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**PANEL TO DISCUSS ADVANCING SYSTEMIC CHANGE AND IMPROVING
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN COMPUTING**

***Panelists for March 3 Event Include World-Renowned Computing Researchers from Academia,
Industry, and Government; Two ACM A.M. Turing Laureates Will Participate***

New York, NY, February 18, 2021—ACM Fellow Timothy M. Pinkston has organized a panel discussion on “[Valuing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Our Computing Community](#),” bringing together a stellar set of world-renowned computing researchers to discuss what can and should be done to dismantle structural and systemic factors that stand in the way of making much-needed progress to advancing and valuing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the computing field.

The panel will engage questions such as: What role can and should the computing industry and corporate world play in making real differences? What additional proactive efforts can professional societies, their technical communities, and other organizations initiate and lead to meet these aspirational goals? What actionable steps might every member of the computing community take individually to contribute to this worthy cause, within their own spheres of influence? What are the major hurdles standing in the way of progress?

This panel is free and open to the public by registering [here](#).

WHO: **John L. Hennessy** – Stanford University Professor and former President, Chairman of Alphabet, and 2017 ACM A.M. Turing Award recipient

David Patterson – University of California, Berkeley Professor, Google Distinguished Engineer, former ACM President, and 2017 ACM A.M. Turing Award recipient

Margaret Martonosi – Princeton University Professor, National Science Foundation Assistant Director of Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), Fellow of ACM and IEEE, member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS), and member of the National Academy of Engineering

Bill Dally – NVIDIA Chief Scientist and former Stanford University Professor, member of the National Academy of Engineering

Natalie Enright Jerger – University of Toronto Professor, ACM Council on Diversity and Inclusion Co-chair, Fellow of IEEE and ACM Distinguished Member

Kim Hazelwood – Facebook AI Research West Coast Head of Engineering, and Computing Research Association Board Member

Timothy M. Pinkston (Moderator) – University of Southern California Professor and Vice Dean, Computing Research Association Board Member, ACM SIGARCH/SIGMICRO CARES Co-chair, and Fellow of AAAS, ACM, and IEEE

WHAT: [“Valuing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Our Computing Community”](#) panel discussion

WHEN: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm EST

WHERE: Presented as a joint session of the virtually co-located [HPCA'21](#), [PPoPP'21](#), [CGO'21](#) and [CC'21](#) conferences

HOW: Free registration open to the public [here](#)

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A full description of the panel is available [here](#).

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