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STEMverse
2020

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Craft



Dr. Craft is a tenured Professor in Ophthalmology and Cell and Neurobiology and served as the inaugural Chairman (1994-2004), and is the founding director of the USC Postdoctoral Scholar Program. She is the inaugural Mary D. Allen Chair in Vision Research, Doheny Eye Institute. Also, she was founding Co-Director of the USC Neurological Institute, and was an integral team leader in the creation of the Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute. Her current research program focuses on understanding the genes expressed in the eye and pineal gland that interact with the environment for normal high acuity vision to occur. Dr. Craft is the past President of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation (ARCS) Los Angeles Chapter, and currently serves as the President and CEO of the John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation.

For Dr. Craft's scientific expertise and achievements, she has received academic awards, research funding from both government and private foundations, serves on national committees and scientific advisory boards. One of her major passions is to mentor and to prepare students to become productive research scientists, physicians and informed citizens. The California Science Center MUSES honored her as their 43rd Woman of the Year, the Keck School of Medicine of USC in 2015 recognized her for lifelong commitment to mentoring, and the ARVO Foundation in 2020 will honor her with a life time achievement award.

Panelists



Stephanie H. Astrow, PhD

Dr. Astrow has served as Senior Director in Translational Medicine at Kite, a Gilead Company since April 2015, and has led the translational strategy for the company's first two solid tumor programs in the clinic. She has over 15 years' experience supporting oncology clinical programs with particular expertise in companion diagnostic development including tests for crizotinib, trastuzumab and cetuximab. Prior to Kite, she was Vice President of R&D at Response Genetics. Dr. Astrow received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley followed by a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Texas, Austin. She holds an MBA from Pepperdine University.



Nzola De Magalhães, PhD

Dr. Nzola De Magalhães is a Biomedical Scientist and Engineer by training. She received her three bachelor degrees in Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Women Studies, a minor in French, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, Irvine. Prior to pursuing her graduate degrees, she worked professionally as a Raw Material Chemist. Dr. De Magalhães has extensive background and expertise in medical optics, and in translational cancer research. She is fluent in Portuguese, French, and Spanish. In her spare time, Dr. De Magalhães volunteers as a judge of oral and poster presentations, as an abstract reviewer and speaker at national diversity STEM conferences. She also serves as a mentor at organizations dedicated to enhancing the retention and success of female and minority students in STEM fields. Dr. Magalhães is currently working at her biotech startup, Jsuru Therapeutix, Inc., developing next generation cancer therapies.

Panelists



Dawn Armstrong

Dawn Armstrong has worked in the Information Technology (IT) field for more than 20 years and is currently the Director of IT at Virgin Hyperloop One. Dawn's extensive technical experience combined with her management, leadership and listening skills allow her to view projects from all angles and bring them to successful completion. Dawn's communication style adapts to specific audiences and promotes open dialog whether it's a high-level overview to the C-Suite or highly technical details to IT administrators. XaaS, integrating on prem with cloud and the challenges that arise every day in the IT industry are what gets her up in the morning. Convergence of all kinds, virtualization, cloud computing and continued learning are among her passions. While not traversing up and down the OSI model she's busy doing various charity work and training her dog to be an agility champion. She received her BS in Computer Science from the University of Manitoba and BSIT in IT from the University of Phoenix.



Aderonke Denloye, MPH

Aderonke Denloye is an Associate Director of Global Manufacturing Science at Takeda. She started her career in Quality Control at a Brewery, Cosmetics Company and the Pharmaceutical industry. She has over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. In her current role she supports the Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls activities for the Life Cycle Products. She provides technical support for manufacturing process development, investigations, and deviations. She does this by leveraging her over 20 years regulatory experience. In her Regulatory role she supported the licensure of Biologic products made from Plasma or using the Recombinant technology from the developmental and commercial perspective. Through this licensure process, she worked in collaboration with various functional teams to develop Regulatory strategies for global licensure. In support of these licensure activities, she was an integral part of the agency inspections as well as the support of biannual Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) inspections. Up to 2017, her focus was on the support of the immune globulin products and has participated on several agency collaborative meetings to increase the process knowledge regarding the impurity profiles and the potential impact of these to patients. Aderonke Denloye has a B.Sc in Human Nutrition (focus on Chemistry of foods) from University of Ibadan in Nigeria and a Masters Degree in Public Health (Health Education) from California State University, Northridge.

