

2021 Ontario Biodiversity Summit

Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity

How do I do this? An environmental career podcast live panel discussion

Thursday June 3, 2021

7:00pm – Welcome *Thomas McAuley-Biasi, Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity*

8:00pm Panelist introductions

Moderated discussion and question & answers

Panelists

Larissa Nituch, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Jessica Steiner, Wildlife Preservation Canada

Dr. Nusha Keyghobadi, Western University

Sherwin Watson Leung, Credit Valley Conservation

Speaker biographies

Larissa Nituch is a Science Operations Supervisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, leading the delivery of the provincial rabies research and control program. She has worked for MNRF for over 12 years in a diversity of roles related to wildlife research and monitoring, operations, and policy, and holds a Masters of Science from Trent University, focusing on disease in wild American mink. Larissa is also the lead for MNRF's Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance program as well as a variety of other wildlife health projects.



Jessica Steiner is the Conservation Programs Director at Wildlife Preservation Canada and is the co-founder of their Canadian Species Initiative. She has had the opportunity to work hands-on with many Canadian and exotic Species at Risk. Jessica studied Zoology at the University of Guelph and earned a Masters of Applied Science in Wildlife Health and Population Management from the University of Sydney, Australia.



Dr. Nusha Keyghobadi is a Professor at Western University. Her research program combines elements of population genetics, population ecology, and landscape ecology, with a focus on understanding the effects of habitat fragmentation on genetic diversity. She has worked on the conservation genetics of at-risk butterflies, on mosquitoes that are vectors of wildlife disease, and in agricultural and forest entomology. She is also passionate about teaching and outreach.



Sherwin Watson Leung is an aquatic ecologist working with a team to implement restoration projects in the Credit River. With Credit Valley Conservation, Sherwin is a Program Manager of Aquatic and Wetland Restoration. Sherwin's passions lie with improving & preserving our water resources, empowering others and- as a Chinese Canadian and a person of colour- improving diversity and equity in the environmental field. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and kids travelling, exploring the outdoors, listening to indie music, and attending concerts.



Program at a glance

MONDAY JUNE 3		
7:00pm – 8:00pm	How do I do this? An environmental career podcast live panel discussion	Register now!
THURSDAY JUNE 17		
9:00am – 4:00pm	Restoring aquatic biodiversity	Register now!
THURSDAY JUNE 24		
10:00am – 5:00pm	Restoring biodiversity and ecological connections	Register now!
FRIDAY JUNE 25		
10:00am – 5:00pm	Enhancing protection and resilience: Indigenous ways of knowing	Register now!
JULY		
<i>video series</i>	Community science: A tool for biodiversity education and engagement	Register now!
THURSDAY JULY 15		
9:00am – 4:00pm	Restoring aquatic biodiversity	Register now!
AUGUST		
<i>video series</i>	Prioritizing biodiversity education in a changing world	Register now!
THURSDAY AUGUST 12		
10:00 – 2:00pm	Reducing threats to Ontario's biodiversity	Register now!
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16		
9:00am – 12:00pm	Mainstreaming biodiversity within agriculture	Register now!
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Mainstreaming biodiversity within forestry	Register now!
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23		
9:00am – 12:00pm	Mainstreaming biodiversity within business	Register now!
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30		
10:00am–12:00pm	Funding biodiversity and nature-based climate actions	Register now!
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Investing in natural infrastructure for biodiversity and climate resilient communities	Register now!

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