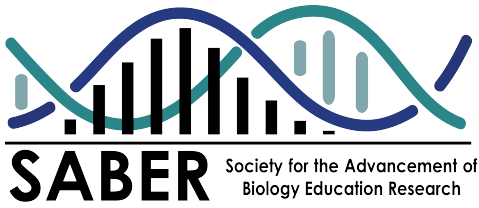


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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

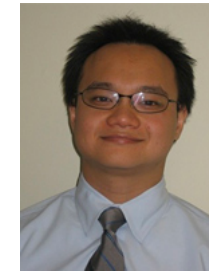
President (2019-2020) Jenny Knight



President-elect (2020-2021; Starts as President September 1): Jenni Momsen



New President-elect (2021-2022): Stanley Lo

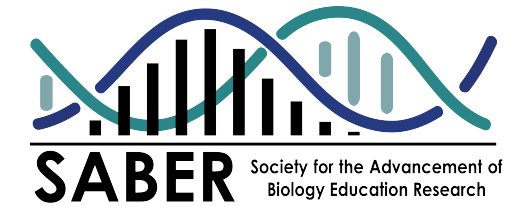


Past President: Mary Pat Wenderoth

Secretary (2019-2021): Joe Dauer



Treasurer (2019-2022): Kris Callis-Duehl



COMMITTEES

all listed on website: <https://saberbio.wildapricot.org/committees>

- **Abstract Committee** - lead: [Jamie Jensen](#)

Virtual Poster Committee SABER 2020: Kira Treibergs, Lina Arcila Hernandez, Nicole Chodkowski, Anita Schuchardt, Beverly Smith-Keiling, Min Zhong, Davida Smyth

- **Annual Meeting Committee** - lead: [Brian Sato](#), associate: [Jaime Sabel](#)

- **Bill Wood Graduate Student Talk Award Committee** - lead: [Jennifer Doherty](#)

- **Discipline-Based Education Research: Scholars-in-Training (DBER-SiT) Graduate and Post-Doc Committee**-lead: [Brie Tripp](#)

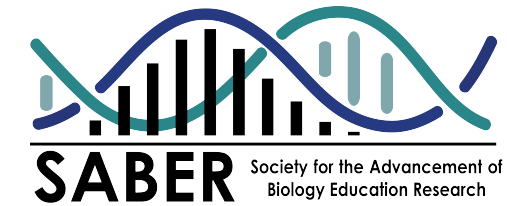
- **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** -leads: [Sara Brownell](#) and [Jeff Schinske](#)
Anti-Racism Action Group: many!

- **Invited speaker for National Meeting Committee** -lead: [Stephanie Gardner](#)

- **Mentoring Committee** -leads: [Pavan Kadandale](#) and [Laurel Hartley](#)

- **Nomination and Election Committee** - Past-President, [Mary Pat Wenderoth](#)

- **Web Committee** - leads: [Tessa Andrews](#) and [Liz Bailey](#)



