

2019 NSF EPSCoR National Conference

Columbia, South Carolina

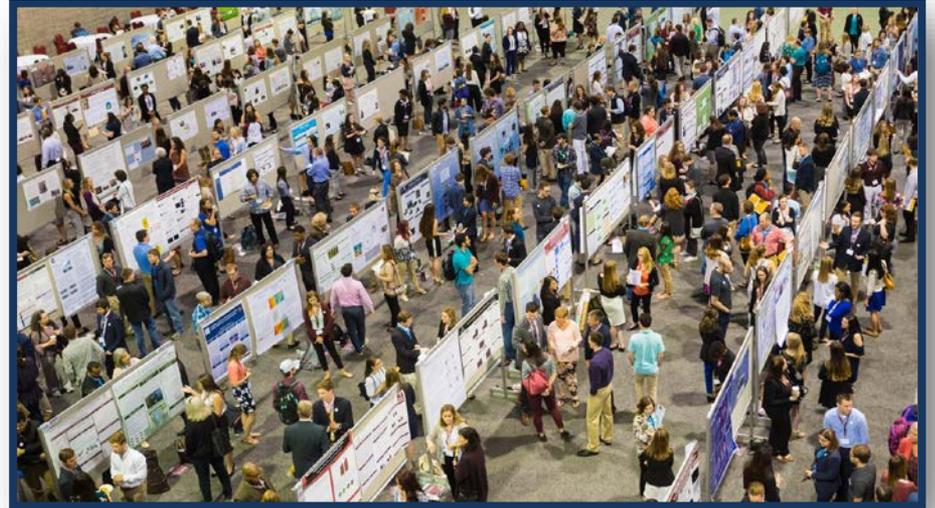
October 27-30, 2019
Sunday-Wednesday,

Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti

Vice President for Research
University of South Carolina



Columbia Convention Center



Conference Location Features:

- Columbia is South Carolina's capital city
- Population of 135,000 and Metropolitan area: 837,000.
- The Columbia Convention Center is located in the heart of downtown, walking distance from ample amenities including excellent hotels:
 - Hilton
 - Aloft Hotel
 - Hampton Inn Downtown Historic District
 - Hyatt Place Hotel and more

Welcome Reception on Sunday

Columbia Museum of Art



Networking, Drinks & Dinner

Theme: Science and Partnerships Across Disciplinary Boundaries

- Promoting transdisciplinary research and education through NSF EPSCoR investments
- Broadening participation in STEM through partnerships
- Promoting public-private partnerships
- Big data in a transdisciplinary perspective
- Evaluating transdisciplinary research



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THE 26th EPSCoR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by the University of South Carolina Office of Research and the South Carolina EPSCoR Office, the 26th NSF EPSCoR National Conference welcomes faculty, researchers, students and staff from EPSCoR jurisdictions around the country. Join us Sunday, October 27 through Wednesday October 30 for enriching speakers, engaging breakout sessions and bustling student poster presentations in the heart of the Palmetto State's capital city.

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center / Columbia, SC October 27-30, 2019

[LOCATION](#)

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New this year – Lightning Talks

- Series of 3 minute talks highlighting all RII Track-1 awards
 - **RII Track-1 – all invited**
 - RII Track-2 – limited number selected
- For students: Publishing in high impact journals-- workshop by *Science* Editor



Two Poster Sessions

- Poster sessions will be held on Day 1 and Day 2 of conference
- We invite the following :
 - Undergraduate and graduate students
 - Postdocs
 - Faculty
 - RII Track-2 recipients
 - RII Track-4 recipients
- **3 registration waivers per jurisdiction for student poster presenters**



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26th NSF EPSCoR National Conference October 27-30, 2019
Science and Partnerships Across Disciplinary Boundaries
 Columbia, SC

Sunday, October 27 Welcome Reception and Dinner

5:30 – 8:30 pm	Welcome Reception and Dinner Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main Street (shuttle buses from hotels to CMA)
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Monday, October 28 Conference Day 1

