

Midland NOBCChE Presents:

The Language of LGBTQ+ Inclusion with

Robbyn Prange & Trevor Ewers

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Abstract

In the fast pace world of science, true innovation is unleashed when diverse minds are supported to create in an open and collaborative environment. Join Robbyn Prange and Trevor Ewers of the Dow Chemical Company, as they explore the language of LGBTQ+ inclusion and why inclusion is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do. Broaden your understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and how this knowledge can translate to productivity, safety and innovation in your labs and workplaces.

About the speakers



Robbyn Prange, Ph.D.: Robbyn is an associate R&D director at The Dow Chemical Company, Core Research and Development. She leads a group of colloidal and interfacial researchers that deliver solutions for a range of application spaces including coatings, industrial solutions, home and personal care. As a polymer chemist, she has contributed to many research projects across Dow Chemical, Honeywell International and Air Products & Chemicals. In addition to her scientific contributions, she has held various leadership roles in Dow's LGBTQ+ and ally employee resource group and has helped drive company-wide LGBTQ+ education.

Robbyn earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Hope College and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University. She is the current chair of the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society.



Trevor Ewers, Ph.D.: Trevor is senior R&D leader within the Consumer Solutions business at the Dow Chemical Company, leading a team of scientists that develops new silicone technologies aligned to the conductive composites market. Throughout his career he has contributed to a variety of technologies spanning heterogeneous catalysis, solid state lighting, and waterborne coatings, silicones and high throughput research. Trevor has been an active member of GLAD, Dow's LGBTQ+ and ally employee resource group, since joining Dow and currently serves as North American GLAD leader. In 2017, Trevor was awarded the Champion of Pride Award by the Great Lakes Bay Pride non-profit organization for his active advocacy and community involvement promoting regional equality.

Trevor Ewers received his B.S. in Chemistry in 2006 from Texas A&M University and his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2012 from the University of California, Berkeley.