



# WOMEN in LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2021

Authentic Voices: Defining and Expressing  
Your True Identity

FEBRUARY 12 | VIRTUAL  
8AM-4:30PM



RICE | BUSINESS  
Jones Graduate School of Business



# AGENDA

8:30am – 8:45am

## GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME

- Julianne Katz, 2021 Women in Leadership Conference President
  - Barbara Ost diek, Senior Associate Dean of Degree Programs, Associate Professor of Finance and Statistics, Rice Business
- Owl Award given to exemplary 2nd-year student

8:45am – 9:45am

## OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- Shiza Shahid, The Malala Fund; Our Place

10am – 11am

## **MORNING PANEL SESSIONS**

### Founders Corner

- Yael Katz, Braincheck
- Asma Mirza, Steradian Technologies
- Joanna Nathan, JJ Labs
- Tierra Smith, Wins for Black Girls
- Susan Yara, Mixed Makeup

*Moderator: Isha Ratanji*

### Energizing the Future

- Chrissy Benson, Goldman Sachs
- Barbara Burger, Chevron
- Carolyn Comer, Shell
- Gin Kinney, NRG
- Ann Oglesby, Phillips 66

*Moderator: Frances Gallego*

### Making Comebacks: Learning to Lean In, Adjust and Pivot During the Pandemic

- Dr. Tabitha Davis
- Mary Beth Gracy, Accenture
- Rium Johnson, NOV
- Henry Richardson, Define Body & Mind
- Jeff Whiting, Broadway to PPE

*Moderator: Katie Chung*

### Having It All: Leading at Work and at Home

- Ashley-Rachelle Horstman, Accenture
- Nikki Kuzdeba, Google
- Carolina Sierra, First Reserve
- Kathy Stewart, Vopak
- Jennifer Thai, Awesome Bites

*Moderator: Amie Uttecht*

10:30am – 11:45am

## **PLATINUM LEADERSHIP COACHING** (Small group - max 15)

### Get, Leverage and Be An Ally

- Michael Landrum, Executive Coach and Facilitator

### How to Get Out of Your Own Way to Step Into Power

- Sandra Voyadzis, Mentor Coach

### The Whole Hearted Leader

- Cecilia Engquist, Engquist Coaching

### Building Your Dream Team

- Ann Wheeler, Consulting Psychologist

### Women Supporting Women

- Rebecca Lowe, Founder and Facilitator, Clarity Center for A New Way





# AGENDA

11am – 12pm

## LUNCH AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

[Fitness Class](#) (11:05am–11:50am)

Coffee Chats/Company Spotlights

- [11am – 11:30am | Spotlight on Chevron](#)
- [11am – 11:30am | Spotlight on Phillips 66](#)
- [11:15am – 11:45am | Spotlight on Vopak](#)

12pm – 1:15pm

## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

[Lead the Way You Want to Be Led](#)

- Lara Dolnik, LeadStyle
- Shveta Pillai, LeadStyle

[Communicate Like an Authentic Leader](#)

- Janet Moore, Director of Communication Program, Jones Graduate School of Business

[Don't Leave Yourself Behind: Choosing Self-Care Over Burnout](#)

- Tamara Clarkson, Tamara Clarkson, LPC

1:30pm – 2:45pm

## PLATINUM LEADERSHIP COACHING (Small group - max 10)

[Leading with Presence and Voice](#)

- Lara Dolnik, LeadStyle
- Shveta Pillai, LeadStyle

[The Art of Uncomfortable Conversations](#)

- Sonya Ware, Blue Beagle Consulting

[How to Get Out of Your Own Way to Step Into Power](#)

- Sandra Voyadzis, Mentor Coach

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## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS

- [1:30pm – 2pm | Spotlight on Accenture](#)
- [1:30pm – 2pm | Spotlight on DCP Midstream](#)

**BONUS SESSION** (free and premium ticket holders)

[A Candid Conversation with Daryl Roth, Broadway Producer](#) (1:30pm-2:30pm)

2:45pm – 3:45pm

[CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER](#)

- Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Judge

3:45pm – 4pm

[CLOSING REMARKS](#)



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **SHIZA SHAHID** – Opening Keynote Speaker Co-founder CEO, The Malala Fund and Our Place

Shiza Shahid is an entrepreneur, technologist, investor and impact leader.

