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UMBC's Engineering Professional Programs Partners with the American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) to Offer a Series of Webinars exploring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE/I) in Technical Management and Technological Development

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As demonstrated in the increasing number of controversies surrounding the implementation and deployment of emerging technologies, the case for more concerted considerations of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE/I) within the practices and processes of engineering management (EM) is clear. "*We are in a diversity crisis*" states Timnit Gebru in a recent *MIT Technology Review article*. Supporting more robust EM responses to this crisis, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)'s Engineering Professional Programs has partnered with the American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) to offer a series of webinars that explore DE/I in technical management and technological development.

Kicked-off on November 12, 2020 with a talk on Ethically Aligned Design by John C. Havens, Executive Director of the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems, the series continues on January 21, 2021 with Dr. Ayanna Howard, Roboticist and Chair of the School of Interactive Computing in the Georgia Tech College of Computing, on the Blacks in Robotics initiative. Webinars continue through March 2021, culminating with a talk by Dr. Rosalyn (Ros) W. Berne, Online Ethics Center and Associate Professor in Science, Technology, and Society at the University of Virginia. Registration for the series is open to all and free. Details will be posted mid-December 2020 on the ASEM homepage.

These webinars are designed to be practitioner oriented. It is the hope that participants leave the talks with an understanding of specific sensibilities, tools, and techniques to catalyze the needed conversations and actions to embed and infuse DE/I within emerging technological design and management contexts. For any questions, please contact Woodrow W. Winchester, III, PhD, CPEM, Director, UMBC Engineering Professional Programs and ASEM Professional Development and Continuing Education Director at wwwiii@umbc.edu.

November's talk, Ethics in Action: Intro to Ethically Aligned Design, can be viewed here.