Panelists



Orjeta Taka, MS

Orjeta Taka is a Senior Principal Robotics Engineer at iRobot with over 16 years of experience in the field of robotics, and has been an integral member on the advanced development teams for projects spanning both government and industrial divisions. She currently has 18 issued patents reflective of her proven record of finding innovative solutions for challenging robotics problems. She received both her BS in Computer Engineering and MS in Computer Science from Tufts University, and is passionate about increasing the interest of women in the field of robotics.

Moderator



Kat Yalung

Kat unleashes inclusive innovation in the Southern California region as the Director of Bixel Exchange's Startup LAUNCH Incubator program, a nonprofit Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the second largest Chamber of Commerce in the United States, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. She leads Bixel Exchange's core business advisory and mentorship services, helping empower and scale nearly 400 tech startups each year. She formerly launched the LA campus and led strategic partnership efforts for General Assembly's Southern California community where she built educational, marketing, and hiring partnerships with startups, venture firms, public sector agencies and Fortune 500 companies. Kat believes in redefining the face of entrepreneurship globally, the power of human centered solutions, conscious innovation and holistic community wellness. She devoted four years of volunteer service to the Peace Corps in Nicaragua as an entrepreneurship educator where she ran annual national business plan competitions and experienced the force of entrepreneurship across families and ecosystems. She frequently guest teaches at universities and nonprofits on tech, entrepreneurship, social impact and diversity. In addition to teaching, she's had the honor of speaking at Kapor Center, 500 Startups, Quake Capital, CORO, Univision, SBA, United Way and BCG Digital Ventures. Kat was named L.A. Biz 2018 Woman of Influence and a 2019 Techwomen headliner.

Table 1: R&D Immunology



Xiaoya Ma, PhD

Current position

Senior Scientist, Amberstone Biosciences
External Affairs Specialist, Biotech Connection Los Angeles (BCLA)

Past positions

Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA

Education

PhD - Exercise Physiology, University of Michigan
BS - Sport Science, Beijing Sport University

Table 2 : R&D Oncology



Stephanie H. Astrow, PhD

Current position

Senior Director, Translational Medicine, Kite Pharma

Past positions

Vice-President, Research & Development, Response Genetics

Education

PhD - Cell & Molecular Biology, University of California, Berkeley
MBA - Business, Pepperdine Graziadio Business School
BA - Biology and Medicine, Brown University

Table 3: R&D CNS



Wen-Hsuan Chang, PhD

Current position

Lead Scientist, AcuraStem

Past positions

Postdoc, University of Southern California

Education

PhD - Chemical Engineering & Stem Cell Biology, University of Southern California
BS - Chemical Engineering, National Tsing Hua University

Table 4 : Digital Health/Medical Device



Alexa Hudnut, PhD

Current position

Senior Engineer, Dexcom

Past positions

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Southern California

Education

PhD - Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California

MS - Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California

BS - Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California

Table 5: R&D Drug Development



Justin Ichida, PhD

Current position

Co-founder, AcuraStem, Inc.; Assistant Professor, USC

Past positions

Postdoctoral fellow, Harvard University

Education

PhD - Genetics, Harvard Medical School

BS - Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, UC Los Angeles



Nzola De Magalhães, PhD

Current position

Founder and CEO, Jsuru Therapeutix, Inc.

Past positions

Postdoctoral fellow, Pathology, UC San Diego; Instructor, Rochester Institute of Technology

Education

PhD - Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine

MS - Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine

BS - Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Women Studies, UC Irvine



Janine Tom, PhD

Current position

Scientist, Amgen

Past positions

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Irvine

Education

PhD - Organic Chemistry, University of California, Irvine

BS - Chemistry, University of California, Santa Barbara

Table 6: R&D Drug Discovery



Desiree Van Haute, PhD

Current position

Scientist, Terray Therapeutics

Past positions

Senior Scientist II, HBT LABS INC

Education

PhD - Biological Sciences, Nanomedicine, Irell and Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences, Beckman Research Institute, City of Hope

