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The Day After Tomorrow: The Looming Crises of the Exascale Era

High-performance computing is entering an era of great promise but also great peril. The power of exascale computers will drive the frontiers of science, national security, and industrial competitiveness. But the technology advances that have driven the field for decades have run their course, and the path for future progress is highly uncertain. In this talk I will provide a perspective on these challenges and some thoughts on possible futures. I will argue that dramatic changes in computer architecture are unavoidable, and that these changes will be highly disruptive for our approach to algorithms and software. I will describe some of the research challenges that will need to be overcome to enable continued progress.

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Zoom
All staff are invited

About Evelyn Boyd Granville: Dr. Granville was the second African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in mathematics from an American University. Her pioneering work in applied mathematics and computing was key in America’s early space programs. She is also a strong advocate for women’s STEM education (To learn more about Dr. Granville: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evelyn_Boyd_Granville)