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

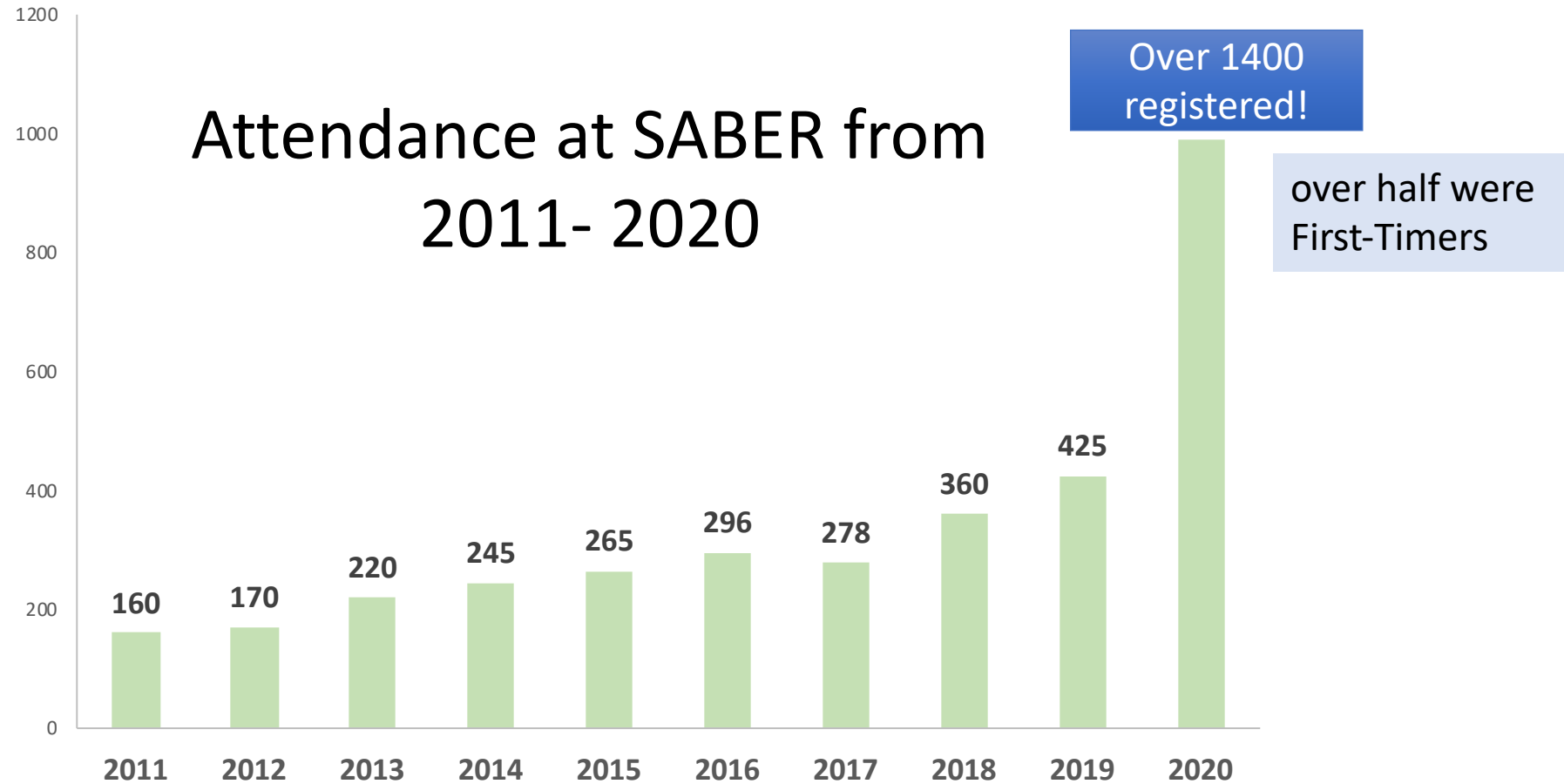
List of SIGs on web site: <https://saberbio.wildapricot.org/page-18096>

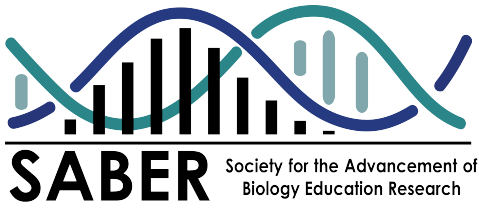
We will be updating the page with the new SIGs that were formed before and during the Virtual 2020 meeting
e.g. Persons of Color, etc.

