

## **Accelerate Community:** **Systemic Investments in Equity, Talent, and Tech**

### **Speaker Biographies**



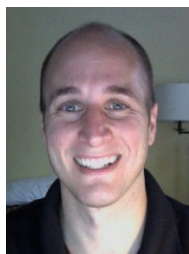
**Ann Wilson Cramer, Senior Consultant, Coxe Curry & Associates;  
Former Director, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, IBM**

Ann Wilson Cramer is a senior consultant with Coxe Curry & Associates. In this role, she provides strategic consultation to nonprofit clients to strengthen their capacity in the critical areas of board development, volunteer engagement, corporate relations, and fundraising. She will also be available to the business community to provide guidance on the issues of corporate citizenship and social responsibility.

Prior to joining Coxe Curry, Ann served as director for IBM Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs for the Americas. In that position, she was a member of the senior management staff overseeing the company's approach to corporate citizenship, strategic philanthropy, and overall social responsibility.

The Women's College Coalition honored Ann and Marian Wright Edelman with the first WCC Women Creating Change Award. She was also one of five Georgia women to receive the first STEM Gems.

Ann is a graduate of Salem College with a degree in mathematics. In 1991, she received Salem College's Alumnae Leadership Award. Ann and her husband, Jeff, are long-time residents of Inman Park and are active members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. They are the proud parents of two adult children.



**Adam J. Danser, Principal, Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School**

The vision of Maynard H. Jackson High School is to be a school of excellence preparing all students to successfully live and compete in a global economy.

The mission of Maynard H. Jackson High School is to be accountable for providing a globally competitive education that empowers students to achieve academic and personal goals and to become productive, responsible citizens for the 21st Century.

We believe that the purpose of education is to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for each student to become a contributing member of society. We also believe it is the responsibility of every faculty member in a school to respond with respect and concern to the changing needs of all students. Therefore, student backgrounds must be considered and all students accepted as valuable individuals.



**Andre Dickens, Atlanta City Councilman; TechBridge Director**

Councilmember Andre Dickens was elected citywide to the Atlanta City Council Post 3 at Large in November 2013 and was the only Councilmember who was re-elected unopposed in November 2017. Currently, Andre is the Council's President Pro Tem and is the chair of the Transportation Committee. He also serves on Committee on Council, Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee, and Finance/Executive Committee. In his first term, Andre served as chair for the Public Safety & Legal Administration and Community Development & Human Services Committees and has served on the Code Enforcement & Budget Commissions as well as the Boards of the Atlanta Beltline, Invest Atlanta, and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

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Andre is a fifth generation Atlantan and proud product of the Atlanta Public School System where he graduated from Benjamin E Mays High School. Andre earned his Bachelor's of Chemical Engineering from Georgia Tech. He earned his MPA in Economic Development at Georgia State University.

In his tenure, Andre has become a vocal and legislative activist in promoting quality educational opportunities for Atlanta Public School students, ensuring that equity and affordability in housing is a significant component of Atlanta's future economic growth, improving transportation across the city and permitting processes, and enabling seniors to live comfortably in the city.



**Hala Moddelmog, President and CEO, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce**

Hala Moddelmog is a business and civic leader with more than 20 years in president and CEO roles. She also serves as a corporate director for two NYSE companies (FLEETCOR Technologies and Lamb Weston) and as a board member of several blue-chip nonprofits.

As the first female president and CEO of the nearly 160-year-old Metro Atlanta Chamber, Hala works on behalf of FORTUNE 500 companies and SMEs. Prior to joining MAC, Hala was president of Arby's Restaurant Group, president and CEO of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and the first woman to lead an international restaurant company as president of Church's Chicken.

Hala's current nonprofit boards include Georgia Public Broadcasting, Woodruff Arts Center, The Alliance Theatre co-chair for 2017-2019, and Georgia Tech's Scheller College of Business.

Hala has a Master of Arts degree in journalism and mass communications from the University of Georgia and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Georgia Southern University. She has attended executive education programs at Harvard Business School and Kellogg School of Management. Georgia Southern University awarded Hala an Honorary Doctorate of Letters.



**Dr. Kamau Bobb, Sr. Director, Constellations Center for Equity in Computing, Georgia Tech; subject matter expert for CECP's Accelerate Community**

Kamau is a national authority on STEM education. The founding senior director of the Constellations Center for Equity in Computing at Georgia Tech, Kamau is an engineer and science and technology policy scholar whose work focuses on the relationship between equity for students and communities of color in STEM fields, large education systems, and the social and structural conditions that influence contemporary American life.

He brings to his current position experience as a former program officer at the National Science Foundation. In that role Kamau worked at the highest levels of the federal government to help shape the national research agenda for delivering equitable and quality computational education. He has worked with members of the Office and Science and Technology Policy in the Obama Administration to set the national strategy for STEM education at both post-secondary and secondary school levels. He was selected as a member of President Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' STEM + Entrepreneurship Taskforce to help U.S. cities develop strategies to engage young men and boys of color in STEM activities and fields. Prior to his federal appointment, Kamau was the director of the STEM Initiative for the University System of Georgia, a collaborative effort to improve STEM education across the 30 public institutions serving approximately 325,000 students in the state.

Kamau holds a Ph.D. in science and technology policy from Georgia Tech and M.S. and B.S. degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Sadira.