

# DECADE SPEAKER SERIES presents

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Dr. Lawson earned his B.S. in Microbiology from San Diego State University and his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences at UC Irvine. He conducted postdoctoral work in neurosciences and reproductive endocrinology at The Salk Institute and at UC San Diego as a Ford Fellow and UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow. He was also a Research Scientist at Ligand Pharmaceuticals. He is active in research training and outreach at all levels. Currently he is co-director of the UC San Diego Initiative to Maximize Student Development program, Faculty Director of Postdoctoral and Visiting Scholar Training and Education and is the Director of the UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. He is a life member of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science.



## SUPPORTING DIVERSITY AND SUCCESS IN GRADUATE TRAINING: NOVEL APPROACHES TO PREPARING FOR ENTRANCE INTO AND EXIT FROM GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING.

Graduate and postdoctoral education have entered a new era of visibility and importance to the overall educational and research enterprise. Traditional approaches to training are inadequate for preparing advanced degree holders for the variety of careers essential to a modern research and educational workforce. Further, the trainee population does not reflect the general population and we are bypassing the talent latent within a significant proportion. This risks their economic prosperity and the competitiveness, appropriate prioritization, and cultural relevance of the research enterprise. By engaging partners across the research and educational workforce, we have demonstrated effective approaches to address this dual challenge of increasing trainee diversity and the relevance of advanced training. Our findings challenge current practice and suggest re-alignment of training and education to meet the current need.

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