

Blockchain Studies in HBCUs-

Day and time:

- **Tuesday, August 24 at 9:00 AM Pacific / Noon Eastern**
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- Meeting ID: 6223336701

Speaker:

Dr. Ali Emdad is the Associate Dean of the *Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management* at *Morgan State University* in Baltimore, Maryland. He oversees all daily operations in the *Graves School* and assists the Dean in setting the vision and strategic priorities for the School. He is the Founding Director of the *Center for the Study of Blockchain and Financial Technology* (The FinTech Center) where he manages a multi-year, multi-million dollar grant received from Ripple in February 2019. Previously, he served as the Founding Chair of the *Department of Information Science and Systems* in the *Graves School* where he holds rank of Full Professor with tenure. Dr. Emdad provided leadership for the department's growth and addition of new programs including the B.S. in Supply Chain Management; the M.S. in Project Management; the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Project Management (both online and on campus); and the Information Systems Track in the Ph.D. Program in Business Administration.

Dr. Emdad has more than forty publications in various areas of IT. He focuses on FinTech related technologies including cryptoassets and blockchain program development and adoption models integrating design thinking and agile methodologies. He has shepherded the growth of the *Graves School's* Capital Markets Lab. An experienced educator, Dr. Emdad has a thorough knowledge of the AACSB International accreditation standards and processes. Prior to joining academia, Dr. Emdad served as an IT specialist at *Kennecott Corporation*. A prolific fundraiser, he has established strong partnerships with corporations and government agencies and has been instrumental in bringing in large grants to *Morgan State University*. Dr. Emdad has been awarded the Iva G. Jones Medallion, the highest honor the university bestows upon a faculty member for outstanding teaching, research, and service. A 2007 Fulbright Fellow, Emdad holds a Ph.D. from *Case Western Reserve University* and has completed executive management, leadership, and technical education programs at *Harvard*, *Yale*, and *MIT*.