Abstracts:

Session 1 - Engineering as a career
"Being an engineer in a large corporation"

This will not be a lecture. I wouldn’t be trying to “teach” college students how to be successful in their careers, but I would simply share my experiences and thoughts on what helped me and what didn’t. It will be an interactive discussion around a series of anecdotes from my 20-plus-year experience in large corporations and what I have personally learned from each of them.

Session 2 - Patents in engineering
"What should engineers know about patents?"

This is an introduction to patents for engineers. It's not a legal discussion. I will share an engineer's view on patents from technical and business perspectives. There have been a lot of news about major disputes among the largest companies in the world around patent rights. Some companies thrive on patents and others suffer from them. We will try to answer some questions such as “Why patents matter to big and small businesses?” and “Why should engineers care about patents”.

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