



TAKING THE AQUATIC PULSE

AQUATIC SCIENCES MEETING

26-31 March 2025 | Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

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Dive into the ASLO 2025 Aquatic Sciences Meeting with our field guide, your go-to resource for making the most of the conference!

Inside, you'll discover fun games, valuable networking opportunities, insider conference tips, and strategies to maximize every moment of your experience. Whether you're a student, early-career professional, or simply just want to be involved, this guide is packed with tools and advice for everyone to join the adventure. Get ready to network, learn, and thrive!



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WELCOME TO

ASLO 2025

As with our own health, it is important to pause and reflect on how our decisions today will manifest in the environment tomorrow. For example, humans have a long history of inventing and producing durable materials (microplastics, PFAS). These persist and accumulate in the environment only to later discover, and be forced to manage, the unintended consequences. Human-induced climate change, industrial byproducts, and the environmental pressures of tourism are just some of the challenges to healthy ecosystems. Successful management of these challenges depends upon an understanding of history, current state, and future goals, to move toward a sustainable future that works for all. In addition, connectivity exists through all water systems, and we are connected to those systems. Just as we make time to assess our personal health, it is critical that we do the same for our aquatic environment.



SCAVENGER

HUNT



Want to make the most of your ASLO 2025 experience?
Join the ASLO Scavenger Hunt and complete fun
networking challenges while exploring the meeting!

How to Participate

- Complete the scavenger hunt (9 Tasks mentioned throughout the field guide).
- Document each task with a photo, note, or signature from the person you interact with.
- Show your completed scavenger hunt to the ASLO exhibitor booth by Sunday at 5 PM.
- The first 5 participants to complete all tasks will win a complimentary ASLO water bottle!

Scavenger Hunt

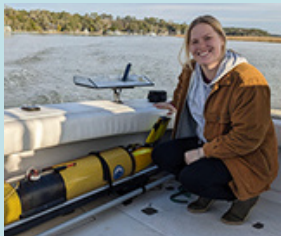
Visit a booth from an organization
you're unfamiliar with. Take a photo
or collect a fun fact.





GETTING INVOLVED WITH ASLO

ASLO committees welcome new members annually as terms are staggered, and students and early career members are encouraged to volunteer! Most work is done via email or online, with in-person sessions during ASLO meetings. Contact the ASLO President or any Officer for more details.



■ Abigail Kreuser
(co-chair)



■ Alanna Mnich

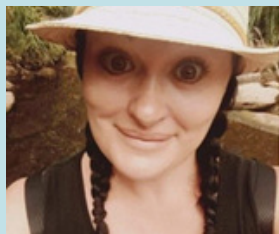


■ Alia Benedict
(co-chair)

Meet the Student
Resources and
Activities
Committee



■ Marjan Ghotbi



■ Melanie Taylor



■ Thu-Huong
Huynh



■ Hanif Sulaiman

Scavenger Hunt

Ask a graduate student or postdoc about their research. Write down one cool thing you learned.





TIPS FOR

NAVIGATING ASLO 2025

Set goals, research the agenda, and network to maximize your conference experience. Goals help you focus on learning, career opportunities, or new research. Agenda research ensures you catch key sessions that align with your goals, and networking builds connections with peers and mentors that can help inspire you to achieve your goals. These strategies make large conferences easier to navigate!

Goal	Sessions to Attend	Who to Network With?

Scavenger Hunt

Give a compliment to a presenter. Write down their name and what you liked about their talk or poster.





NETWORKING

EVENTS

Opening Reception

Wednesday
5:30 PM
Crown Foyer

Mentor Café

Friday
8:00 AM
W209F

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday
7:00 PM
601 S Tryon St

Scavenger Hunt

Find someone from a different country than you. Learn about their research and exchange social media or contact info.

