

Quick Bios

Speakers

**Rayid
Ghani**

Director of the Center for Data Science & Public Policy | University of Chicago

Rayid uses data and analytics for high impact social good problems in areas such as education, healthcare, energy, transportation, economic development, and public safety, which is why he co-founded the Data Science for Social Good Fellowship. He is the former Chief Data Scientist for President Obama's 2012 Campaign and former Director of Analytics Research at Accenture Labs.

**Matthew
Gee**

Senior Research Fellow | Univ. of Chicago | Co-founder | Impact Lab

Matt works at the intersection of computer science, economics, and public policy. He conducts original research in computational social science and applied machine learning and builds practical tools to solve real-world problems with data. He is also co-founder of the Data Science for Social Good Fellowship.

**Mike
Flowers**

Fellow | What Works Cities

Mike was the first ever Chief Analytics Officer and Chief Open Platform Officer in NYC. He founded the Mayor's Office of Data Analytics, provided quantitative support to city departments, designed and oversaw the construction of a citywide analytics platform, and ran the implementation of the city's Open Data initiative. He is now the Chief Analytics Officer at Enigma and a What Works Cities Fellow.

**Carter
Hewgley**

Director of Analytics & Performance | GovEx

Carter has spent his career helping state, local and federal governments use data to solve problems big and small, most recently during disaster response as the Director of Enterprise Analytics at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Presenters (in alphabetical order)

**Kristen
Ahearn**

Senior Implementation Advisor | GovEx

Kristen has helped Maryland improve housing, energy, and environmental outcomes most recently at the Maryland Energy Administration and through her time on the Governor's StateStat team.

**Michael
Bennison**

Analyst | GovEx

Michael developed the capacities of young leaders and advanced development in vulnerable communities in Ghana. Before GovEx, he was a research associate at the Consumer Unity and Trust Society International where he advocated for strong market competition.

**Sheila
Dugan**

Senior Implementation Advisor | GovEx

Before joining GovEx, Sheila worked on broadband adoption and access programs. A former Code for America Fellow, she helped Oakland develop a web application to track public records requests.

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**Nick
Hadjigeorg
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Analyst | GovEx

A former City of Austin employee, Nick has published research on technology and innovation policy, was a Code for America brigade leader, as well as a staffer at the University of Texas at Austin Center for Politics and Governance.

**Eric
Reese**

Senior Implementation Advisor | GovEx

Eric has worked to improve public education performance in South Korea and in Washington, DC. Most recently, he worked with local governments across North Carolina on strategic planning, economic development, and performance.

**Rebecca
Williams**

Senior Implementation Advisor | GovEx

Rebecca is an open data advocate with a background in law and city planning. Prior to joining GovEx, Rebecca worked on federal data management at the White House Office of Management and Budget and Data.gov.