New SIGs encouraged and welcomed

Directions for starting new SIGs at the bottom of SIG webpage

Virtual SABER 2020 Participation

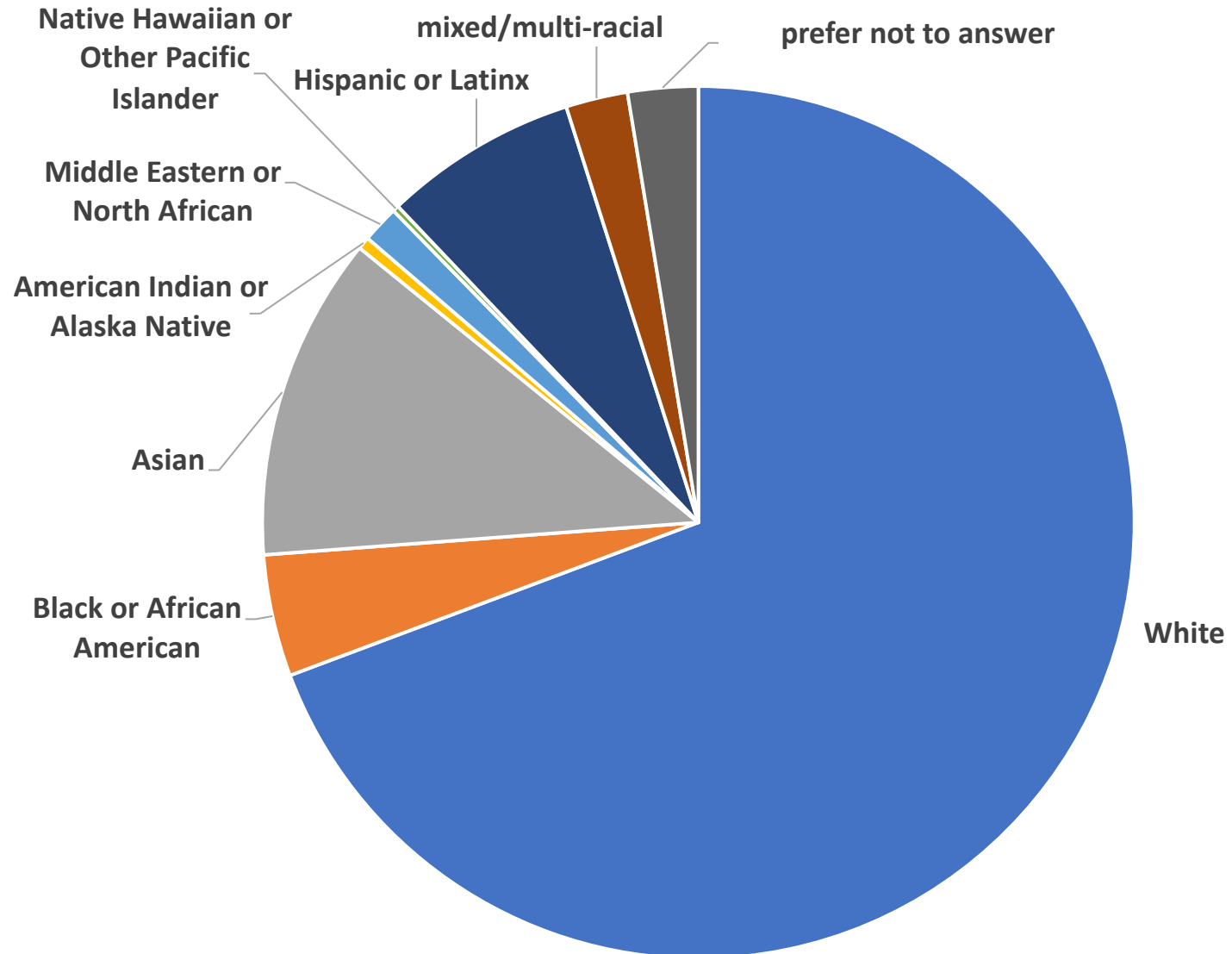




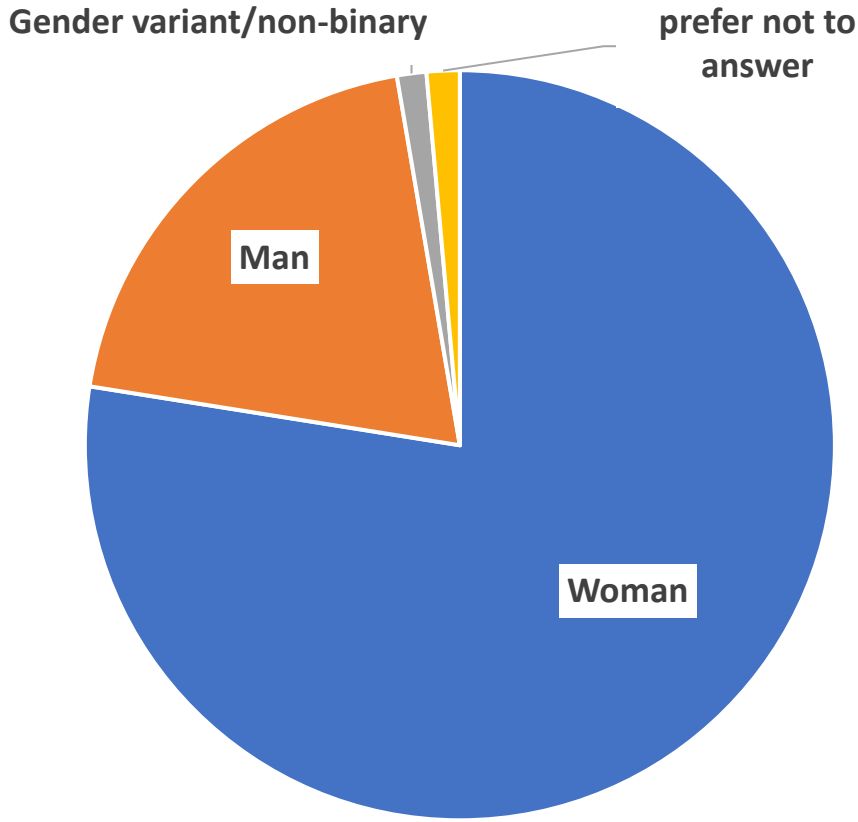
DEMOGRAPHICS OF CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS

(from survey, ~ 1300 people)

