Hello, and welcome to the *The DGE Connection*!

The mission of Diversity in Graduate Engineering (DGE) is to provide academic and social support for historically underrepresented graduate students at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Columbia University.

**Engineering Achievers in Graduate Education**

Friday, March 6, all day

Engineering Achievers in Graduate Education (EngAGE) brings the most talented juniors and seniors in applied sciences and engineering to visit Columbia Engineering for a weekend! They learn about graduate school and how to prepare a successful application. Help show them what it's like to be a graduate student by volunteering to attend lunch, dinner or a show with them! If you're interested in volunteering, inform Megan Armstrong at mja2146@columbia.edu.

**Networking Brunch**

Saturday, March 7 at 11 AM

Have brunch with professionals who've turned their graduate engineering degree into a career! This is an opportunity to meet professionals in a casual setting and build connections that may be useful to your career. Red Rooster Brunch will be provided by DGE.

Limited space! RSVP by 3/6 at 12:00 PM - [dge-brunch.eventbrite.com](http://dge-brunch.eventbrite.com)

The Data Science Institute has recently launched an invitation to our “*Data on a Mission: Privacy, Cities and Finance in a Digital Age*” event.
We are seeking staff and student leader volunteers to assist with running the event. Since space to attend these events will be extremely limited, volunteers will have first priority with attending various sessions when they’re not on schedule. We have an amazing roster of folks lined up as part of our presenters – volunteers will be up close and personal (arguably exclusive access).

We are using “Volunteer Spot” to manage our various staffing slots; sign up is quick and easy. Volunteers may sign up for any/all available shifts (business attire advised). Please consider volunteering and/or sharing this with your peers and student leaders:  

http://vols.pt/HSj3CK

There are three events spanned over two days, Tuesday, March 31st, and Wednesday, April 2nd, 2015. Information about the events can be found here: 

http://datascience.columbia.edu/data-on-a-mission

As we get closer to the events, confirmed volunteers will receive additional details about their responsibilities and tasks.

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**Community Coffee Hour**

Tuesday, March 10 at 2 PM
GSAS Lounge (Philosophy Hall)

Interested in a more diverse graduate student population? Confused about what "under-represented population" means? Not feeling included in your engineering experience? Come talk about all these things in a casual environment over coffee with DGE Board Members - this coffee hour is open to all grad engineering students. This first 8 people to RSVP get free coffee!
In 1945, **Gloria Brooks Reinish** received her BS degree in electrical engineering at Columbia Engineering and in doing so became the first female graduate of Columbia Engineering. In 1974, she became one of the first women to earn an engineering doctorate from Columbia in the emerging field of bioengineering. After stints in industry at Bell Labs and Sperry Gyroscope, Dr. Reinish returned to academia and is currently a Professor at Farleigh Dickinson University. All three of Dr. Reinish’s children went on to careers in engineering (2 are Columbia Alums) as well as a granddaughter. [Columbia Engineering Newsletter - Fall 2014].

**Gloria Brooks Reinish**

[photo from Columbia Engineering Newsletter, Fall 2014]