



**2020 Women & Technology Conference**  
**Virtual**  
**October 19, 2020**

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Kickoff**  
Anne Barth, Executive Director, TechConnect West Virginia
- 9:05 – 10:00 a.m. **Introduction of Keynote Speaker:**  
Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor  
WV Higher Education Policy Commission
- Keynote Speaker:**  
Dr. Nicole Pride, President  
West Virginia State University
- 10:00 – 10:05 a.m. **Five-Minute Break**
- 10:05 – 11:00 a.m. **Research Perspectives: HBCU & Land Grant Institutions**  
*Join us for an insider's look at the triumphs, challenges and lessons learned working in research at West Virginia State University, which has dual roles as both a land-grant institution and a Historically Black College & University. Panelists will share perspectives on their career-building strategies.*
- Dr. Padma Nimmakayala, Associate Professor of Research, Department of Biology
  - Dr. Barbara Liedl, Associate Professor, Department of Biology
  - Dr. Sean Collins, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Department of Biology
- Moderator: Dr. Ami Smith, Director, WV State University Extension Service
- 11:00 – 11:05 a.m. **Five-Minute Break**
- 11:05 – 12:00 p.m. **Race Matters: A Conversation with Scholars**  
*There has been an awakening across a broader segment of society of systemic racism and the effects it has across all areas of society. Join us for a discussion with leading race and place scholars on how racism affects our daily lives in the long and short run and how, in particular, White people can become better allies.*
- Dr. Lauri Andress, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, West Virginia University
  - Ms. Stephanie House-Niamke, W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow & Doctoral Student in Sociology, West Virginia University
- Moderator: Dr. Melanie Page, Associate Vice President for Creative and Scholarly Activity, West Virginia University
- 12:00 p.m. **Conclusion & Closing Remarks**

*Agenda is subject to change.*