BS - Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology



Elizabeth Wilson, PhD

Current position

Senior Principal Scientist, Pfizer

Past positions

Principal Scientist, Pfizer

Education

PhD - Microbiology and Immunology, University of Rochester

BS - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Cornell University

Table 7: Clinical Scientist



Monika Polewski, PhD

Current position

Clinical Affairs Scientist, Agilent Technologies

Past positions

Vice Chair of IACUC, Western University of Health Sciences

Education

PhD - Biological Sciences, City of Hope

BA - Biology, Lawrence University



Mia Mackowski, PharmD

Current position

Clinical Pharmacology Scientist, Amgen

Past positions

Manager, Global Early Clinical Development, Amgen

Education

PharmD - University of Southern California

BS - Biochemistry, University of California Los Angeles

Table 8: Regulatory Affairs



Amanda Jensen, PhD

Current position

Regulatory Affairs Manager, Amgen

Past positions

Validation Scientist, EntroGen, Inc.

Education

PhD - Molecular Biology, University of Southern California



Shruti Prakash, MS

Current position

Regulatory Affairs Specialist, Medtronic

Past positions

Regulatory Affairs Intern, USC Regulatory Science Consulting Centre

Education

MS - Biomedical/Medical Engineering, University of Southern California

BS - Biotechnology, Biotechnology, B.M.S College of Engineering



Morgan Chateau, PhD

Current position

Sr. Associate Regulatory Affairs, CMC JAPAC Region, Amgen

Past positions

Regulatory Affairs Associate, Kite Pharma

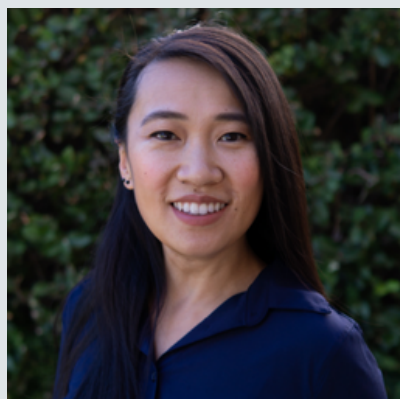
Education

PhD - Microbiology and Immunology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

MS - Regulatory Sciences, University of Southern California

BS - Genetics and Biochemistry, Texas A&M University

Table 9: Quality and Assurance



Lisa Yan, PhD

Current position

Senior Manager, Quality Site Lead, Amgen

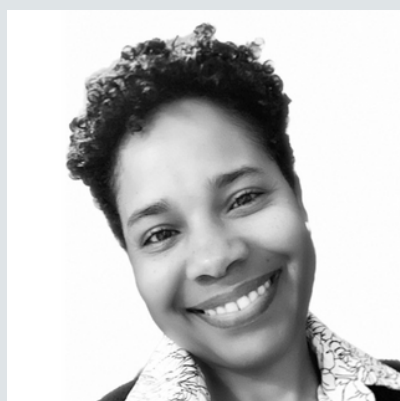
Past positions

Global QC Scientist, Takeda; Principal Quality Lab Associate, Baxalta

Education

PhD - Genetics, Molecular, and Cellular Biology, USC Keck School of Medicine

BS - Biochemistry, UC Los Angeles



LeReece Campbell

Current position

Head of Quality Systems and Compliance, Takeda

Past positions

Associate Director of Quality, Shire; Senior Manager of Quality Assurance, Baxalta

Education

BS - Biology, UC Los Angeles



Rowena Cruz

Current position

Director Quality Control, Amgen

Past positions

Associate Director Quality Assurance, Shire

Senior Manager Quality Assurance, Baxalta

Education

BS - Microbiology and Medical Technology, California State University Northridge

Table 10: Healthcare Consulting



April Rhoads, MBA

Current position

Healthcare Consultant, Various Healthcare Practices

Past positions

Product Specialist, Obalon Therapeutics

Education

MBA - Health Care Management, University of Texas at Tyler

BS - Nursing, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Table 11: Medical Science Liason



