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Speaker Biographies

Dr. Ted Blacker
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Dr. Ted Blacker began his career at Sandia Labs working as a computational analyst performing FEA simulations in solid mechanics and structural dynamics. He was drawn to research in meshing to solve the model building bottleneck in the analysis process. His discovery and development of the Paving algorithm provided the first all-quad general meshing tool, led to several patents and an eventual R&D 100 award. Further work in hexahedral meshing resulted in the establishment of the CUBIT project and the ongoing International Meshing Roundtable (now in its 25th year). He eventually left Sandia to work in private industry on a technology transfer leave of absence. Dr. Blacker worked for both FDI and FLUENT, leading the GAMBIT project development (a general geometry and meshing tool). He eventually returned to Sandia as a manager and has continued his research focus. He has published extensively and served on temporary assignment to the DoD CREATE program in Washington DC. Dr. Blacker currently manages 1) the team developing topology optimization for additive manufacture (PLATO), 2) the meshing and geometry research team (CUBIT) and 3) a team providing high performance computing infrastructure (Sierra Toolkit) for the SIERRA code base. Dr. Blacker obtained his BS and MS in CE from BYU, followed by a PhD from Northwestern University in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics.



Ted Blacker

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Katy Evans Boren was recently selected to lead Oklahoma City's innovation district efforts as President and CEO. Boren will create, identify and lead strategies that realize the innovation district's vision of creating a vibrant, fully-integrated community where people from all fields – health, energy, arts, business – live, work, eat and play. The goal is to create a place where diverse sectors regularly interact and collaborate and foster new opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation.



Katy Evans Boren

A native Oklahoman, Boren graduated from Heritage Hall School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications from the University of Denver and her law degree from the University of Oklahoma. After serving a one-year clerkship for the Arizona Superior Court, she returned to her home state to practice oil and gas litigation. She joined Cox Communications in 2000, where for almost 15 years she was vice president of regulatory affairs for the eastern half of the country. Boren also has owned her own law firm and has served as Chief of the Utilities Regulation Unit in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office.

Active in the community, Boren has served on numerous non-profit boards, including the Oklahoma Museum of Art since 2007, and has been recognized in the community as being one of Oklahoma's Ladies in the News, a Rising Star of Oklahoma, and one of the Journal Record's Woman of the Year - Fifty Making A difference.

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C. Michael Carolina is the executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). Before joining OCAST, he worked in management and executive positions with the Western Electric Company, AT&T and Lucent Technologies. While with AT&T and Lucent Technologies, he was involved in engineering, strategic planning, new product design and introduction, manufacturing, technology transfer, and joint venture operations in Europe, Asia and Latin America.



Michael Carolina

Carolina earned his B.S. in biological sciences from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in 1967 and his M.S. in environmental science from the University of Oklahoma (OU) in 1971. He serves on numerous committees and boards, including the Dean's Strategic Advisory Council for the OSU College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology; the OSU-Oklahoma City President's Advisory Board; the Advisory Board for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Gallogly College of Engineering, University of Oklahoma; the advisory board of the Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Oklahoma; and the Engineering Advisory Council for the Department of Engineering and Physics at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO).

In 2016, Carolina was inducted into the University of Oklahoma Gallogly College of Engineering Distinguished Graduates Society. In 2018, the OSU Alumni Association named Carolina as a recipient of its Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Molly works with the Technology Engagement and Entrepreneurship Team. She builds strategies and programs to support Los Alamos' efforts to build an innovation ecosystem in northern New Mexico. She has launched programs that trains and collaborates with Los Alamos staff and postdocs to explore, analyze and validate the market potential of their technology to attract and facilitate strategic partnerships and startups. She has focused the majority of her career on commercializing technology through cofounding and growing several startups in the areas of telecommunications, software and apps. She holds a B.A. in Social Sciences from UC Berkeley, a M.A. in International Relations from University of Pittsburgh and a M.S. in Science & Technology Commercialization from UT Austin.



