



Closing the Digital Gap for Older Adults

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Program & Speakers' Bios



Adam Echelman, Executive Director Libraries Without Borders US

Adam (he/his) advocates for dynamic programs that increase access to information by meeting people where they are—whether through digital literacy classes in laundromats or health workshops in churches. A graduate of Yale University, he has worked with asylum seekers at the Karnes Detention Center in Texas and has served as a Visiting Professor of Practice at John Jay College, where he co-taught a program on access to justice and legal information. He is a co-founder of the Baltimore Digital Equity Coalition and a Humanity in Action/Alfred Landecker Fellow.



Thomas Kamber, Executive Director Older Adults Technology Services

Tom Kamber is an award-winning social entrepreneur, educator and activist who has created new initiatives in aging, technology, affordable housing and the arts. As founder and executive director of Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), Tom has helped over 30,000 seniors get online and created the country's first technology-themed community center for older adults. Tom has taught social entrepreneurship and philanthropy at Columbia University and has published widely in academic journals on topics including public policy, business strategy, and technology. He speaks regularly at local, national, and international conferences, including the Consumer Electronics Show, the Institute of Medicine, the American Society on Aging and the Federal Communications Commission. His work has been featured widely in the media, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, and The Today Show, and he has won awards from local, state, and national organizations.





Shivali Haribhakti, Regional Director, Senior Planet Montgomery, Older Adults Technology Services

Shivali graduated with honors from the Cornell University School of Industrial & Labor Relations and completed graduate certificates from Johns Hopkins University in economics. She brings to Senior Planet Montgomery experience working in the tech sector and the education sector for 4+ years. She is most looking forward to helping older adults improve their daily lives. She resides in DC and is excited to get to know her neighbors in the 240! In her spare time she is an avid reader, Toastmaster, and volunteer helping B-Corps, small benefit corporations, in the Mid-Atlantic meet their sustainability targets.

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