Building a Career with Flexibility and Resilience while Maintaining a Balance in Life

ABSTRACT: This talk will explore my career path that traveled from engineering at Hanford to business management in Silicon Valley. The topics covered will include leadership, working in teams, real examples of ethics choices, and how events have shaped my career and life. The foundational education of Chemical Engineering has helped me make life transitions easier in unforeseen ways. Most importantly, I have learned how to stay relevant in a changing world.

BIOGRAPHY: Rick Hyman received a BS in Chemical Engineering at the University of Washington in 1978. Rick began his chemical engineering career at Exxon Nuclear in Hanford, WA and Alcoa in Wenatchee, WA. He moved to Silicon Valley in 1981 with roles in engineering, sales, marketing and management. Rick has spent the last 15 years of his career as VP of Business Development at NVIDIA, working on programs for autonomous vehicles to game consoles. Beyond these experiences, over the course of Rick's career he has also been a process engineer at an aluminum plant, a graduate student, a software engineering developing IC design tools, Sales Director for ECAD company, Vice President of Marketing, and CEO of a start up in Silicon Valley.