



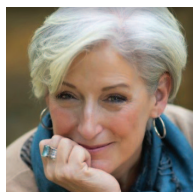
# COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

## Catalyzing Change in Tech Equity

### COVID-Caused Tech Equity Hurdles Impacting Women and Underrepresented Populations

#### How Tech Can Close the Widened Divide in 2020 and Beyond

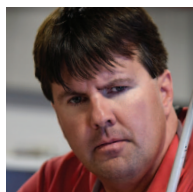
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020—1:00 PST, 2:00 MST, 3:00 CST, 4:00 EST



#### Karen Worstell

Founder and CEO, WRiskGroup

Karen is well-known as a serial CISO for iconic companies across industry sectors and as a Silicon Valley technology leader. She provides executive and team coaching, specializing in topics of burnout and handling adversity. Worstell is the host of the podcast *MOJO Maker for Womxn in Tech* and has spoken internationally on the future of cybersecurity and the criticality of an inclusive and diverse leadership team to the innovation capacity of technical organizations.



#### Mike Hess

Founder and CEO, Blind Institute of Technology

BIT's mission is to reduce the high unemployment rate among the blind and visually impaired (BVI). Mike has over 20 years in the telecommunications industry with a track record of success in project management, business analysis, product development and management. He applies these strengths to bridge the gap between the BVI community and employers across America and set up BVI employees and their employers for success in the workplace.



#### Rama Moorthy

Founder and CEO, Hatha Systems

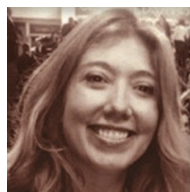
Rama is the founder and CEO of Hatha Systems, a technology software company delivering patent-pending operational transparency and analytics automation required for today's global digital transformation efforts. She brings nearly 30 years of experience in enterprise hardware/software, security, and innovation. She has a BSEE and an MBA.



#### Suraya Yahaya

Founder & CEO, Khazana, Inc.

Suraya is passionate about helping companies grow. She brings over 20 years of expertise in strategic alignment and process simplification, partnering with CEOs and leadership teams across a variety of industries to identify common goals, and create a plan to get there. She is an active speaker on the topic of women leadership, diversity and inclusion in the talent pipeline, and serves on nonprofit leadership teams.



#### Maria Lynne Dayton

Global Technology, Influencer, CXO, Transterra Media

A successful social entrepreneur with over 15 years experience in management and project development in the Middle East and globally. Maria developed, funded, and managed over 20 major development projects on four continents (\$140mil) with a variety of stakeholders including international organizations, governments, civil society, and the private sector, providing disruptive technology solutions to entrepreneurs and civil society groups.



#### Rachel Manning

Senior Sales Leader, Google Cloud

Rachel is committed to transforming education through technological innovations such as personalized learning through the use of data/analytics and improving educational tools through AI and machine learning. At Amazon, Rachel and her teams helped publishers navigate through their digital transformation into learning companies. Prior to joining Google, Rachel held executive positions in higher education publishing.



#### Lisa Neal-Graves

Candidate, Douglas County Commissioner

An accomplished executive with experience in corporate law, technology, and business, Lisa had success within key Fortune 100, startup, and nonprofit organizations. She has expertise within IT, IS, software, financial services, telecommunications, and wireless, specifically working for corporations such as Intel, Unisys, Chase, Deloitte, Lucent, and startup technology operations.