Molly Cernicek

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Tom Chidester joined the Federal Aviation Administration's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) in December of 2005 to serve as Manager of the Human Factors Research Branch, and was promoted to Aerospace Human Factors Division Manager in August 2008. In 2013, he began acting as the Deputy Director of CAMI, and was selected for this position in 2014. He previously conducted research at NASA Ames Research Center and managed Human Factors and Safety Training for American Airlines. His experience includes developing classroom and simulator training programs, and analysis, publication, and reporting for FOQA and ASAP programs. Tom holds Masters and Doctoral degrees in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin.



Tom Chidester

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Dr. Conrad received his J.D. from George Washington University Washington College of Law; his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from American University; and his Bachelors in Science from Xavier University in New Orleans. He's a former USPTO Patent Examiner and spent 5 years with two DC patent law firms before joining the NIH. While at the NIH, he worked at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' (NIAID's) Office of Technology Development, overseeing their invention docket and patent portfolio; and from there, moved to his current position at the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Technology Transfer Center (TTC), where he drafted and negotiated the transactional agreements that move technology from the labs into the private sector. More recently, he transitioned to TTC's newly created Invention Development and Marketing Unit (IDMU), where he focuses on invention marketing and outreach to stakeholders who are not aware that NIH/NCI technologies are available for licensing and co-development opportunities to enhance and grow companies' product lines and commercial potential.



Joseph Conrad

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Mr. Cumming is founder of TechVen Partners, LLC, which is dedicated to growing early-stage, high-technology companies. Most recently, he served as CEO of portfolio company, SensiQ Technologies until the sale to Pall Corporation. He currently serves on the boards of several small companies including UbiQD and Heavy Oil Solutions. Mr. Cumming also serves as a Board Member for High Desert Discovery District (HD3) an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to technology development in New Mexico. Prior to forming TechVen, Mr. Cumming was CEO and President of ICx Technologies, Inc., leading the company through an IPO and subsequent acquisition by FLIR Systems, Inc. in 2010, after which he served as Division President for FLIR. Prior to ICx Technologies, he was CEO of Nomadics, Inc which he founded in 1994. Mr. Cumming has extensive experience in technology businesses, especially in identifying key technologies and securing the rapid development and commercialization of emerging technologies.



Colin Cumming

Previously, he worked in research and development at Amoco Research Center, Fife Corporation, Frontier Engineering and Los Alamos National Laboratory. He has been awarded five patents and has written numerous publications on explosives detection and sensing. Mr. Cumming holds an M.S. and B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University.

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John Dement is the Chairman of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) and has been a Navy civil servant since 1990. From 2007 to 2014, he was Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center's (NSWC Crane) Technology Transfer (T2) director where he negotiated over 140 licenses and collaborative partnership agreements. He then was formally loaned to the State of Indiana under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) in 2015 and 2016 to help establish a statewide technology transfer (T2) and commercialization model and capability leveraging of federally funded innovations and assets. Today he continues in advancing his lab's engagement in the innovation ecosystem inside and outside of NSWC Crane. His career at NSWC Crane includes the following assignments: Systems Engineer in the Program Office, Washington, D.C.; Science Advisor to the Pacific Fleet's Maintenance Officer in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and managing the SBIR and other technology-oriented alternative funding programs. Prior to the Navy, he worked as a structural engineer on the F-15E for McDonnell Douglas. Mr. Dement has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Evansville and a Masters of Public Affairs from Indiana University.



John Dement

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Kelvin Droegemeier

Dr. Kelvin K. Droegemeier is Vice President for Research, Regents' Professor of Meteorology, Weathernews Chair Emeritus, and Teigen Presidential Professor at the University of Oklahoma. He also serves as Oklahoma Secretary of Science and Technology in the Cabinet of Governor Marry Fallin.