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at CMCC, Registration, Poster Set up			
8:00 – 8:10 am	Welcome Address Dr. Loretta Moore, NSF EPSCoR Section Head / Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti, SC EPSCoR State Director / President (TBD), University of South Carolina			
8:10 – 9:00 am	26th EPSCoR Conference Plenary Address Speaker TBD			
9:00 – 9:45 am	26th EPSCoR Conference Keynote Address Addressing Grand Challenges through Transdisciplinary Research Speaker TBD			
9:45 – 10:00 am	Networking Break			
10:00 – 10:50 am	Lightning Talks (12) RII Track-1 and RII Track-2 recipients give 3 minute/one slide talk summarizing RII Track-1 or RII Track-2 topic			
10:50 – noon	Panel Discussion: Roadblocks and Bridges to Transdisciplinary Research	Breakout Session: Best practices for collaborations: institutions within EPSCoR states and cross-jurisdictional partnerships	Breakout Session: Creating strong partnerships between HBCUs/PUIs/ technical colleges and research universities	Student Session: Publishing in high impact journals Editor from <i>Science</i>

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noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch at CMCC Student lunch with speaker		
1:00 – 1:50 pm	Lightning Talks (12) RII Track-1 and RII Track-2 recipients give 3 minute/one slide talk summarizing RII Track-1 or RII Track-2 topic		
1:50 – 3:15 pm	Poster Session RII Track-1 and RII Track-2 recipients and students		
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Networking Break		
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Broadening Participation and Inclusion Speaker: Broadening participation in STEM Through Partnerships Speaker TBD		
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Panel Discussion: Broadening participation of women and underrepresented minorities in STEM Panel of Minority Serving Institution Presidents and faculty	Workshop: Best Practices for Improving Under-represented Minority Student Persistence in STEM	Breakout Session: Importance of Mentoring to Increase Diversity in STEM
5:00 pm	Take down posters; dinner on your own		

6:00 pm	All students are encouraged to convene at Hickory Tavern for informal meet and greet (907 Senate Street); dinner on your own
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Tuesday, October 29 Conference Day 2

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at CMCC, Poster Set up
8:30 – 9:00 am	Public-private partnerships speaker Public-private partnerships leading to economic competitiveness Speaker TBD
9:00 – 9:30 am	Big data and transdisciplinary research speaker

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Tuesday, October 29 Conference Day 2				
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at CMCC, Poster Set up			
8:30 – 9:00 am	Public-private partnerships speaker Public-private partnerships leading to economic competitiveness Speaker TBD			
9:00 – 9:30 am	Big data and transdisciplinary research speaker Crossing boundaries with big data analytics Speaker TBD			
9:30 – 10:15 am	Break			
10:15 – 11:45 am	Panel Discussion: Public -private partnerships in driving innovation	Breakout Session: Best practices for intellectual property development, commercialization, and faculty/student startups	Breakout Session: Transdisciplinary approaches of convergence in Big Data Analytics	Student Session: Careers within and outside of academia (panel discussion with diverse careers represented, including select fellowship recipients)
11:45 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at CMCC Student lunch with speaker			
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Poster Session RII Track-1 and RII Track-2 recipients and students			
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Research Communication Speaker Communicating EPSCoR research to a wider audience Speaker TBD			
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Panel Discussion: Challenges of Big Data storage, transfer and management	Breakout Session: Communicating science online and through social media platforms	Breakout Session: Multidisciplinary approach to evaluating transdisciplinary research practice and quality	
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Break			
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Conference evaluation discussion led by external evaluator			
5:00 pm	Adjourn; Take down posters; Dinner on your own			

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Wednesday, October 30 PD/PA/EOD Meeting

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at CMCC
8:30 – 9:45 am	NSF Updates, NSF EPSCoR Updates
9:45 – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 – 11:30 am	Project Director Meeting Project Administrators Best Practices Session Education, Outreach, and Diversity Officer Best Practices Sessions
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Report out from breakout sessions
12:00 pm	Lunch at CMCC for PD/PA/EOD attendees
PD/PA/EOD session adjourned	

