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CRITICAL ISSUES IN ENERGY

**TRANSPORTATION REVOLUTION:**  
**ELECTRIFIED AND AUTOMATED - WHO WILL LEAD LIGHT VS. HEAVY?**

Tuesday, February 18th | 6:00 pm  
Student Center South - Houston Room

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### SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



#### **Sola Lawal**, Product Operations Manager, Nuro

Sola Lawal is product operations manager at Nuro, a California-based robotics company. He works with Nuro's local partners, including Kroger, to manage delivery operations in Houston, where he is based. Lawal oversees community outreach to educate residents about the company and its fleet of autonomous vehicles. He previously worked at Uber, managing operations in West Africa and the United States, and served in a number of engineering roles at Dow Chemical.

Lawal earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. in entrepreneurship and strategy from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.



#### **Holly Reed**, Managing Director - External Affairs, Texas Central

Holly Reed's role with Texas Central has been a continuation of her career working on transformative projects in critical infrastructure, focused on the potential offered by a high-speed passenger train connecting Greater Houston and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, the fourth and fifth largest economies in the country.

Reed previously worked at AT&T, where she served as regional vice president and helped facilitate network deployments of high-speed internet, mobility networks and communication infrastructure. At Texas Central, her responsibilities include public policy, outreach, government relations and branding, media and communications.

A native Texan, she earned a bachelor's degree in business from Texas A&M University.

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### **Anita Sengupta**, Co-founder and Chief Product Officer, Airspace Experience Technologies

Anita Sengupta is an aerospace engineer, rocket scientist and pilot. She spent 16 years at NASA, where she led the design of propulsion and landing systems for deep space, Mars and earth re-entry. She later served as senior vice president of systems engineering at Virgin Hyperloop One and is currently co-founder and chief product officer of Airspace Experience Technologies, an aviation technology start-up that is developing an electric-powered vertical takeoff and landing system.

Sengupta received her master's degree and Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from the University of Southern California, where she is a research associate professor of astronautics.



### **Norman Whitton**, Managing Director, Electric Interstate Highway Standards Association

Norm Whitton is an entrepreneur and the managing director of the Electric Interstate Highway Standards Association, a 501(c)(3) that encourages people to adopt electric vehicles. He is active with EVOlve Houston, a consortium focused on encouraging adoption of electric vehicles that includes Centerpoint, Shell, the University of Houston, and the City of Houston. His companies provide solar PV installation, clothing recycling and fitness services. Formerly, he worked for three decades in the oil and gas industry, including twelve years as a management consultant headquartered in Houston and Singapore, and three years in algae-to-crude oil research.

Whitton holds two patents and earned an MBA from the University of Houston.

## SYMPOSIUM MODERATOR



### **Greg Bean**, Executive Director, Gutierrez Energy Management Institute

Greg Bean is the Executive Director of the Gutierrez Energy Management Institute in the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. Prior to joining Bauer, he spent over thirty years in global oil and gas management consulting after starting his energy career with ExxonMobil.

He is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

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