



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

Presenters Bio's

10:00 am **Community Informatics Panelists**

Moderator

Jane Leonard

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Jane Leonard is President of Minnesota Rural Partners, Inc. (MRP), the state's rural development council. She served as acting executive director since August 2003, and became President in March, 2004. In her 25-year career, Jane has been particularly interested in helping communities of all kinds build and support a healthy balance of civic society and market-based economy.

Over the past few years, Jane has worked to create policy and programs that integrate knowledge and innovation economy strategies into community and economic development goals at local, state, regional, and national levels. Jane started the statewide BizPathways Network, Entrepreneurial Community Champion process, and Minnesota Entrepreneurial Gateway initiative to encourage new business creation and support small businesses to diversify rural economies. In honor of that work, she was named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Regional Champion Award winner and Minnesota's Home-Based Business Advocate of the Year for 2004-2005. In 2005, Jane was named a University of Minnesota Alumni of Notable Achievement for her work in entrepreneurship, community technology and rural development policy.

Prior to becoming President of MRP, Jane was co-owner and president of Community Technology Advisors Corp., (CTAC). Prior to founding CTAC in May 2000, Jane was the community development manager for Onvoy Communications for two years, building strategic partnerships with community and business organizations to create community networking capabilities.

Keynote

Kate Williams

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Kate Williams is a research fellow at the University of Michigan School of Information studying the process of local communities adopting and adapting technology as they also cope with social inequalities. Her work has focussed on Toledo, Ohio and Manchester, England, and she is now conducting a national study of US community informatics projects. Her findings have suggested that people in these communities are more self-sufficient than some digital divide research suggests, and her analysis explains something about how this might work.

Panelists

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Professor John A. Powell is an internationally recognized authority in the areas of civil rights, civil liberties, and issues relating to race, ethnicity, poverty and the law. He is the executive director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University. He also holds the Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Moritz College of Law. He has written extensively on a number of issues including racial justice and regionalism, concentrated poverty and urban sprawl, the link between housing and school segregation, opportunity-based housing, gentrification, disparities in the criminal justice system, voting rights, affirmative action in the United States, South Africa and Brazil, racial and ethnic identity and current demographic trends.

Previously, Dr. Powell founded and directed the Institute on Race and Poverty at the University of Minnesota. He also served as the National Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, where he was instrumental in developing educational adequacy theory. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Legal Services of Greater Miami.

He has worked and lived in Africa, where he was a consultant to the governments of Mozambique and South Africa. He has also lived and worked in India and done work in Europe and South America. He is one of the co-founders of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) and serves on the boards of several national organizations.

Professor Powell has taught at Columbia University School of Law, Harvard Law School, University of Miami School of Law, American University, the University of San Francisco School of Law, and the University of Minnesota Law School. He joined the faculty at Ohio State in 2002.

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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-based information products serving Minnesota's government and citizens. His interests include information access, equity and usability.

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Cheryl Wilson, Congregational Organizer, Organizing Project of African American Congregations, a project of Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing, Cheryl is a graduate of Organizing Apprenticeship Project. She has 21 years of experience organizing within the educational systems around issues of parental involvement, parent education and in providing direct services to African/African American community members in domestic violence, sexual assault, abused children and general crime in southern Minnesota. Cheryl was also director of the Morris Miller Youth Center, a youth-directed center focused on organizing youth to understand power and change. Since joining MICAH she developed the Organizing Project of African American Congregations to enhance the power of the community through organizing.

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Noon

Wireless: Next Generation of Tech for Communities

Moderator

Catherine Settanni

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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.

Keynote

Matthew R Rantanen

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Matt was born in Washington, D.C. in 1969, an American, a descendant of The Cree Indian Nation, Finland & Scandinavia.