Wenda Ramma, PhD, MBA

Current position

Medical Science Liaison (Cardiovascular), Bristol-Myers Squibb

Past positions

Associate Director Medical Affairs, Urovant Sciences

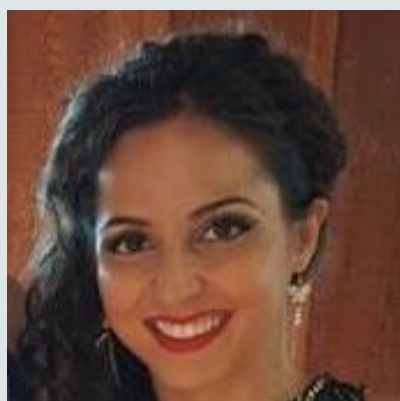
Education

MBA - University of California, Los Angeles

PhD - Medicine (Vascular Biology), University of Edinburgh

MSc - Toxicology, University of Birmingham

BSc - Medical Sciences, University of Birmingham



Sahar Salehi, PhD

Current position

Medical Science Liaison, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Companies

Founder, Leadership for Immunology MSLs in the Greater Los Angeles Area

Past positions

Medical Science Liaison, UCB

Education

PhD - Transplantation Immunology, University of California, Los Angeles

BS - Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles

Table 12: Medical Affairs and Medical Writing



Shannon Liu Rao, PhD

Current position

Medical Writing Manager, Amgen

Past positions

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California Los Angeles

Consultant, IXL Center - Center for Innovation, Excellence and Leadership

Education

PhD - Neuroscience, Wesleyan University

BS - Biotechnology, Beijing Normal University



Sarah Madsen, PhD

Current position

Global Publications Senior Manager - Oncology, Amgen

Past positions

Global Scientific Communications Manager - Neuroscience / Cardiovascular, Amgen

Project Manager--ENIGMA, Imaging Genetics Center, University of Southern California

Education

PhD - Neuroscience, University of California Los Angeles

BS - Neuroscience, Psychobiology, University of California Los Angeles

Table 13: Scientific Writing and Communication



Kristen Slawinski, PhD

Current position

Founder & CEO, BioFluent Communications

Past positions

Freelance Science Writer (Twist Bioscience, BioRad, Mission Bio, & others)

BioRad, Marketing Specialist

Education

PhD - Biology, University of California, San Diego

BS - Chemical Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles



Lori Dajose

Current position

Science Writer, Caltech

Past positions

Assistant Science Writer, Caltech

Editorial Assistant, Caltech

Education

BS - Planetary Science, Caltech

Table 14: Science Education



Jessica Stellmann

Current position

Site Director, Project Scientist

Past positions

Volunteer, JEP STEM Programs

Education

PhD Candidate - Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences,
University of Southern California

BS - Geophysics and Planetary Sciences, Boston University



Carol Lin, PhD

Current position

Associate Professor, Clinical Medical Education and Biochemistry
and Molecular Biology, University of Southern California

Past positions

Biotechnology Program Director, Columbia University

Education

PhD - Biochemistry, Case Western Reserve University

MA - Higher Education, Columbia University

BS - Agricultural Chemistry, National Taiwan University



Amanda Frataccia, MSMI, CMI

Current position

Art Director for Medical Illustration, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California

Past positions

Medical Illustrator, Doximity

Education

MS - Medical Illustration, Augusta University

BS - Scientific Illustration, The University of Georgia

Table 15: Life Sciences Consulting



Cyonna Holmes, PhD

Current position

Senior Life Sciences Specialist, L.E.K. Consulting

Past positions

Doctoral student, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Education

PhD - Biomedical Engineering, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

BS - Bioengineering, Stanford University

Table 16: Entrepreneurship



Pai-Ling Yin, PhD

Current position

Associate Professor of Clinical Entrepreneurship and Director of the Technology Commercialization Initiative, USC Marshall School of Business

Past positions

Research Scholar, Stanford University

Education

PhD - Economics, Stanford University

MS - Regulation, London School of Economics and Political Science

BS/BA - French Language and Literature, Economics, Math, Indiana University Bloomington



Molly Schmid, PhD

Current position

Entrepreneur in Residence, Alfred E. Mann Institute

Senior Consultant, UCI Beall Applied Innovation

Past positions

Senior Counselor, TriTech SBDC

Education

PhD - Biology/Biological Sciences, University of Utah

BS - Biology, State University of New York at Albany

Table 17: Drug Commercialization, Management and Strategy



Poornima Shubhakar, MBA, MPH

Current position

Director, Global Operations, Amgen

Past positions

Senior Manager, Global Operations Planning, Amgen

Senior Manager, Study Management, Amgen

Education

MBA - University of Southern California

MPH - Public Health, Boston University

BS - Biochemistry, University of California, Los Angeles

Table 18: Life Science Business Operations



Jessica Rousset, MS

Current position

Chief Operations Officer, CURE Pharmaceutical

Past positions

Advisor, HealthXL.

