

**PROGRAM\***

**The National FinTech Center at Morgan State University**

**Presents the Virtual**

# **Second National HBCU Blockchain and FinTech Conference**

**Featuring frontier research and innovative educational projects  
conducted by the faculty and students at Historically Black Colleges  
and Universities (HBCUs)**

## **FIRST DAY: Friday, November 12, 2021**

9:00 - 9:10am EST

**Welcome and Program Overview**

**Ali Emdad**, Associate Dean, Graves Business School, Director of The National FinTech Center

**Welcome Remarks**

**Lauren Weymouth**, Senior Manager, University Partnership Programs, Ripple

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

**Ali Emdad**

9:15- 10:00am EST

**DeFi: Opportunities and Risks**

**Dr. Campbell Harvey**, Duke University

10:00 - 11:10am EST

## **HBCUs Are Leading Cryptocurrency Adoption**

*Sponsored by RDA Index*

Session Chair:

**Dr. Miguel Zúñiga**, Morgan State University

*Creating Cryptocurrency Models*

**Dr. Ashley Thomas**, Alabama State University

*Crypto on Campus: The Xavier Token*

**Dr. Shael Wolfson**, Xavier University

*Research on the Global Expansion of Cryptocurrencies and Digital Readiness*

**Dr. Mohammad Mahdi Moeini Gharagozloo**, Morgan State University

11:15- 12:00pm EST

## **HBCU Students Succeeding with IBM Certifications**

*Sponsored by IBM Global University*

Moderator:

**Ms. Valinda Scarbro Kennedy**, IBM Global University Programs

**Dr. Mohammed Salam**, Southern University A&M

**Dr. Kamal Hingorani**, Alabama State University

12:00 - 1:00pm EST

## **Networking Lunch Break**

**Expo Area Will be Open**

1:00 - 1:55pm EST

## **Rapid Application Development: Farm to Table Use Case**

*Sponsored by SIMBA Chain*

Moderator:

**Dr. Sanjay Bapna**, Morgan State University

**Mr. Tom Cooksey**, SIMBA Chain

**Mr. Sean Francis**, University of the Virgin Islands

**Dr. Maxim Bushuev**, Morgan State University

2:00 - 2:05pm EST

### **Closing**

**Sanjay Bapna**, Associate Director of The National FinTech Center

2:05 - 3:00pm EST

### **Expo Area Open**

**Virtual Career Expo: Sponsors will be live in virtual booths**

## **SECOND DAY: Saturday, November 13, 2021**

9:00 -9:03 EST

### **Welcome**

**Dr. David K. Wilson**, President, Morgan State University

9:03-9:10am EST

### **Program Overview**

**Dr. Ali Emdad**, Associate Dean, Graves Business School, Director of the National FinTech Center

9:10 - 9:15am EST

### **Keeping HBCUs on the Cutting Edge of Technology Adoption**

**Dr. Alma S. Adams**, US Congresswoman & Founder of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus

9:15 - 10:30am EST

### **Cryptocurrencies and Sustainability**

*Sponsored by the Blockchain Association*

Session Chair

**Dr. Alfredo Romero**, North Carolina A & T University

*Hands-On Crypto Activities Newsletter*

**Dr. Abena Primo**, Huston-Tillotson University

*Cryptocurrency Investment In COVID-19 And Wealth Disparities*

**Dr. Miesha J. Williams**, Morehouse College

*Research on the Environmental Costs of Cryptocurrency Mining*

**Dr. Isabelle Kemajou-Brown**, Morgan State University

10:35- 11:15am EST

## **The Engineering of Blockchain**

*Sponsored by DFINITY Foundation*

Moderator:

**Mr. Michael Hunte**, DFINITY Foundation

*Blockchain Workshops on the Go*

**Dr. Shonda Bernadin**, Florida A&M University

*Research on Model Specifications for Blockchain*

**Dr. Yujian Fu**, Alabama A & M University

11:20 - 12:00pm EST

## **Exploring Blockchain Use Cases**

*Sponsored by the Hyperledger Project*

Session Chair

**Dr. Katayoon Beshkardana**, Morgan State University

*Critical Thinking Seminar Series*

**Dr. Jack Crumbly**, Tuskegee University

*Research on the Global Value Chain*

**Dr. Omar Khan**, Morgan State University

12:00 - 12:45pm EST  
**Networking Lunch Break**  
**Expo Area Will be Open**

12:45 - 2:00pm EST  
**HBCU Students are Designing the Future of Blockchain**  
*Sponsored by Blockchain901*

Moderator:  
**Mr. Justin Cooper**, Blockchain901

*Blockchain Startup Pitch Competition*  
**Dr. Jifeng Mu**, Alabama A & M University

*Educational Games Apps Hack-a-Thon*  
**Dr. Millicent Springs-Campbell**, Spelman College

*HBCU Students Inform the Block Video Competition*  
**Dr. Patrice Jones**, Alabama State University

Featuring the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winning videos!!!

2:00 - 2:05pm EST  
**Closing**  
**Dr. Ali Emdad**, Director of The National FinTech Center  
**Mr. Ken Weber**, Head of Social Impact, Ripple

2:05 - 3:00pm EST  
**Expo Area Open**  
**HBCU Students Got Blockchain Talent Expo**  
***Students will be live in Competition and Student Club Booths***

*\*Program is subject to change.*