

**Election Verification Network Conference**  
**March 18-20, 2024**  
**The Constance Milstein and Family Global Academic Center**  
**New York University**  
**Washington, DC**

***“Bridging Rough Waters”***

**Monday March 18**

5:00 pm           **Opening Reception**  
**Eckstine Ballroom, Viceroy Hotel**

6:00 pm           **Welcome and Introductions**  
Josh Benaloh, Microsoft Research and Chair, EVN Coordinating Committee

**Remarks**

Virginia Kase Solomón, Common Cause, President and CEO  
Kim Wyman, Bipartisan Policy Center, former Secretary of State, Washington;  
Recipient of the 2020 EVN Public Service Award for Improved Elections

8:00 pm           **Dinner on your own**

**Tuesday, March 19**

8:00 am           **Breakfast/Check-in**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer**

8:45 am           **Welcome & Introductions**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**  
Josh Benaloh, Microsoft Research, Chair, EVN Coordinating Committee  
Aquene Freechild, Public Citizen, Conference Co-Chair  
Eddie Perez, OSET Institute, Conference Co-Chair

9:00 am           **A Report from Federal Partners: The Current Environment and New Challenges**  
Moderator: Dana DeBeauvoir, OSET Institute  
Panelists: Geoffrey Hale, CISA; Commissioner Thomas Hicks, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Aaron Jennen, U.S. Dept. of Justice  
*How do the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) assess the current environment for elections, and how are they preparing and improving readiness? What are their current priorities, and what are new challenges that make 2024 different from previous years?*

- 10:15 am            **Combatting Mis- and Disinformation about Elections:  
How Can Big Tech and Election Officials Work Together More Effectively?**  
Moderator: Eddie Perez, OSET Institute  
Panelists: Roberta Braga, Digital Democracy Institute of the Americas; Justin Hendrix, Tech Policy Press; Kim Wyman, Bipartisan Policy Center  
*A dialogue between social media/tech policy experts and election experts, to help bridge the divide and collaborate to address the serious communication challenges we face. How can online content technologists educate the elections community about the spread of viral disinformation and potential rapid responses – and, conversely, what can election specialists teach them?*
- 11:15 am            **Break**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer (overflow)**
- 11:30 am            **Keynote Address**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**  
David Folkenflik, National Media Correspondent, NPR
- 12:30 pm            **Annual EVN Awards Ceremony**  
John Marion, Common Cause, Rhode Island
- 1:15 pm             **Verified Voting Awards Luncheon**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer (overflow)**
- 2:15 pm             **Re-convene**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**
- 2:30 pm             **Keynote Address**  
The Honorable Michael Adams, Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Kentucky
- 3:00 pm             **Break**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer (overflow)**

3:15 pm **Digital Democracy for All: Accessibility and Security in Voting**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**  
Moderator: Susannah Goodman, Common Cause  
Panelists: Michelle Bishop, National Disabilities Rights Network; Rafael Bonifaz, Derechos Digitales; Braden Crimmins, University of Michigan; Jalisa Giles, Public Citizen; David M. Scanlon, Secretary of State, New Hampshire  
*A discussion on innovative approaches to enhance voter access without resorting to internet voting. This panel aims to provide actionable takeaways for promoting participation among voters with disabilities through secure, accessible, and traditional voting methods.*

4:30 pm **Election Verification: Evolving Innovations and Challenges**  
Panelists: Neal McBurnett, Auditing Expert; Dwight Shellman, State Election Official; Brad Sturt, University of Illinois; Vanessa Teague, Australian National University  
*With public confidence in the legitimacy of election outcomes under serious pressure in some quarters, transparency and verification of results is more important than ever. How do these efforts continue to evolve, and what are new challenges that have been identified? Our panelists have experience in real-world voting operations, the challenges posed by open records laws and privacy, and the need for new auditing techniques as elections continue to change.*

## **Wednesday, March 20**

8:00 am **Breakfast/Check-in**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer (overflow)**

8:30 am **Welcome & Introductions**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**  
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8:40 am **Appearance Via Video**  
U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, D-MN  
**Remarks**  
Stephen Spaulding, Policy Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration

9:15 am **Protecting and Supporting Election Officials**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**  
Moderator: Aquene Freechild, Public Citizen  
Panelists: Judd Choate, Election Director, State of Colorado; Aghogho Edevbie, Deputy Secretary of State, Michigan; Beth Gilbert, Action Together, NEPA; Sam Liebert, All Voting is Local, Wisconsin  
*Pernicious intimidation and harassment of local and state election officials is causing a mass exodus from the field at a critical juncture. We'll discuss lessons learned from state and county election officials, and also successful legislative efforts to protect and retain experienced election officials.*

- 10:15 am **Break**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer (overflow)**
- 10:30 am **Getting the Message Out: Strategic Communications**  
Moderator: Liz Lebron, Blue Nexus Group  
Panelists: Tara Buss, Research Collaborative; Genya Coulter, OSET Institute; Corrie Emerson, Verified Voting; Derek Tisler, Brennan Center for Justice  
*How can election officials, journalists and other stakeholders cooperate to communicate strategically in a way that a) educates the public; b) lowers the temperature; and c) does not undermine confidence in elections? We'll explore how to make responsible and proactive disclosure of administrative errors and/or voting technology flaws without creating panic, and what messages work best to inform voters about challenges with voting tech and systems, without pushing them to disengage or distrust the process.*
- 11:45 am **Voting Technology Roundup**  
Participants: Josh Benaloh, Microsoft Research; Kevin Skoglund, Citizens for Better Elections; Chris Wlaschin, Election Systems & Software  
*This session provides an update on recent newsworthy developments with voting technology, and how they might impact public confidence in elections. The session begins with the latest news about new voting systems, federal certification requirements, and some significant problems with deployed systems. Then, the session will turn to a one-on-one interview with the CISO of a prominent voting system vendor, to discuss these topics and the future of voting systems.*
- 12:45 pm **Microsoft Research Sponsored Luncheon**  
**Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Lobby**  
**Pearlstein Family Grand Foyer (overflow)**
- 1:45 pm **Re-convene**  
**Abramson Family Auditorium**
- 2:00 pm **AI's Impact on Elections: Ensuring Readiness**  
Moderator: Eddie Perez, OSET Institute  
Panelists: Katie Harbath, Anchor Change/Duco; Tim Harper, Center for Democracy and Technology; Gowri Ramachandran, Brennan Center for Justice  
*What might the impact of AI on elections be? While AI's ability to accelerate mis- and disinformation is much-talked-about, this panel will go deeper, to also assess how AI can impact the security of election infrastructure, systems and processes. How can Big Tech experts on AI and election officials learn from each other and support each other's needs?*

3:15 pm

**Minding The Store: Minimizing Risks Associated with Election Staff Turnover**

Moderators: David Levine, Alliance for Securing Democracy at the George Marshall Fund; Kurt Sampsel, PEN America

Panelists: Karen Brinson-Bell, North Carolina State Board of Elections; Shauna Dozier, Clayton County Board of Elections & Registration; Amanda Gonzalez, Jefferson County Clerk & Records Office

*A pragmatic panel, focused on risk reduction and best practices to avoid disruptions as well as efforts to combat insider threats.*

4:15pm

**Close and Toast**

Mark Lindeman, Verified Voting

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