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Ed Beres is a consultant to the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), where he previously served as Director of University Relations. Prior to joining LACI, he was with USC, where he worked to move research into commercial use. He also worked in market strategy for a start-up in the fuel cell industry, and created new business initiatives for Southern California Edison. Ed received a BS from the University of Nevada, Reno, and an MS from Stanford University, both in mechanical engineering. His early career included engineering positions in Boeing's commercial airplane division, and an engineering consulting firm now known as Exponent, Inc., that specializes in failure analysis.



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Dan Broderick is the Manager of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, an operating division of the California Institute of Technology. Dan is responsible for the management and negotiation of intellectual property, assists in securing industry-sponsored research, and manages the Entrepreneurship Forum at Caltech.



**Dan Broderick**

Dan began his career at Motorola as an electrical engineer, and later joined Rockwell Telecommunications. He transitioned into technology transfer at Northwestern University, and went on to assist with the start-up of the Technology Transfer Office at the University of California San Diego. He joined Wesley Jessen Vision Care as the Director of Business Development, and later became the Director of Business Development at Apovia Inc., a biotechnology company in San Diego. Dan has been patent agent since 1995.

Dan received his Bachelor of Engineering degree at the University of Michigan, his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University, and his MBA in finance and marketing from the University of Chicago.

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Scott is the Executive Director of InSoCal CONNECT, an economic development non-profit whose mission is to help identify, mentor and get funding for promising tech startups in the Riverside County region of California. Scott has been a Founder or Founding Executive of a number of startups including the VC funded mobile games studio Muti Labs, the Temecula based sports tech company NZN Labs/LIT Pro and he had some beginners luck selling his first company Industrial Strength Network (an early interactive agency) to Frog Design as an acquihire in 1998. Seeing the early promise of the iPhone and App Store, he put his own capital to work as an angel investor in independent mobile games while at Brovsky Capital. In addition, as a brand marketing executive, Scott has a successful track record



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in defining, launching and driving revenue for major video game franchises such as The Avengers, Turok, Kingdom Hearts and Medal of Honor for leading entertainment companies like Disney/Marvel, Electronic Arts and Take-Two Interactive.

Scott has a Humanities Honors degree from The University of Texas at Austin where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

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As the Regional Director of the West Coast United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), John Cabeca carries out the strategic direction of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, and is responsible for establishing and leading the USPTO's west coast regional office located in Silicon Valley. Focusing on the region and actively engaging with the community, Mr. Cabeca ensures the USPTO's initiatives and programs are tailored to the region's unique ecosystem of industries and stakeholders.

A veteran of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for over 28 years, Mr. Cabeca previously served as the Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. In this role, he worked closely across the Agency's leadership to implement the policies and priorities for the USPTO. He began his career at the USPTO as a patent examiner after graduating from Widener University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Cabeca became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in 1997 and joined the Senior Executive Service in 2008 serving as a Patent Technology Center Director over the semiconductor and electrical systems technologies.

Mr. Cabeca has dedicated much of his career to the USPTO's outreach and education programs focusing on small businesses, startups and entrepreneurs. Over the years, he served in the Office of Petitions, the Office of Patent Legal Administration, the Office of Governmental Affairs and the Office of the Under Secretary. In 2006, Mr. Cabeca was appointed a Department of Commerce Science and Technology Fellow and served on special assignment to the Executive Office of the President in the United States Trade Representative's Office. At USTR, he worked with multiple agencies on a variety of international intellectual property rights issues and played an integral role in the Free Trade Agreement negotiations with the Republic of Korea.

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Christopher Earl is a leader that is very passionate about business and entrepreneurship. He is a strategist, consultant and trainer with a mission to support entrepreneurs and businesses, increase the economic impact in the Southern California region. He is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a BS in Civil Engineering, and in addition to his undergraduate coursework, Christopher was hand selected to participate in the Department of the Navy's Integrated Technology Transfer Network (ITTN) program hosted at California State University San Bernardino. Christopher's advanced studies and mentoring helped emerging scientists learn how to move from "mind to market" by merging existing scientific expertise with innovative entrepreneurial approaches to commercialize federal technologies. His expertise includes, but is not limited to: new venture creation, access to capital/funding strategies, feasibility studies, entrepreneurial strategies and tactics. Christopher has experience working with existing technology transfer and commercialization projects, start-up companies, and Angel Investment networks.

