections of narrative understanding. At the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Bonny is Team Lead for the College of Arts & Science's Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP) program. www.sbonny.com

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jordan Woodsworth

Why 'Soft Skills' is a Misnomer: Transferable Skills in Health Science

Dr. Jordan Woodsworth is a general veterinary practitioner and part of the Wellness and Preventive Medicine team at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Medical Centre. She is a 2008 graduate of the WCVM and joined the staff of the VMC in 2012 to start the Wellness and Service Learning programs. Jordan's diverse professional interests include community engagement and social accountability in the veterinary profession, clinical communications, and elevating the quality and perception of well care for cats and dogs. Jordan's work in Northern Saskatchewan is an area of true passion, and she strives to use her role as a veterinary educator to provide opportunities for veterinary learners and practitioners to develop culturally safe approaches to clinical practice. Her personal interests include lake time with her husband and 2 kids, travelling and enjoying nature, and eating and cooking amazing food.



<https://wcvm.usask.ca/departments/sacs/sacs-people/jordan-woodsworth.php>

Speaker: Lynn Bytiqi

Communication Tips from an ESL Instructor

English is the international language of communication; whether it's your mother tongue or second language, you can incorporate various strategies to make your message clear.

Lynn's ESL career has spanned many years, job positions, and geographical locations; she loves working in a multicultural environment and learning from her students.