Dr. Droegemeier earned a B.S. with Special Distinction in Meteorology in 1980 from the University of Oklahoma, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in atmospheric science in 1982 and 1985, respectively, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He joined the University of Oklahoma in September, 1985 as an Assistant Professor of Meteorology, and was co-founder in 1989 of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Science and Technology Center (STC) for Analysis and Prediction of Storms (CAPS).

Dr. Droegemeier has served the science and engineering research and education communities at the national level for more than 25 years. Nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the US Senate, he served a six-year term on the National Science Board, the governing body of the National Science Foundation that also provides science policy guidance to the Congress and President. Dr. Droegemeier was re-nominated by President Obama and again confirmed by the Senate, serving a second six-year term on the National Science Board, the last four years as Vice-Chairman.

Dr. Droegemeier served as Chair of the Association of Public and Land Grant University's (APLU) Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education (CRPGE), now the Council on Research. He is a Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Board of Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. Dr. Droegemeier currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Science and Technology Research in America.

Dr. Droegemeier is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He chaired the Weather and Climate Team for Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry's EDGE (Economic Development Generating Excellence) Program and presently serves on Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin's Science and Technology Council.

Dr. Droegemeier is a national leader in the creation of partnerships among academia, government and industry. He initiated and led a 3-year, \$1M partnership with American Airlines to customize weather prediction technology for commercial aviation, and this resulted in him founding a private company, Weather Decision Technologies, Inc., located in Norman. In his more than 30 years at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Droegemeier has generated over \$40 million in external research funding, authoring or co-authoring more than 80 refereed journal articles and over 200 conference publications.

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Carl Edwards is a founding partner of Price Edwards & Company, the largest Oklahoma-based commercial real estate service company and of PEC Investment Properties, LLC, a related entity that has some ownership in real estate properties.

He received a BA from the University of OK at Norman and an MBA from University of TX at Austin. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Navy Officers Candidate School.



Carl Edwards

He is the Chairman of Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Health Foundation, a \$170 million foundation that concentrates its efforts on providing support for the bioscience and health care industries in Oklahoma City; Member of Advisory Board of Directors and Past President of Leadership Oklahoma City; Past Chairman of Board of Directors of Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and presently, a member of the Executive Committee; Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Oklahoma City Water

Utilities Trust; Board of Trustees and Chairman of Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area Public Schools Trust (Maps for Kids); Chairman of Board of United Way of Oklahoma City; Campaign Chairman in 2015; Member of Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; Member of the Board of Directors of i2E; Member of the Board of Directors of Downtown OKC, Inc.; and Member of the Board of Directors of Civic Center Foundation.

Carl has been married for 45 years to Susan and enjoys his two daughters and son-in-laws, his four grandchildren as well as golfing and skiing.

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John Eisemann

John has worked in the field of Wildlife Biology for nearly 30 years. He received a BS in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and a M.S. in Environmental Science with an emphasis on wildlife toxicology from the University of Maryland. Since graduating he has worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, in an environmental contaminant laboratory, the US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs as a wildlife biologist conducting ecological risk assessment and most recently for the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services as the product registration manager and technology transfer coordinator. Since coming to USDA, he has developed specialized experience in the registration of pesticides used for wildlife damage management, including the development of wildlife contraceptives. Most recently, John's responsibilities have focused on the development, protection and licensing of government intellectual property.

He is currently serving as the FLC Mid-Continent Region's Deputy Coordinator.

