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Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, Newark

## Special PM Session with Amira Bliss (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)



### Building Your Nonprofit Capacity to Innovate

In this afternoon workshop, Amira Bliss will take participants through the innovation capacity model, and offer strategies Boards of Directors and Nonprofit Leaders can employ to create an innovative culture. Amira will invite attendees to explore their own organizational culture, referencing the six key elements of innovation capacity.

Because this is a working session, registration is based on three or more individuals from a participating organization, and space is limited.

### About Amira Bliss

Amira Bliss is a global innovation capacity building expert. Amira joined Facebook in 2018 and is currently leading the [Facebook Community Leadership Program](#). Prior to that she was an Associate Director at The Rockefeller Foundation for nearly a decade. Mrs. Bliss designed and implemented a strategy to catalyze innovation at the Foundation and in the social sector more broadly. She managed grants and relationships to build [innovation](#) capacity through tools like [social innovation labs](#), and by leading programs such as The Rockefeller Foundation Global Fellowship on Social Innovation. She also led the innovation workstream of the [Food Waste and Spoilage](#) initiative, aiming to surface and scale innovative solutions to post-harvest food loss affecting the livelihoods of African smallholder farmers. Mrs. Bliss has previously worked on Foundation initiatives to support more [equitable and sustainable transportation](#)—exploring global transportation mobility and accessibility—and developing sustainable employment strategies in the recycling and water management sectors in the United States.

Previously, Mrs. Bliss served as the assistant director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP). She has also worked at Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, and the United Nations International Children's Education Fund (UNICEF).

Mrs. Bliss received a Bachelor's degree from Barnard College and an Executive Master's of Public Policy and Administration degree from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.