Student Mixer

Thursday
8:30 PM
Brooklyn Village Ave Foyer

Poster Session

Saturday
6:00 PM
Exhibit Hall



Rainbow Reception

Sunday
6:00 PM
Brooklyn Village Ave Foyer

Early Career Mixer

Friday
7:30 PM
Brooklyn Village Ave Foyer

Closing Social

Monday
6:00 PM
Brooklyn Village Ave Foyer



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Suggested Sessions

- ST01 - Student Mixer and Speed Networking
- ST02 - Build Your CV For the Job You Want
- SS01 - ASLO Multicultural Program Student Symposium
- SS02 - Undergraduate Research in Marine and Aquatic Sciences
- EP02 - Building Data Literacy Skills in the Next Generation of Aquatic Scientists
- EP06 - Communicating Science to the Public
- EP07 - Adventures, Challenges, and Benefits of Conducting International Collaborative Research
- SE03 - Open Session with Editors of ASLO's Journals
- AV01 - Amplifying Voices in Climate Change Impacts on Aquatic Systems

Scavenger Hunt



Attend a session outside your field.
Note one interesting thing you
learned.



CONNECT VIA



SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow & Tag Us Throughout The Week!
Use Hashtag #ASLO25



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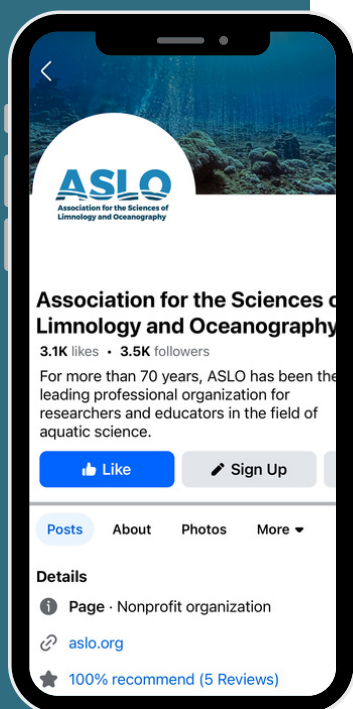
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Scavenger Hunt

Take a creative photo with the ASLO
logo. Get creative with your pose!



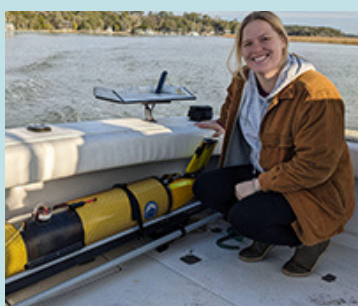


MEET THE

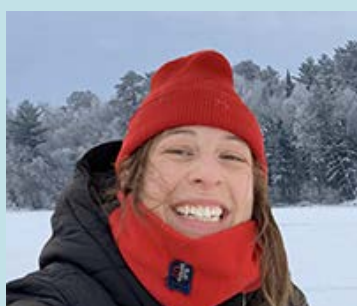
BOARD

Student Board Members

[Find more
Board
Members
Here!](#)



■ Abigail Kreuser



■ Alia Benedict

Scavenger Hunt

Find a board member who has attended the ASLO meeting – Ask them about their favorite ASLO meeting!



Meet ASLO Board Members During Coffee Breaks!

Grab your coffee and come chat with ASLO board members at the ASLO booth in the exhibitor hall! It's the perfect chance to connect, ask questions, and network.

See you there!



WORD

SEARCH

Z B R U A Q U A T I C B N J C
E L I M N O L O G Y U L R P U
J P J F C Y Z H I L E R I L R
O F I V R B S Z F E S R V A R
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A C G B V H V C R I H M J U F
L T K S Y F A E R B C Y I G Z



Scavenger Hunt

Find someone who has attended ASLO for more than 10 years – Ask them for their best conference tip!

Bonus Points!

Attend Hot Takes on Sci Comm Panel. What was the panelists favorite sauce?

**Sunday
1 PM
W208**

Oceanography
Limnology
Aquatic
Estuary
River
Lake

Abyssal
Intertidal
Currents
Lotic
Lentic

Benthic
Water
Freshwater
Fisheries
Ecology
Epipelagic