

SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Sarah Yu

Dr. Sarah Yu is a scientific advisor, researcher, and client relationship leader in consumer insights and market research. After a combined 15 years in academia and industry, including the last 7 years leading consumer insights research at Nielsen, Sarah launched her consulting practice, YU Brain & Behavioral Science Insights, to pursue a calling in working with mission-driven organizations to better achieve positive social behaviors through leveraging neuroscience and behavioral science. Sarah is an advisory board member and research consultant for several social enterprises supporting women's issues, is an educator on the science behind behavior change, and is a seasoned public speaker on social neuroscience issues such as removing cognitive barriers to decision-making and combating gender bias.

Before entering industry, Sarah was an academic research scientist, specifically studying how the human brain supports memory and decision-making. She holds a Ph.D. in Cognition & Neuroscience from The University of Texas at Dallas, an M.S. in Neurobiology and Behavior from the University of California, Irvine, and a B.A. in Neuroscience from Vanderbilt University. She lives in Chicago with her husband and spunky corgi.

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Lindsay Boccardo

For more than a decade, Lindsay has been coaching, researching and developing programs for millennials. Fascinated by the intersection of four unique generations in the workforce, Lindsay's expertise now spans across industries and age groups to focus on creating meaningful experiences at work for Boomers, Gen X, Millennials and Gen Z alike.

As a nationally-recognized generational expert, Lindsay has partnered with organizations such as Cars.com, Thrivent, SHRM and the Indiana Supreme Court, and works frequently with both college campuses and companies of all sizes around the country to enhance their effectiveness through building successful multi-generational teams.

Lindsay earned a degree in psychology and public communication from Syracuse University, and a professional coaching certification through the International Coach Federation. She has been seen on WISH-TV, Fox 55 Fort Wayne (Indiana) and most frequently on her wildly popular live YouTube show, The Porch.

By providing education through one-on-one programs, group training and keynote speeches around the country, Lindsay empowers organizations to maximize the talent of their diverse workforce and helps individuals find the joy in understanding why every generation matters.

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SESSION LEADER

Jasmine Duvall

Hey, I'm Jasmine! I'm a 2016 Purdue graduate (alpha nu pledge class, if you're curious). I'm a materials engineer, and I cast engine blocks for a living. In my free time I keep up with my two dogs, embroider, and spend too much time on Instagram. I consider myself an avid mental wellness advocate, and nerd out over new ways to take care of my mental and physical health (because they go hand in hand!).



PANELIST

Makenzie Gladieux

Makenzie Gladieux is a member of the Delta chapter. She graduated in Spring 2019 with degrees in Bioengineering and Mechanical Engineering. Makenzie is now an Engineer at RQM+, and spends most of her free time volunteering at her local animal shelter, Lake Humane Society. She is a dog walker, cat cuddler, front desk assistant, event volunteer, and event committee member. These roles have taught her valuable communication and leadership skills. She also volunteers for the sorority and the foundation as a committee member.



SESSION LEADER AND PANELIST

Elishka Jepson

Elishka Jepson is a 2006 Washington-Mu alumnae. Since graduation, she has held various Phi Sigma Rho volunteer positions, including National Webmaster, National Historian, and Chapter Advisor. She has a BS in Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineer from UW as well as an MS in Astronautical Engineering from USC. Professionally, Elishka is a Principal Systems Engineer and Manager at Raytheon Missiles and Defense in Tucson, AZ. She is currently an autopilot section lead and an integrated product team lead for a program. Elishka is married with two children and a basset hound (who thinks she is child #3).

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PANELIST

Elspeth Trumbull

Graduated in 2010 from UConn as a member of the Theta chapter's Lambda class with a degree in Materials Science and Engineering. From there, they worked at a corrosion research and development firm, and as a cathodic protection engineer, before falling in love with quality and auditing and taking a position at TIMET (an aerospace titanium supplier) as the Sr. Quality Systems Engineer for both the Morgantown, PA and Henderson, NV sites. They are genderqueer and "somewhere on the asexual spectrum". They live outside Philadelphia with their wife, two dogs, and three cats, spending their time either with the medievalist group Hearthlight or enjoying rallies and events with the PhillyMINI club.