Program Committee

- **Nadim Aziz**, SC EPSCoR State Office Director
- **Laurie Bragg**, Maine EOD Director
- **Ray Callaway**, Project Director, MT EPSCoR
- **Lauren Clark**, USC Office of Research
- **Nelson Cardona Martinez**, University of Puerto Rico - Mayagüez
- **Katherine Echols**, MS EPSCoR Project Administrator
- **Kevin Gardner**, Associate Director NH EPSCoR
- **Prakash Nagarkatti**, SC EPSCoR State Director
- **Angela Peters**, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Claflin University
- **Chelle Terwilliger**, Project Administrator, MT EPSCoR
- **John Wheeler**, Associate Provost for Integrative Science, Furman University

Travel Support- Designated Participants

- **Up to \$2000 in travel support for 5 Designated Participants per jurisdiction:**
 - URM faculty members
 - Graduate students
 - RII Track-4 recipients
 - Government officials
 - State Committee members
- Airfare, lodging and ground transportation



New Travel Support Procedures

- **Each jurisdiction will select 5 Designated Participants, submit list of names by July 15**
- **Each Designated Participant must submit a Travel Authorization form and receive confirmation before any travel purchases can be made**
- **Further details will be sent to PDs and PAs week of May 20**

Registration Opens June 1

Early Registration - \$300

June 1 to July 15

Registration - \$350

July 15 to September 20



Registration for the PD/PA/EOD meeting is \$75.

Call for abstracts

- We will issue a call for abstracts on July 1.



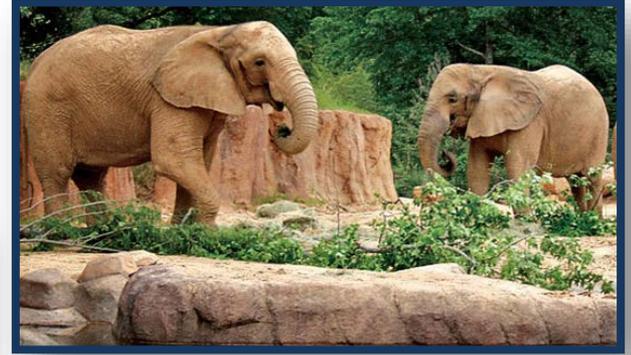
Important Dates

- **June 1:** Registration opens (early registration through July 15)
- **July 1:** Call for abstracts
- **October 27:** Welcome reception
- **October 28-29:** 26th EPSCoR National Conference
- **October 30:** PA/PD/EOD Meeting

Columbia, SC Attractions



South Carolina State Museum



Riverbanks Zoo and Garden



Historic USC Horseshoe



South Carolina Statehouse



Lake Murray

Gorillas' Hilarious Attempt to Avoid Rain

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See gorillas' hilarious attempts to avoid rain

Gorillas at the Riverbanks Zoo in South Carolina were not fans of getting caught in the rain, and their hilarious attempts to find cover were captured on video. [Source: CNN](#)

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Riverbank Zoo, Columbia, SC

South Carolina and Nearby Attractions

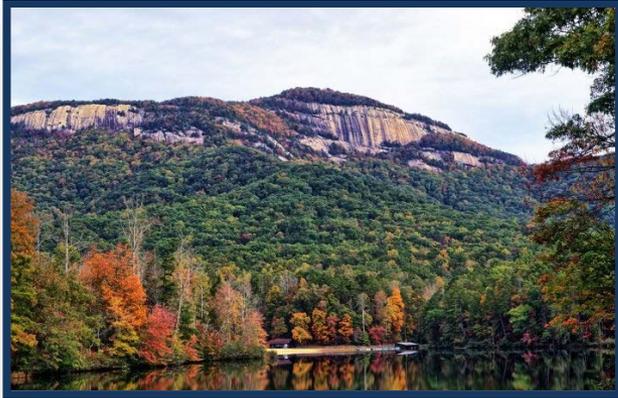


Table Rock State Park, SC



Myrtle Beach, SC



Charlotte, NC



Charleston, SC



Greenville, SC

South Carolina Industry



Boeing in North Charleston, SC



BMW in Spartanburg, SC

Nice Restaurants and Good Food!!



Fried Green Tomatoes



Shrimp & Grits

Let's Converge in South Carolina!!

