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Dr. Barnes provides LinkedIn training in partnership with public library systems in Maryland and New York, workforce and business development organizations throughout metropolitan Washington DC, and graduate school and alumni programs throughout the United States. Dr. Barnes also facilitates and provides LinkedIn training for the Jewish Council for the Aging’s Career Gateway, a career development course for jobseekers aged 50 and better. Dr. Barnes also partners with nonprofit organizations like The Nonprofit Village in Montgomery County (MD) and Nonprofit Westchester (NY) to teach nonprofit leaders to use LinkedIn for effective donor research and management as well as potential board member recruitment and engagement.

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