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Kraettli L. Epperson is CEO and co-founder of Vigilant Aerospace Systems, Inc. He has a 20-year career as a technology company executive and founder, advisor and investor. Mr. Epperson focuses on identifying and developing disruptive technology companies that have a positive, world-changing impact and that facilitate greater openness and access to information and opportunity. Previously, he was a software developer and software architect and has deep expertise in software project management, data systems design and management and geospatial systems. He has founded, co-founded or advised 25 technology companies including as co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Questia Media which raised \$160 MM in venture capital to build the world's largest online academic digital library for high school and college students. The company was acquired by Gale Publishing in 2010. He was also the co-founder, inventor, patent holder and chairman of HyperAlert, a leading voice response and crisis communications system serving 5 of the top 20 transit agencies in the US. He is also the co-founder and chairman of R7 Solutions, which currently provides the software, systems and data to manage all land and right-of-way data for Houston METRO's \$1Bn regional commuter rail expansion. He created and served as an adjunct professor for Rice University's first undergraduate course in entrepreneurship and in 2013 he co-founded and managed a venture accelerator that in 24 months launched 11 startups, 5 of which acquired funding on multi-million dollar valuations.

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Elaine Hamm

Elaine Hamm, PhD, is the CEO of the life science accelerator, Ascend BioVentures where she manages early stage life science startups and evaluates the commercial potential of life science technologies. Dr. Hamm is also the President and COO of Otologic Pharmaceuticals, a clinical stage company

developing a therapeutic for hearing disorders. Prior to joining Ascend BioVentures, Dr. Hamm was the COO of Accele BioPharma and served as management for a portfolio of early stage pharmaceutical companies ranging from diabetes to infectious disease. Dr. Hamm has 10 years of professional leadership experience in the commercialization of early stage pharmaceutical therapeutics and diagnostics with experience in technology transfer, market analysis, and commercialization of preclinical and clinical stage products. She has designed and served as the Director for several, statewide start-up accelerator programs. Dr. Hamm also has experience in equity and nonequity funding of early stage companies and has been directly involved in closing almost \$30M in equity investment deals, with a focus in the pharmaceutical industry. In addition to her commercialization experience, Dr. Hamm has also worked a Senior Protein chemist in discovery and pre-clinical development of new chemical entities. Dr. Hamm received her PhD in Microbiology from the University of Oklahoma and holds several licensed US and International patents.

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Robert Heard

Robert Heard is a Cimarron Managing Director and Founder. Over the past 20 years, he has founded 3 funds of funds and one direct fund. In 1994, Robert formed Edge Development Capital, Inc., the predecessor to Cimarron, specializing in partnership investing.

Robert was a founding director of the National Association of Seed and Venture Funds (NASVF) and co-authored the National Governors' Association study, "The Experience of States with Seed and Venture Capital." He currently sits on the Advisory Committees of numerous private equity funds and is a member of the National Advisory Council of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer.

Robert earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma and his MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. He makes his home in Oklahoma City.

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Paul Herbert is the SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific (SSC Pacific) Technology Transfer Director. SSC Pacific is a Navy research and engineering command primarily focused on providing technical solutions for the Navy in a wide variety of areas (command and control, communications, computer technology, intelligence, surveillance, cyberspace, unmanned control systems, ocean engineering, antenna design) running the gamut from basic research, engineering, development, to life-cycle support.

Paul retired from the Navy after 20yrs, having started his naval career as a Submarine Officer and finished as an Engineering Duty Officer. He transitioned to SSC Pacific in 2008, where he started work in the networks division, and then as Deputy for Operations for the S&T Department before becoming the T2 Director in 2016. Paul received his BS in Computer Science from the US Naval Academy ('89), and his MS in Applied Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School ('98)

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David Kistin

David Kistin, of Sandia National Laboratories, is the program lead for the Center for Collaboration and Commercialization (C3), a "front door" to Sandia created to strengthen partnerships, technology transfer and ties to the community. This work focuses on several services created to boost Sandia's interaction with industry, academia and government entities.

David also serves as the lead for Sandia's Entrepreneur Exploration (EEx) program, which connects

principal investigators with entrepreneurial opportunities and resources provided by a multitude of partners. This program is designed to invigorate an entrepreneurial culture and inspire researchers to either go into the business world or develop that innovative mindset while at the Labs.