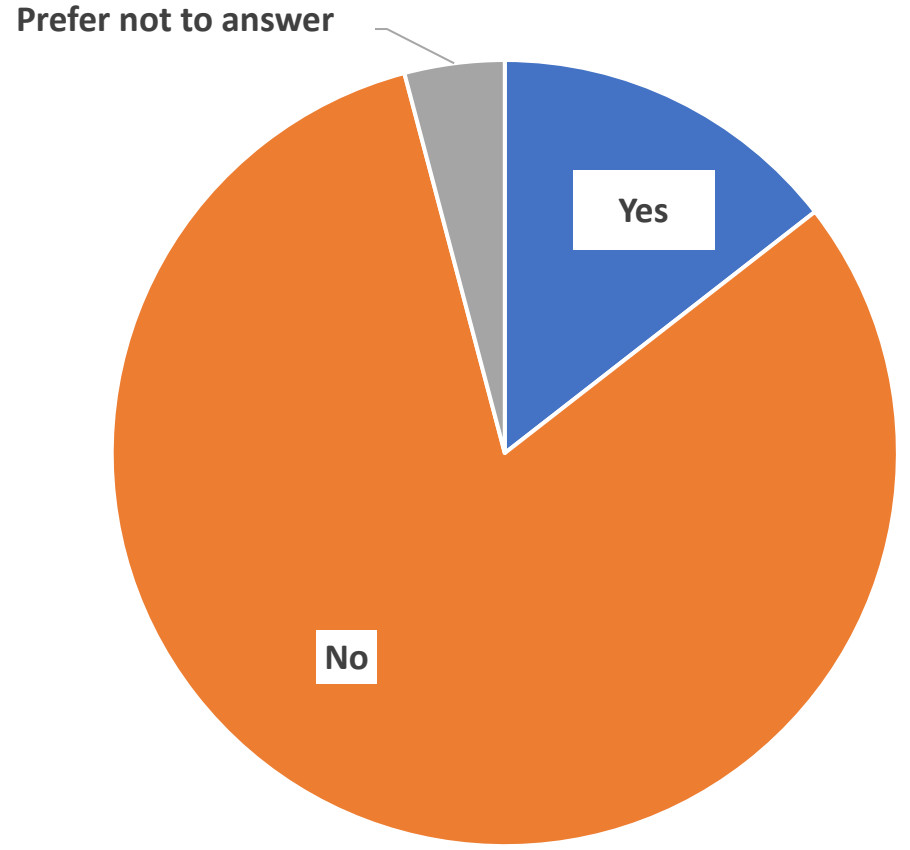
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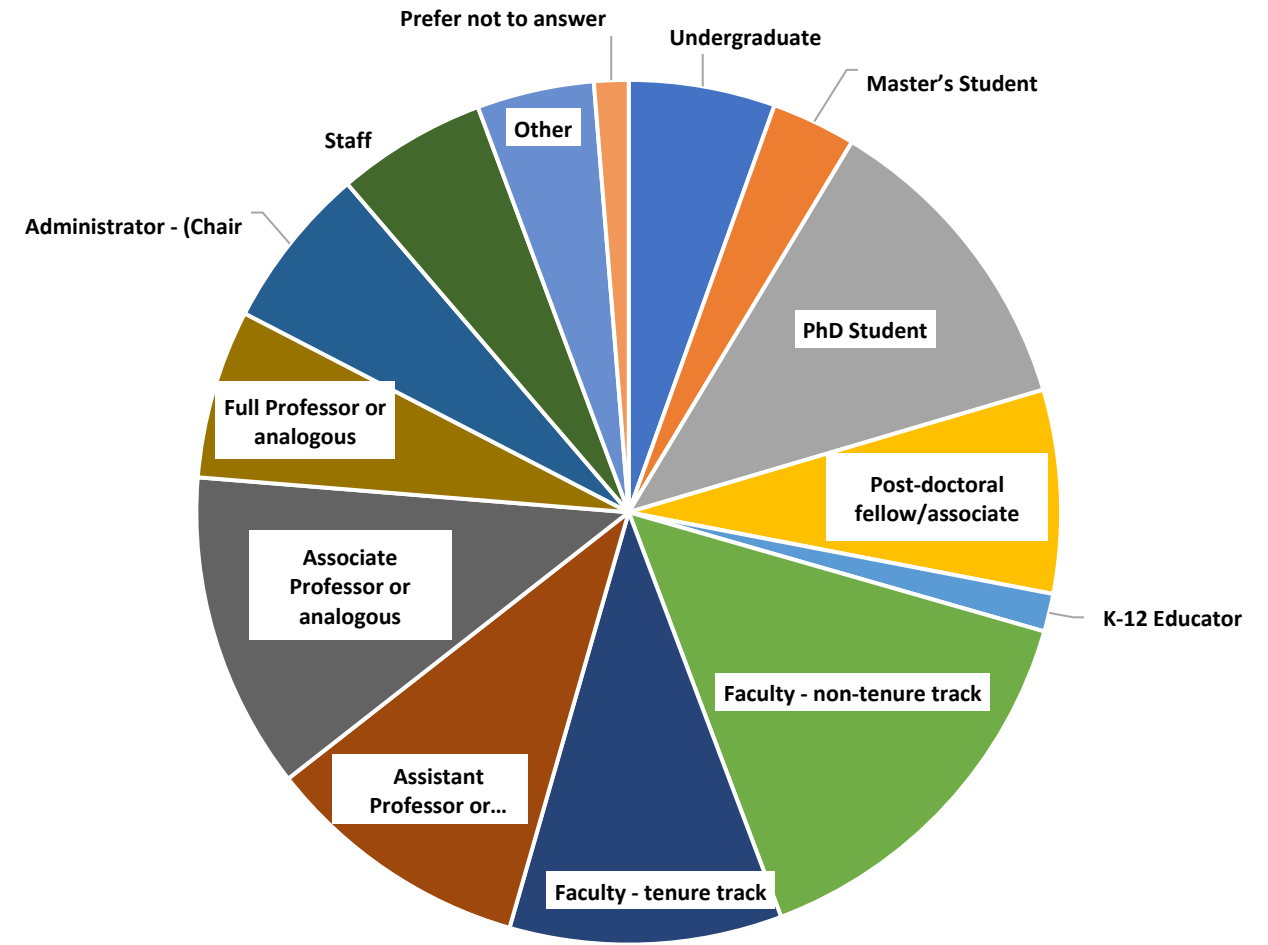
