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## SATURDAY TALKS

### 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF WOMEN IN GAMING [RM101]

This panel includes a diverse group of women invested in addressing the game industry's pervasive gender trouble. With an emphasis on sharing experiences and advice relevant to working and aspiring game industry professionals, and moving the conversation toward practical solutions, this roundtable discussion will address questions such as: Where do women fit into the game industry? What barriers and opportunities await those who venture into the fray?  
*Carly Kocurek, Corinne Yu, Meg Stivison*

### 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM HOW TO BUILD A KICK-ASS BRAND ON A START-UP BUDGET [RM101]

Emma McIlroy, CEO of Wildfang, gives a quick

rundown on building a killer brand with limited resources. Wildfang launched in March 2013 and has generated huge hype among media, influencers, and consumers. Signing up over 20,000 girls in 30 days before launch, Wildfang continues to build a strong following of young badass women in the US and overseas.

*Emma McIlroy*

### 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM HOW TO BEGIN YOUR CAREER IN COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT [RM101]

Community management is the management of a common resource by a group of people. We can give you tips on how to start a career in community management and social media marketing in the Games Industry. Come see us today!

*Melissa Dingmon, Andrea Cole*

### 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM PRESS KIT HACKS FOR INDIE DEVS [RM101]

Most independent developers are focused on creating and releasing a great game, not on marketing it. But you don't need to be an experienced marketer or squeeze in a lot of buzzwords to create a great press kit. Solid press resources can save you time and stress! This workshop will discuss ways for independent game developers to produce a polished press kit with indie resources.

*Meg Stivison*

### 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM HOW TO READ & UNDERSTAND YOUR NEXT PUBLISHING CONTRACT [RM101]

Don't sign that contract until you attend this panel! Katie Lane and Caitiin DiMotta, attorneys dedicated to helping creators protect their rights and

get paid fairly for their work, will show you how to read through your next contract. They'll help make sense of legalese, discuss different ways copyrights can be divided up in a contract, and talk about some of the pros and cons of work-for-hire jobs.

*Caitlin DiMotta, Katie Lane*

**4:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
WHY PROGRAMMING IS THE PERFECT CAREER [RM101]**

Being a programmer allows you to work on many exciting and challenging projects, with very bright women—and men! This job can be flexible—in an office environment or sometimes out of your home—and it allows you to use creativity to build software that's easy to use as well as functional. Come learn that programming is a worthwhile and fun career that pays well.

*Diane Haelsig*



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**WOMEN'S FUNDING ALLIANCE [RM101-BOOTH]**

Here at Women's Funding Alliance we envision a world where all women and girls have the opportunity to live, lead, and thrive. Our mission is to build leadership, drive community investments, and accelerate systemic change to improve the lives of women and girls in Washington State. Chat with us to help us achieve our mission.

*Sara Reyerson*

**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
AMAZON [RM101-BOOTH]**

We're making history, and the great news is that we've only just begun! What do Amazon technical people do every day? It isn't just coding. Teams at Amazon run operations for some of the largest systems in the world. Other teams build Kindles or track your orders. Amazon engineers will be there to answer your questions!

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**FIRST ROBOTICS - ARCHBISHOP MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL AND CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL [RM101-BOOTH]**

FIRST Robotics is a national organization with a mission to inspire youth to become science and technology leaders through mentorship programs. The Bear Bots come from Cascade High School and received the Rookie Inspiration Award in their first year of competition. Archbishop Murphy High School's team, Murphy's Law, is seeded 9th out of 64 teams at the Seattle competition. Come to the booth to see two different types of robots—a large robot throwing Frisbees and a smaller robot hanging rings on pegs.

*Lori Hittle*

**ISILON STORAGE DIVISION/EMC [RM101-BOOTH]**

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*Meredith Wenger*

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY [RM101-BOOTH]**

Western Washington University's College of Sciences and Technology Scholars Program provides scholarships and supporting services to women interested in pursuing degrees in computer science or mathematics. WWU's Association for Women in Computing Club is focused on building an empowering environment for women majoring in computer science by providing opportunities for leadership, mentoring, outreach, and professional networking. Drop by and see how these programs shape students for the world today.

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
MOZ [RM101-BOOTH]**

Moz is the world's most popular provider of inbound marketing and social monitoring software, as well as easy-to-use tools, tutorials, and educational resources to make marketing analytics accessible to everyone. More than just a software company, Moz has built a vibrant community of over 300,000 members. Mozzers can often be found trotting the globe. We'll share what it takes to be a Mozzer.

*Emmi Jensen, Sierra Murphy, Susan Sestak*

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**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**BLOGGING AND SOCIAL MEDIA**  
**WORKSHOP/Q&A [RM101]**

We'll talk strategies for blogging and social media (content creation, discovering your target audience, building your brand, finding advertisers, etc.) and we will also offer on-the-spot critiques of attendees' blogs, websites, or social media platforms.

*Amber Osborne, Jenn Fujikawa*

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**USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN [RM101]**

User experience design (aka interaction design) is a field that combines elements of computer science, graphic design, and psychology. It's a growing and fulfilling career track that allows you to collaborate with other passionate people to improve software for the people using it. Interested? Join us for a Q&A session to learn more about this exciting and growing field!

*Cheryl Platz*

**12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**  
**BREAKING INTO THE MEDIA INDUSTRY**  
**[RM101]**

The media and communications industry can be difficult to navigate, especially in today's ever-changing digital age. It's also a traditionally male

field, and hard for women to break into—but not impossible. If you have questions about how to make yourself stand out or about what it's like to be a writer for an online publication, this panel can start answering your questions.

*Lisa Granshaw*

**1:30 PM - 2:00 PM**  
**CAREERS IN SCIENCE [RM101]**

Did you know that you could be a scientist when you grew up? It is possible to turn a love of discovery into a career. Trained scientists now take on a wide range of careers including professor, observer, researcher, theorist, teacher, outreach coordinator, engineer, financial analyst, writer, and more. Come explore options for advanced degrees in science, and make your dream a reality.

*Jerry Nguyen, Morgan Woroner, Nicole Gugliucci*

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ROBOTS! [RM101]**

Biology and robots: a match made in heaven. Robots are everywhere: movies, factories, battlefields, and our homes. Did you know that the biotechnology industry also uses robots extensively? Find out how biological research makes use of robots, computers, and mathematics.

*I-Wei Feng*

**3:30 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**PITCH PRACTICE SESSION [RM101]**

Nothing makes an author's heart pound like pitching to an agent or editor in person! But with knowledge and practice, any writer can build confidence and ace her pitches. Come join this two-part workshop and get up-to-date information from pros, as well as role-playing a one-on-one pitch session. Writers get a rare chance to hone and define their pitch with the help of comprehensive feedback.

*Phoebe Kitanidis, Suzanne Brahm*

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data visualizations, which make databases and spreadsheets understandable to ordinary people. Tableau aims to demystify data and design products for people, empowering them with analytical tools they can use.

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