

ZINK CENTER FOR COMPETITIVE INNOVATION

# *The Zink Center Leadership Seminar Series*

## **Daniel Plaisance - 'Building Tulsa's Technology Hub: The Tulsa Advanced Mobility Cluster'**



**Daniel Plaisance**

Amidst the greatest period of disruption in the aviation and mobility sector in fifty years, Tulsa is emerging as a leading hub for the development, testing, and deployment of future mobility technologies. This talk will cover the exciting opportunities for engineers, entrepreneurs, and innovators in this fast-growing and cutting-edge industry

Daniel leads the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) portfolio at Tulsa Innovation Labs (TIL), a philanthropic economic development organization based in Tulsa. He oversees program development and strategic investments in research & development, testing infrastructure, and workforce development initiatives that build upon the Tulsa region's competitive advantage in aerospace and AAM.

Recently, Daniel spearheaded the development of three projects for TIL as part of the Tulsa Region's Build Back Better Regional Challenge application, which was selected by the US Economic Development Administration as one of 21 winning applications from 529 initial applicants, resulting in ~\$70M in funding to develop a world-class advanced mobility ecosystem in Tulsa.

Prior to joining Tulsa Innovation Labs, Daniel has worked on innovative economic and workforce development initiatives for the New York City Economic Development Corporation and the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Daniel holds bachelor's degrees in Economics and Urban Studies from Brown University where he became a member of The Phi Beta Kappa Society

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**Reception** 5:00pm - 5:30pm

**Seminar** 5:45pm - 6:30pm



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