



Humanitarian Design and Social Entrepreneurship (HDSE) Leadership Intensive, Creative Inquiry, and Education for Impact Workshop for Students

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Dr. Eric Obeysekare is an Assistant Teaching Professor of Computer Science & Creative Inquiry at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. Eric's work involves teaching first-year engineering classes, mentoring small teams of students working on social entrepreneurial projects, and identifying ways that technology can be harnessed for social impact that aims to make the world a better place. Before joining Lehigh, Eric co-founded a startup targeting small business owners in East Africa and worked both as a software engineer and managing a team of software engineers work on edTech platforms for corporate management training. Eric lives in Bethlehem, PA with his wife, Megan and is passionate about dogs, soccer, and making a difference in the world.

Megan Lysowski is the executive director of non-profit Fostering Equitable Access to Transportation. She holds a Master's in Elementary Education and is completing a Master's in Environmental Policy. Her interests lie at the intersection of transportation and policy. She provides a unique lens on how future engineers can create a better world while considering environmental impacts and humanitarian avenues from the non-profit sector, all through the eyes of a teacher. Mrs. Lysowski lives in Bethlehem, PA with her husband and three tiny, loud dogs.

How can higher education prepare students for careers and lives focused on impact? How can the skills and techniques of Humanitarian Design, Social Entrepreneurship, and Creative Inquiry be harnessed by teams of students to create transformative social impact? What if you left prerequisites and dove right into the big hairy audacious problems facing society? Join Dr. Eric Obeysekare and Megan Lysowski in this workshop focused on Education for Impact and learn more about the HDSE virtual academy and upcoming Leadership Intensive (July 2026) where you and a team of your peers can start your journey to become future makers who leave a positive mark on their communities and society!