

## **When Accounting, Science, & Arts Researchers Meet: An Interdisciplinary Colloquium**

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April 10, 2026 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm | SMU **Atrium Building 101\*** [Click here to join online](#)

### **09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome & Opening Remarks (Coffee & Light Refreshments)**

Vasiliki Athanasakou (*Accounting, SMU*)

Michel Delorme (*Dean, Sobey School of Business, SMU*)

### **09:30 – 10:10 | Project 1: Contaminated Legacy Gold Mine Tailings in Nova Scotia**

Linda Campbell (*Environmental Science, SMU*)

Accounting Discussion: Environmental liability, remediation costs, long-term accountability

Ming Liu (*Accounting, SMU*)

### **10:20 – 11:00 | Project 2: Waste to Energy Transformation using Thermal Processing**

Valeria Montes Urrego (*Engineering, SMU*)

Accounting Discussion: Economic viability, scalability, sustainability investment

Khin Phyo Hlaing (*Accounting, SMU*)

### **11:10 – 11:50 | Project 3: Data on Vegetation Across Forest Edges from the Forest Edge Research Network**

Karen Harper (*Geography & Environmental Studies, SMU*)

Accounting Discussion: Biodiversity measurement, natural capital, sustainability reporting

Amna Chalwati (*Accounting, SMU*)

### **12:00 – 1:20 | Fireside Talk & Lunch**

#### ***From Scientific Evidence to Action: Governing Sustainability Risk and Resilience***

Alan Webb (*Accounting, University of Waterloo & SMU*)

Adel Merabet (*Engineering, SMU*)

Danika van Proosdij (*Geography & Environmental Studies, SMU*)

Donald G. LeBlanc ([RDA Atlantic](#))

Tim Bachiu ([Net Zero Atlantic](#))

Laura Lee Langley ([Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency](#))

Robert Rashotte ([Cato Networks](#))

*Moderators: Vasiliki Athanasakou, Matthew Boland (Accounting, SMU)*

### **1:30 – 2:10 | Project 4: Connecting Nuclear Reactions to Cosmic Abundances**

Athanasios Psaltis (*Astronomy & Physics, SMU*)

Accounting Discussion: Uncertainty modelling, risk analysis, decision-making under complexity

Mohamed Drira (*Accounting, SMU*)

### **2:20 – 3:00 | Cross-Project Discussion - Opportunities for Future Research**

*Doctoral Students (Moderator: Bryce Cross, Accounting, SMU)*

### **3:10 – 3:30 | Closing Reflections & Next Steps**

Adam Sarty (*AVP Research; Dean of Graduate Studies & Research, SMU*)