He holds a degree from Washington State University in: B.F.A., Graphic Design. He owns his own Freelance Design Business, MRRDesign, which led him to a fulltime position as a Senior Web Designer,

Artist, and Animator for Blue Mountain Arts / Bluemountain.com / Excite @ Home from 1994-2001, this position exposed him to technology in every aspect. He is fluent in Computer Graphics Applications, Website Construction

and Management, and well-versed in networking and troubleshooting of computer problems. He is currently the Director of Technology and Web

Services for SCTCA/Tribal Digital Village providing IT and Infrastructure Team Management. He has been with SCTCA and the Tribal Digital Village since

October of 2001. As part of this role he also provides technical advice and creates and manages all of the web entities that support SCTCA and the

Tribal Digital Village.

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Panelists

Donna M Martin

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My name is Donna Martin, I am the Telecommunications / IT Director for the Upper Sioux Community in Granite Falls, MN

I have an Associates Degree in Computer and Voice Networking and Bachelors in Information Technology. I have worked in the field of Technology for seven years as a Technician, Manager, and Director. As a Community the Upper Sioux strive to improve the Technology for the Tribal Members and businesses and to improve education.

Teresa R Peterson

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Teresa R. Peterson, Vice Chairman of the Upper Sioux Community is wife and mother of three boys. She holds a Masters of Science Degree in Educational Leadership and a B.A. in Human Services. She is a Blandin Reservation Leadership Alumnus and Americans for Indian Opporrunity Ambassador. She is passionate about education, youth leadership and language revitalization.

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James E. Farstad, founder and President of rClient, LLC, has 24 years experience in strategic telecommunications consulting and business management. His focus has been on Local government, financial services, healthcare and the new construction market segments. Jim has gained a strong reputation in the telecommunications marketplace, and is a recognized leader in strategy, vision, and innovation. He is a frequent speaker on Municipal Wireless strategies and technology trends. Most recently, Jim has presented at the 2005 Wireless Cities:Community Context Conference at University of Minnesota, the Twin Cities Electronic Forum at University of Saint Thomas, W2i Digital Cities in Europe in Bilbao, Spain and MuniWireless San Francisco 2005.

Jim was also the founder and CEO of Epic USA, a technology-professional services firm acquired by Larson, Allen Weishair and Company (LAWCO) in 1996. Following the acquisition, Jim was a member of the LarsonAllen Board of Directors and senior management team until he departed from LAWCO in 2000 to establish rClient.

Jim is past-President of the Minnesota Telecommunications Association (MTA) and is a former board member of the Society of Telecommunications Consultants.

Gary Schiff

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GARY SCHIFF was elected to a four-year term on the Minneapolis City Council in 2001 and re-elected in 2005. Council Member Schiff represents a district of 35,000 people, south east of the central business district. His district features the nation's largest urban American Indian population, and the largest Latino population in the region. The 9th Ward features significant industrial job base and is a commercial center for immigrant entrepreneurs.

Council Member Schiff serves as the Chair of the Zoning & Planning Committee, overseeing the regulation and the design of housing and commercial projects throughout the city. Schiff is a member of the city's Transportation & Public Works Committee, and his district features the State's first light rail transit system. Schiff also serves on the Community Development Committee where he is a leading advocate for more affordable housing.

Schiff's community work includes serving a board member of his local small business association, the Lake Street Council. Council Member Schiff is a board member of the Twin Cities Family Housing Fund, where he helps preserve and expand quality affordable housing for families with low and moderate incomes in the seven-county metropolitan area. Additionally, Council Member Schiff is the President of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Housing Finance Board, which finances affordable housing and home ownership programs across the region.

Schiff earned his B.A. in Women's Studies from the University of Minnesota and studied Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs with an emphasis on economic development. In 1997, Schiff authored an amendment to the City of Minneapolis Charter that for the first time placed the police department under the Civil Rights laws of the City. That same year, Schiff co-authored a Charter amendment that guaranteed that

any public subsidies for professional sports stadiums over \$10 million must be approved by referendum.

