



## **Margaret A. Davidson Coastal Career Development Program**

### **Wilmington, NC Workshop**

*November 18, 2019*

Madeline Suite, Wagoner Hall, UNC-Wilmington

- 8:00 – 8:30            Check-in and morning coffee service
- 8:30 – 10:00        Morning Plenary Session #1 – Tom Bigford (TCS) moderator
- Opening welcome – Tom Bigford (Director, TCS Board), Mark Imperial (UNC-W Master of Public Administration), Susan White (Executive Director, North Carolina Sea Grant)
  - Introductions of all attendees
  - Setting the Stage: Margaret Davidson’s Legacy and Coastal Careers – Emily Wallace (Managing Principal, Thrivner, Inc.)
  - From a Fellowship to a Coastal Career – Allison Besch (Director of Career and Professional Development, Duke Nicholas School of the Environment)
- 10:00 – 10:30        Break
- 10:30 – 12:00       Morning Plenary Session #2 – Mark Imperial (UNC-W) moderator
- Perspectives Across Coastal Careers
    - Suzette Kimball, U.S. Geological Survey (retired Director)
    - Emily Wallace, Thrivner, Inc. (Managing Principal)
    - Adam Ferguson, Rostan Solutions, LLC (Project Manager for Disaster Recovery Operations)
    - Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach, NC (Interim Manager)
    - Tomma Barnes, NOAA Ocean Service (Chief, Coastal Resilience, Restoration, and Assessment)
- 12:00 – 1:00        Boxed lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Career Skills Session #1 – Tom Bigford (TCS) moderator

- Lightning Introductions and small group discussions on three topics.
  - Getting involved with TCS – Brittany Pashkow (President TCS Chapter, Duke University)
  - Professional societies offering professional networks – Joe Luczkovich (Professor, East Carolina University)
  - Considering internships and work with a non-profit – Tracy Skrabal (Scientist/Manager, North Carolina Coastal Federation)

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:30 Career Skills Session #2 – Tom Bigford (TCS) moderator

- Lightning Introductions and small group discussions as in Career Skills Session #1.
  - The value of fellowships – Sara Mirabilio (North Carolina Sea Grant)
  - Interview strategies – Emily Wallace (Managing Principal, Thrivner, Inc.)
  - Sharpening your CV – Susan White (Director, North Carolina Sea Grant)

4:30 – 5:00 Group Discussion, Q&A, Wrap Up

5:30 – 7:00 Informal gathering to continue conversations, network, etc. (Carolina Ale House, 317 S. College Road, Wilmington)

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