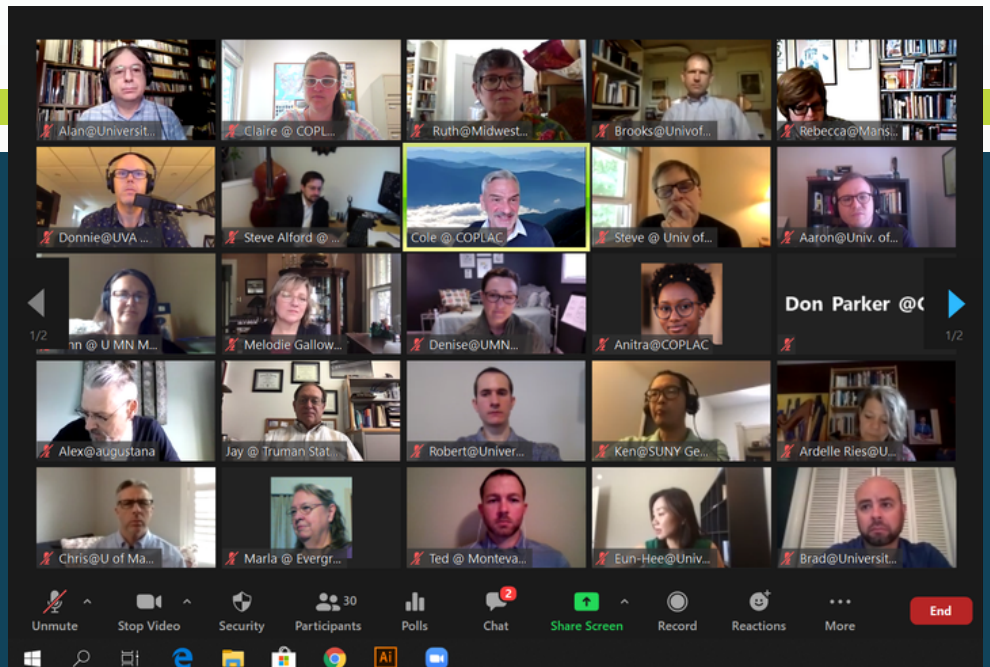




COPLAC

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

WINTER 2021



- **Beard Leadership Circle**
- **NSF ADVANCE Grant**
- **Northeast URSCA**
- **Midwest/West URSCA**
- **Communities of Practice**
- **2022 - 2023 Opportunities**

executive director's report

**activities in our consortium
over the past six months**

july - december 2021

working to develop leadership in public liberal arts education

21 - 22 July 2021

23

ADMINISTRATORS MET VIRTUALLY IN JULY

to conclude a year-long series of workshops for assoc. provosts, deans, assoc. deans.

The July sessions focused on building trust and community, collaboration and interdisciplinarity, messy issues and difficult dialogues, personnel issues, building and sustaining curriculum, JDEI work, equity, and recruitment and retention

The inaugural class of the Beard Leadership Circle was made up of administrators from 15 member campuses: Eastern Connecticut, Fort Lewis, Georgia College, Keene, Kentucky State, Midwestern, Ramapo, Shepherd, Sonoma State, Truman, UM Farmington, UM Morris, USAO, UVA Wise, UW Superior

9

FACILITATORS

designed and organized the Beard Leadership Circle's curriculum and activities during 2020 and 2021

The facilitators, staff, and mentors who created the Beard Leadership Circle represented the COPLAC office, Keene, Shepherd, Sonoma State, St. Mary's, SUNY Geneseo, and Truman

Congratulations to all BLC participants, facilitators, and mentors

The 2021 Beard Leadership Circle was so successful that the [Ivy+ Faculty Advancement Network \(a consortium of national research universities\)](#) consulted with COPLAC during fall 2021 as they organize leadership development activities for their own consortium

building community

COPLAC'S GRANT-FUNDED INITIATIVE



sharing a unique, multi-campus curricular opportunity

NSF ADVANCE PLAN

The \$883,754 grant awarded to SUNY Geneseo began in January 2020



This grant brings research-based training in gender equity issues to administrators and provides networking opportunities for women faculty and faculty from underrepresented groups



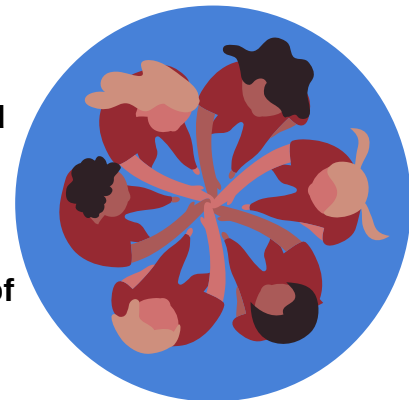
The grant is directed by Wendy Pogozeleski (SUNY Geneseo) and Karleen West (SUNY Geneseo).

