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What's New?

Director's corner: A time for transition



Dear Friends,

The AAAS DoSER program is thriving as a hub for connecting scientists, faith communities, and science communicators. We are addressing a great thirst in our culture for better understanding and inclusion in these spaces through major projects, popular seminars and events, and by building the architecture for connections. I've been honored to lead this rewarding program and amazing team for over a decade, and have decided that this year I will be stepping down from the role of Director. I'm excited for DoSER's new endeavors and connections being sculpted for the years ahead, and I will continue to advocate this important realm of connecting science, society, and human values. Let's continue building these relationships and conversations, together!

With gratitude, Dr. Jennifer Wiseman

New projects ahead



As we look ahead to the changing needs of society, DoSER has launched a strategic planning process to guide our engagement with diverse religious communities in the coming years. Our goal is to identify and collaboratively develop projects that can include new communities in science-religion dialogue and meaningful science engagement. We have received two planning grants from the John Templeton Foundation that will support this process over the next three years.

To begin this process, we have gathered eight experts together as members of our Strategic Planning Advisory Council. They will advise DoSER on our strategic outlook, suggest approaches to expand our work in a

way that supports community needs, provide input on pilot projects, and review proposals for large-scale grants that will hopefully emerge from the planning process.

Advisory Council members include:

- Dr. Farha Abbasi, Michigan State University
- Dr. MT Dávila, Merrimack College
- Dr. Salman Hameed, Hampshire College
- Rabbi Ari Hart, Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue
- Dr. Reyhaneh (Rey) Maktoufi, NOVA, PBS
- Dr. April Maskiewicz Cordero, Point Loma Nazarene University
- Rabbi Geoff Mitelman, Sinai and Synapses
- Dr. Nalini Nadkarni, University of Utah
- Dr. Pamela Payne-Foster, University of Alabama
- Rev. Dr. Nichole Phillips, Emory University

We are very excited to work with this committee as we engage new audiences with new approaches!

Welcome to our new visiting scholar!



In January 2022, Dr. Joe Shane joined DoSER as a visiting scholar as part of his sabbatical from Shippensburg University. Dr. Shane is a Professor of [Chemistry and Science Education at Shippensburg](#) and co-editor of the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) Press book, [Making Sense of Science and Religion: Strategies for the Classroom and Beyond](#) (2019), for which the DoSER team contributed a chapter. In addition to independent research and continuing his ongoing engagement within both science education and science-religion scholarship communities, Dr. Shane is working on developing a set of best practices for teaching about science and religion in undergraduate contexts.

New video series "Who Is Science?" and "Becoming Human"



DoSER is very excited to launch a new video series called "[Who is Science](#)" that delves into the many facets of what it means to be human and do science. As David Go, Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, shares in one of the videos, "Science is at its best when many voices are heard, when many experiences inform, and when many people are curious."

[Watch the "Who Is Science?" video series](#)

We also released a two-part video series on "[Becoming Human](#)." This series covers questions such as, how did homo sapiens survive evolution when no other homonids did? What made us so resilient? And how have scientific ideas on this subject changed over time?

[Watch the "Becoming Human" video series](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Apply to be DoSER's summer intern!



Are you an undergraduate or graduate student interested in working at the nexus of science and religion? Apply for the paid 2022 DoSER Summer Internship! This intern will work with the DoSER team to develop and implement project ideas, gather information on topics important for science and religion, update and develop content for the DoSER resources website, and provide support on various DoSER projects and activities. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

The internship is paid and will run for 12 weeks (from June 6 – August 26, 2022). It will be based out of our Washington, DC office with both remote and in-person

work expected each week. More information can be found on the [AAAS Careers website](#).

[Click here to apply](#)

Apply for a Scientists in Synagogues grant

Applications due April 5, 2022

Scientists in Synagogues will provide communities with a \$5000 grant, mentorship, guidance, and connections to run grass-roots programs that offer Jews opportunities to



explore the most interesting and pressing questions surrounding Judaism and science. This project, now in its fourth year, aims to share how some of the most thoughtful Jewish scientists integrate their Judaism and their scientific work so that they can be role models and ambassadors for productive conversations surrounding Judaism and science.

[Click here to apply](#)

Missed These Events?

2021 December Dialogues: Watch it now!



How can we strengthen our connections to the natural world? That was the question addressed during the 2021 December Dialogue, “Our Connections to the Land Run Deep: Belonging and Kinship with Nature.” The event featured award-winning author Dr. J. Drew Lanham, Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Clemson University, and Sevim Kalyoncu, Executive Director of the D.C.-based nonprofit Green Muslims. Dr. Katy Hinman, Associate Program Director for DoSER, moderated the event.

[Read about the event](#)

[Watch the video](#)

2022 AAAS Annual Meeting



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At this year’s AAAS Annual Meeting, DoSER was excited to co-host a reception with the [AAAS Center for Public Engagement \(CPE\)](#). We offered a happy-hour style space with breakout rooms on a variety of public engagement topics, including engaging in meaningful change in the world of science-faith dialogue. Participants discussed recognizing humanity in their colleagues, the importance of creating friendships along with professional relationships, and moving beyond the “dialogue model” towards true meaningful engagement.

We were also pleased to co-lead a discussion and workshop on Thursday, February 17. In the morning, DoSER Project Director Dr. Rob O’Malley co-facilitated the session, “Mentorship in Science Communication and Engagement.” He and the participants considered what it means to be a mentor, how to network, and how to build community. Later that day, Dr. O’Malley, DoSER Project Associate Rachel Kline, and CPE Senior Program Associate MC Longshore hosted a workshop, “Science Communication and Engagement with People of Faith.” They led the group in exercises that focused on cultivating meaningful engagement and creating a culture of humility in the scientific community. They also discussed the importance of meeting people where they are, especially in communicating science topics to people of faith.

The 2023 AAAS Annual Meeting, “Science For Humanity,” will occur March 2-5, 2023. For more information about the 2023 meeting, [visit the AAAS Annual Meeting website](#).

Invest in Dialogue

Did you know that DoSER is funded by the generosity of donors and grants? Supporting DoSER’s vital work of facilitating conversations between scientists and religious communities is as easy as clicking the link below. Your investment will help us fortify our current engagement projects and expand our work into exciting new areas. Email us at doser@aaas.org to learn more.

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