



## 2nd Annual Digital Junction: **A New Crossroads —Digital Justice**

### **Pre-Conference 101 Sessions**

#### **People, Tech Literacy and Applications**

##### **Catherine Settanni**

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##### **Bio**

Catherine Settanni is founding director of Digital Access (<http://www.digitalaccess.org>) and C-CAN--The Community Computer Access Network, (<http://www.c-can.org>). Both are Twin Cities (MN) projects helping to bridge the digital divide through the development and support of community-based technology initiatives.

A professional media/technology consultant with her own company, Ms. Settanni also helps nonprofit organizations and government agencies develop and use Internet technology, with a specialty in the area of website development for public audiences.

She is currently leading the Community Technology Empowerment Project (CTEP), a new AmeriCorps program that supports 25 full time AmeriCorps members working in community technology centers throughout the metropolitan Twin Cities area.

##### **Presentation Abstract**

Where did the Internet come from, where is it going? A five minute history of the personal computing revolution, from the first PC's through the .com era, to today. We'll demonstrate several applications that illustrate the ongoing migration to online transactions in social, commercial, public policy, and educational arenas.

There is such a thing as a free lunch---if you know where to look. Find out where to find high-speed public Internet access in your community.

ASP, WIFI, DSL, T-1, PC, WWW, HTTP, etc. ---Confused yet? Play a quick round of the ACRONYM game and learn while you laugh.

##### **Rick Birmingham**

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##### **Bio**

Rick has over ten years of experience partnering with nonprofits and schools to better use technology. Rick is a Technology Circuit Rider for MAP for Nonprofits working with organizations to plan and implement technology, especially databases.

#### **People and Information – Data, Research, Planning**

##### **Jeff Matson**

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**Bio**

Jeff Matson has been with the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota since October 2000 where he coordinates the Minneapolis Neighborhood Information System (MNIS) and Minnesota 3-D projects. Jeff works with community organizations on training, project development, and capacity building in the use of data, maps, and GIS analysis. Jeff has a Master's degree in Geographic Information Science from the University of Minnesota.

**Presentation Abstract**

This session will introduce conference participants to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and applications through a brief summary of terms and concepts followed by project examples which highlight community use of data and maps. The session will conclude with an outline of web mapping tools, online data, and other resources for those interested in using this technology.

**Jim Ramstrom**

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**Bio**

Jim Ramstrom is the Decision Support Coordinator for the Land Management Information Center (LMIC), MN Department of Administration. For 25 years, Jim has been leading the development of online and PC-base information products serving Minnesota's government and citizens. His interests include information access, equity and usability.

**Presentation Abstract**

101- Presentation: GIS Tools for Community Analysis

GIS tools can help decision-makers visualize changing conditions, analyze market information, validate existing assumptions, improve delivery of services and help understand local and regional demographics. This session provides exposure to data resources and web based tools to support community analysis and development.

**Organizing for Connectivity: Legislation, Regulation****Angela Stuber**

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**Bio**

Angela Stuber has been the Executive Director of the Ohio Community Computing Network (OCCN) since 2000. OCCN has coordinated the grants process for over 5 million dollars in funds from telecommunications settlements while also providing support services to Ohio's community technology service providers. The OCCN VISTA Program has been awarded over \$250,000 in federal funds each year for the past six years to coordinate the statewide 20-member VISTA program for CTCs. Before moving to the Columbus area, Angela was the Project Coordinator of the Coalition to Access Technology and Networking in Toledo (CATNeT). CATNeT was Ohio's first citywide network of community technology centers and others interested in technology equality. Angela assisted in the creation of CATNeT when she was a graduate assistant at the University of Toledo Urban Affairs Center. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Sociology with an emphasis on Urban Issues from the University of Toledo. In February 2004, the John Glenn Institute named Angela one of the first John Glenn Social Capital Scholar. Angela is currently the CTCNet Board President and has served on the CTCNet Board of Directors since 2001. Angela also serves on the board of Grassroots.org.

On the personal side, Angela is married with two children. She loves to read, bicycle and is active in the PTO. Angela is a Black Belt in TaeKwonDo and is currently studying Krav Maga, the Israeli self defense system.

### **Presentatin Abstract**

For those new to the community technology field, join our discussion of community technology as a national movement that sprung up around the country based on need and has now coalesced into a unified movement.

We'll also discuss the variety of programs offered by community technology programs, the many different ways they are funded and the creative ways funding has been funneled to community technology from the telecom regulatory arena and local cable franchise agreements.

## **Demystifying Online Activism: Blogs and More**

### **Allison Fine**

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### **Bio**

Allison is a successful social entrepreneur and writer dedicated to helping grassroots organizations and activists implement and sustain social change efforts. Her first book, tentatively titled, Momentum: Explosive Social Change in the Connected Age, will be published by Jossey-Bass, an imprint of Wiley & Sons, in 2006.

Allison served as the C.E.O. of The E-Volve Foundation in 2004-2005. The mission of the E-Volve Foundation is to identify, support and promote open source technology efforts aimed at providing information and access to citizens for participation in democratic processes.

Prior to her engagement at E-Volve, Allison was the Founder of Innovation Network, Inc. (InnoNet) and served as Executive Director and President from 1992-2004. InnoNet is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping nonprofit organizations learn how to better plan and evaluate their services and programs.

Ms. Fine currently serves on the board of directors of Just Vision, a nonprofit organization that increases awareness about Palestinian and Israeli non-violent, civilian-led efforts to build a base for peace in the Middle East. Ms. Fine also serves on the Ethics and Accountability Committee of Independent Sector, on the advisory boards of Boardroom Books, and the Jacob Burns Film Center. She has been published in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the NIDR Forum, and Foundation News and Commentary, and has co-authored studies for the Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Ms. Fine has a Masters in public administration from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history from Vanderbilt University. From 1987-1989, Ms. Fine served as an elected trustee of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, NY and was appointed the Fire and Police Commissioner.

### **Presentation Abstract**

In a very short time, we have traveled from an old century to a new one, from the Information Age to the Connected Age, from protests in the street to connected activism. We are witnessing breathtaking shifts in power that can potentially increase participation in community and civic affairs in broad and significant ways.

Please join Allison Fine to learn more about Social Media and Connected Activism. Social media are the digital tools that enhance the ability of people to connect to one another, and perhaps more importantly, the ability of many people to instantly and inexpensively. Social media includes computers, but also includes cell phones, handheld computers or personal digital assistants, and even iPods. Connected Activism is social media combine with the passion of activism. Learn how to develop a strategy for connecting to your various communities, how to choose the right social media tools and how to stop working top-down and start working side-to-side.