SESSION LEADER

Anjali Kumar

Hi, I'm Anjali! I'm an alumna of the Chi Chapter at UCSD. I graduated in 2021 with a B.S. in Physiology & Neuroscience. While an active, I was Chapter President, and for the past year, I've been a part of the convention planning committee. I've recently moved to San Jose to teach High School Chemistry through Teach for America, while also earning a Master's of Education through National University. These roles have given me space to work on my leadership abilities, interview skills, and Zoom host capabilities! In my free time, I like to listen to podcasts, watch sci-fi movies and TV shows, and cuddle with my Australian Shepherd named Oreo.

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SESSION LEADER AND PANELIST

Kathleen Vijaywergiya

I graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering and hold an MBA in Management from Baldwin Wallace University. I previously served at the collegiate level as chapter president, new member educator, and historian. Professionally, I am an Enterprise Technical Quality Consultant at Progressive Insurance utilizing my Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt certification. I live in Independence, OH with my husband and 2 boys.



SESSION LEADER

Tina Schnell

I'm an energy engineer turned project manager working in the utility program delivery space. I've volunteered for and participated in resume building/development workshops as well as hiring processes since 2011, and have been Resumania Director since early 2020.



PANELIST

Sharon Snyder

Sharon Snyder is a 2009 BSME graduate from Ohio Northern University (Iota Chapter). Post graduation, she pursued MSME and PhD degrees from Purdue University before moving to Tucson, AZ for work. Recently, she has relocated to the metro DC area to work for Northrop Grumman Space Systems as a Systems Engineer. Sharon is a member of SWE, a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, and an avid marathoner. When Sharon and her husband, Chris, aren't spoiling their cats (Sammy and Hamilton), they can be found road tripping, visiting NHL arenas, or tackling home improvement projects for their almost-100-year-old house.

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Alex Caliguire

I am the current VP of Finance on the 17th Board. I previously served on National Council as VP of Collegiate Affairs on the 14th National Council and as VP of Finance on the 16th National Council. I graduated from the University of Toledo with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Professionally, I am an Automation Engineer at CRB. She currently resides in Ohio.



PANELIST

Melanie Larson

Hi, my name is Melanie Larson and I am an Ohio State Beta Chapter Alum ('18). I graduated with a degree in Industrial engineering and am currently work in Los Angeles, California. In my free time I love to go hiking, spend time outside, explore new places, read, horseback ride, and hopefully learn to surf soon!



SESSION LEADER

Mary Beth White

Mary Beth White is an alumna of the Oregon State - Sigma Chapter and lives in Portland, OR. She is currently serving on the 17th National Board as the VP of Alumnae Engagement and has previously served as a regional field director, colony educator, and chapter alumnae advisor. Professionally, Mary Beth works as an Industrial Engineering Team Leader at Boeing.

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Stephanie Donahue

Professionally, I am the co-founder and CEO of Pait Group. I hold a BS in Computer & Information Science. I currently reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am currently the VP of Communications on the 17th National Board and will be running to keep my position on the 18th National Board.



PANELIST

Jenna Daghestani

I graduated with BS in Bioengineering from Toledo and also received a MS in Systems Engineering at George Washington University. Prior to serving on the 17th National Council, I was a colony educator for Cleveland State University and the National Leadership Director. In my spare time, I enjoy biking, crafting, and playing pinball. I currently live in Cleveland, Ohio.



PANELIST

Kellan Ponikiewicz

As a collegiate member, I was a founding member of the Lambda chapter. I have served on two previous National Councils as VP of Programming and VP of Finance, As VP of Programming I was responsible for creating LEAP, the national leadership program, and Resumania. I also served on the first Board of Directors for the Foundation. Professionally I am a senior counsel at Cerence Inc. where I focus on intellectual property management and enforcement. I have a B.S. in electrical engineering and a J.D. from Suffolk University.