Currently, Christopher is the Statewide Director for the Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program hosted at Riverside Community College District. The FAST program is aimed at raising the awareness of the SBIR/STTR program in the state with a focus on serving women-owned businesses, small disadvantaged businesses and providing support services in underserved regions of the state through advising, training and events. Additionally, Christopher is the Assistant Director at TriTech Small

Business Development Center (SBDC) which is also hosted at Riverside Community College District. TriTech is a specialty SBDC that serves high tech / high growth companies in the Inland Empire/Orange County region with obtaining equity financing and/or non-dilutive federal funding through the SBA's SBIR/STTR programs. Christopher has been an integral part of the TriTech team for the last 5 years. During this time, TriTech's clients have closed 210 deals totaling \$361,273,606 in funding; with 59 new businesses created; over 3,000 jobs created; and 17 SBIR/STTR awards totaling \$11,887,686.

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Taj Ahmad Eldridge serves as the Director for the ExCITE Accelerator under the Office of Technology Partnerships (OTP) at the University of California at Riverside in Riverside, California. ExCITE is a private + public collaboration between the business leaders, the County of Riverside, the City of Riverside, and the University of California Riverside.

Eldridge spearheads a division geared towards facilitating the successful growth of startup companies engaged in entrepreneurial research and development of advanced technologies with the intent to create high-tech jobs in the county of Riverside, California.

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Stephen Ezell is vice president, global innovation policy, at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF). He focuses on science and technology policy, international competitiveness, trade, manufacturing, and services issues.

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Ezell comes to ITIF from Peer Insight, an innovation research and consulting firm he cofounded in 2003 to study the practice of innovation in service industries. At Peer Insight, Ezell led the Global Service Innovation Consortium, published multiple research papers on service innovation, and researched national service innovation policies being implemented by governments worldwide.

Prior to forming Peer Insight, Ezell worked in the New Service Development group at the NASDAQ Stock Market, where he spearheaded the creation of the NASDAQ Market Intelligence Desk and the NASDAQ Corporate Services Network, services for NASDAQ-listed corporations. Previously, Ezell cofounded two successful innovation ventures, the high-tech services firm Brivo Systems and Lynx Capital, a boutique investment bank.

Ezell holds a B.S. from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, with an honors certificate from Georgetown's Landegger International Business Diplomacy program.

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Fred Farina is chief innovation officer at the California Institute of Technology and executive director of Caltech's Office of Technology Transfer. His responsibilities include managing OTT's staff, evaluating inventions at Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, supervising patent prosecution and portfolio management, negotiating licensing deals with industry, and fostering the creation of startup companies based on Caltech/JPL technologies. Prior to joining OTT, Farina worked for eight years as a research engineer in the GPS field. He subsequently joined a law firm where he prosecuted patent applications on various advanced technologies before the U.S. and European patent offices. Farina holds a diplome d'ingenieur in electrical engineering from the National Institute of Applied Sciences in Lyon, France, and an M.S. in electrical engineering from Caltech. He is a registered U.S. patent agent.



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Mr. Darrell Gooden, PhD has 20 years' experience leading process analysis, cost reductions, and information management productivity improvements in the US government and with NATO partner countries. He is a leader of continuous performance improvement team efforts and has worked in diverse organizations; an experienced team builder, trainer, and leader tackling complex issues and delivering results; skillfully spearheaded many information technology initiatives that dramatically increased productivity and efficiency. Key skills include:

- Lean Six Sigma Deployment • Organizational Change Management
- Strategic Planning, Policy & Execution • Knowledge Engineering Management
- Activity Based Cost Management • Logistics Process Architecture

Darrell is on the faculty of the Adizes Graduate School (AGS). He has presented the Adizes Methodology at conferences and seminars that includes the World Future Society and Beijing's Conference on Human Capital Strategy. Mr. Gooden has also presented on topics such as Innovation, Business Process Reengineering and Lean Six Sigma in Brazil, Canada, Portugal, Serbia, Denmark, China, Japan and France. He has over 10 years' experience as a certified Spiral Dynamics Integral practitioner and is a founding member along with Dr. Don Beck of the Center for Human Emergence. He leads Lean Six Sigma seminars; consults as an expert in activity based costing, and has focused over the last 20 years in the area of cultural transformation and technology management.



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Dale Huber has been a member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories for 17 years. He currently works in the Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies, a facility that focuses on partnering with both industry and academia. He is a materials chemist, whose research is focused on the synthesis and application of new nanoscale materials.