David has worked in the entrepreneurial ecosystem his entire career. He joined Sandia from UpSpring Associates, a management consulting firm focused on the design, growth and measurement of mission-driven ventures across New Mexico, throughout the U.S. and around the world. He began his career as the founder of a bioenergy startup based in New Mexico with operations in Mexico and western Canada.

David completed his MBA and his BA at the University of New Mexico, where he focused on Latin American Studies and Political Economy.

Laurie Magovern, Executive Director

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As the Executive Director for TEDxABQ, Laurie produces multiple TEDxABQ events and coaches speakers to create TED style presentations. Prior to joining TEDxABQ, Laurie served as the Curator of Education at the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum and continues as a Teaching Artist with the museum.



Laurie Magovern

With a Masters in Theater and Education, Laurie spent many years in Washington, DC working at Arena Stage, Smithsonian Institution and the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

Dr. Annemarie Meike

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Annemarie is a Business Development Executive having responsibility for commercialization of technologies and management of intellectual property portfolios for energy, environment, sensors, wireless technologies and nanomaterials at LLNL since 2000. Named by Intellectual Assets Magazine as one of the World's Leading IP Strategists, she negotiates business partnerships, and coaches and facilitates successful start-up companies, several of which have received prestigious R&D 100 awards. She also has engaged in business development and technical audits in the former Soviet Union, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. State Department. Annemarie has been recognized for excellence in technology licensing and the development of working partnerships by Santa Clara University, LLNL and the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC). Annemarie Meike is currently the Director of Membership and Engagement of the Licensing Executives Society USA & Canada (LES), and has held key leadership and founding roles in the LES including the LES Foundation as Director of the LES International Business Plan Competition. She is a member of several technical professional societies.



Annemarie Meike

She joined LLNL in 1989 to design, build and manage a multi-disciplinary scientific program predicting the ultra-long term degradation of materials, which she directed for 10 years. She was co-founder and organizing chair of the International Alloy Conferences, and sits on an Advisory Board of a National Science Foundation International Materials Institute. Annemarie holds a Ph.D. in Geology with an emphasis in Materials from University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from Santa Clara University. Annemarie has traveled widely, including research as a Senior Fulbright Fellow at Australian National University and teaching secondary school in Sierra Leone, West Africa. She has owned and directed two start-up companies, one in the U.S. and one in Australia.

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Cara Michaliszyn is the Director of Economic Development for STC.UNM, the University of New Mexico's technology transfer and economic development arm. Cara manages STC's business incubator, the Cecchi VentureLab, UNM's site for the NSF I-Corps program, and new STC-Innovation Academy programs and events that promote entrepreneurship, such as a business mentoring program, student internship fairs and student pitch competitions. She manages the Innovate New Mexico network and showcases that promote technologies developed at the state's research universities and national labs. Cara also manages the STC Co-Investment Fund, an investment fund for UNM start-up companies.



Cara Michaliszyn

Cara has bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Sociology from the University of New Mexico and a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from UNM's Anderson School of Management.

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Chris Monsey

Mr. Monsey also provides legal advice on Federal procurement matters with an emphasis in acquisition planning, requirements analysis, market research, IEEE 12207 Software Development Lifecycle phases/tech data phase outputs, contingency operations contracting, performance specification/work statement drafting, source selections, technical data rights acquisition planning, licensing, management and data rights disputes.

He also provides legal support on a wide variety of public-private agreements including cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs), non-disclosure agreements (NDA) (e.g., pre-CRADA or patent licensing NDAs), partnership intermediary agreements (PIAs), educational partnerships, and work for private party agreements.

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Jackie Kerby Moore is the Manager of Technology and Economic Development at Sandia National Laboratories. In this role, she leads several technology transfer programs for the Labs, including New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA), Entrepreneurial Separation to Transfer Technology (ESTT), Sandia Science & Technology Park (SS&TP), and the new Center for Collaboration and Commercialization (C3).

Jackie serves on the Executive Board for the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) and is the current Regional Coordinator for the Mid-Continent Region.

