

Keynote Address | 8:30–9:15 a.m.

Step In, Step Out, Step Out

Linda Tapp, CSP, ALCM, CPTD | Gold/Silver Theater

What happens when you stop waiting to be asked to do the things you dream of doing? In Step In, Step Out, Step Up, Linda will share how small, intentional choices — such as raising your hand, taking the mic and embracing risk — can build confidence, visibility and opportunities that propel careers and deepen personal fulfillment. With humor, honesty and personal stories, Linda challenges women to show up fully and create their own path forward.

Track 1 | 9:30–10:15 a.m.

Joyful Leadership: Advancing Your Career and Team Through What Energizes You

Jessica Ellison, MS, CPE, CSP | Olympic Bronze Theater

Discover how the Working Genius framework can help safety leaders align with what energizes them, build dynamic teams, and drive meaningful change. This session offers practical tools for personal growth, team collaboration, and leadership impact—empowering professionals to lead with purpose and joy.

How Tribology Transforms Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention in the Workplace

Steve Simon, ARM, CET, MS; Sonya Luisoni, MS | Wimbledon Room

Discover leading practices to prevent slips, trips, and falls, which are the top cause of workplace injury costing \$70B annually. This session covers the science of hazards, slip meter testing, practical prevention plans, and the impact of liability claims, helping you formalize your safety checklist.

From Hard Hats to Headspace: Mental Health and Mindfulness as Keys to SIF Prevention

Vikram Kapur, Ph.D., CSP, SMS | Silver/Gold Theater

Learn how mindfulness and mental health integration can transform safety leadership. Gain practical tools to sharpen focus, foster inclusion, and empower women leaders to drive innovation in workplace safety. This session combines neuroscience, case studies, and interactive practices to help attendees champion resilient, people-centered safety cultures.

Track 2 | 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Strength-Based Leadership

Arielle Semmel, PhD. | Olympic Bronze Theater

Leveraging a strengths-based approach in your leadership can be a powerful way to articulate the value you bring to the table, influence others toward achieving goals, and strengthen your voice in creating safer workplaces. Explore the talents that set you apart from everyone else and create a plan to leverage your strengths and your teams to achieve your goals.

If You're Laughing, You're Learning: The Role of Humor in Safety Training and Adult Learning

Christopher Rainwater, Ph.D., MA | Wimbledon Room

Discover how humor transforms safety training from routine to unforgettable. This session shows how laughter grabs attention, boosts engagement, and improves retention. Attendees will learn strategies to weave humor into adult learning, creating connection and lasting impact—because when learners are entertained, they're engaged, and when they're engaged, they remember.

AI, Erasure, and the Future of Safety: Leading When the Rules are Rewritten

Patrice Williams-Lindo, MBA, M.Ed. | Silver/Gold Theater

Explore how AI is reshaping leadership, visibility, and workforce safety. Learn how to spot tech-driven erasure, protect your influence, and lead with confidence in uncertain times. Patrice Williams-Lindo's RNA Method™ equips women in OSH to thrive—not just survive—in the age of automation.

Track 3 | 1:00–1:45 p.m.

Culture by Design: Evidence-Based Strategies for Safer Environments

Carly Baez, CHST | Olympic Bronze Theater

This session reveals how behavioral science, and nonverbal cues can transform resistant attitudes into genuine engagement. By fostering trust and shifting perceptions, safety conversations evolve from mandatory checklists into meaningful cultural change—where employees embrace safety because they believe in it, not just because they're told to.

When the Standard System Won't Work: Building Fall Protection Around the Problem

Jon Cordoba, CHST, CIT | Wimbledon Room

When standard fall protection systems don't fit the job, safety professionals need practical alternatives. This session explores a real-world case study from tilt-up construction where traditional solutions failed. Learn how a custom fall protection system was designed using edge-rated components, hands-on crew feedback, and real-time problem solving to meet site-specific challenges.

The B.E.S.T. Leaders – Find Them, Keep Them, Be Them!

Christina Roll, MS, CIH, CSP | Silver/Gold Theater

EHS Leaders come in all shapes and sizes. But how do we find the B.E.S.T. leaders? Once we have them, how do we keep them being the BEST? And how can we be the BEST leaders possible? In this session we'll discuss who these leaders are, and walk away with the skills to identify, grow and lead them well.

Track 4 | 2:00–2:45 p.m.

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“I Once Heard a Story...” Building an Engaging Safety Culture with Storytelling

Sam Rivers | Wimbledon Room

Stories shape us. Storytelling has the power to win hearts and minds and drive meaningful change – and it belongs in every safety professional’s toolkit. Discover how to integrate storytelling into your safety initiatives and gain practical storytelling techniques to inspire positive change and meaningful engagement. Leave with actionable takeaways to tell stories that help others live safely ever after!

Immersive Learning, Intelligent Guidance: The Future of Safety with XR and AI

Revathi Pushpam Balachandran; Prem Anand Balachandran | Silver/Gold Theater

This session explores how XR and AI transform workplace safety by combining immersive, risk-free training with intelligent real-time guidance. Attendees will learn practical applications, case studies, and strategies to build safer, smarter, and more resilient workplaces.

Closing Session | 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Building Your Personal Safety Brand: Why it Matters

Mary Stine, MSc, ASP; Abigail Fabricante, ASP; Patrice Williams-Lindo, MBA, M.Ed.; Sondra Lavoie, CSP, ARM, CHST; Tim Page-Bottorff, MS, CSP, CIT, FASSP; Jacqueline Handy, MBA; MS, CHST, GSP, CSFSM | Silver Gold/Theater

This panel discussion, shaped by attendee feedback, explores the key elements that influence professional impression, personal branding, and the success factors that define women leaders in safety. Featuring accomplished professionals who bring both experience and insight, the session offers practical strategies and thoughtful perspectives to help participants strengthen their professional identity and advance with confidence in the field of safety.