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Pecha Kucha Seattle, Amazon Catalyst and CoMotion at the University of Washington Present PKN SEA vol. 69: Innovation & Digital Equity - Creative Visionaries at the Frontlines of Change

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 10, 2016 – [PechaKucha Seattle](#), the [Amazon Catalyst Fund](#) and [CoMotion at the University of Washington](#) are proud to present **PKN SEA vol. 69: Innovation & Digital Equity - Creative Visionaries at the Frontlines of Change** on Friday, November 18, an evening of presentations and conversation at the University of Washington's recently inaugurated [Intellectual House](#). The event will bring together a diverse set of extraordinary leaders working across our region to eliminate historical barriers to technology and expand access to opportunity, redefining innovation along the way.

Digital equity seeks to ensure all residents and neighborhoods have the information technology capacity needed for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services. Working toward digital equity involves intentional strategies and investments to reduce and eliminate historical barriers to access and technology use.

PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- **Jason Pace**, Executive Director, UW Bothell Digital Future Lab
- **Matthew Toles**, Amazon Catalyst Fellow, Founder and CEO, Slightly Robot
- **Susan Balbas**, Founder, Executive Director, Na'ah Illahee Fund
- **Shawn Peterson**, Program Coordinator, Youth Program, Native Girls Code
- **Kirk Mead**, Director of Development and Communications at Technology Access Foundation
- **Dirk Van Velzen**, Executive Director, The Prison Scholar Fund
- **Kalpna Viswanathan**, President, Kal Academy
- **Amari Garrett**, Techpreneur and CoFounder, Young Geniuses
- **Khabirah Weddington**, Founder, Black Student Union LINK
- **Michael Katell**, PhD Student, UW Information School
- **Mina Tari**, Senior, Informatics + Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies, UW
- **Maria Cuevas**, Senior, UW Informatics
- **David Keyes**, Community Technology Program Director at City of Seattle
- **Aramis Hamer**, Co-Founder, Black Dot in Seattle

EVENT DETAILS:

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Friday, November 18

Doors open at 5:30pm, presentations 6:30pm-8:30pm

Intellectual House

4249 Whitman Ct, Seattle, WA 98105

University of Washington Campus, Seattle

Admission: FREE

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About Pecha Kucha

PechaKucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format where presenters show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and the presenter talks along to the images. PechaKucha Nights are informal and fun gatherings where creative people get together and share their ideas, works, thoughts, holiday snaps -- just about anything, really -- in the PechaKucha 20x20 format.

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