

Friday, February 1

Opening Remarks

Tiana Epps-Johnson, Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Technology and Civic Life

Epps-Johnson holds an MSc in Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics and a B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University. Epps-Johnson was a Technology and Democracy Fellow at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the Harvard Kennedy School for the 2015-2016 academic year. She was also chosen as a 2018 Obama Foundation Fellow. Her work as the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Technology and Civic Life focuses on modernizing voter communication and engagement by bringing together expertise in research, training, data analysis and software development.

Representative W. James Grant, State Representative of Florida's 64th District

Representative James W. Grant was elected to the Florida House in 2010 and currently represents northwest Hillsborough and north Pinellas Counties. Grant graduated from Jesuit High School, holds a degree in Business Administration from Auburn University, and a J.D. from Stetson University College of Law. Grant has served on the Board of Directors for Pepin Academies, the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Charter Foundation, and the Board of Advisors for Sistema Universitario Ana G. Mendez. Grant is an entrepreneur with a focus on healthcare technology and innovation. A recovering attorney, he has been on the frontlines of pushing data interoperability and the use of technology to align the interests of various stakeholders across the healthcare industry. As the cofounder of a technology enabled services company, Grant worked to make healthcare better, more accessible, and more affordable.

Saturday, February 2

Criminal Justice Panel

Sergeant Timothy Peck, University of Florida Police Department Community Services Division

Sergeant Peck is currently assigned to the University of Florida Police Department's Community Services Division. The division is a specifically designed unit that is responsible for organizing, establishing, maintaining, and promoting coordinated crime prevention and community related programs. Peck has been in law enforcement for over 24 years. During those 24 years he has worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Monroe County and as an officer, detective, and sergeant at the University of Florida Police Department.

William Hamilton, Executive Director of UF Law E-Discovery Project and Legal Skills Professor

William Hamilton is an electronic discovery expert specializing in the application of data analytic techniques and machine learning in the litigation process. Hamilton has taught electronic discovery at the University of Florida for the past decade and is the co-author of the *LexisNexis Practice Guide Florida e-Discovery and Evidence* and co-author of *A Student Electronic Discovery Primer: An Essential Companion for Civil Procedure Courses*. He is also the General Editor of the *LexisNexis Practice Guide: Florida Contract Litigation*. Hamilton is a neutral arbitrator and mediator for the World Intellectual Property Organization and the author of over 100 domain name dispute decisions. Prior to his academic career, he was the electronic discovery partner for major law firms while specializing in intellectual property, telecommunications, unfair trade practices, and mass tort and class action litigation. While practicing, Hamilton was recognized in Chambers USA, Florida Legal Elite, Best Lawyers in America, and Florida Super Lawyers.

Richard Mullaney, President of the University of Jacksonville Institute of Policy

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Government Panel

Dr. Juan Gilbert, Chair of the University of Florida Computer and Information Science and Engineering Department

Dr. Juan E. Gilbert is the Andrew Banks Family Preeminence Endowed Professor and Chair of the Computer & Information Science & Engineering Department at the University of Florida where he leads the Human Experience Research Lab. He is also an ACM Fellow, a Fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, and a Senior Member of the IEEE. Gilbert is the inventor of Prime III, an open source, secure and accessible voting technology that has been used in numerous organization elections and recently in statewide elections in New Hampshire. Prime III is the only open-source voting system to be used in state, local and federal elections. Gilbert was a member of the National Academies Committee on the Future of Voting: Accessible, Reliable, Verifiable Technology that produced the report titled, "Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy".

Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager at the City of Gainesville

Dan Hoffman started his position as the Assistant City Manager of the City of Gainesville, Florida in July 2017. He previously served as the first Chief Innovation Officer for Montgomery County, Maryland from October 2012 to June 2017, where he oversaw an Innovation Program that operated a variety of initiatives covering topics such as the internet of things (IoT), smart city initiatives, business incubation, and more. In Gainesville, Hoffman is a leader in developing city projects, works on social equity issues, and oversees various departments, such as the Gainesville Fire Rescue, Public Works, and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Hoffman received a bachelor's of science from George Washington University in 1999 and a master's from the Carey Business School at Johns Hopkins University in 2008.

Chris Holley II, Manager of Research and Innovation for FL League of Cities

Chris Holley II became the Manager of Research and Innovation for the Florida League of Cities in June 2018. Chris oversees the League's research efforts, including their annual CityStats survey of all 412 cities in Florida—as well as its civic tech and innovation initiatives. Chris has lived in diverse areas across Florida his entire life: Naples, Live Oak, Ft. Walton Beach, and now Tallahassee. With a father working in local government his entire career, Chris was raised with a public servant mentality. He graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's in Political Science and a minor in business. He worked for Florida's capital county, Leon, for 9 years, including 4 years in the county Budget Office and 4-plus years as Assistant to the Executive Director with the Leon County Tourist Development Council.

