Conference Wrap-up.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated!

Last week we held a three day conference full of incredible speakers and panel discussions on various aspects of STEM, entrepreneurship, and the state of women and girls of color in the field. Our lineup included keynote speakers, Drs. Na'ilah Suad Nasir and Tarika Barrett, panel discussions on funding women of color, workplace experiences, and high-impact practices for engaging girls in STEM, as well as interactive workshops on how to start a new venture or run an existing one.

This gathering of change-makers introduced attendees to new ideas and collaborative efforts that will impact the future of STEM. We look forward to sharing more about how these ideas are being implemented and the potential solutions that are on the horizon to disrupt the current system.

There were many great books, studies, and solutions shared throughout the conference. We have begun to gather those and list them on our website for easy reference. If you were registered for the conference and missed any of the sessions you can still view those recordings in the Virtual Lobby using your login credentials.

Thank you very much for the immense contributions from the attendees, participants, and organizers. We see you and appreciate your dedication to change and moving STEM forward.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kimberly Scott

Research & Highlights

The status of women of color in the workplace

Yulkendy Valdez and Sonia BasSheva Manjon have an in-depth conversation about the need for culture change and their roadmap to advance and promote women of color in tech.

Workplace bias and women of color in computing

Rachel Maas, from the Center for WorkLife Law, shares research findings and a bias interrupter that employers can implement to interrupt bias against women of color.

A defining moment.

Written by Tara Nkrumah, PhD

The month of February represents multiple opportunities for me to interact with diverse audiences to share my research agenda and discuss equitable teaching practices in STEM that promote racial and gender justice. On February 17, I received an email invitation from Kaylie McGuckin, a sophomore from the Pasco School District in Washington State, to be interviewed for what she called a special Black History month program. This is what came from that interview.

Visible Hands is now accepting applications.

Calling all BIPOC and womxn founders: Visible Hands is investing up to $200k and providing company-building support through its inaugural fellowship. Learn more or nominate candidates at www.visiblehands.vc.

Staff spotlight

Kai manages data for multiple programs, conducts data analysis, and translates results into insights and solutions. He is also dedicated to helping all of our community partners in addressing the gender gap at ASU to help the US be a leader in preparing women and girls for STEM careers. His research interests include the behavioral impact of our STEM initiatives on various aspects of women’s and girls’ experiences and overall mental health.

We are delighted to have Kai on our team and even more delighted to have him. Kai has more than a decade of research experience and specializes in the area.

Kids’ corner

Kite Day is Easy Science Play

I found myself describing to my little one how to hold the kite and how to feel for the wind in order for the kite to be able to fly in the air. Turns out to be easy science play!!!