# GRADUATE Women in Engineering Network

**Presents** 

# SHARING YOUR VOICE TAKING YOUR NEXT LEAP

# Professional Development Workshop

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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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### ABOUT THE GRADUATE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING NETWORK

#### Mission

To provide strategies within a supportive community for women engineering graduate students to advance personally, academically, and professionally.

#### Objectives

**COMMUNITY** | To establish an inclusive network that affirms, inspires, and supports women and gender minorities throughout their engineering graduate career.

**STRATEGIES** To provide opportunities to develop skills and introduce strategies for professional and personal development.

**ADVANCEMENT** | To provide an enriching experience that encourages individual growth, and furthers the community of women engineers.

#### GRADUATE WIE NETWORK LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dr. Suzanne Zurn-Birkhimer, Associate Director, Women in Engineering Program
Cathy Deno, Administrative Assistant, Women in Engineering Program
Burla Ondes, Ph.D. Candidate, Industrial Engineering
Angie Rojas, M.S. Student, Materials Engineering
Elizabeth Sanders, Ph.D. Candidate, Engineering Education
Morgan Smith, Ph.D. Student, Materials Engineering
Shanmukhi Sripada, Ph.D. Student, Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Olivia Brandt, Ph.D., Materials Engineering (Former LT member)

Individuals of all races, genders, and backgrounds are welcome.

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#### WORKSHOP AGENDA

2:45 PM: Sign-in Opens (PGSC 105 A/B)
3:00 PM: Welcome
3:10 - 4:00 PM: *How To Talk About Yourself*--Dr. Bich-Van Pham
4:10 - 5:00 PM: *Navigating Your First Job*- Dr. Jinsha Li
5:00 - 6:00 PM: Networking Reception

#### **Dr. Bich-Van C. Pham**

Bich-Van currently is an R&D Associate Director in the Agile Disruptive Innovation team at Kraft-Heinz, leading a team to deliver new innovation to meet consumer needs within the brand portfolio. She has 14 years of experience in the consumer packaged goods (CPG) industry. spanning discovery, product innovation, commercialization, packaging, and project management at PepsiCo in both food and beverage products and USDA experience at Tyson. She has also worked at a national lab and small business in addition to large billion-dollar companies. Bich-Van received her Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue and her BS in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University. She is a strong advocate for DE&I and for STEM, thru the Society of Women Engineers, PepsiCo's Women's Inclusion Network, and beyond. Bich-Van has 2 kids, a 7 year old daughter, and 5 year old son. Her other interests include eating (benefit of working in the food industry!), traveling, photography/arts/crafts, and reading (if she has any time to spare).



#### Dr. Jinsha Li

Jinsha Li graduated from Purdue University in 2019 with a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. She's the maestro behind the scenes as a Project Manager in the Research Process Development Group at ADM, where she started her adventure as an Ingredient Research Scientist. Juggling the roles of a 2-year-old's mom and a host of a podcast, Jinsha adds a dash of humor to her recipe for success. From the lab to the living room, she proves that life's a blend of scientific precision and joyful chaos.



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