

## 20th YOUNG ENGINEERS FORUM

### AGENDA

Sunday, November 11, 2001

**Which path is right for ME:  
Creating your own success.**



All YEF sessions will be held at the Hilton New York in the West Ballroom, Third Floor.

9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	<b>Introduction</b> <b>Craig Redding</b> , YEF Chairperson Research Engineer Southwest Research Institute
9:05 AM - 9:20 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Marca Lam</b> , Moderator Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Cooper Union
<b>ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALISM... Deciding what's right...</b> <b>Product Liability, Business Ethics, and Intellectual Property</b> Focus: <i>Define expectations in the engineering profession: challenges facing engineers today and the impact on decision-making.</i>	
9:20 AM - 10:05 AM	<u>Product Liability</u> Product liability and the legal system now play a major role in practice of engineering, yet few engineering graduates have any formal training in this area. Product liability attorneys have become watchdogs for consumer protection, frequently to the dismay of engineers and manufacturers. This seminar will focus on the current legal system, the role of professional and industry standards in liability suits, some landmark product liability cases, and methods for guarding against product liability lawsuits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Charles F. Reinholtz, Ph.D.</b>, Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA</li></ul>
10:10 AM - 10:55 AM	<u>Business Ethics</u> Familiarize yourself with an interactive look at principles of ethical behavior in the workplace; understand corporate culture and day-to-day implications on business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vincent Gallogly</b>, Adjunct Professor of Engineering, Cooper Union</li></ul>
10:55 AM - 11:10 AM	<b>Morning Break</b>
11:10 AM - 11:55 AM	<u>Intellectual Property - How to Protect Your Ideas</u> Discover how intellectual property issues affect you as an engineer and get insight on how to protect your ideas.§ <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Leonard S. Sorgi</b>, Attorney, Schulte Roth &amp; Zabel, New York City</li></ul>
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b> Enjoy!! Restaurant suggestions will be provided

## NETWORKING YOUR WAY TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Focus: *Achieving the highest visibility professionally through networking.*

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<p>Networking day-to-day in the workplace is essential to having a successful career; learn how to interact with a boss, colleague and staff within your department and beyond to assist you in accomplishing goals. Develop various techniques, methods and resources that can be useful in sharpening your communication skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Brian D. Erbstoesser, P.E.</b>, Alliance Leader, Alvine and Associates, Omaha, NE.</li></ul>
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2:30 PM - 2:35 PM	<b>Transition Break</b>
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## THE MANAGERIAL TRACK AND ALTERNATE PATHS

Focus: *Real-life perspective on "What it takes to succeed as an Engineer" no matter what career path is taken.*

2:35 PM - 3:35 PM	<p>Through informative dialogue with Marca Lam, moderator, our diverse panel group will discuss careers in engineering and share experiences and choices made in navigating their paths. You will have the opportunity to ask specific career questions and learn how to prepare for your professional future and opportunities in your industry.</p> <p>Panel Moderator: <b>Marca Lam</b> Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Cooper Union</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engineering Manager <b>Wim J. Lam</b>, Director of Engineering, Monarch Machine Tool, Inc., Cortland, New York</li><li>• Inventor <b>Stanley N. Lapidus</b>, Chairman of EXACT Sciences Corp.</li><li>• Financial Management <b>Thomas Libertiny</b>, Associate Vice President, Investments at Raymond James &amp; Associates, Auburn Hills, Michigan</li><li>• Patent Attorney <b>Rafael Rosado</b>, Patent Attorney, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett &amp; Dunner LLP, Washington D.C.</li><li>• Product Development <b>Bob Gill</b>, Managing Partner, InterMatrixPDP Inc.</li></ul>
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3:35 PM - 3:50 PM	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
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3:50 PM - 4:50 PM	Panel Discussion resumes Question & Answer with audience
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4:50 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Marca Lam</b> , Moderator Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Cooper Union
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