

MIT Industrial Liaison Program Faculty Knowledgebase Report

MIT Startup Exchange March 2026 Demo Day

March 18, 2026 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

12:00 PM

Welcome and Introduction
Tricia Dinkel
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Tricia Dinkel comes to Corporate Relations with several years of experience in the innovation ecosystem and managing relationships with startups and corporates. Tricia previously worked as Director of Navigate (NECEC's flagship innovation program) at the Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC) in Boston where she led all operations and partnership development for 400+ startups, 65+ innovation partners, and 200+ investors & corporates in North America and Europe. Prior to that role, Tricia held positions with increasing responsibility in program management at NECEC. Before that, her experience included Director of Data Analytics and Sustainability Reporting Manager at WegoWise Inc. in Boston, Associate Director at the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation in Cambridge, Senior Sustainability Coordinator at A Better City in Boston, and Assistant Director at The Green Alliance in Portsmouth, NH.

Tricia earned her B.A., in Environmental Studies/Natural Resource Policy at the University of Colorado, and her M.A., in Environmental Science Education at the University of New Hampshire. She served on the NECEC Diversity & Inclusion Committee and as a member of the USGBC (U.S. Green Building Council), Massachusetts Chapter.

12:05 PM

Lightning Talks and Q&A (in speaking order)

Ariel Schilkrut

Shereen Shermak
[Silvis Materials](#)

Matias Rojas

Jake Teitelbaum

Breana Patel

Daniel Oliver

Ana Cornell

Andrea Diaz Baquero

1:00 PM

Breakout Rooms

1:15 PM

Adjournment