In this quarter's newsletter, we share stories about two motivated women who are contributing their expertise to the GIS profession. Raynah Kamau and Whitney Kotlweski, both work for Esri and are celebrating and sharing the achievements of Women of Color in the field of GIS. Raynah Kamau and Whitney Kotlweski, both work for Esri and are contributing their expertise to the GIS profession.

Raynah Kamau is leading Design Operations at Esri supporting high profile products with designs that embrace UX Principals, User Research, and Design System consistency. She holds a Bachelors in Geomatic Engineering and GIS from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Kenya. She is also the co-founder of Black Girls M.A.P.P – a community-focused group to empower women of color and girls to pursue STEM careers. Raynah has over 10 years of experience in GIS and data visualization, having led the UX of many Esri products. Her work has been awarded the American Association of Geographers Diversity and Inclusion award, and she serves as a hands-on Design Lead at Esri.

Whitney Kotlweski has been a key contributor to Esri's data visualization application, Insights for ArcGIS, where she led the UX profile products, for mobile, desktop, and web applications, with designs that maximize investments in GIS. Whitney has over 15 years of experience in GIS, having led the UX of many Esri products. Her work has been awarded the American Association of Geographers Diversity and Inclusion award, and she leads Esri's design team. Whitney is also a Design Lead at Esri.

Lastly, Raynah is also on the racial equity team at Esri where she helps apply empowerment to people to vote. She has worked with strategic partners to help them maximize their investment in GIS. Raynah has over 10 years of experience in GIS, having led the UX of many Esri products. Her work has been awarded the American Association of Geographers Diversity and Inclusion award, and she serves as a hands-on Design Lead at Esri.

Whitney's most influential work at Esri has been her contributions to Esri's embrace UX Principals, User Research, and Design System consistency. She has over 15 years of experience in GIS, having led the UX of many Esri products. Her work has been awarded the American Association of Geographers Diversity and Inclusion award, and she leads Esri's design team. Whitney is also a Design Lead at Esri.

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