Navigating the Ethical Landscape: AI for NGOs
Closing Session

David Ryan Polgar is a pioneering tech ethicist, Responsible Tech advocate, and expert on ways to improve social media and our information ecosystem, along with increasing the ethical considerations regarding emerging technologies. He specializes in uniting a diverse range of stakeholders in order to tackle complex tech and society issues, cultivating conducive environments for forward progress.

David is the founder of All Tech Is Human, a non-profit organization synonymous with the Responsible Tech movement that is building a global, multistakeholder, multidisciplinary network that improves our ability to understand and grapple with difficult issues related to social media, AI, and emerging technology. As the leader of All Tech Is Human, he has created a unique grassroots-power model that is uniting thousands of individuals across the globe to understand values, best practices, and best pathways forward. His work building a large and diverse community of individuals coming together to tackle wicked problems was recently covered in the MIT Technology Review and will be an entire chapter in Greg Epstein's upcoming book, T*ech Agnostic: How Technology Became the World's Most Powerful Religion, and Why It Desperately Needs a Reformation*.

An international speaker with rare insight into building a better tech future, David has been on stage at Harvard Business School, Princeton University, Yale School of Management, Statcom Summit (Istanbul), The School of the New York Times, TechChill (Latvia), The Next Web (Netherlands), FutureNow (Slovakia), Infoshare (Poland), and many more. His commentary has appeared on CBS This Morning, TODAY show, BBC World News, MSNBC, Fast Company, The Guardian, SiriusXM, Associated Press, LA Times, USA Today, and more.

The main throughline throughout David's work is that we need a collaborative, multistakeholder, and multidisciplinary approach that is agile and fast-moving in order to build a tech future that is aligned with the public interest.

Nichelle Johnson Billips, JD, LLM is FHI 360's Deputy General Counsel, supporting the organization's legal and corporate administration. She joined FHI 360 with nearly 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors.

Immediately prior to joining FHI 360, Johnson Billips was a fellow with the White House Leadership Development Program, working in the Office of Management and Budget. Johnson Billips did most of her federal service at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where she advised agency leaders and program staff on programs in USAID's Bureau for Global Health, including HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health and nutrition, and COVID-19 response. Johnson Billips also supported USAID's education, climate change, and gender inclusion programs.

Johnson Billips began her career at an international law firm in Washington, D.C., where her practice focused on public and project finance, including capital improvements and renewable energy. Johnson Billips received her Bachelor of Arts in anthropology and in international studies from Yale University. She received her Juris Doctor and Master of Laws in international and comparative law from Duke University.

Diya K. Wynn has more than 25 years of experience as a technologist and has been at Amazon Web Services for six years. She is the Senior Practice Manager in Responsible AI heading the worldwide practice dedicated to customer engagement. Diya has honed her skills in scaling products for acquisition, spearheading initiatives for inclusion, diversity, and equity, leading operational transformation across various industries, and leveraging the historical and social contexts that influence her approach to responsible and inclusive AI/ML (artificial intelligence/machine learning) products.

She grew up in the Bronx and Harlem, and by third grade knew she wanted to pursue a career in computer engineering when she received her first computer—a time when not every household had a computer. Diya went on to pursue her degree in computer science at Spelman College, studied the Management of Technology at New York University, and studied AI & Ethics at MIT Sloan School of Management and Harvard University Professional School.

Diya is an international best-selling author and international speaker having presented at industry and DEI events across 15 countries including Ukraine, Belgium, Australia, and for the United Nations General Assembly. Her model of leadership and advocacy has been recognized with the Sungard AS Pathfinder Award (2016), AWS Inclusion Ambassador Award (2020), Makers Influencers & Innovators in STEM (2021), ID&E Technologist of the Year (2022), 100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics (2023), and VentureBeat Women in AI - Responsible AI (2023).

When she isn't working hard on the future of AI, she's working hard to influence the future. For Diya, this starts at home with her two sons but extends to the dozens she mentors, whom she encourages to color outside the lines, defy the odds, and redefine boundaries.

Alex Swartsel is managing director of Jobs for the Future (JFF) Labs's new Insights practice, a growing team that helps decision-makers across the education-to-career landscape understand and prepare for the emerging trends, technologies, and innovations shaping the future of work and learning. JFFLabs's rapid insights process and transformative trends research agenda focus on core areas impacting the future of work and learning—including AI, the metaverse, climate resilience, lifelong learning, aerospace, robotics, and other emerging fields. Alex is also leading the launch of JFF's new Center for Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work.

Before joining JFFLabs, Alex served as chief of development, finance, and external affairs for Teach for America's Washington, D.C., region and as a senior advisor to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, co-designed global strategic planning at the Motion Picture Association, and built and led the communications team for then-first-term U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse.

Alex chairs the board of directors of Capital City Symphony and is also a longtime member and former chorus president of the Choral Arts Society of Washington. She holds a B.A. summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Wellesley College and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.