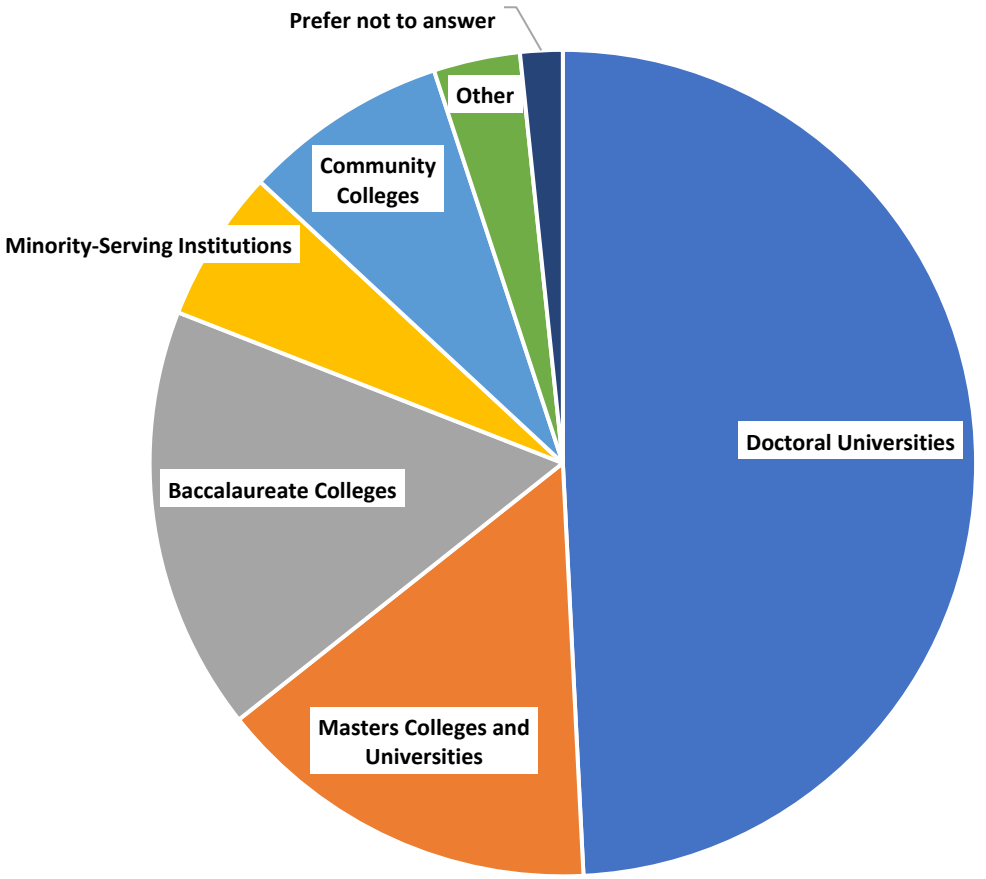
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**Do you identify as
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