Russ Adams

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Russ Adams is the Executive Director of the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability. He has worked as a nonprofit advocate and community organizer for over 20 years. Over the years, he has helped to build community coalitions in support of sustainable development & renewable energy practices, better land-use and urban growth policies, increased funding for public transit, affordable housing, and brownfield clean-up, innovative strategies like Inclusionary Housing measures and Community Benefit Agreements, and challenged public officials to address environmental justice concerns.

1:45 pm
Policy and Regulatory Issues

Moderator

Madonna Yawakie

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I am the President of Turtle Island Communications - my company provides telecommunication engineering and technical consulting to our clients. I have worked in the Telecommunication Industry for 15 years.

Keynote

Adrian E. Herbst

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Adrian E. Herbst is a principal with the Washington, D.C. based firm The Baller Herbst Law Group, P.C., in charge of its Minneapolis, Minnesota office. He has over 30 years of experience in municipal and governmental work, with an emphasis on cable television franchising and regulation. Adrian has been extensively involved in representing local governments throughout the country on franchise renewals, transfers of ownership, governmental ownership alternatives, franchise compliance audits, and rate regulation issues. He has also been extensively involved in the development of ordinances to assist local governments in telecommunications regulation, development of fiber optic networks, and issues relating to rights-of-way management. Adrian was a City Councilmember for the City of Bloomington, Minnesota for 16 years and its City Attorney for 7 years. He has served as a past President of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association and Vice President of the League of Minnesota Cities. Adrian is a charter member of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) and is also a member of the Alliance for Community Media, as well as various other legal organizations including the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), the Federal Communications Bar Association, and the Telecommunications Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Panelists

Angela Stuber

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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.

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Nick Wallace develops and assists in legal projects for IRP in the areas of urban and regional policy. He received his B.A. degree in Political Science, Asian Studies and Religion magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from St. Olaf College in 2002 and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2005, where he was a MacArthur Fellow and served as a student director of the law school housing clinic. He is also completing a Master of Public Policy degree at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Jorge Saavedra

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Jorge Saavedra F. is an attorney and advisor working with individuals, nonprofit organizations and the philanthropy community.

Mr. Saavedra is a leading voice on public policy, civil and human rights issues facing immigrant communities in Minnesota. Mr. Saavedra has represented individuals in a wide variety of cases including the Holiday Inn Express case, a nationally recognized labor rights case.

Mr. Saavedra is an active volunteer and serves as the Vice-Chair of El Fondo de Nuestra Comunidad community foundation, the Minnesota State Bar Association Legal Assistance for the Disadvantaged Committee, the Growth and Justice board of directors, and is the Vice-Chair of the board of the Resource Center of the Americas.

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Marcia Warren Edelman is an enrolled member of the Santa Clara Pueblo of New Mexico and co-author of *Native Networking: Telecommunications and Information Technology in Indian Country*, published by the Benton Foundation in 1999. Currently, Edelman is the President and co-founder of the Native Networking Policy Center (NNPC), a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure equitable and affordable access to, and the culturally appropriate use of, telecommunications and information technology throughout Indian Country. She also provides consulting services to Native organizations and the federal government through her own company, Sweet Moose Enterprises LLC, in the areas of Native American policy, economic development, and telecommunications and information technology. Recent clients include the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions

(CDFI) program, and the Falmouth Institute (a premier training organization serving Indian Country). Edelman also served on the board of directors for Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT), a non-profit organization that supports and develops Native educational and public telecommunications programs and services.

From 1999 to 2001, Edelman served as the first Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary for Native American Affairs for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. During that time, Edelman led an intra-departmental Native American Affairs Working Group in the development of a five-year strategic plan for Indian programs and policy; coordinated the Digital Opportunities in Indian Country site visit on Secretary Norman Mineta's Digital Opportunities Tour; and served as the Department's representative to the White House Domestic Policy Council's Working Group on American Indians and Alaska Natives, and to the National Congress of American Indian's (NCAI) Digital Divide Task Force.

Prior to entering public service, Edelman was a market research and business development consultant, specializing in the areas of information and communications technology. She holds a Master of Arts in International Studies and International Economics from the Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC.

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