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# Baltimore Community Efforts Toward Sociotechnical Justice

University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
+ Digital Harbor Foundation



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# Digital Inequity | Top Down Design

The historical and persistent underinvestment in digital skills in low income, high talent communities has widened disparities in healthcare, education, transportation, housing, and employment.



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# Digital Equity | Community Co-Design

We are a group of researchers, practitioners, service providers, and community organizers who meet community members where they are—in anchor institutions like Rec Centers, Community Tech Centers, and in Multi-Family Housing—to co-create digital equity together.



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# Panelists

## **Samantha “Sam” Musgrave**

Director of Project Waves at Digital Harbor Foundation

## **Erin Higgins**

Human Centered Computing PhD student + research assistant at University of Maryland, Baltimore County

## **Rob Moore**

Director of Tech Center at Digital Harbor Foundation

## **Foad Hamidi**

Assistant Professor in Information Systems at University of Maryland, Baltimore County

## Moderated by **Xanthe Matychak**

Director of Tech Extension at Digital Harbor Foundation



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# Questions

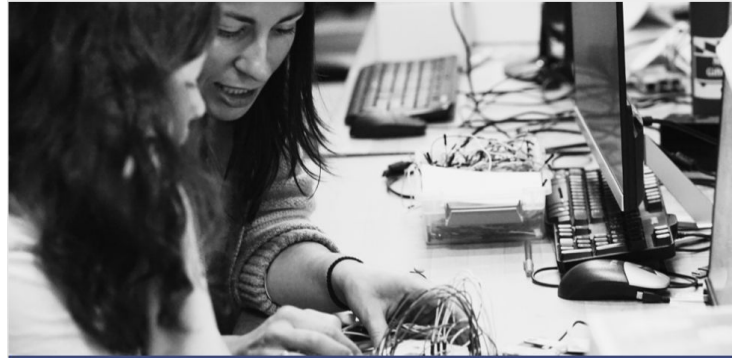
1. How do you respond to different kinds of **inequity** and **injustice** in the **spaces** and **communities** you are working in?
2. What are the critical aspects of building **partnerships** to further social justice?
3. How do you bring together **multiple expertise** and perspectives in **collaborations**?
4. Can you **share a story** that demonstrates success or a barrier you face?
5. How can **universities + colleges** better align themselves with **community values**?



# Thank you!



## A New Paper from Digital Harbor Foundation and UMBC



An Approach to Digital Equity that  
Leverages Social and Technical  
Capital: Recommendations for  
Community Anchor Institutions



<https://digitalharbor.org/whitepaper/june-2023>