And co-directed by Chavonda Mills (Georgia Gwinnett College), Josephine Rodriguez (University of Virginia's College at Wise), and Sally Wasileski (University of North Carolina Asheville)



Observational data and feedback surveys will help both tailor the training and assess its impact throughout the consortium. In addition, a series of research questions for both the professional development workshops and the affinity groups will address factors influencing the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women in STEM

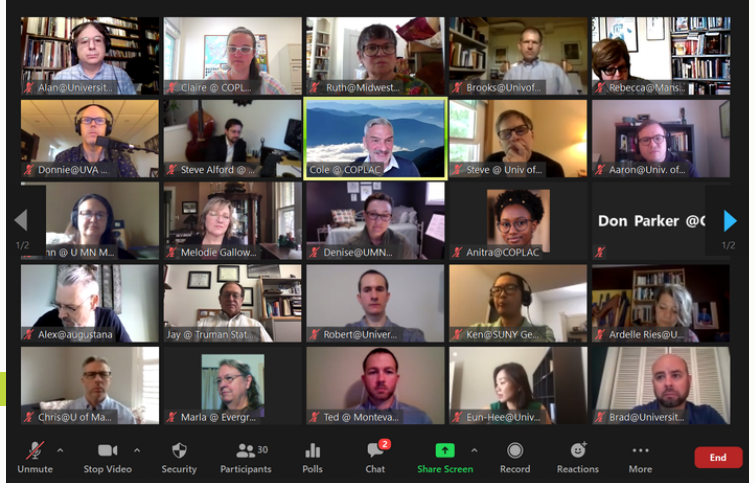
The intent is to publish the findings and contribute to the understanding of the policies and factors that support the success of women and underrepresented groups



building community

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY CONFERENCES

our second year of virtual urscas



Northeast Regional URSCA 30 October 2021

10 students gave poster presentations
22 gave oral presentations of their research,
scholarly, and creative work and
4 participated in visual arts/performance

[Access the Northeast URSCA program here](#)

36

6

CAMPUSES PARTICIPATED

Keene State College
Mansfield University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Ramapo College
SUNY Geneseo
University of Maine Farmington

Midwest/West Regional URSCA 13 November 2021

hosted by University of Illinois Springfield

33 students presented their research, scholarly, and creative work
11 gave poster presentations
17 gave oral presentations and
5 participated in visual arts



4

CAMPUSES PARTICIPATED

Midwestern State University Texas
Sonoma State University
Truman State University
University of Illinois Springfield

[access the Midwest/West URSCA program here](#)

building community

COMMUNITIES of PRACTICE

helping peers respond to challenges



July - December 2021

COPLAC hosted nine peer to peer conversations to help member institutions share resources, policies, models, protocols, messaging, and ideas



CAMPUSES PARTICIPATED

Eastern Connecticut State University
Evergreen State College
Fort Lewis College
Georgia College
Keene State College
Louisiana State University Alexandria
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Midwestern State University Texas
New College of Florida
Northern State University
Ramapo College
Shepherd University
Sonoma State University

St. Mary's College of Maryland
SUNY Geneseo
Truman State University
University of Alberta Augustana
University of Illinois Springfield
University of Maine Farmington
University of Mary Washington
University of Montevallo
University of Minnesota Morris
UNC Asheville
USC Aiken
UVA Wise
University of Wisconsin Superior

Groups met during this period from Study Abroad Offices, Shared Online Courses, TRIO Programs, Centers for Teaching and Learning, and Marketing and Communication Offices

thanks for sharing your materials, advice, and perspectives!

[access the shared resources folder here](#)

building community

COMING SOON: COPLAC OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022



looking ahead to the next twelve months

DUNN AWARD FOR FACULTY PRIOR AWARD FOR STUDENTS

deadline for institutional nomination letter for the dunn award
1 march 2022
deadline for student essay for the prior award
1 march 2022



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL URSCA

8 - 9 APRIL 2022
Hosted by New College of Florida
Students present their research, scholarly, and creative work



2022 SUMMER INSTITUTE

NSF PLAN Convening for Women in STEM
9 - 11 JUNE 2022
Hosted @ the University of North Carolina Asheville

2022 Annual Meeting

26 - 28 JUNE 2022
Hosted by Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
North Adams, MA



BEARD LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

For Department Chairs
13 - 15 July 2022
Hosted by Sonoma State University



building community

COMING SOON: COPLAC OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022

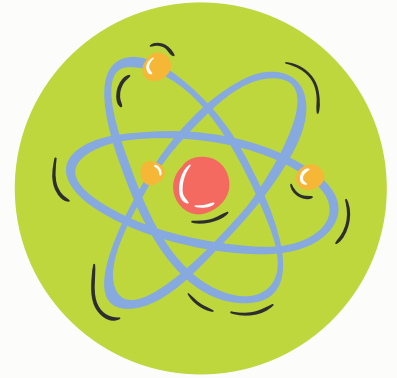


looking ahead to the next twelve months

MIDWEST REGIONAL URSCA

Fall 2022
Host is TBD

Students present their research, scholarly, and creative work



NORTHEAST REGIONAL URSCA

Fall 2022
Hosted by Eastern Connecticut State University

Students present their research, scholarly, and creative work



COPLAC WINTER MEETING

Board of Directors Meeting -- 25 JANUARY 2023 @ AAC&U
San Francisco, CA