



## Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS) 2021 Annual Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 4 November 2021  
9am–12pm AK/10am–1pm PT/11am–2pm MT/12pm–3pm CT/  
1pm–4pm ET/8pm–11pm EEST

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“Creating Connections for Arctic Research & Education”

### Meeting Goals:

- **CONNECT:** Bring members of the Arctic research and education community together to meet, talk, and connect.
- **SHARE:** Explore what individuals and organizations are doing to address key challenges and opportunities.
- **ADVANCE:** Identify actionable ways we can work together and support each other.

A report will be produced after the meeting that summarizes discussions and identifies specific actions that address Arctic research community needs & advance ARCUS strategic goals.

9:00–9:05am AK     **Zoom Guidance** (*Kuba Grzeda, ARCUS Staff*)

- Tech/Zoom intro

9:05–9:15am AK     **Welcome & Introductions** (*David Cairns, ARCUS Board President & Helen Wiggins, ARCUS Executive Director*)

- Welcome to the ARCUS Annual Meeting & Meeting Goals
- Introduction to ARCUS Board, Staff, and Members
- ARCUS Vision, Mission, and Goals
- Highlights of ARCUS Activities
- Agenda Overview

9:15–9:25am AK     **Small Group Ice-Breakers** (*Brit Myers, ARCUS Staff*)

- Two rounds of small group introductions & ice-breakers
  - Introduce yourselves - name, organization, and try to find one thing (not related to work) that everyone in the group has in common!

9:25–9:45am AK     **Break-out Theme Introductions** (*Brit Myers*)

- Goals and themes for break-out group discussions
- Theme introductions:
  - Theme 1) Collaborative/Transdisciplinary Research (e.g., opportunities and ideas for working across disciplines and knowledge systems) (*Pips Veazey, ARCUS Board*)
  - Theme 2) Community & Citizen Science in the Far North (i.e., sharing aspects of conducting community and citizen science research in the Arctic) (*Audrey Taylor, ARCUS Board*)

- Theme 3) Navigating Post-COVID Arctic Research & Education (e.g., how to develop local research capacity or discussion of other long-term opportunities and impacts) (*Kaare Sikuaq Erickson, ARCUS Board*)
  - Theme 4) Coordination & Networking Needs & Solutions (i.e., how to improve coordination and networking between groups/efforts working on similar topics) (*Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, ARCUS Board*)
- Meeting participants chose a collaboration theme and move into a Zoom break-out room to discuss the questions outlined below (*Kuba Grzeda*)

9:45–10:45am AK **Break-out Group Discussions**

- Participants move into a virtual break-out room to discuss their selected theme
- Each break-out group will have a facilitator; group assigns a note-taker and rapporteur
- Suggested questions for each of the break-out groups to address are listed at the end of this meeting agenda
- **Goals of the break-outs:** To hear and learn from each other, and to explore solutions and ways we can work together
- **Outcomes of the break-outs:**
  - Key discussion points from each break-out will be captured in shared Google docs that will be available for all participants (and participants may add to this after the meeting)
  - Brief discussion highlights will be shared during following plenary session

10:45–11:05am AK **Break** (and “Virtual Coffee Break” zoom room hosted by ARCUS Membership Committee members *Katherine Schexneider & Jim Hemsath*)

- Group Zoom photo as we return from break

11:05–11:40am AK **Break-out Group Reports & Plenary Discussion** (*Sasha Leidman, ARCUS Membership Committee*)

- Rapporteurs from each group will each have ~3 minutes to share 1-2 highlights, next-steps, and/or take-home points
- Plenary discussion

11:40–11:45am AK **Next Steps & Opportunities to Stay Involved** (*Helen Wiggins*)

- Plan for using and sharing what was discussed today
- Opportunities to stay involved
- Save the Dates - upcoming networking opportunities
- Prize winners announced!

11:45am AK **End of Main Meeting Session – Thank you!**

11:45am–  
12:00pm AK **Informal Networking**

## Break-out Themes & Suggested Discussion Questions

### Common to all break-outs:

- Introduce yourselves - name, organization, and one thing that has nothing to do with Arctic research
- Assign note-taker & rapporteur

### Theme 1) Collaborative/Transdisciplinary Research (e.g., opportunities and ideas for working across disciplines and knowledge systems)

- The biggest challenge in this area is: \_\_\_\_\_
- What kinds of Arctic research collaboration ideas, needs, or opportunities are you &/or your organization currently developing or involved with?
- Are you &/or the collaborations you represent looking for additional partners? If so, what kinds of collaborators are needed?
- How are your &/or your organization's collaborations addressing issues of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (including co-production of knowledge with Indigenous knowledge-holders)?
- What might this group or the broader ARCUS community do together to help establish new, stronger, or more inclusive collaborations?
- What kinds of activities, resources (beyond financial), partners, and/or next steps would be needed to implement these ideas? (e.g., working groups, workshops, meetings, training, email lists, other things)
- Are there any next steps that members of this group would like to pursue—either individually or with others?

### Theme 2) Community & Citizen Science in the Far North

- The biggest challenge in this area is: \_\_\_\_\_
- What might this group or the broader ARCUS community do together to strengthen community & citizen science in the north?
- What kinds of activities, resources (beyond financial), and/or next steps would be needed to help implement these ideas? (e.g., working groups, workshops, meetings, email lists, other things)
- What actions could be taken to improve Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging for this theme (including co-production of knowledge with Indigenous knowledge-holders)?
- Are there any next steps that members of this group would like to pursue—either individually or with others?

**Theme 3) Navigating Post-COVID Arctic Research & Education** (e.g., how to develop local research capacity or discussion of other long-term opportunities and impacts, increase of virtual meetings)

- The biggest challenge in this area is: \_\_\_\_\_
- What opportunities are presented in a “post-COVID new normal” world?
- What might this group or the broader ARCUS community do together to respond to these challenges and opportunities?
- What kinds of activities, resources (beyond financial), and/or next steps would be needed to help implement these ideas? (e.g., working groups, workshops, meetings, email lists, other things)
- What actions could be taken to improve Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging for this theme (including co-production of knowledge with Indigenous knowledge-holders)?
- Are there any next steps that members of this group would like to pursue—either individually or with others?

**Theme 4) Coordination & Networking Needs & Solutions** (i.e., how to improve communication, coordination, and networking between people and groups who are working on similar topics to share knowledge and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort?)

- The biggest challenge in this area is: \_\_\_\_\_
- What topics or areas might benefit from greater communication, networking or coordination across efforts?
- What might this group or the broader ARCUS community do together to address the needs and implement solutions?
- What kinds of activities, resources (beyond financial), and/or next steps would be needed to help implement these ideas? (e.g., working groups, workshops, meetings, email lists, other things)
- What actions could be taken to improve Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging for this theme (including co-production of knowledge with Indigenous knowledge-holders)?
- Are there any next steps that members of this group would like to pursue—either individually or with others?