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## FUTURE PM EVENT NEWS

### **UMD Project Management Center for Excellence Announces Keynotes**

#### ***Two-Day Symposium to Feature Speakers from Lockheed Martin, the National Nuclear Security Administration, and More***

11 February 2016 – College Park, Md. USA – The University of Maryland’s Project Management Center for Excellence is proud to name five in-demand keynote speakers to headline its third annual [Project Management Symposium](http://www.pmsymposium.umd.edu), taking place May 12-13 at the University of Maryland campus in College Park, Md.



**Bob McGannon** of Mindavation, **Catriona M. C. Winter** of Clark Construction Group, **Dr. W. Michael Hawes** of Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, **Kenneth B. Sheely** of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and **Laura Barnard** of PMO Strategies will provide symposium participants with a big-picture view of how project managers play an integral role in government, industry, and academe.

To kick things off on May 12, McGannon will pull from more than 25 years of IT, project management, and project analysis experience during his presentation, “Intelligent Disobedience.” With Mindavation, McGannon specializes in strategic program and portfolio management, and has helped set up project management offices on three different continents.

During lunch, Winter will share her expertise on the world of construction management as she presents, “The Wharf at Southwest Waterfront, Washington, D.C.” As co-leader of one of Clark’s MidAtlantic business units, Winter is uniquely positioned to discuss the challenges of managing commercial, residential, and higher educational projects.

Hawes will wrap up Day 1 of the Symposium with a spellbinding presentation titled, “New Space and Human Space Rely on International Partnerships.” As Vice President and Orion Program Manager for Lockheed, Hawes will offer a fascinating look at what it’s like to lead the way in developing the first “next generation” of flight for space exploration.

The next morning, Sheely will present, “Applying Agile Development Techniques to Improve Program, Portfolio, and Enterprise Management,” and give a firsthand look at leading efforts to maintain, operate, and modernize the National Nuclear Security Administration’s general purpose infrastructure.

Rounding out the keynote presentation list, Barnard will share lessons learned from her 20 years of experience implementing change for a broad range of organizations. In line with her calling to “help those that help themselves,” Barnard has spent over a decade serving the Project Management community as a board member of PMI chapters, currently in the role of Vice President, Marketing for PMI, Washington, D.C.

Symposium attendees can customize their event experience by choosing from a dozen session tracks on topics including agile/IT, risk and big data, construction management, public private partnerships, Building Information Modeling (BIM), and sustainability. New this year, attendees can also participate in an Aerospace & Defense Best Practices track, led by Aviation Week Network.

With this year’s symposium projected to draw record-breaking attendance, those interested in participating are strongly encouraged to register in advance of the **April 1** early-bird deadline.

For more information, or to register, visit the [UMD Project Management Symposium website](#).

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