

# 2021 Mentoring and Advising Summit: Inclusive Excellence in Mentoring and Advising

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## GRAD TRACK: Graduate Studies

### AGENDA

#### 9 a.m. | Opening Keynote

Fireside chat with **Ann E. Cudd**, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor,  
and **Darris Means**, Associate Professor, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh

#### 10:10 a.m. | Advising and Mentoring Black, Indigenous and Students of Color in Graduate Programs

**Louis Maraj**, Assistant Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh; Co-founder of DBLAC (Moderator)  
**Jay Darr**, Director of the University Counseling Center, University of Pittsburgh  
**Naudia Jonassaint**, Vice Chair for Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh  
**Josué Lopez**, Assistant Professor, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh  
**Nabila Jamal Orozco**, PhD student, Department of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh

#### 11:20 a.m. | Graduate Track Plenary Panel

##### Advising and Mentoring PhD Students for Careers Beyond Academia: Alumni Experiences

**Amanda Godley**, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies & Professor, University of Pittsburgh (Moderator)  
**Robert Allen**, Senior Associate in Regulatory Affairs, MCRA LLC  
**Daniel Belenky**, Director of Student Success and Retention, Pearson  
**Sam Rothstein**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Qrono Inc.  
**Kirsten St. George**, Director of the Virology Laboratory & Clinical Professor, New York State Department of Health & University at Albany

#### 12:30 p.m. | Conversation with the School Ombuds: How They Help Graduate Students and Postdocs

#### 1:30 p.m. | Idea Session (Three Presentations)

##### *The Results of a Free, Student-Run, Volunteer-Based Medical School Application Advising Service*

**Robert Dembinski**, First year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

##### *Wellness Medical Student Elective Utilizing Dialectical Behavior Therapy to Decrease Burnout & Foster Thriving Careers in Medicine*

**Brigid O'Donnell**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh  
**Carla Chugani**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh

##### *Mentoring Quantitative Students on a Social Justice Path*

**Sera Linardi**, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh

#### 2:40 p.m. | What is the Difference Between Graduate Advising and Mentoring?: Insights from a School-Wide Initiative

**Kevin Crowley**, Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty and Research, School of Education,  
University of Pittsburgh  
**Shederick McClendon**, Assistant Dean of Student Engagement, School of Education,  
University of Pittsburgh

#### 3:50 p.m. | Pitt Personal Wellness Program for Graduate Students

**Laura Dietz**, Associate Professor & Graduate Advisor, School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences,  
University of Pittsburgh  
**Peyton Kondis**, Graduate Student, Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling,  
University of Pittsburgh  
**Jamie Kulzer**, Assistant Professor, Graduate Program in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health  
Counseling, University of Pittsburgh

*Note: All events are in Eastern Standard Time.*