Co-Director, Consortium for Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)

Education

MS - Biochemical Engineering, Institut national des Sciences appliquées de Lyon / INSA Lyon

Table 19: Life Science Business Development



Sara Hammes, MBA

Current position

Business Development, GHD

Market Strategy and Development Consultant, Nowon

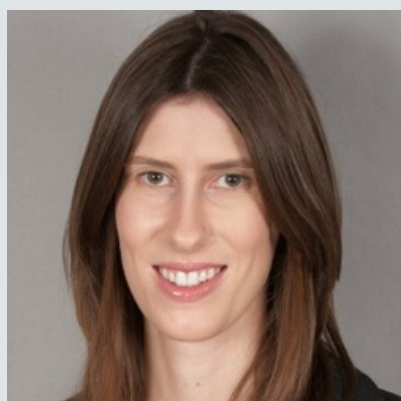
Past positions

Director Market and Project Development - Western Region, Synagro

Education

MBA - International Business, Thunderbird School of Global Management

BS - Economics, University of California, Berkeley



Erin Denny, PhD

Current position

Licensing Senior Manager, Oncology Business Development, Amgen

Past positions

Graduate Researcher, City of Hope

Education

PhD - Biological and Biomedical Sciences, City of Hope

BS - Biology/Biotechnology Minor, University of Southern California



Qing Liu-Michael, PhD

Current position

Co-Founder, AcuraStem

Program Director, Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at USC

Past positions

Associate Director: Clinical Research Strategies, Beckman Research Institute of City of Hope

Education

MS - Law, University of Southern California

PhD - Biology, University of Pennsylvania

BS - Molecular Biology, Kansas State University

Table 20: IP Law



Sanjesh Sharma, JD

Current position

Senior IP Counsel, Johnson & Johnson

Vice Chair, Intellectual Property Section, California Lawyers Association

Past positions

Intellectual Property Counsel, Abbott Vision

Education

JD - Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University

BS - Microbiology, University of California San Diego

Table 21: Career Coaching



Hyeon-Ju Rho, JD

Current position

Executive and Leadership Coach, Hyeon-Ju Rho Coaching, LLC

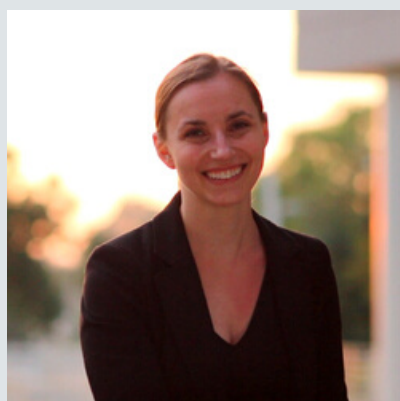
Past positions

Affiliated Coach, Collective Gain; Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

Education

JD - Law, New York University School of Law

BA - English Language and Literature, Swarthmore University



Kim Staats, PhD

Current position

Consultant for Biotech in Neurodegeneration, Staats Life Sciences Consulting

Past positions

Life Sciences Communication Coach for Academia/Biotech, Freelance
Keck Postdoctoral Advisory Council (KPAC) member, and KPAC Liaison to the Postdoc Association of USC, University of Southern California

Education

MS - Regulatory Management, University of Southern California

PhD - Biomedical Sciences, General, KU Leuven

MS - Neuroscience & Kinesiology and Exercise Science, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam)

Table 22: Technology Transfer and Licensing



Hannah Dvorak Carbone, PhD

Current position

Director for Innovation, Patents, & Licensing in the Office of Technology Transfer and Corporate Partnerships (OTTPC), Caltech

Past positions

Management Consultant, Toronto Office of McKinsey & Company

Education

PhD - Biology, Caltech

BSc - Biology, Queen's University



Sangeeta Bardhan Cook, PhD

Current position

Director, Office of Technology Licensing, City of Hope

Past positions

Technology Specialist, Steinfl & Bruno LLP

Education

PhD - Molecular and Computational Biology, University of Southern California

MBA - Global Executive, Columbia University, London Business School

BS - Biology, Caltech

Table 23: Environmental Science



Jacqueline M. Moore, MSc

Current position

Environmental Specialist, Port of Long Beach

Past positions

Manager Environmental Projects, BNSF Railway; Air Resources Technician, California Air Resources Board (CARB)

