

# Sustainable and Impact Finance

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## Speaker Series Guide

Fall 2023

There are so many great speaker series, fireside chats, and lunch and learnS at Haas. It can be hard to keep track of all the ways they touch on sustainable finance and impact investing. This guide highlights some of speakers who are most relevant to investing for social and environmental impact.

### VC Speaker Series - Fall B

#### Climate VC: November 9th, 2023 (6-8pm)

From 6pm-7pm, there will be a panel on Climate Tech with Vincent Caruso (Principal at DBL Partners), Parikshit Sharmna (Partner at SOSV's IndieBio), and Carly Anderson (Principal at Prelude Ventures). From 7-8pm, there will be a Climate Tech deep dive with Shahin Farshchi, General Partner at Lux Capital.

#### Impact Investing: December 7th, 2023 (6-8pm)

From 6-7pm, Jack Soslow of A16Z will talk about getting into venture capital. From 7-8pm, there will be a panel on impact investing with Katie Andreson (Head of Platform at Better Ventures), Daniel Geballe (Managing Director at SJF Ventures), and Marisa Sweeney (Principal at Prelude Ventures).

### Details

The VC Speaker Series is allowing auditors to join, but asks that they fill-out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13zKtDD9j4oH8RIFJMmFybHrKE8DwBhZ8ht4Ak008748/edit>.

## PE Speaker Series - Fall B

### Infrastructure and Impact Investing: November 1st, 2023



Sam Das (Vice President at Goldman Sachs), Janice Ince (Managing Director of Pantheon Ventures), and Kate Casey (Principal at KKR) will explore infrastructure and impact investing in Private Equity.

### Steve Ellis, TPG Rise: November 29, 2023

Steve Ellis is Co-Managing Partner of The Rise Fund. Prior to joining TPG in 2015, Steve was the CEO of Asurion, the world's leading provider of technology protection services with over \$6B in revenues. Prior to Asurion, Steve served as the Global Managing Partner for Bain & Company. Steve is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Stanford Business School, where he is a regular guest lecturer. He is a trustee for the UC Berkeley Foundation and serves on the boards of Charles Schwab, LiveKindly, InStride, Greenhouse Software, UBX Materials, Renaissance Learning, Persefoni, and Teachers of Tomorrow.

## Neha Jatar, EQT Group: December 6, 2023

Prior to joining EQT, Neha worked at Monomoy Capital Partners, a private equity firm based in New York, where she focused on investments across the Industrial and Consumer sectors. Prior to that, Neha worked as an Analyst in the Industrials group at Barclays. Neha holds Bachelors degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Finance from the University of Pennsylvania.

## Details

The PE Speaker Series allows auditors to join with no registration required. The Speaker Series is located in Cheit Hall C210.

## Net Impact Speaker Series - Fall A



UC BERKELEY HAAS PRESENTS:  
**NET IMPACT  
SPEAKER SERIES**  
Wednesdays 6-8pm during Fall A (8/30 - 10/4)  
Cheit Hall, Room C210  
Register for "MBA294.5" or audit the class

SESSION 5 - SEPTEMBER 27 | IMPACT INVESTING // DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

 Amelia Ahl Impact Measurement at The Builders Fund	 Jean Shia Managing Director at Autodesk Foundation	 Rachel Williams Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at The Motley Fool	 Kelsey Wu Director, Market Development at Opportunity@Work
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SESSION 6 - OCTOBER 4 | EDUCATION // INTL DEVELOPMENT // IMPACT INVESTING

 Micky Wolf CEO at Dent Education	 Dianne Calvi CEO at Village Enterprise	 August Fern Climate Tech Investor
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## Kate Gordon, Former Senior Advisor to Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm at U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): August 30th, 2023

Kate has worked for nearly two decades and across the public, private, and non-profit sectors, focused on the intersection of clean energy, climate, and economic growth. She has worked for Governor Gavin Newsom's office as the Director of the Office of Planning and Research, as well as Senior Policy Advisor on Climate to the Governor, and most recently to the U.S. Department of Energy as a Senior Advisor to Secretary Jennifer Granholm.

## August Fern, Baruch Future Ventures: October 4th, 2023

August has spent nearly 20 years helping family offices and venture funds invest in companies tackling climate change with clean energy and sustainable technologies. She has a solid understanding of the market developed from reviewing thousands of business plans and performing due diligence, financial modeling, returns analysis and market research for dozens of investments, plus supporting portfolio companies following initial investment. August holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School and earned a BS in the double major of Nuclear Engineering and Materials Science Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

## Investment Club

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
NS7D IN CHOU HALL

**FIRESIDE CHAT:  
NIA IMPACT  
CAPITAL**

NIA IMPACT CAPITAL IS A WOMEN-LED TEAM THAT INVESTS IN PUBLIC MARKETS TO POWER THE TRANSITION TO A REGENERATIVE, JUST, AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMY.

ALL COMPANIES IN NIA'S INVESTING UNIVERSE HAVE WOMEN IN EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AND/OR ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NIA'S INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY, KRISTIN'S JOURNEY AS A WOMAN IN THE SPACE, AND HER VIEWS ON IMPACT MEASUREMENT.

Guest speaker  
**KRISTIN HULL,  
CEO/FOUNDER**

## Kristin Hull, Nia Impact Capital: September 11th, 2023

Kristin launched the Nia Global Solutions strategy in 2013 bringing impact investing into public markets. Kristin founded Nia Community Investments in 2010, a 100% mission-aligned investment fund focused on social justice and environmental sustainability. Kristin holds a PhD in Urban Education from the University of California at Berkeley, an MA in Research in Bilingual Education from Stanford University.