WOMEN IN DATA SCIENCE
PITTSBURGH @CMU
March 24 - 25, 2023
About

WiDS Pittsburgh @CMU was held for the first time in 2018 and had nearly 150 local participants including students, faculty, companies, non-profits, and campus organizations. WiDS is an international conference primarily located in Stanford, CA with 150+ satellite conferences across every continent except Antarctica. In 2019, over 120,000 people attended the conference in person and via the livestream and Facebook Live. The purpose of WiDS is “to inspire and educate data scientists worldwide, regardless of gender, and support women in the field”; the conference features exclusively women speakers from academia and industry.

This year, WiDS Pittsburgh @CMU will be back and in person on March 24th to March 25th. Attendees will be able to listen to and engage with data science leaders working in related fields on both industry and academic opportunities as well as submit resumes for potential opportunities with industry sponsors. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, WiDS Pittsburgh @CMU is free for both students and professionals.

The Pittsburgh City Council has declared March 24-25 “Women in Data Science Days”!
March 24

3:00pm: Registration Opens and Networking Mixer

4:15pm: Keynote Address by Sheryl Skolnick
   Strategic Advisor | UnitedHealth Group

5:00pm: Reception
Schedule

Location: Baker Hall A51 - Giant Eagle Auditorium  
Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Carnegie Mellon University

March 25

9:30am: Registration Opens and Breakfast

10:20am:  
**Opening Remarks by Richard Scheines**  
*Bess Family Dean, Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Professor of Philosophy | Carnegie Mellon University*

10:30am:  
**Harjeet Virdi**  
*Chief of Staff Global Diversity & Inclusion COE | Merck Animal Health*  
**Gabrielle Mack**  
*Director-Development IT | Merck Animal Health*

11:15am: Coffee Break

11:30am:  
**Hoda Heidari**  
*Asst. Professor, Machine Learning Department and Institute for Software, Systems, and Society | Carnegie Mellon University*

12:15pm: Lunch and Networking

1:30pm:  
**Beth Bauer**  
*Founder and CEO | PosiROI*

2:15pm: Snack Break

2:30pm:  
**Kayla Frisoli**  
*Data Scientist, Senior Manager | Liva Nova*

3:15pm:  
**Closing Remarks by Rebecca Nugent**  
*Stephen E. and Joyce Fienberg Professor of Statistics & Data Science  
Department Head, Statistics & Data Science | Carnegie Mellon University*
Speakers

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