Education

MSc - Climate Change, University of London at Cambridge University
BA - Physical Geography and Environmental Science, California State University-Sacramento



Jiachen Zhang, PhD

Current position

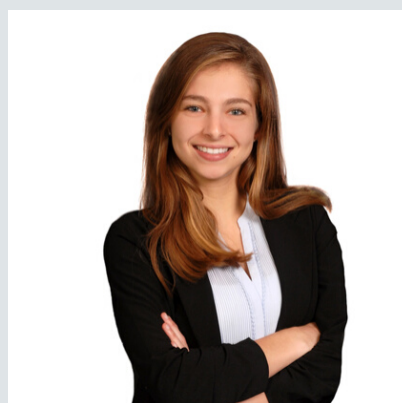
Air Resources Engineer, California Air Resources Board
Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Southern California

Past positions

Project Coordinator, AI List

Education

PhD - Environmental Engineering, University of Southern California
BAsC - Atmospheric Chemistry and Climatology, Peking University



Maya Sederholm, MS

Current position

Scientist, Geosyntec Consultants

Past positions

Senior Staff Scientist, Geosyntec Consultants
Staff Scientist, Roux Associates

Education

MS - Environmental Science, University of Arizona
BS - Environmental Science, University of Arizona

Table 24: Biostatistics & Epidemiology



Shweta Shah, PhD

Current position

Health Economics Manager, Amgen

Past positions

Graduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Summer Intern - Real World Data Science Oncology, Genetech

Education

PhD - Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Table 25: Data Science/Software Engineering



Min Hubbard, MS

Current position

Data Analyst and Design Software Engineer, Alfred E. Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering at USC

Past positions

Operations Support, Space Radiation Laboratory at California Institute of Technology

Education

MS - Physics, Cornell University

BA - Physics, University of California, Berkeley



Orjeta Taka, MS

Current position

Sr. Principal Robotics Engineer, iRobot

Education

MS - Computer Science, Tufts University

BS - Computer Engineering, Tufts University



Madhura Pitale, MS

Current position

Senior Software Engineer, FabFitFun

Past positions

Software Engineer, Disney ABC Television Group

Web Programmer, Western University of Health Sciences

Education

MS - Web Programming and Database Management, California State University, Fullerton

BE - Electronics, Nagpur University

Table 26: Biotechnology Innovation



Marsela Jorolli, PhD

Current position

Senior Scientist, Amgen

Past positions

Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

Education

PhD - Physics, Harvard University

MA - Physics, Harvard University

BS - Physics, University of Chicago

Table 27: Computer Science



Dawn Armstrong

Current position

Director, Information Technology, Virgin Hyperloop One

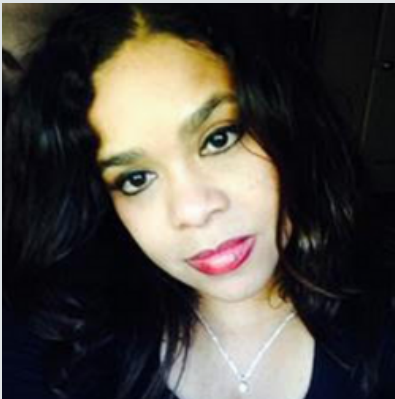
Past positions

Senior Network Manager, Webcor Builders

Education

BSIT - Information Technology, University of Phoenix

BS - Computer Science, University of Manitoba



Bridgette Braxton, MS

Current position

Cyber Security Computer Engineer/Investigator, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Past positions

Homeland Security Administrator, Lockheed Martin Information Technology

Education

MS - Cybersecurity/Computer Forensics, Utica College

BS - Criminal Justice/Forensics Psychology, Kaplan University



Disha Patel, MPhil

Current position

Senior Lead, Information Systems - Commercialization and Product & Portfolio Management Services

