

Trellis Fund Summit Agenda

Sunday March 24 - Welcome reception at 6:30pm

at Busboys & Poets' K St location

- 450 K St NW, Washington, DC 20001
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Monday March 25, 2019

Trellis Fund Summit Objectives for Monday

1. To share learning and experiences from previous Trellis program involvement
2. To identify strategic next steps and goals for the next 5 years of the Trellis program to better serve both local organizations and graduate students
3. To have a workshop that energizes and inspires participants to continue their work in their communities

Breakfast on your own before 8 AM

Location of today's summit activities: the Mount Vernon A room

8 AM - Registration for Trellis participants



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<https://horticulture.ucdavis.edu/trellis>

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8:30-8:40 AM - Introductory remarks from Dr. Elizabeth Mitcham, Director of the Horticulture Innovation Lab

8:40-8:55 AM - Icebreaker game

8:55-9:10 AM - Participant introductions

9:10-9:20 AM - Explanation of Summit objectives

9:20-9:30 AM - Norm setting and workshop etiquette

9:30-9:45 AM - Review the Overview and Evolution of Trellis

9:45-10:30 AM - Visioning, Strengths and Weaknesses

10:30-11 AM - Networking Break

11 AM-11:45 AM - Visioning, Strengths and Weaknesses (continued)

11:45-12 noon - Voting on/prioritizing action items with stickers

12-12:30 PM - Plenary summary/debrief of the morning activities

12:30-1:30 PM - Lunch in Mount Vernon Foyer room

1:30-1:45 PM - Post-lunch energizer

1:45-2 PM - Clicker voting on action plans and priorities around vision, strengths and weaknesses

2-3 PM - Lightning Round plenary presentations: lessons learned and/or case studies

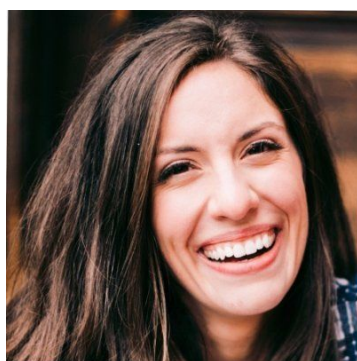
3-3:15 PM - Break

3:15-4:45 PM - Breakout discussions on key issues

4:45-5:30 PM - Closing session

7 PM - Dinner at Ghibellina (1610 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009) with Trellis Fund participants, Management Entity and the International Advisory Board of the Horticulture Innovation Lab

Monday's activities will be facilitated by Sarah Sahlaney



Sarah Sahlaney is a Director of Social and Behavior Change and Gender at ACDI/VOCA. Her work involves identifying ways to more effectively encourage smallholder farmers and cooperatives around the world to adopt new beneficial behaviors, particularly related to agronomic practices and women's empowerment. She works with individual farm households and farm organizations in West Africa, Southern Africa, East Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. Ms. Sahlaney has a background in conducting qualitative and quantitative assessments, as well as designing trainings and facilitating. She holds two M.S. degrees from UC Davis and a B.S. from Georgetown University. While she was at UC Davis, she was a Trellis Fund student fellow in 2012-2013. Sarah worked with an organization called Rural Agency for Sustainable Development (RASD) in Uganda on a Trellis Fund project titled “Developing tools for intra-household resource allocation in vegetable growing households.”

Tuesday March 26, 2019

[Breakfast on your own before 8:30 AM](#)

“Colorful Harvest: From Feeding to Nourishing a Growing World” Horticulture Research for Development

Conference: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

In the Mount Vernon room of the Madison hotel

See full **Colorful Harvest program agenda for details (can also be found here: <https://horticulture.ucdavis.edu/event/hort4dev>)**

5:30 - 7:00 PM - Networking Reception in the Constitution room

7:00 - 8:30 PM - Trellis Fund Evening Breakout Session in the Hamilton room “Building Scientific and Organizational Capacity by Engaging Local Partners and Young Scientists”

- 5-minute presentations from a panel of in-country organizations and U.S. students who have participated in Trellis Fund projects
- Interactive discussion about lessons learned from these collaborations and ways to better build upon similar experiences in the future

Dinner on your own after the breakout session

Wednesday March 27, 2019

[Breakfast on your own before 8:30 AM](#)

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3-3:30 PM - Trellis Fund Poster Gallery in the Constitution room (where Trellis participants will actively stand by their poster and field questions as conference attendees walk around)

6:30-9 PM - Network dinner reception in the Hamilton room at the Madison Hotel

Thursday March 28, 2019

[Breakfast on your own before 8 AM](#)

8 AM - 12 noon - Fundraising and grant writing workshop in the Constitution room, led by **Megan Mayzelle**

On Thursday, the Trellis Fund Summit participants will gather for a facilitated workshop on fundraising and grant writing. The goal of this workshop is to build the general fundraising capacity of conference participants in the areas of identifying development program funds, effective grant writing, and cultivating networks for new programs and initiatives. The workshop will help attendees understand their organizational strengths and assets as opportunities to develop financial sustainability in their work.



Megan Mayzelle is a first-generation college graduate from West Virginia. After getting a taste of international development in South Africa and Argentina during college, she was thrilled at the opportunity to serve as a beekeeping/ agriculture extensionst Peace Corps Volunteer in Paraguay. Following her Peace Corps service, Megan ventured to California to earn two M.S. in International Agricultural Development and Soils & Biogeochemistry from the University of California, Davis. She went on to work as a knowledge manager, coordinator, and training facilitator for UC Davis' International Programs Office. In 2015 Megan accepted a Grant Director position for a multi-million dollar agricultural and community education project in California's Central Valley. Since 2017 Megan has worked as a full-time freelance writer, trainer, and coach. Megan is an avid linguist and latin dancer, and the founder of Peace Corps Transitions by Songgaar, a transitions coaching organization that benefits returning Peace Corps Volunteers.

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Field trip to Arcadia Farm
(9000 Richmond Highway Alexandria, VA 22309)



Thursday afternoon, Trellis Fund Summit participants will take a field trip to nearby Arcadia Farm (<http://arcadiafood.org/>), a sustainable model of agriculture and learn about its promotion of environmentally-conscious growing methods and community engagement.

7 PM - Farewell dinner at Matchbox
(1901 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009)

Join us for a final, optional dinner to end the week's events at Matchbox. Note this restaurant has several locations, so please ensure the address you use for navigation is correct. If you elect to have dinner elsewhere, you will be responsible for covering the cost of your own meal.