Shiza co-founded the Malala Fund with Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, and led the organization as founding CEO. She focused on creating access to high quality education for all children around the world.

Shiza launched NOW Ventures in Silicon Valley, in partnership with Angellist, the largest Venture Capital Platform in the world. She invests in mission-driven technology startups, that are solving the world's most pressing challenges through technology, innovation, and high-growth business models.

Shiza is co-founder of Our Place; a mission-driven startup focused on getting people to connect more by cooking and sharing food together. Because home-cooking is where cultures are most authentically represented and love is most fully expressed.



### **LINA HIDALGO** – Closing Keynote Speaker Harris County Judge

Judge Lina Hidalgo is the head of Harris County's governing body. She is the first woman to be elected County Judge and only the second to be elected to the Commissioners Court.

Harris County is the third largest county in our nation. Its population of more than 4.5 million rivals that of the entire state of Colorado. The Harris County Judge and four County Commissioners oversee a \$4.3 billion budget that helps fund key county services and institutions.

Judge Hidalgo believes that our region will remain competitive only through proactive and creative leadership on issues like flood control, transportation, criminal justice reform, and education. She is committed to ensuring that Harris County government is transparent, accessible, and accountable to every resident. She wants Harris County to be a place where everyone can attain the American Dream.



**DARYL ROTH**  
Broadway Producer

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## PANELISTS: FOUNDERS CORNER



**Yael Katz**

Co-founder and CEO, Braincheck



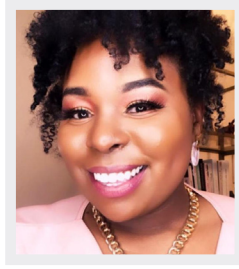
**Asma Mirza**

Founder and CEO, Steradian Technologies, Inc.



**Joanna Nathan**

Manager of New Ventures, Johnson & Johnson



**Tierra Smith**

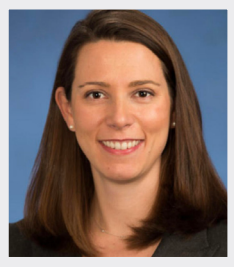
Founder, Wins For Black Girls



**Susan Yara**

Founder, Mixed Makeup, Co-founder, NATURIUM

## PANELISTS: ENERGIZING THE FUTURE



**Chrissy Benson**

Managing Director,  
Goldman Sachs



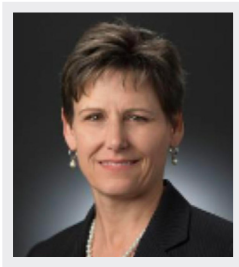
**Barbara Burger**

President, Technology Ventures, Chevron Corporation,  
Vice President, Innovation, Chevron Corporation



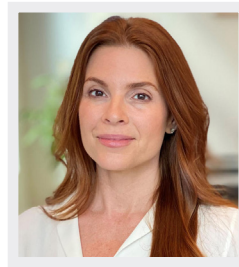
**Carolyn Comer**

SVP, Shell Energy Americas



**Ann Oglesby**

Vice President, Energy Research  
& Innovation, Phillips 66



**Gin Kinney**

Vice President, Communications  
and Marketing, NRG



## PANELISTS: MAKING COMEBACKS



**DR. TABITHA S. DAVIS**

Principal, Billy Reagan K8  
Educational Center



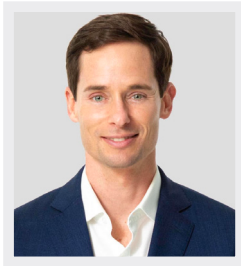
**MARY BETH GRACY**

Managing Director, Houston Office,  
Accenture



**RIUM JOHNSON**

Chief Health, Safety, Security, and  
Environmental Officer, NOV



**HENRY RICHARDSON**

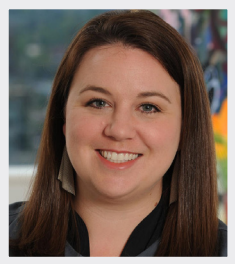
Founder and CEO, Define Body & Mind



**JEFF WHITING**

Owner, Open Jar Studios, Founder,  
The Broadway Relief Project

## PANELISTS: HAVING IT ALL



**ASHLEY-RACHELLE HORSTMAN**

Energy Strategy Managing Director,  
Accenture



**NIKKI KUZDEBA**

Senior HR Business Partner, Google



**CAROLINA SIERRA**

Vice President, First Reserve



**KATHY STEWART**

Terminal Manager, Vopak



**JENNIFER THAI**

Founder, Awesome Bites Co.

## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS



**LARA DOLNIK**

Executive & Leadership Coach,  
LeadStyle LLC



**SHVETA PILLAI**

Executive & Leadership Coach,  
LeadStyle LLC



**JANET MOORE**

Director of Communication Program



**TAMARA CLARKSON**

Counselor and Owner,  
Tamara Clarkson, LPC

## LEADSTYLE SMALL GROUP SESSIONS



**CECILIA ENGQUIST**

Executive and Leadership Coach,  
Engquist Coaching



**LARA DOLNIK**

Executive & Leadership Coach,  
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**MICHAEL LANDRUM**

Executive Coach and Facilitator



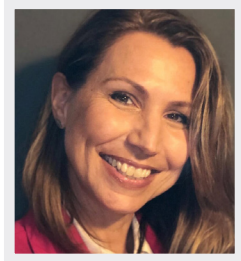
**REBECCA LOWE**

Founder and Facilitator, Clarity Center  
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**SHVETA PILLAI**

Executive & Leadership Coach,  
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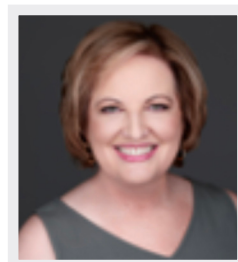
**SANDRA VOYADZIS**

Executive & Leadership Coach,  
Mentor Coach



**SONYA WARE**

Executive Coach and Strategist,  
Blue Beagle Consulting



**ANN WHEELER**

Consulting Psychologist

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**JULIANNE KATZ**  
WILC President

Dear WILC Attendees,

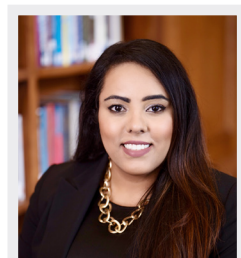
Working from home, home schooling your children, caring for your loved ones, worrying about the physical and mental well-being of your family—this last year sent us so many obstacles that have kept us from setting personal growth goals.

But today is not about mere survival. Today is about surpassing our basic needs, and striving for belongingness, esteem and self-actualization. Today, we thrive.

The theme of this year's conference is [Authentic Voices: Defining and Expressing Your True Identity](#). I hope, in a mutual quest for authenticity, that we may all stay present and in the moment in today's programming; that we may allow ourselves to be vulnerable; that we may connect with our peers and colleagues to surround one another with support and encouragement.

Thank you for joining us at the 21st Annual Women in Leadership Conference.

Best wishes.



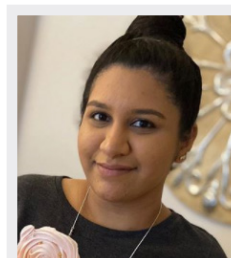
**ISHA RATANJI**  
Operations



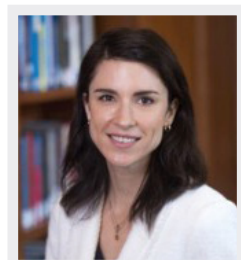
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**SUNITA DHARANI**  
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**FRANCES GALLEGO**  
Speakers



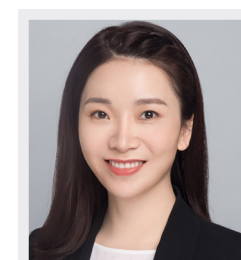
**AKANKSHA GUPTA**  
Speakers



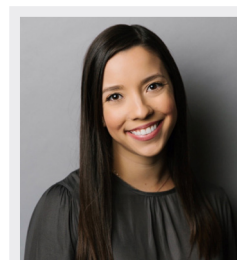
**SARAH KIRMANI**  
Speakers



**NALANI ORTIZ**  
Diversity and Inclusion



**FRANNY FAN**  
Marketing



**VICTORIA GARCIA**  
Marketing and PMBA Liaison



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