Baltimore Avenue Connected Communities: Smart Cities Roundtable
Tuesday, March 4, from 2-3:30 pm
Please note: this session will be recorded.

Zoom Video **Link**:

- **https://go.umd.edu/Roundtable_Spring-25**
- Call-in #: +1.301.715.8592,   Meeting ID: 998 656 5831 (no password required)

Agenda:

1. **Tara Burke**   2:00-2:05 pm
   UMD Smart Cities Initiative, Welcome and Introduction

2. **Sheena Erete**   2:05-2:45 pm
   Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland (AIM)

Dr. Sheena Erete is an associate professor in the College of Information at the University of Maryland, College Park and the Associate Director of Research for the Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland (AIM). She is also the founder and director of the Community Research, Equity, and Design Collective (CREED).

Dr. Erete's research focuses on co-designing socio-cultural technologies, practices, and policies with community residents to amplify their local efforts. Topics include community safety, education, civic engagement, and health. The objective of her work is to create more just and equitable outcomes and futures for those who have historically and who currently face structural oppression. Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation and numerous other state and philanthropic organizations. Dr. Erete received Bachelor of Science degrees in computer science and mathematics from Spelman College. She received a master's degree in computer science from Georgia Tech and a Ph.D. in technology & social behavior from Northwestern University. She enjoys traveling, reading, hiking, running and spending time with her family.

3. **Christopher Jordan**   2:45-3:25 pm
   National League of Cities (NLC)
   NLC AI Report and Toolkit

Christopher Jordan is a Senior Specialist in Urban Innovation at the National League of Cities (NLC), where he helps cities navigate emerging technologies and public sector innovation. In this role, he works closely with local governments to develop sustainable, people-centered solutions to complex urban challenges.

He leads NCL's work on artificial intelligence, supporting cities in understanding and implementing responsible AI policies. Through research, policy guidance, and direct engagement with municipal leaders, he helps cities consider how AI might enhance public services, improve operations, and ensure ethical and equitable outcomes in their communities. His writing on AI in local government has appeared in publications such as *TechPolicy.Press* and *StateTech Magazine*.

Christopher's career spans nearly a decade in local, state, national, and international government work, with experience in Chicago, Washington, D.C., Indiana, and Japan. He holds a master's degree in Global Affairs and from the University of Notre Dame, where he conducted research on the role of subnational governments to address transnational global challenges.

RSVP

Jurisdictions/Municipal/County/State
- Erica Bannerman—Prince George's County Government; Sustainable Energy
- Katrina Dodro—City of New Carrollton
- Alex Hirtle—Prince George's County Council
- Greg Holcomb—Town of Colmar Manor
- Lora Katz—Town of Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee
- Diego Lopez—State of Maryland, Maryland Energy Administration; Clean Transportation
- Terrance Martin—Prince George's County Government
- Denise Mitchell—City of College Park
- Leslie Mullen—Prince George's County Government
- Carlos Nunes—City of College Park
- Lakisha Pingshaw—Prince George's County Government; Office of Information Technology
- Laura Reams—City of Hyattsville
- Paul Richards—City of Hyattsville
- Jeff Ulysse—City of Hyattsville

Industry/Organizations
- Susan Cargill-Collura—CISCO
- Abigail Ferretti—Partners for Economic Solutions (PES)
- Christopher Jordan—National League of Cities
- Eric Moberg—Pepco Holdings
- Scott Pomeroy—Smart City Media
- Jhoselyn Rodriguez—Coaching Salud Holistica
- Joseph Sexton—terraPulse, Inc.
- Valarie Woodall—Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

UMD/Academia
- Charlotte Avery—College of Computer, Mathematical & Natural Sciences; AIM
- John Baras—A. James Clark School of Engineering and the Institute for Systems Research
- Ralph Bennett—School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation
- Carol Boston—College of Information Studies
- Tara Burke—School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation
- Andressa C Pena Martinez—School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Architecture
- Luke Chenevert—Construction Quality Assurance, Facilities Management; P&C-Technical Support
- Mel Coles—Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences; AIM
- Keren Ding—College of Information
- Amanda Dykema —Vice President for Research; Research Development Office
- Sheena Erete—College of Information; Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute (AIM)
- Miracle Etim-Andy—College of Information
- Andrew Fellows—College of Information, Campus Community Connection; iConsultancy
- Kaveh Farokhi—A. James Clark School of Engineering, Center for Advanced Transportation Technology
- Navid Goudarzi—A. James Clark School of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
- Kathryn Howell—School of Architecture, Practice, & Preservation, National Center for Smart Growth

- Ruipu Hu—College of Information
- Clara Irazabal—School of Architecture, Practice, & Preservation; Urban Studies and Planning
- Virinchi Juttukonda—Vice President for Research; Economic Development; UM Ventures
- Roy Kohn—Vice President for Research Office
- Jwan Khisro—College of Information
- Danish Kumar—School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Environmental Finance Center
- Wayne Lutters —College of Information
- Andressa C Pena Martinez—School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Architecture
- Maria Molina—Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences; Atmospheric & Oceanic Science
- Mayisha Tahsin Mou—S. of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Urban & Regional Planning and Design
- David Myers—College of Agricultural and Natural Resources; Plant Science & Landscape Architecture
- Sammy Popat—Division of Research; Economic Development & Innovation
- Catherine Roach—Facilities Management; OM&U
- Jesse Saginor—School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Real Estate
- Alibi Shokputov—S. of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; Urban & Regional Planning
- Tina Squibb—College of Agricultural and Natural Resources; UM Extension-Family and Consumer Sciences
- Thomas Suchecki—School of Architecture, Practice, & Preservation; Urban Studies and Planning
- Le-Marie Thompson—Robert H. Smith School of Business; Management & Organization
- Xuan Wei—College of Agricultural and Natural Resources; UM Extension-Field Operations
- Susan Winter—College of Information
- Deok-Oh Woo—School of Architecture, Practice, & Preservation; Architecture