Lunch Keynote

Dr. Karla Shelnett, Associate Professor of Nutrition and Health at the University of Florida

Dr. Karla Shelnett is an Associate Professor and Extension Nutrition Specialist at the University of Florida. Shelnett received her bachelor's and PhD in Food Science and Human Nutrition from the University of Florida, her Master in Clinical Nutrition, and completed her dietetic internship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She serves as the Principal Investigator of the Family Nutrition Program, Florida's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), which teaches families eligible for SNAP benefits to make better food and physical activity choices. The Family Nutrition Program also helps make communities healthier with the Farm to School, Farm to Community Program, which helps bring fresh, local foods to schools and communities. Shelnett has developed curricula and Extension publications based on the most updated dietary guidance. She also works with a multistate research team using Community-Based Participatory Research to develop tools to evaluate the healthfulness of different campuses and communities.

Social Policy Panel

Dr. Michael H. Morris, George and Lisa Etheridge Professor of Entrepreneurship at the University of Florida

Michael H. Morris recently retired as the George and Lisa Etheridge Professor of Entrepreneurship at the University of Florida, where he served as Academic Director of the Entrepreneurship Program. He received his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in 1983. The entrepreneurship programs he has built at three universities have received national and global recognition for excellence. Morris is a pioneer in curricular innovation and experiential learning. His entrepreneurial outreach efforts have facilitated the development of hundreds of ventures, including a major poverty initiative in Gainesville and Chicago. Morris is a Past President of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He has been awarded the Academy of Management's Dedication to Entrepreneurship Award and selected as a top twenty entrepreneurship professor by Fortune Small Business. . A former Fulbright Scholar, he has also authored 12 books and published over 130 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Ashby Walker, Director for Health Equity Initiatives at UF Diabetes Initiative

Dr. Ashby Walker received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Emory University in 2007 and currently serves as the Director for Health Equity Initiatives at the University of Florida Diabetes Institute. Dr. Walker is a member of the North Florida American Diabetes Association Board, as well as an elected member of the American Diabetes Association National Health Disparities Committee and the Type 1 Exchange National Racial Disparities Working Group. Walker's research as a medical sociologist focuses on pediatric type 1 diabetes and the role that social capital plays in determining health outcomes. Her most recently awarded grant, ECHO T1D, is a \$1.6 million collaborative initiative with Stanford University aimed at improving access to care for underserved T1D populations in the states of Florida and California. Walker also previously served as the Chair of Social Sciences at Mars Hill University in North Carolina.

Victoria Hunter Gibney, MPH, CPH

Victoria Gibney is the State Public Health Specialist with UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program (FNP). FNP implements SNAP-Education, the nutrition education and obesity prevention component of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), for the state of Florida. Her work focuses on addressing health disparities through local policy and system changes to increase access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities among limited-resource Floridians. Victoria earned her Master in Public Health from the University of Florida and has led local advocacy efforts related to tobacco control policies through her volunteer role as Chair of Tobacco Free Alachua.

Urban Planning Panel

Angelique Bochnak, Senior Water Resources Scientist, Ecologist and Biogeochemist at Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

Dr. Angelique Bochnak, Ph.D., has more than 17 years of professional experience in water resource management, ecosystem ecology, and environmental biogeochemistry. Bochnak's experience includes significant project assignments in the establishment of minimum flows and levels (MFLs); assessment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters throughout Florida; protection of wetland, spring, riverine, and lake ecosystems; restoration of ecosystem function and vegetation community structure; and more. Bochnak's direct experience with various municipalities and water management districts, combined with her watershed approach to ecosystem restoration, enables her to determine how to best meet TMDLs while complying with the Florida Impaired Waters Rule and TMDL provisions of the U.S. Clean Water Act and to establish MFLs for sustainable water use as required by Florida legislature and the state's water resources implementation rule.

Sarah Elbadri, Urban Planner for Future Orlando

Sarah Elbadri came to Orlando to pursue a master's degree in urban planning from Rollins College. Recognizing the need for more tech talent, Sarah served as the first Campus Director for The Iron Yard, a "coding bootcamp" moving students into web development careers. In 2016, as the Executive Director for the SoDo Main Street program, Sarah worked to help small businesses recover in the wake of the Pulse tragedy. Sarah currently works in transportation planning, economic development, and community engagement through her firm Future Orlando. For the past six years, she has helped plan ReThinking the City, a monthly program that builds dialogue about the forces that shape our cities. She also helped organize the first Startup Weekend and National Day of Civic Hacking events in Orlando. Sarah is a founding board member of the Orlando Bike Coalition and serves as the City of Orlando representative on MetroPlan's Community Advisory Committee.

Chris Emmanuel, Director of Infrastructure & Governance Policy at the Florida Chamber of Commerce

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Sunday, February 3

Judging Panel

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Allie Mosie, Chief Operation Officer at the Commission on Local Debates

Allie Moise is a communications professional with a passion for civic engagement. She currently serves as Chief Operation Officer for the Commission on Local Debates (CLD). CLD is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve voter education by producing informative and accessible debates. In 2018, CLD hosted its inaugural debate season, producing four Florida House of Representatives debates impacting Orange County, and is aiming to expand in Central Florida for the 2020 election cycle. Allie previously served as the founding co-chair of the Leaguers in Action committee with the League of Women Voters of Orange County. The Leaguers in Action committee hosts community based workshops to educate the public about methods and strategies for effective civic engagement.

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