



Preliminary Schedule

NAC SETAC

32nd ANNUAL MEETING

AND SHORT COURSE

JUNE 11 - 12th, 2026

Colby College - Waterville, ME



Keynote Speaker



We are excited to announce the keynote address for NAC SETAC's 32nd Annual Meeting at Colby College will be Dr. Whitney King. Dr. King will speak on "An Engineered Solution to Improve Water Quality on East and North Ponds. When is it appropriate to move from shoreline management to in-lake nutrient treatments?"

Whitney King, Ph.D.

Dr. Frank and Theodora Miselis Professor of Chemistry at Colby College



Dr. Whitney King is the Miselis Professor of Chemistry at Colby College where he teaches courses in analytical and aquatic chemistry. Trained as a chemical oceanographer, King and his research group design and build analytical instrumentation for the analysis of trace metals and reactive oxygen species in aquatic systems. Commercialization of these tools has enabled detailed mechanistic studies of metal and ROS redox cycles driven by photochemistry and chemical gradients typical of sediment/water interfaces. An extension of this work has been geochemical studies of lake-scale alum additions as an engineered solution to immobilize phosphate and prevent harmful algal blooms.

Short Course

June 11th, 2026



PFAS Sampling and Analysis

Regulatory Methods, Passive Sampling, and QA/QC-Focused Data Interpretation

This course will provide attendees with a practical and technically grounded overview of modern approaches for sampling and analyzing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in aquatic environments.

The first module will introduce participants to current regulatory and standardized analytical methods—such as EPA Method 1633 and related procedures—highlighting their scopes, limitations, and evolving implementation across jurisdictions.

The second module will include a hands-on demonstration of passive PFAS samplers, offering participants the opportunity to understand deployment techniques, sample handling considerations, and performance characteristics of different sampler designs.

The final module will then focus on interpreting PFAS data with a strong emphasis on QA/QC principles. Participants will learn how to evaluate data quality, identify potential interferences or artifacts, and apply best practices for drawing defensible conclusions from PFAS monitoring results.

Taught by Dr. Jitka Becanova

Assistant Research Professor of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island

Meeting Schedule



Thursday

June 11th, 2026

8:30 - 11:30 **PFAS Sampling and Analysis Short Course**

12:00 - 12:40 **Lunch - Open to All Attendees**

12:45 - 13:00 **NAC and SETAC NA Welcome Addresses**
Allie Gobeil, NAC SETAC President

13:00 - 14:00 **Session 1**

14:00 - 14:15 **Coffee Break**

14:15 - 15:15 **Session 2**

15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 - 16:45 **Keynote Presentation**
Dr. Whitney King, Colby College

16:45 - 17:45 **Dinner**

18:00 - 19:30 **Poster Social & Mixer**
At the Colby College Muesem of Art

Meeting Schedule



Friday

June 12th, 2026

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:20	Session 4
10:20 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:45	Session 5
11:45 - 12:00	Student Awards & Closing Remarks
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch & Open NAC-SETAC Board Meeting

Session topics will be finalized based on the abstracts we receive, and we welcome submissions across the full breadth of environmental science and toxicology! Potential themes may include PFAS chemistry and toxicology, environmental fate and transport, wildlife and ecosystem health, site characterization and risk assessment, innovative monitoring methods, and emerging contaminant management.

Abstract submission is open!

Submit your abstract here:

<https://forms.gle/iYRxhGRuojyuY5hQ7>

Other Activities



Art in Science Competition

Are you a scientist with a creative side? As a part of this year's annual meeting, NAC SETAC is hosting an art in science competition!

Whether it's poetry, photography, beading, painting, song, video, or memes, we encourage you to submit.

Submissions will be displayed during the evening social at the Colby College Museum of Art, and attendees will vote on their favorite. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three student works during the closing ceremony!

For more information and to submit your entry, visit: forms.gle/xFxYhJKruKz5qMsj8