Jackie is a Past President of the Board of Directors for the Association of University Research Parks (AURP). She chaired AURP's first Washington Summit, resulting in getting the first Science Park legislation introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University (NMSU) and the Santa Fe Business Incubator.

Jackie is widely recognized for her activities. She received the Career Achievement Award from AURP, as well as the Outstanding Alumna Award from New Mexico State University. She has been recognized as one of New Mexico's Power Brokers and was honored for Who's Who in Technology in New Mexico. She regularly speaks on the topics of Technology Commercialization, Public/Private Partnerships, and Research Parks at conferences and events throughout the world, including in China, Taiwan, Finland, France, Spain, Canada, Mexico, and Ireland.



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Matt O'Brien is the Technology Transfer Program Manager for the Air Force Research Laboratory's (AFRL) Space Vehicles and Directed Energy Directorates located at Kirtland AFB, NM. He received an MBA from the University of New Mexico, Anderson School of Management focused on the Management of Technology, and a BBA from New Mexico State University. For the past four and a half years, he has supported and led technology transfer initiatives for AFRL including local SBIR/STTR efforts and a local partnership intermediary agreement focused on technology transfer and economic development. He currently manages AFRL's Intellectual Property (IP) portfolio and oversees collaborative agreements between AFRL and industry and university partners.



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Cathy O'Connor has been instrumental in furthering development downtown, helping to ensure the success of the MAPS 3 projects and promoting job creation. She was the point person on the team that worked with GE to locate their global energy research facility, and the Boeing Aircraft Modernization and Sustainment division in Oklahoma City. Committed to the redevelopment of distressed areas, she led the efforts to create the NE Renaissance Urban Renewal Area and tax increment finance district and the Core to Shore tax increment finance district.



Cathy O'Connor

Prior to becoming president of the Alliance, Ms. O'Connor worked for the City of Oklahoma City for nearly 30 years, most recently serving as an assistant city manager. She is active in a variety of economic and community organizations and currently serves on the

board of directors for United Way of Central Oklahoma, Commercial Real Estate Women of Oklahoma City, the Beacon Club and Historic Preservation Inc. Ms. O'Connor is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City and Leadership Oklahoma.

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William Paiva

William Paiva is the executive director of Oklahoma State University's Center for Health Systems Innovation (CHSI) since early 2014. Paiva, a health and biotech venture capitalist, has served as a board of director for the CHSI since its establishment in 2012. Paiva, an Oklahoma native, moved East while attending business school and then worked in investment banking and in the pharmaceutical industry before returning to Oklahoma in 2000 to enter the venture capital industry. For the past 14 years he has been investing in cutting edge health care companies through Sevin Rosen Funds, Chisholm Private Capital and the Oklahoma Life Science Fund. In addition, he's also taught venture capital courses and entrepreneurship classes at OSU's Spears School of Business, Tulsa University and the University of Oklahoma

He brings more than 25 years of venture-capital, biomedical-industry and management-consulting experience to the CHSI. He specializes in identifying early-stage venture opportunities at the intersection of traditional information technology sectors and health care.

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Eric Payne

Eric is a Senior Licensing Executive at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. Prior to joining NREL in 2009, Eric was a technology manager at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he focused on licensing biopharmaceutical, engineering, and energy technologies. He has commercialized a significant number of early-stage technologies and has licensed technology to numerous startup companies. Eric holds degrees in genetics and microbiology from Purdue University, an MBA, is a Certified Licensing Professional, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a patent agent.

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Dr. Stephen Prescott

Since 2006, Stephen Prescott, MD, has served as president of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. A leader in studies of the basic mechanisms of human disease, Prescott joined OMRF from the University of Utah, where he founded the Eccles Program in Human and Molecular Biology & Genetics and served as executive director of the Huntsman Cancer Institute. At OMRF, Prescott has led the largest campus expansion in the foundation's 72-year history, highlighted by the construction of a 186,000-square-foot research tower. Under his leadership, OMRF has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health as one of only ten Autoimmunity Centers of Excellence in the U.S., The Scientist magazine has named OMRF as one of its "Best Places to Work" in academia, and two medications born at OMRF have received FDA approval. Prescott received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University and his MD from the Baylor College of Medicine.