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John (Jack) James has 13 years' experience in Technology Transfer and is currently the lead for the IP Management and Technology Transfer group in the NASA/Johnson Space Center (JSC) Strategic Opportunities and Partnership Development Office. Mr. James joined NASA in 1979 in the Mission Operations Directorate Flight Training Division in which he served in numerous positions including Simulation Supervisor. From 1997 to 2001 he was the Mission Control Center Strategic Engineer. Beginning in October of 2013, he has served as the Regional Coordinator for the Federal Laboratory Consortium Mid Continent region.



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Brett Kennedy is currently a Group Supervisor in the Mobility and Robotic System Section at JPL. His areas of expertise include space robotics, novel mobility systems, robotic manipulators, underactuated grippers, and bio-inspired robotics. He graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1996 with his B.S. in mechanical engineering with an emphasis in controls and robotics. As an undergraduate, he was involved in research covering the design of composite material parts, the design of human amplification mechanisms, and the finite-element modeling of bones. In 1997, he received his M.S. in mechanical engineering from Stanford University concentrating on mechatronics and robotics.



**Brett Kennedy**

In his 19 years at JPL, he has divided his time between research and space flight robotics. On the space side, his most notable role has been as the lead for the Robotic Arm aboard the Curiosity rover, for which he was responsible for the design, fabrication, and testing. He was also responsible for two elements of the Mars Exploration Rovers (MER). On the research front, he conceived and led the development of the bio-inspired Lemur series of robots as well as acting as the lead mechanical engineer for JPL's Tactical Mobile Robot (TMR) program, the Exploration Technology Rover (FIDO), and the All-Terrain Explorer tasks, among others. He has also acted as the lead robotic engineer on several DARPA studies of subjects such as orbital telescopes and humanoid robotic mobility. Over the last three years, he has been the Principle Investigator for JPL's entry into the DARPA Robotics Challenge, RoboSimian, a four-limbed robot inspired by the body layout of apes.

More information on Brett's work and these specific projects can be found at:

<http://marsprogram.jpl.nasa.gov/msl/>

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

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Besides his undergraduate degree, he has a M.B.A. and J.D. from the University of New Mexico. He also interned at The White House under President George W. Bush where he worked in the office of Strategic Initiatives and Political Affairs.

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Annemarie Meike 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 in 2015 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.



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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). She is a member of several technical professional societies, and has held key leadership and founding roles in the Licensing Executives Society (LES) USA & Canada, LES International and the LES Foundation. She currently is Director of the LES Foundation International Graduate Student Business Plan Competition, which focuses on education and IP strategy.

Annemarie 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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CPU/GPU designs, to push capabilities toward the next benchmark of exascale computing. Advanced scalable application software follows directly, to allow problems to scale on millions of cores. This massive capability allows the user community to address computational challenges at revolutionary speed, detail and data density. Such capability has clear benefits and ROI across the full spectrum of applications and problem spaces, from industrial design to climate studies, and access to this scale of HPC resources is within reach.

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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 Small Business Vouchers (SBV). In addition, Jackie is guiding a new public-private initiative for Sandia – the proposed Center for Collaboration and Commercialization (C3).

Jackie has served as the Regional Deputy for the Mid-Continent Region of the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) – hosting the regional meeting in Albuquerque for the Mid-Continent and Far West regions and chairing the awards committee. 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 NMSU. 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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Throughout Yoriko Morita’s career of more than 20 years working with technology companies, she has often seen companies struggle to balance the needs of three competing interests:

- Business (e.g., allocating limited financial resources);
- Technical (e.g., developing an innovative marketable product); and
- Legal (e.g., risk mitigation and compliance).

Dr. Morita believes that these three interests can work together.

She specializes in creating and implementing practical action plans to ensure that a company’s business objectives align with its technology development and IP strategies. Using her vast experience, she is able to draft and prosecute patent applications, execute a comprehensive IP strategy, and assist in the transaction of IP assets.

Dr. Morita understands the innovation lifecycle – from innovation, IP portfolio development and transactions to patent assertion and monetization – because she has been responsible for all these activities in her previous roles. She has worked in a variety of settings, including start-ups, a NASDAQ-traded company, a federal laboratory, a non-profit organization and a patent assertion entity. She speaks the language of business leaders, technologists and legal professionals, and can act as an interpreter for these groups to make sure that they are all working together to grow a company.

