



METRO NYC DFI NETWORKING EVENT

WOMEN in DEEP FOUNDATIONS (WiDF)

October 17, 2018

FEATURING **Dr. LIESL FOLKS, Dean of Engineering & Applied Sciences, UB**
 TO DISCUSS **NAVIGATING GENDER BIAS, INEQUITY & DISCRIMINATION in STEM**



The Women in Deep Foundations (WiDF) Committee of the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) is honored to host our October NYC event featuring Dr. Liesl Folks, MBA, Dean of University at Buffalo's (UB) School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (SEAS), an exemplary supporter of STEM education initiatives. She has been promoting innovative PreK-12 programs and launched an IEEE summer program on magnetics which provides yearly study opportunities to nearly 100 graduate students from around the world. For her mentorship work, she

has received the national AVS Excellence in Leadership Award.

Currently, Dean Folks is Principal Investigator of the NSF-supported NAVIGATE Project that aims to increase women STEM graduates who persist in their chosen disciplines, and achieve leadership roles. Her focus is in finding solutions against gender bias, inequity and discrimination in STEM fields.

At this WiDF networking event, Dean Folks will present strategies for problem solving when you are faced with workplace bias, inequity, or discrimination (or worse!) and will present examples of Case Studies used in her research.



Event is **Free**; RSVP by **10/15/18** to Lucky.Nagarajan@skynesteel.com
 Limited space, first come basis

Wednesday, October 17th
WSP, 1 Penn Plaza
 Registration 5:30pm • Networking 6-6:30 pm
 Talk 6:30-7:30 pm

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