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Jane Finette
Executive Program Manager,
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Founder The Coaching Fellowship & Mentor for Good, Executive Coach, Mentor Unreasonable Institute, Astia, Semester at Sea.) Jane is obsessed with accelerating social change and a strong voice and advocate for women. She is the Executive Program Manager for Mozilla's Office of the Chair, and also the Founder of [The Coaching Fellowship](#), an international non-profit providing executive coaching fellowships supporting young women leaders of impact to solve some of the world's grand challenges at scale. A former Entrepreneur in Residence at Astia, a non-profit that helps high growth companies by women succeed, Jane cares deeply about women and girls reaching their full potential. For the first half of her career Jane held senior global marketing roles at leading high-tech companies including eBay and Mozilla, she is also a successful entrepreneur. She is a mentor at The Unreasonable Institute, Unreasonable at Sea, Semester at Sea, Astia, and many other places. She is also the co-founder of the social mentoring organization [Mentor For Good](#).



Leslie Summerfield
Event Opener
Ericsson HR Director

Leslie Summerfield has a wealth of human resources and organizational development experience. She has worked with several of the technology industry's most significant companies, including Sun Microsystems, National Semiconductor, Quantum, Silicon Graphics, JDSU, and Cisco. Today Leslie is Senior HR Director with Ericsson; her main focus is helping to build a high performance organization in order to optimize business results. She strives to strengthen the HR function as a true business partner in each of her assignments by thoroughly analyzing all options, building a strategic team, and working closely with leadership to achieve the best outcome. She also has a passion for mentoring women in technology and assisting them with the unique challenges they face in the workplace.



Katy Dickinson
Moderator
TechWomen Mentor, 2010
TechWomen Process
Architect

Founder of Mentoring Standard, Katy, has designed and managed successful mentoring programs in the Americas, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia – while holding senior executive roles at Everwise, People to People, MentorCloud, Huawei, and Sun Microsystems. At Sun, she created and managed the global Engineering mentoring programs for 10 years, after creating and managing the Sun Labs archiving system, the Software development life cycle process, and other large corporate Infrastructures. Katy Dickinson is a member of the TechWomen Alumnae Council. She was the Process Architect for the first class of the U.S. State Department's TechWomen mentoring program, a Member of the Anita Borg Institute Advisory Board, and a Lecturer for the University of California at Berkeley Engineering class on entrepreneurship. She is part of the team that created the Notable Technical Women cards and posters. She is an author, speaker, and popular blogger on Katysblog.



Audrey Simpson
Director of Strategic
Programs
TechWomen Alumnae
Co-chair & TechWomen
Mentor

Audrey has been an employee of Ericsson for close to 24 years, holding multiple roles in R&D program management and operations. In these positions Audrey has designed and deployed processes and tools for program and resource capability management globally. Her career at Ericsson has spanned the spectrum of MSC, RBS, RAN, IP and NAM products. She has represented Ericsson as professional and cultural mentor since 2012 as part of TechWomen. This US Department of State program, ignited her passion for promoting and teaching women in STEM professions from across Africa, Central Asia and Middle East. In 2014 she lead the TechWomen delegation to visit and experience Ericsson's Rwandan site as part of the Millennium Village and Ericsson's Connect to Learn program. Since November 2015 she has served as co-chair of the TechWomen Alumnae Organization. Recently she was appointed to Ericsson's BUCI Diversity and Inclusion council responsible for site diversity growth.

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Judy Little
Ericsson VP,
Strategic
Alliances

Judy Little has over 20 years of experience in the wireless communications industry. She has been with Ericsson since 1992 and is currently Head of Strategic Alliance Management for Ericsson in North America based in San Jose. Judy is responsible for identifying Ericsson's long-term vision with partners and developing a strategy to ensure we maximize the partnership growth potential and drive business value creation for Ericsson's customers. She has served in a variety of roles within the industry including SVP Sales for Tier 1 Operators, GM for Enterprise and Marketing. Judy has a degree in Technology Engineering and has completed a Post Graduate Executive Program at Columbia Business School.



Manali Rane
Ericsson Sr.
Software
Engineer, & Agile
Coach

Manali is a Senior Software Engineer with Ericsson. She holds a Master's Degree in Computer Science from University of Southern California and a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Mumbai, India. At Ericsson She has worked on multiple products ranging from MSC, BSC, SSR and now IPOS. She is also an agile coach to PDU IPOS and certified scrum masters for multiple teams within the PDU. As a core member of Women in Leadership initiative at Ericsson she actively leads activities to inspire ambitious women to lead. TechWomen is a program close to her heart. She has been a TechWomen mentor since 2013 and she loves the experience the program brings. On weekends she hosts a tech-focused public radio show at Stanford University.



Robert G. Loftis
Career Transition and
Leadership
Development Coach

Bob Loftis is a leadership and career coach in private practice at NowForward.biz and also with Lee Hecht Harrison in San Jose. His current clients include Symantec, Levi Strauss, and Palo Alto Networks. He combines the practical advantages of Agile leadership with the resiliency of a growth mindset and the immediacy of a mindfulness-based conscious business approach. His focus with individuals and teams is to increase communication and collaboration through constructive candor and accountability for actions and results. Bob's background is in learning and development, with many years in product and training groups at Apple, then enterprise software product management at HP. He now coaches and consults with leaders who feel stuck and want to grow their careers, teams, and business impact.



Myra Nawabi
Lockheed Martin
Sr. Program
Manager

Myra has been working for Lockheed Martin since September 2014 as a program manager. Along with this her passion is in helping various web & mobile early-stage start ups as a volunteer project manager. Additionally Myra is dedicated in tutoring people in basic computer & internet skills. She enjoys participating in the management team for the American Diabetes Association's Silicon Valley Tour de Cure fundraising race and facilitating the Bay Area's largest Lean In circle in Palo Alto. As a Cultural Ambassador for TechWomen's Emerging Leaders program she promotes global learning and teaching to women of STEM profession. And finally participates in a truly rewarding mentoring activity of leading 5 High School girls from Fremont in Technovation Challenge as they learn to build an Android Mobile Application in 12 weeks ...And generally advocating for education and technology.