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Daniel Pullin was appointed dean and Fred E. Brown Chair of the Michael F. Price College of Business April 1, 2014, after serving as interim dean since July 1, 2013. Pullin serves as an executive officer of the University of Oklahoma in the role of vice president; he teaches each semester in Price College, where he received the OU Foundation Alumni Teaching Award in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Prior to joining OU in 2006, Pullin served as vice president of strategy and business development for Home Interiors & Gifts following his tenure at McKinsey & Company, a global consulting firm, and Hicks Muse Tate & Furst, a leading private equity fund.

Pullin serves on the board for the Norman Economic Development Coalition and has served on the boards for the Oklahoma Academy and the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. Pullin, a licensed attorney, earned undergraduate degrees in accounting and finance from OU, an MBA from Harvard Business School and a juris doctorate from OU. He and his wife, Tamara, have two sons, Parker and Halsey.



Daniel Pullin

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Amanda Radovic joined the Development Capital Networks Team in 2006. Since then she worked with over 550 start-ups, spin-outs, and research organizations commercializing emerging technologies through DCN's programs.

Amanda serves as the CEO of the WBT Innovation Marketplace (WBT), Program Manager of the Unmanned Aerial Systems Cluster (UASCI), and the President of Innovate, Inc, a nonprofit.



Amanda Radovic

The WBT is an international accelerator program that culminates with an annual event showcasing seed and pre-seed stage technologies developed at top universities, federal labs, and research institutions. Amanda also produces the WBT Open Innovation Forums, sector focused regional events that introduce the mindset and methods of open innovation. She currently manages a Small Business Administration contract, part of the Regional Innovation Cluster Program, to provide services that support the Unmanned Aerial Systems Industry in Oklahoma and Kansas.

She brings over 20 years of experience working with government agencies, universities, venture investors, Fortune 500 companies, start-ups and industry leaders in technology commercialization. She has an extensive background in marketing, developing education programs for startups, and mentoring technology innovators in high tech sectors.

Amanda is involved with Women in Technology International and the Licensing Executive Society. She earned a B.A. in Neuropsychology from The Evergreen State College.

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John Reid has a strong record of involvement in public-private sector partnerships and currently assists the Oklahoma Business Roundtable, the state's primary economic development "support" organization.

He also works with the Greater Oklahoma City Partnership, a ten-county economic development organization. He also works with The Gooden Group, a public relations firm in Edmond, OK.



John Reid

Reid has a strong background in media relations, public relations and public affairs, having served as Press Secretary to Oklahoma Governor George Nigh from 1979 to 1986.

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Rick Shindell, president of Zyn Systems, is a long time SBIR and federal technology transfer advocate. Rick has been providing support to the small business community and the 11 SBIR agencies for many years. He is editor of the "SBIR Insider" newsletter and host of the SBIR Gateway web site.

He has provided support to the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for 3 decades and has served as a consultant and proposal reviewer for many agencies including the Navy, SBA, and NSF.

In 2017, the Small Business Administration (SBA) honored Rick with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his "Extraordinary Contribution to the SBIR Program". He was named a 2016 Fellow from the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, a lifetime achievement award for SBIR Advocacy from the Small Business Technology Council (SBTC), and an SBA Tibbetts Award for excellence in SBIR.



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Marc has been the FLC MSO Program Manager since 2013. Marc brings significant experience as an attorney, Chief Compliance Officer, and Chief Operating Officer assisting companies with myriad legal and business issues. He has developed specializations in government contracting, technology transfer, engineering and software development, risk management, business law and strategic consulting as well as general corporate matters.



