

Microsoft Panel: Women in Technology

Where do you fit in?

Tuesday | March 31st | 5:00pm

Gates & Hillman 4405



Robin Goldstein, Principal Group Program Manager

Windows Development Platform

Robin has been working at Microsoft for the past 19 years and considers herself lucky to have worked on a variety of exciting and important projects. She has a non-traditional tech background stemming from her early work with electronic music, audio and linguistics and enjoys building products that help real people get real stuff done at work and at play. Robin thrives on working in teams and motivating others. She is a big tennis and soccer fan, loves to travel, cycle and speak French. Robin lives with her musician husband, two teenage daughters and cats who rule the world.



Rane Johnson, Principal Research Director

Microsoft Research Outreach

At MSR Outreach, Rane connects Microsoft researchers with academics and NGOs worldwide to identify high-impact areas for research investigations. She is working on projects that use technology to transform how students learn computer science and how we eradicate human trafficking with technology. Johnson also serves as Microsoft Research's lead for growing, attracting, and retaining women and under-represented groups in research, science, and engineering. She works closely with NCWIT, Anita Borg, ACM-W, IEEE-WIE, NGCP, CRA-W, AAUW, CSTA, Un Women and researchers to grow the pipeline of women and under-represented groups in research and STEM fields.



Katie Contos, Microsoft University Recruiting

Katie has been on Microsoft's recruiting team for 3 years, where she has focused on technical recruiting at the top tech universities across the country, including CMU. Since Katie started at Microsoft, she has also been an integral part of expanding and deepening the Explore Microsoft Program – a 12 week internship program focused on giving diverse freshmen and sophomores the opportunity to explore different roles in software development, early in their education. As a rare Seattle native, Katie enjoys spending time sailing, skiing, discovering new music, and obsessing over her two Taiwanese street dogs.



Clara Tsao, Business Development Manager

Microsoft Worldwide Education

Clara leads partner marketing for Microsoft's Worldwide Education team and the program management of TEACH.org, a partnership Microsoft has with the US Department of Education to recruit 1 million talented students into the teaching profession by 2020. Tsao is a graduate of UCLA (B.S., B.A.) and worked as a Fellow for Google's Technology Policy Team/Director of the Congressional Internet Caucus AC prior to joining Microsoft. In her spare time, you can find Clara organizing hackathons for social change, building mobile applications, writing tech pieces for the Huffington Post, or mentoring students on social entrepreneurship as the STEM commitment mentor for Clinton Global Initiative University.

Bring your questions, your resume and an appetite!