Dr. Morita has a Ph.D. in electrical engineering (optics emphasis), an MBA and a B.A. in physics. She is also a Certified Licensing Professional and an experienced US-registered patent agent, and has been recognized as one of the world's leading IP strategists, having been selected as one of IAM Strategy 300 for the past three years. She has native fluency in both English and Japanese, with extensive experience of working and negotiating in Asia.

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**David Palais**

After being awarded his doctorate, Palais participated in a multi-disciplinary research project led by the University of Michigan's Geochronology and Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory studying the geologic history of Marie Byrd Land in Antarctica. He spent two months in Antarctica collecting samples and dodging irritated Emperor Penguins. He subsequently worked as a project geologist in the environmental consulting industry in Boston and Phoenix.

As a Natural Resource Manager for Nestle Waters North America since 1996, Palais is responsible for ensuring the company's spring water sources are managed in an environmentally-sound manner and for locating new spring sources to support growing consumer demand for bottled water. He is also coordinating across Nestlé Waters North America the implementation and certification of many of its bottling plants under the Alliance for Water Stewardship International standard. He is married and lives in Redding, California with his wife of 10 years.

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In the Air Force, Dick served in three Air Force laboratories in New Mexico and Ohio, a product center in Massachusetts, two major command headquarters in Nebraska and Ohio, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in the Pentagon, and a joint staff assignment in

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Dick received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla (UMR) and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and was awarded a professional degree in Electrical Engineering by UMR. He currently serves on a number of government advisory boards as well as the Seattle Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors.

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Bob is the Executive Director of the Technology Collaboration Center of Houston, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2015 as a partnership between industry, academic and government technology development organizations for the purpose of solving complex technology challenges through collaboration.

Bob was previously the Director for the Gulf Coast Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization (RCIC), responsible for administration of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund in the Southeast Texas region around Houston. He was the program's longest serving RCIC Director, providing assistance to startup companies and research institutions from 2005 through 2015.

Since 2011, Bob's primary office has been at the NASA Johnson Space Center, supporting the Gulf Coast RCIC and now the new Technology Collaboration Center of Houston. He has been an active supporter of early stage technology companies, working with the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, Houston Technology Center, Rice Alliance and Austin Technology Incubator, providing coaching and advice to hundreds of startup companies.

Bob is an honors graduate of Rice University, with BSEE (1976) and MEE (1977) degrees, specializing in computer software and digital hardware. After leaving Rice, he worked for 20 years at Schlumberger in their oilfield services engineering groups, and then served as an executive in several software and internet companies. In 2001, Bob was recognized by COMPUTERWORLD magazine as one of their Premier 100 IT Leaders. In 2013, he was honored by Governor Rick Perry for service to the State of Texas.



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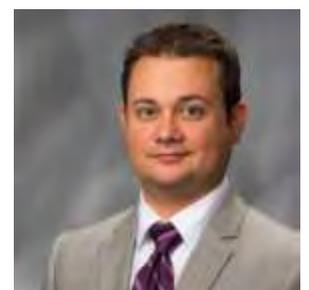
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Technology Transfer (FLC). Sauers has also served as Member-At-Large on the FLC Executive Board and held positions in Tech Transfer throughout the Department of Energy (DOE) complex at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Idaho National Laboratory (INL), and Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). Sauers is a 2014 Excellence in Technology Transfer award recipient and serves on the Certified Licensing Professionals exam development and maintenance committee.

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Joel currently manages strategy and licensing within the IP Management, Business and Competitive Intelligence and Business Development department at Sandia. Prior to this position, Joel spent eleven years in business development in Sandia’s Partnerships group. He established Sandia’s Business and Competitive Intelligence (BCI) capability which is now utilized Labs-wide to inform partnering, IP and technology transfer decisions. The BCI team also assesses Sandia’s effectiveness in technology transfer yearly. Prior to joining Sandia, Joel was Technology Manager for the University of New Mexico Center for Telehealth, and a Consultant for Accenture based in Stockholm, Sweden. Joel holds an MBA in Management Information Systems and a BA in Economics from the University of New Mexico.



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**Ben Solomon**

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Ben is also an Adjunct Lecturer at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at University of Maryland. He previously worked for Bloomberg News and NBC Sports. He received his MBA from the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business and a B.A. in history from Princeton University.

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Corona Division received its Federal Laboratory designation on Jan. 26, 2010. In December 2012, Stewart left Product Engineering Assessment Department to head up the ORTA position full time as the technology transfer officer. In addition to serving as ORTA, Stewart supports community economic development efforts by serving as a liaison for organizations such as InSoCal CONNECT whose mission is to attract high-technology companies to the Inland Empire region of Southern California.

