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# DMEC CAFÉ

# PRESENTS: ALLYSHIP

OCTOBER 27, 2022  
12:00-1:30 PM

**DMEC Café is a webinar series put on by the OWWA Diversity & Member Engagement Committee (DMEC) on topics that include Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. These info sessions are free to members - grab a coffee and register today!**

**12:00-12:15 PM:** INTRODUCTION TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION AT OWWA

**12:15-1:00 PM:** ALLYSHIP - ARI COPELAND, SENIOR O&M SPECIALIST, BLACK & VEATCH

**1:00-1:15 PM:** CASE EXAMPLE: IMPORTANCE OF PRONOUNS - DAVID SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, OXFORD COUNTY

**1:15-1:30 PM:** Q&A



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## ALLYSHIP PRESENTERS



**Alonso Hurtado**

**Junior Engineer**

**Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Group, WSP**

Alonso Hurtado is a Junior Engineer with the WSP Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Group, located in Thornhill, Ontario. He has a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto Drinking Water Research Group. Alonso has been a member of OWWA for 4 years and is the current Chair of the Diversity and Member Engagement Committee (DMEC) and has served on various OWWA committees including the Distribution, Climate Change, Young Professional, and Groundwater committees.



**Ari Copeland**

**Senior O&M Specialist**

**Black & Veatch Corporation**

Ari Copeland is a Senior O&M Specialist at Black & Veatch Corporation in San Jose, California. Ari has been a member of AWWA for 16 years and is a current AWWA Vice President and Director at Large. Ari is a former member of the AWWA Diversity and Membership Inclusion Committee and has served in various volunteer roles with AWWA, WPI (formerly known as ABC), WEF, and various AWWA Sections, such as the Florida Section. Ari does facilitations and education in various topics in JEDI such as LGBTQIA+, allyship, and awareness in and outside the water and wastewater industry.



**David Simpson**

**Director of Public Works**

**Oxford County**

David is currently Director of Public Works in Oxford County overseeing the Water & Wastewater, Transportation, Waste Management, Fleet, Energy and Facilities service portfolios and has achieved his P.Eng. (Chemical Engineering) and Project Management Professional (PMP) designations. He is Vice Chair of the OWWA Diversity and Member Engagement Committee and is also an active member of Oxford County's inward facing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force (formed over 1 year ago) to ensure that organizational values that celebrate DEI in the workplace are embraced as a meaningful step towards ensuring all employees feel welcome and respected regardless of their differences.