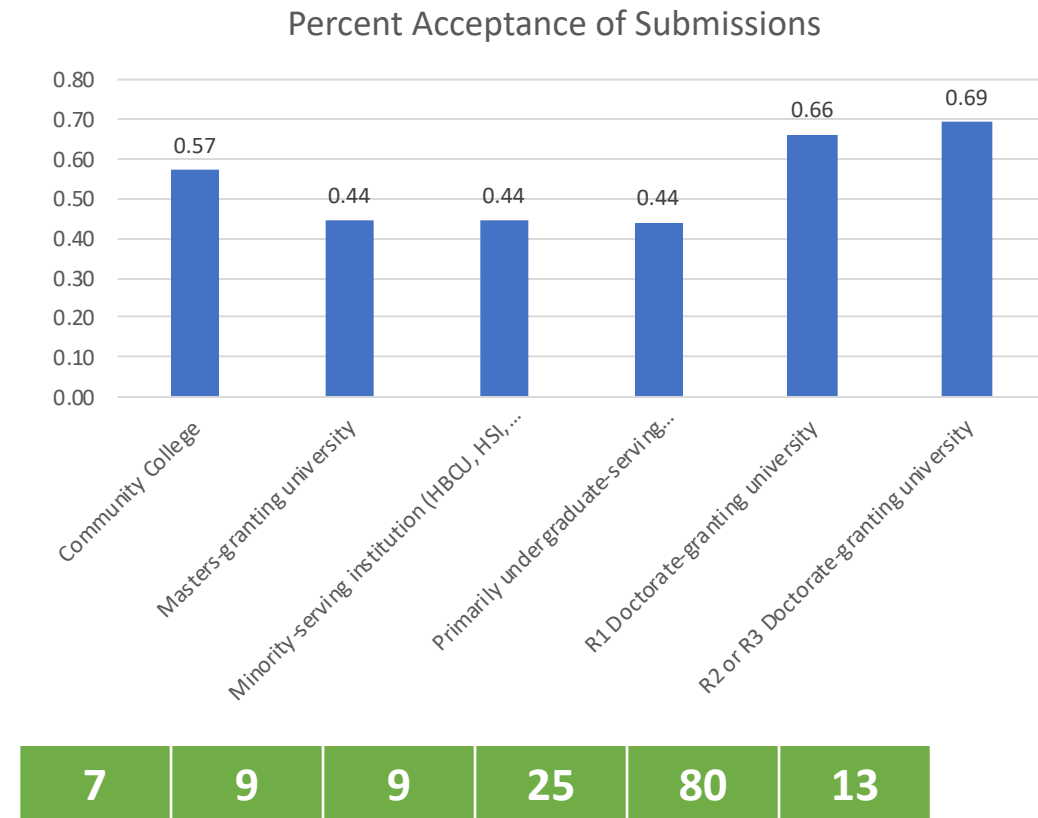
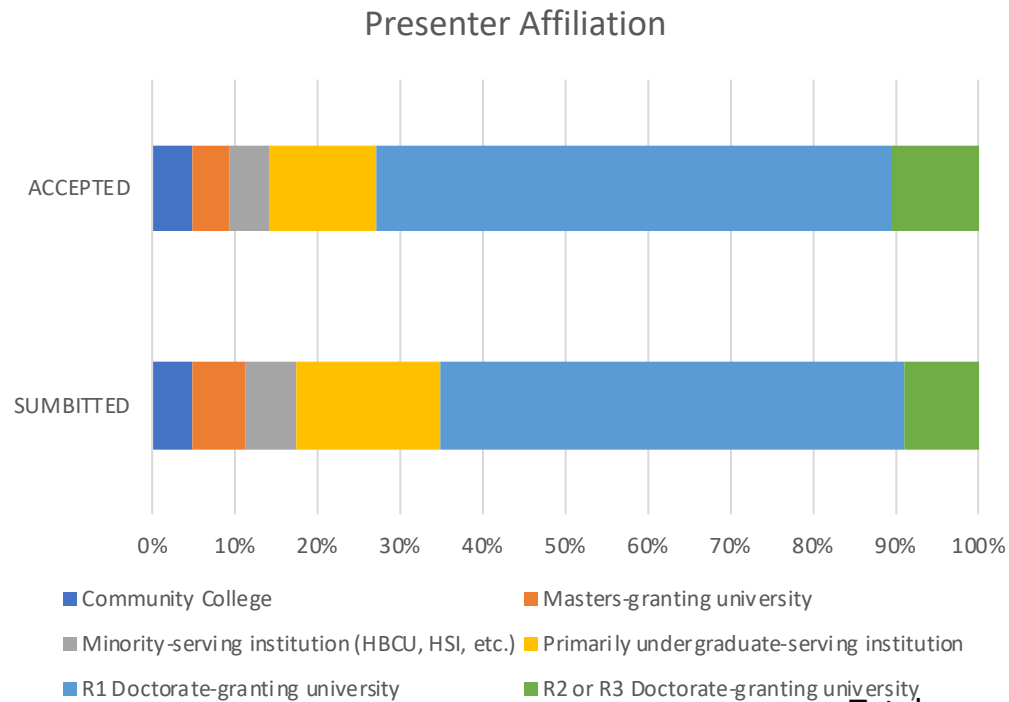
Institution types and positions



