



Workplace Innovation Summit

November 15, 2019
Microsoft New England Research and Development Center, Boston

Transform your tech at work.

9:00am **Registration & Breakfast**

10:00am **Welcome & Thank You**



Liz Pawlak
Vice President
Design Museum Foundation

10:15am **Human-Driven, Tech-Powered Spatial Design**

A conversation between architect/design firm, Sasaki, and client, Microsoft in understanding how the Microsoft NERD center was conceptualized and designed using human-centered design at its core.



Victor Vizgaitis
Principal
Sasaki

Forefront of Technology in the Workplace

There's a lot of noise and an overwhelming array of new tools and technologies; we'll create a simple foundation for understanding what's out there and what it's for through these lightning presentations highlighting the newest, most cutting-edge, workplace tech trends including

Virtual Reality



Leo Liu Xi
Associate
Perkins and Will



Ji Park
Associate
Perkins and Will

Remote Work



Laurel Farrer
Founder & CEO
Distribute Consulting

Electronic Body Language



Stefanie Heiter
Managing Partner
Bridging Distance

In Support of Daylight



Galen Burrell
Manager of Lighting Design
View

Economic Empowerment



David Delmar Senties
Founder & Executive Director
Resilient Coders

Diversifying Tech Talent



Lauren Jones
Massachusetts Director
Apprenti

Leadership is Human

Studies reveal that automation could replace over 1.5 million jobs. However, leadership, strategy and creativity are uniquely human traits. With the rise of robots comes the importance of soft skills (problem solving, curiosity), team building, and the development of new collaboration skills, and tools.



Angela Yeh
Founder
Yeh Ideology

Problem Solving Workshop (Part 1)

Over the past 40 years technology has consistently been inserted into our workplaces, but not necessarily strategically integrated. We're hyper-connected, but are we actually working together? Before we try to insert technology into our spaces/workflow, let's think critically first about the real problems we are trying to solve by adopting this technology.



Liz Eskenazi
Principal Consultant &
Executive Coach
Mind the Core

12:30pm **Lunch & Networking**

1:30pm **Mind the Bias (and other unintended consequences)**

What lies at the intersection of work, technology and diversity? Is your workplace culture, and the technology you integrate, unintentionally bias? How can you safeguard your company culture against implicit bias, and how can technology help (instead of hinder)?



Yulkendy Valdez
Co-Founder & CEO
Forefront

The 4th Industrial Revolution

With the rise of the next Industrial Revolution - a future state where automation and AI threatens to divide us, how do we ensure we are designing programs and algorithms to safeguard humanity?



Mehrnoosh Sameki
Technical Program Manager
Microsoft

Breaking Barriers

Boston has a problem. Across the ecosystem, leading tech companies struggle to fill high-skilled roles, while qualified minority talent struggles to break into the innovation economy. Let's design a better future for our workforce.



Jose Ramos
Co-Founder
Mindfulness & Leadership

Coffee Break & Interactive Demonstrations

Problem Solving Workshop (Part 2)

Now that we've learned more from our speakers and opened our minds to the possibilities and pitfalls of technology, let's revisit the solutions we uncovered earlier and unpack some of the challenges we might face to get to our end goal. How will we overcome those challenges?



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5 Dimensions of Wellbeing in the Workplace

How do we avoid burnout with the ever-growing pace of technology? How do we maintain human connection and relationships when our jobs become more automated? What moral responsibility do companies have to ensure that employees remain healthy and happy at work? How does technology hinder wellness? Conversely, how can it help?



Mari Ryan
CEO/Founder
AdvancingWellness

The Future is Now: Reimagine and Optimize the Way You Work

Bring agility, innovation, customer centricity and value into your life and organization by embracing wholesale transformation to thrive and work smarter, not longer and harder, in ever-changing and highly competitive markets. Let's explore and change how work gets done to drive business outcomes, and leave you with inspiration for your 2020 personal and business planning.



Elizabeth Kiehner
Global Leader Market
Maker Team, Design Principal
IBM

4:00pm **Networking Reception and Tours of the Microsoft NERD Center**

5:00pm **Thank you for coming!**