Past positions

Global Service Owner, Information Systems, Amgen

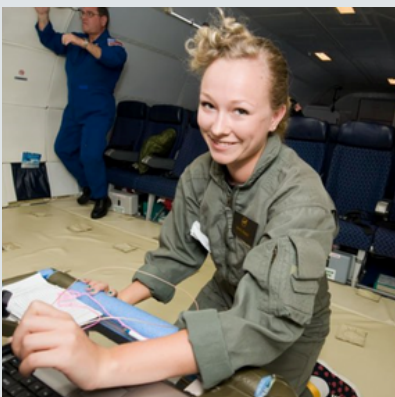
Program Manager, Information Systems - Global Clinical Data Management

Education

MPhil - Management, University of Cambridge

BS - Computer Science and Systems Analysis, Miami University

Table 28: Aerospace Engineering



Rachel Trabert

Current position

Integration and Test Engineer, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Past positions

Instrument System Engineer, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Education

MS - Space Science, University of Michigan

BS - Aerospace Engineer, University of Michigan

Table 29: Manufacturing Sciences



Aderonke Denloye, MPH

Current position

Associate Director, Manufacturing Sciences & Technology, Takeda

Past positions

Associate Director, Manufacturing Sciences & Technology, Shire

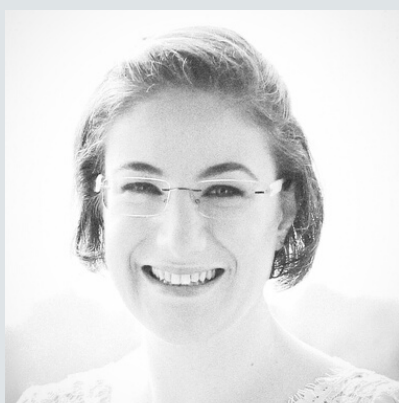
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs, Baxalta

Education

MPH - Health Education, California State Northridge

BSc - Human Nutrition, University of Ibadan

Table 30: Data Science: Job Search



Irina Kukuyeva, PhD

Current position

Fractional Chief Data Officer, Kukuyeva Consulting

Advisor, Innovations City

Lecturer & Board Member, UCLA Applied Statistics Program

Past positions

Machine Learning Engineer, Senior Data Scientist, Dia&Co

Education

PhD - Statistics, University of California, Los Angeles

MS - Statistics, University of California, Los Angeles

BS, BA - Statistics, Economics, University of California, Los Angeles

Table 31: Science Policy



Tepring Pequado, PhD

Current position

Chief Policy Director, California Issues Forum

Policy Researcher - Neuroscientist, Engineering & Applied Sciences,

RAND Corporation

Past positions

Co-Chair, Diversity & Inclusion, RAND Corporation

Education

PhD - Neuroscience, Brandeis University

BS - Computer Science, Georgetown University



Elizabeth Reid-Wainscoat, MS

Current position

Research & Policy Analyst, UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge

Past positions

Graduate Student Intern, Sustainability Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Biologist, San Diego Zoo

Education

MS - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Los Angeles

BS - Environmental Systems: Evolution, Behavior, Ecology, University of California, San Diego

Table 32: Civil and Environmental Engineering



Queen Uchekwe, MBA

Current position

Technical Advisor - Environmental Compliance, Weber Metals, Inc.

Past positions

Environmental, Health and Safety Project Manager, California Water Service Company

Education

MBA - Entrepreneurship & Global Business, Pepperdine University

BS - Chemical Engineering, California State University, Long Beach



Elizabeth Kelly, MS

Current position

Materials Engineer Manager, Virgin Hyperloop One

Past positions

Senior Engineer, Aerojet Rocketdyne

Education

MS - Materials Science and Engineering, Virginia Tech

BS - Materials Science and Engineering, Virginia Tech

Table 33: Bioscience Venture Capital



Llewellyn Cox, PhD

Current position

General Partner, MarsBio; CEO, BioBuilt

Founder and President, Lab Launch

Adjunct Professor, USC Keck School of Medicine

Past positions

Program Administrator, University of Southern California

Education

PhD - Molecular/Cell Biology, University of Wales

BSc - Anatomy & Cell Biology, The University of Sheffield

Table 34: Alliance Management - Partnerships and Collaborations



Tracy Mitchell Blois, PhD

Current position

Director, Alliance Management, Amgen

Past positions

Senior Manager, Alliance Management, Amgen

Licensing Senior Manager, Amgen

Education

PhD - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of California, Los Angeles

BA - Chemistry, University of San Diego