We also looked at the demographics of the people who submitted and those who were accepted to present short and long talks

(thanks to Jamie Jensen for a beautiful summary: complete summary will be available separately)

Presenter Affiliation



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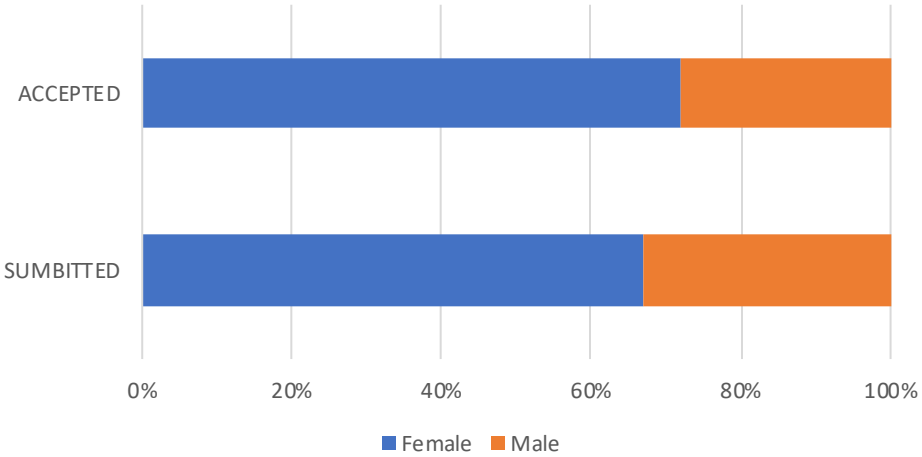
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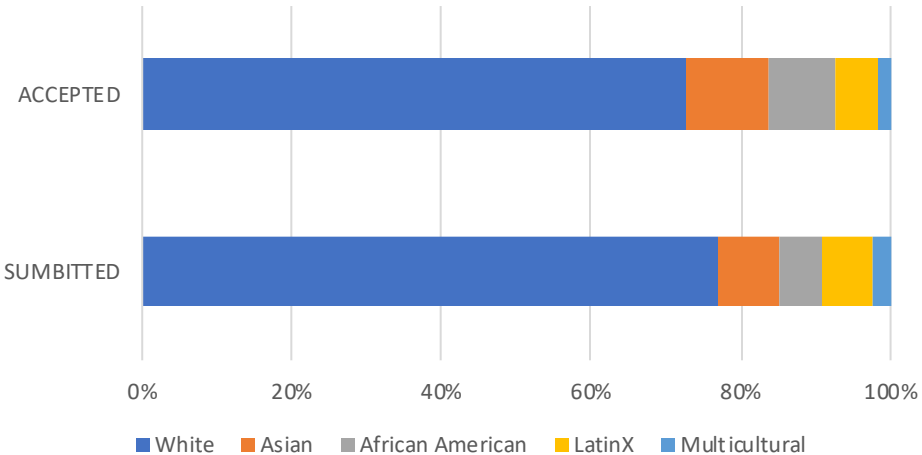