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Brian Suh is the Director of the Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC) at University of California, Riverside (UCR). He oversees and manages all aspects of the OTC and staff, which includes the development, protection, marketing, and commercialization of UCR's campus research and intellectual property (IP); outreach to the UCR campus community on IP and technology commercialization; and outreach to the external community on UCR's research capabilities, technologies available for licensing and commercialization, and to promote economic development. Brian came to UCR in November 2015 from a U.S. Navy laboratory, SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific, in San Diego, CA where he was employed since June 2002, most recently as the Director of their Technology Transfer Office. He is a former FLC Far West Regional Coordinator (2012-2015) and recipient of 2013 FLC National Laboratory Representative of the Year award. Brian holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University and received his MBA from the Rady School of Management at University of California, San Diego. He also holds the Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) certification.



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Stan is a Pasadena Angel, serves as a member of the board of directors and advisors for several technology companies, and is a member of numerous professional organizations. He is Chairman Emeritus of the Executive Committee of the Caltech/MIT Enterprise Forum, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Business Incubation Network of Southern California (BINS) and Director of LA Metro for Cleantech Open. Stan frequently presents and speaks on entrepreneurship, incubation and high tech start-ups at

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He founded and currently leads a non-profit CleanTech incubator for clean energy and clean transportation. His current focus is working the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), the California Energy Commission, Air Resources Board, and industry pioneers, like OSVehicle, in aligning stakeholder engagement in clean energy and clean transportation adoption and innovation under SB 350. He earned his undergraduate degree in ethnic studies and joint graduate degree in Social Welfare and Asian American Studies from UCLA under the guidance of the late Dr. Harry Kitano. He lives with his wife in Orange County, California

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Debbie is a biomedical engineer with an MBA who has 28 years of space industry experience. Since 1988, she has contributed to over 100 space shuttle missions and the experiments aboard those flights building the knowledgebase that helps keep today's astronauts healthy and inspires the next generation of research aboard the ISS and the ISS National Lab. She was the Life Sciences Services Contract lead for the development of KSC and DFRC facilities for astronaut research as well as for the design, construction and start-up of the Space Life Sciences Lab – the first facility in Exploration Park.

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With over fifteen years of experience in the fields of environmental and urban planning, Grace's passion for sustainable communities grew during her social justice work with World Vision, Servant Partners and the Union Rescue Mission where she volunteered with homeless families and mentored at-risk youth and children in South Central Los Angeles for seven years. Grace is an Army veteran and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban & Regional Planning and minor in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California; a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership & Management from the University of La Verne; and a Doctor of Policy, Planning and Development degree from the University of Southern California.

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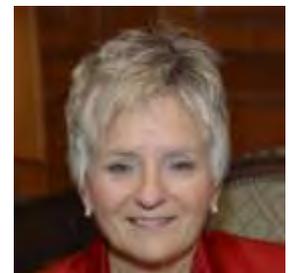
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Stephanie Yanchinski is the Executive Director and founder of First Look West or FLoW, a nationally recognized entrepreneurial program of the Resnick Sustainability Institute. Funded by the Department of Energy, FLOW helped launch over 20 companies which together have raised \$60 million in follow on funding within four years.

Trained as a scientist Ms. Yanchinski has directed her entrepreneurial expertise towards starting companies and helping tech ventures emerge from universities. She has worked with government and the business and investment community in Europe, Asia and Canada to establish entrepreneurial support programs: in Canada she helped found a \$20 million medical science incubator, and ran a \$1.5 million CEO mentoring and training program.

In partnership with Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Gas, Sacramento Municipal Utilities District and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Moxie Foundation, as well as Caltech Ms. Yanchinski launched the Rocket Fund in 2015 for early stage companies. The Rocket Fund is an innovative cross cutting program providing vital funding and necessary commercial partners for building and testing a minimum commercial prototype (MCP) for real world demonstration. The Fund validates technologies which makes companies more attractive to investors and partners.

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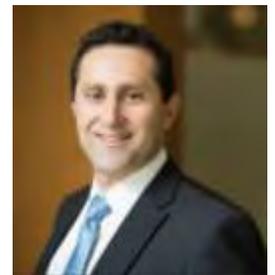
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- Mr. Zelkind taught Patent Law for over 7 years as an adjunct Professor at the University of California San Diego Extension.