

# Level Up Your Academic Toolkit

A Minorities in STEM symposium to promote careers, communication & engagement

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 9:30am – 5pm

The Francis Crick Institute, 1 Midland Road, London, NW1 1AT

Join us at this free, one-day symposium with experts from all walks of STEM. Featured sessions and workshops will cover how to navigate an academic career, ways to engage wider audiences and effective communication through writing.

## Featured Speakers



**Helen Minnis**

**Professor**

University of Glasgow



**Nikou Damestani**

**PhD Student**

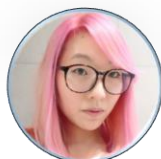
King's College London



**Chris Jackson**

**Professor**

Imperial College



**Ying Lia Li**

**Research Fellow**

University College London



**Hana Ayooob**

**STEM Creative Producer**

Freelance



**Maria Ocampo-Hafalla**

**Science Educator**

Francis Crick Institute



**Sarah Cosgriff**

**Science Communicator**

Freelance



**May Chiao**

**Chief Editor**

Nature Astronomy



**Mina Razzak**

**Chief Editor**

Nature Reviews



**Heike Meiss**

**Grants Manager**

Francis Crick Institute



**Alok Jha**

**Science Correspondent**

The Economist



**Mark Richards**

**Senior Teaching Fellow**

Imperial College



## Keynote Speaker

**Nicola Rollock**

**Reader in Equity & Education**

Lunch and refreshments provided. Travel bursaries available.  
Spaces are limited. **A networking reception will follow from 5.30 - 7pm** at the  
Institute of Physics, 37 Caledonian Road, Islington, London, N1 9BU



Register at:



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## Programme

**9.30am – 10.00am Registration & Coffee**

**10.00 - 10.15am Welcome**

Yolanda Ohene, University College London, Co-founder of MiSTEM

**10.15 – 11.45am Navigating an academic career**

*From PhD to Professor, our panel of academics will discuss their route through STEM as researchers from minority ethnic backgrounds.*

Prof. Helen Minnis, University of Glasgow

Prof. Chris Jackson, Imperial College

Nikou Damestani, Kings College London

Dr Ying Lia Li, University College London

Chair: Oz Ismail, University College London, Co-founder of MiSTEM

**11.45am – 12.00pm Coffee Break**

**12.00 – 1.30pm Engaging with wider audience**

*This session will explore how to reach diverse audiences and increase BAME representation in STEM activities through three interactive workshops.*

Hana Ayoob, Freelance STEM Creative Producer, Co-founder of MiSTEM

Dr Maria Ocampo-Hafalla, Science Educator, The Francis Crick Institute

Sarah Cosgriff, Freelance Science Communicator

**1.30 – 2.00pm Lunch**

**2.00- 3.30pm Communicating through writing**

*In this session, the use of writing to craft engaging and compelling stories for journals, grants and articles will be explored through three interactive workshops.*

Dr May Chiao & Dr Mina Razzak, Chief Editors, Nature Research

Heike Meiss, Grants Manager, The Francis Crick Institute

Alok Jha, Science Correspondent, The Economist

**3.30 – 3.45pm Coffee Break**

**3.45 – 4.45pm Keynote Talk**

*"The Rules of Engagement: Navigating and Surviving UK Higher Education"*

Dr Nicola Rollock, Academic & Consultant, Goldsmiths, University of London

**4.45 – 5.00pm Closing Remarks**

**5.30pm – 7.00pm Networking Reception – Institute of Physics**

*(Short walk to 37 Caledonian Road, Islington, London, N1 9BU)*

Intro by Dr Mark Richards, Imperial College