

# The 2024 Engineering Equity Summit

## Program Agenda

Eastern time

9:30-10:00 a.m.

### Doors Open

Engineering Design and Innovation Building, Third Floor

10:05-10:10 a.m.

### Welcome Address: Dean Tonya Peeples

*Dean of College of Engineering, Penn State*

Engineering Design and Innovation Building 325/326

10:10-10:55 a.m.

### Design Challenge:

*Engineering Diversity Roundtable, Penn State*

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11:00-12:00 p.m.

### Keynote: Dr. Karina Vielma

*Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, UTSA*

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12:00-1:30 p.m.

### Lunch: Radiant Women in Nuclear Lunch & Learn

Engineering Design and Innovation Building, Second Floor Lobby

1:30-1:35 p.m.

### Break

### Concurrent Sessions Round 1

1:35-2:25 p.m.

#### What's Your ~~Why~~ Try? A Hands-on Interactive Discussion to Pursue Goals and Overcome Roadblocks

**Dr. Tahira Reid Smith**

*Associate Department Head for Inclusive Research and Education  
Mechanical Engineering, Penn State*

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#### Resilience as a Young Professional Post-Academia

**Dr. Cody Gonzalez**

*Assistant Professor  
Mechanical Engineering, UTSA*

**Dr. Dorcas Kaweesa**

*Aeromechanics Structural Analysis Engineer  
NASA Ames Research Center*

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### Concurrent Sessions Round 2

2:35-3:25 p.m.

#### The Journey from Brazil to Penn State as a Latinx Engineer Working in Aerodynamics - a discussion

**Dr. Tamy Guimarães**

*Assistant Professor  
Mechanical Engineering, Penn State*

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#### Cultivating Holistic Wellness

**Dr. Latisha Franklin**

*Assistant Program Director  
Millennium Scholars Program, Penn State*

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3:25-3:30 p.m.

### Break

3:30-3:40 p.m.

### Closing Remarks: Dean Enrique Gomez

*Interim Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Penn State*

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