Demographics of Presenters

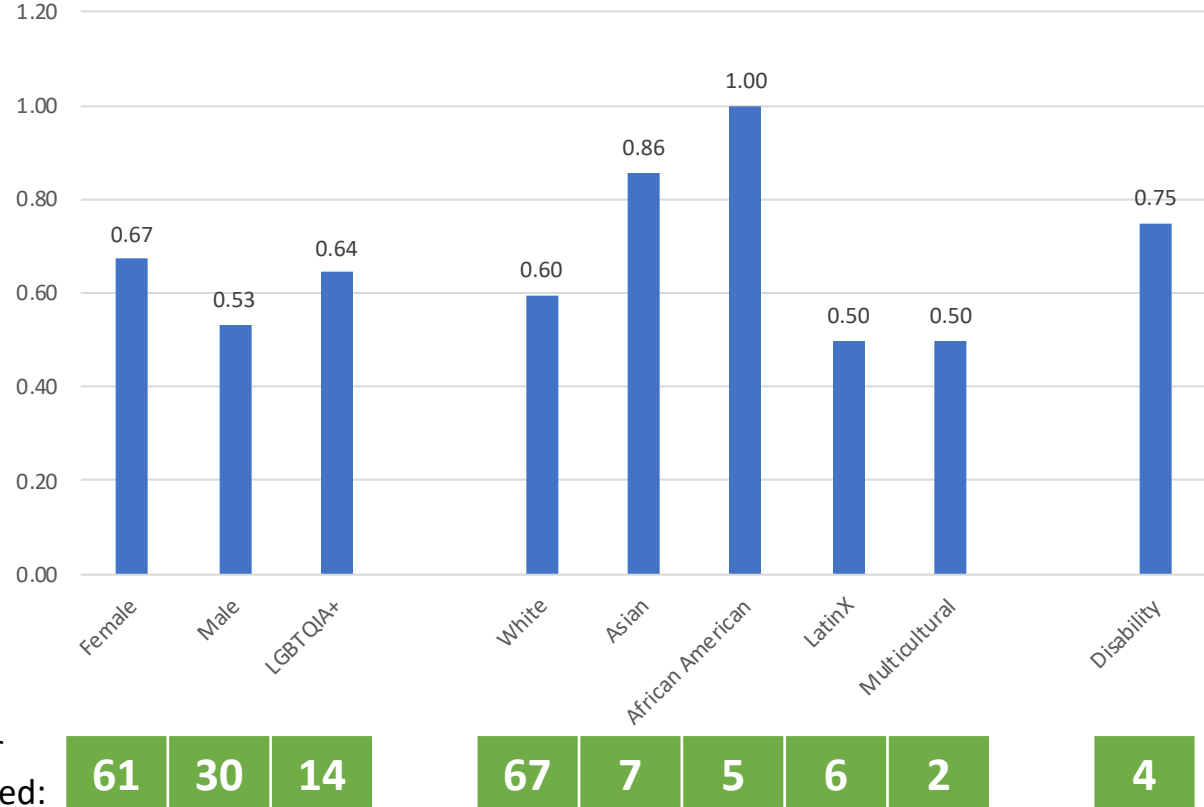
Gender Identity*



Racial/Ethnic Identity



Percent Acceptance of Submissions



*LGBTQIA+ status was a separate question from gender identity (many LGBTQIA+ members also marked a M/F gender)

Participation at keynote, long and short talks

Keynote Dr. Elizabeth Canning: full @500, ~150 views of live video stream

Anti Racism Introduction Dr. Kecia Thomas: 339

Long talk A: 144

Long talk B: 307

Short talks (four concurrent sessions)

July 10 short talks: 67-142

July 17 short talks: 57-166

July 24 short talks: 92-135

July 31 short talks: 50-90

Some of our visions for 2020 were:

- 1. Establish disciplinary norms and criteria for research, and expectations for the community**
- 2. Promote diversity and inclusion practices**
- 3. Grow membership (in particular by increasing representation from HBCU institutions and community colleges) and increasing visibility**
- 4. Promote more and better mentoring**
- 5. Impact change in undergraduate biology education, in part by helping members be agents of change**

How we made progress

1. Establish disciplinary norms and criteria for research, and expectations for the community

Successfully implemented VIRTUAL SABER 2020!

Poster session organizers plan to publish a paper on this experience

Many talks addressed issues other than biology content

2. Promote diversity and inclusion practices

Letters sent to city administrators in Minneapolis regarding anti-racism action

Statement of Support for Black Community

Free, virtual annual meeting

Anti-Racism Action group and Self Study

Captioned and recorded talks (when possible)

Code of Conduct

Moderated sessions

3. Grow membership (in particular by increasing representation from HBCU institutions and community colleges) and increasing visibility

- Over 1300 people registered for the conference
- 542 active members; ~30 became members in July
- Plans for promoting SABER at other conferences, at end of research seminars, and through seminar series (ie, the Anti Racism Seminar Series, which will be co-hosted by SABER)

Pass it on: If anyone would like to donate to SABER (a non-profit) one can do so by clicking tab at top of the home page of the website



4. Promote more and better mentoring

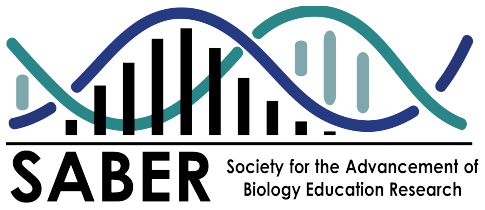
- Buddy system
- Career panel
- Social efforts: Game night, Mentor/Mentee Mixer

5. Impact change in undergraduate biology education, in part by helping members be agents of change

- Many discussions of best practices in online teaching
- Presenting, learning from, and implementing our collective research findings

Visions for 2021

- Hope to be in person: [July 22-25, 2021](#); location TBD
 - but plan to have flexible and virtual components no matter what!
- Exec Com will write an essay about how we planned and delivered a virtual meeting in a pinch
- Post-meeting survey: Please take the survey and we will share data as soon as ready
- Others—?—floor is now open to all of you!



Questions and Feedback