Marc Snyderman

In 2017, Marc founded Snyderman Law Group, PC, a law firm specialized in providing outside general counsel to small and medium sized businesses on an innovative model. Prior to this, he served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Universal Technical Resource Services, Inc. (UTRS), a mid-tier international technology firm specializing in services to the US Government, where he shepherded significant growth and infrastructure development while mitigating risk across a diverse business model.

Marc received his Bachelor's degree cum laude in Political Science and Policy and Management Studies from Dickinson College and his Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law. He has been admitted to practice law in New York and New Jersey since 1997.

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Jennifer Stewart serves as the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) representative for Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division. As the ORTA, Jennifer Stewart acts as a broker, connecting Corona Division's scientists and engineers with academia and industry for technology transfer. Stewart, a graduate of California Baptist University, Riverside, Calif., joined NSWC Corona's Product Engineering Assessment Department in 2003. In December 2012, Stewart left Product Engineering Assessment Department to head up the ORTA position full time as the technology transfer officer In



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Jeff has over 25 years of innovation and technology transfer experience at biotechnology companies, economic development organizations, and Federal Labs. Prior to ARS, Jeff spent 12 years at the Office of Technology Transfer at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Prior to the NIH, he worked with early stage companies at the Nidus Center for Scientific Enterprise, a Life Science technology company incubator in St. Louis MO. Prior to Nidus, he was at Nexstar Pharmaceuticals and Synthecell Corporation. At ARS and the NIH, Jeff has reviewed applicants for innovation grants offered by economic development programs in the states of Colorado, Maryland, and Virginia.

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Dr. Werne has broad experience in the commercialization of technology developed within the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In the late eighties he started and led the Industrial Partnering program while he was Associate Director for Engineering, an organization of approximately 2,500 people that supported all Laboratory Programs. In 1995 he left LLNL and co-founded ITI Medical Technologies, a medical device company that developed unique surgical instruments for the field of Magnetic Resonance Image(MRI) guided surgery, a new minimally invasive surgical paradigm. The company patented, developed, and had FDA approval of a unique line of electrosurgical instruments which are

still on sale in the medical market place. In late 1999 he rejoined the Laboratory as Chief Engineer for the NAI/Homeland Security Directorate having the mission of countering the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction(WMD) against the United States. He is currently Deputy Director for Industrial Partnerships and Commercialization at LLNL responsible for licensing laboratory developed intellectual property to the private sector and overseeing Cooperative Research and Development Agreements(CRADAs) with industry. He also works with the Bay Area entrepreneurial community to find a match between a market need and a LLNL technology with the hope starting a new company based on LLNL intellectual property.

Dr. Werne received his Ph.D. in Structures and Solid Mechanics from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Werne is also a pole vaulter in Masters Track & Field and a part time Assistant Track and Field Coach at a local high school.

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Roy became the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber on January 1, 2004, after having served as Executive Vice President of Economic Development since mid-2002.

Roy has held numerous executive leadership positions in Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development organizations in Texas, Arizona, Ohio and Oklahoma. His experience in economic development has not just been limited to domestic activities. Roy also directed international trade and investment offices in Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Korea, India, Belgium, Germany and Mexico.

Additionally, Roy was Partner, co-founder, and President of The Economic Development Group, Inc., an international economic development consulting firm with offices in Ohio and Arizona. In that capacity he helped build economic development strategies and tools for cities, counties, regional partnerships, states, utility companies, universities, private companies and even foreign countries.

And he is an active participant of numerous domestic and international Councils and Associations, holding both membership and appointed positions.

Roy has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Lutheran University and pursued his M.B.A. at Sam Houston State University. As well, he is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management at Southern Methodist University, and is a graduate of the Governor's Center for Strategic Leadership for State Executives program at Duke University.

In 2008, Roy was the recipient of the most prestigious award given by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) – the Chairman's Award and in 2012, Roy was given the Hall of Fame Award by the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Executives.