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## NANCY BEDWELL

VP of Category Management  
Reynolds Consumer Products

Nancy Bedwell is Vice President of Category Management at Reynolds Consumer Products. In this role, Nancy leads the organization's effort in creating the retail vision, developing retail strategy, advancing execution of category management best practices and driving shopper and retailer research.

Nancy has 30+ years of experience in the Consumer Packaged Goods sector having held Category Management roles at Coca-Cola, Kraft Foods and Wrigley prior to accepting her current role at Reynolds. Nancy has also held a role as a Northwestern University Adjunct Professor teaching Integrated Marketing Communications to undergraduate students.

Nancy has a BS degree from University of Illinois and MBA from Loyola University School of Business. She resides in the Chicago Area with her husband and two young sons.



## ALBERTO RUOCCO

Senior Executive Partner  
Gartner

Alberto is a Senior Executive Partner at Gartner. In this role, Alberto is an advisor to 25+ Chief Information Officer (CIO) clients. Gartner is the world's leading IT research and advisory company.

Previously, Alberto was CIO for American Electric Power, EVP for The Revere Group's IT consulting practice, VP of Process and IT for Kerry Foods, and a Senior Manager in Deloitte's IT consulting practice.

Alberto has been an active contributor to the improvement of policy, research and best practices in IT in the utility industry. He has been a frequent guest lecturer at several universities, a panelist at industry events and a speaker on Capitol Hill on IT and cyber security-related topics.

Alberto received a BA in Architecture from Yale University and a MBA at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.



## DOUG REESE

Chief Strategy and Growth Officer  
GE Transportation Digital Solutions

Doug Reese serves as the Chief Strategy and Growth Officer for GE Transportation Digital Solutions responsible for long term product and growth strategy, business development, ecosystem partners, and marketing. GE Transportation is a \$4B division of GE which announced this year a transaction to join GE Transportation with Wabtec Corporation to form an independent, \$8B rail and transportation focused Fortune 500 company.

Prior to joining GE, Doug led PwC's US Sales network. Doug brings 30 years of experience in consulting and line management roles across multiple industries including banking and capital markets, high tech and medical/pharma, and industrial manufacturing.

Doug holds a BA from Stanford University and an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Business.

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**AMY AUGUSTINE**

Director of Business Strategy  
U.S. Cellular

Amy is the Director of Business Strategy at U.S. Cellular. From 2013 until mid-2018, she led the Reverse Logistics team that is responsible for the strategy and execution of the reverse supply chain, including planning, repair of handsets and tablets, and re-commerce of handsets and accessories. Amy has held various roles within supply chain and has worked at U.S. Cellular more than nine years.

Earlier in her career, she spent 10 years in the consulting industry working for KPMG, BearingPoint and the Revere Group. Amy earned her MBA in Operations Management and International Business from Loyola University in Chicago and holds a CSCP certification from APICS.



**JANE BULLOCK**

VP  
Antunes

Jane is the daughter of the founder of A. J. Antunes & Co. and co-owner with her husband and CEO, Glenn R. Bullock. Jane worked at Antunes during her high school and college summers but chose to go into teaching after college. She met her husband while teaching in Ohio and quickly brought him back to the Chicago area when Glenn began working at Antunes.

In 1992, Jane returned to Antunes in a sales support role. Twenty-six years later, Jane is currently the Vice President of Administration. She is the advocate for the philanthropic side of the company and is the chairperson of the Social Responsibility Committee.



**HOLLY COPELAND**

Director of Public Affairs &  
Corporate Social Responsibility  
Horizon Pharma

Holly is in charge of driving Horizon's Corporate Social Responsibility efforts and plays a key role in the management of its Public Affairs activities.

She is a Board member of Perspectives Charter Schools, Chicago Innovation, and the Chicago Council on Science and Technology. She is also a member of the President's Council of the Museum of Science and Industry, and on the advisory boards of MATTER and Shopping.Gives.

A founding mentor of Chicago Innovation's Women Mentoring Co-op, Ms. Copeland is also a member of the Chicago Ideas Co-Op and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Women and Global Development Advisory Committee.

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**LAURA COY**

Director of Philanthropy Strategy  
William Blair

Laura is responsible for William Blair's client philanthropy strategy and employee engagement, and leads the firm's foundation and integrated corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The William Blair Foundation mission is to inspire the next generation of philanthropists through leadership, innovation and engagement.

Prior to William Blair, Laura was the senior manager of CSR and senior corporate philanthropist for W. W. Grainger, Inc. While at Grainger, she initiated and designed their first Corporate Social Responsibility strategy and integrated reporting.

Prior to working at Grainger, Laura led major gifts fundraising for nonprofits including the Alzheimer's Association, Red Cross and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.



**RYAN CUDNEY**

EVP, Corp. Advisory Services  
Edelman

An executive vice president with Edelman's Corporate Advisory Services practice, Ryan serves as a strategic counselor to senior decision makers engaged in transformation, including portfolio realignment and expansion, turnarounds and recoveries, and business repositioning.

As the group head of Business Transformation at Edelman Chicago, Ryan helps his clients create human-centric transformation experiences through a better understanding of audience segments, vision and narrative development, communications organization design, and campaign execution rooted in research and outcome measurement.

Prior to joining Edelman, Ryan was a US political staffer; most recently, serving as the Executive Director of the Illinois Republican State Senate Campaign Committee (RSSCC).



**TIM ENGSTROM**

Head of Supply Chain & Logistics  
LA-CO Industries

Tim is Head of Supply Chain & Logistics for LA-CO Industries. He is responsible for all production planning, fulfillment, transportation, inventory planning, compliance, customer service, and LEAN operations.

Tim has been an adjunct professor at Elmhurst College's Supply Chain Management master's program since 2005. He co-founded Teachability LLC creating a means of linking candidates with disabilities with companies looking to start a disability hiring program.

Prior to joining LA-CO in October 2016, Tim held positions at Walgreens, Lawson Products, Office Max.

Tim received his master's in supply chain management from Elmhurst College and his bachelor's in transportation and physical distribution from Western Illinois University.

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**CRAIG ESPEVIK**

VP of Operations  
Yaskawa America, Inc.

Craig is the Vice President of Operations for Yaskawa America, Inc., a \$750M provider of automation solutions in the Americas. Craig oversees all North American operations for the Drives and Motion Division including supply chain activities, manufacturing and order engineering, local production, distribution, logistics, and quality.

Craig has over 35 years of engineering, manufacturing and supply chain leadership. He is a member of the Loyola's Supply and Value Chain Center Advisory Council and a University of Illinois BSME graduate. He also has an MBA with focus in Operations and international finance. Craig is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Illinois and has 3 patents.



**SETH GREEN**

Founding Director  
Baumhart Center, Loyola University

Seth Green is the founding director of the Baumhart Center for Social Enterprise and Responsibility and an executive lecturer in the Quinlan School of Business.

Seth served as executive director of Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.), a Chicagoland nonprofit that prepares low-income youth for post-secondary and life success. During his tenure, he spearheaded an expansion of Y.O.U.'s programs and led a \$16.4 million fundraising campaign to build a new youth center and financial endowment.

Seth is a frequent media contributor, having served as a guest on C-SPAN's Washington Journal, CNN, and MSNBC. Utne Reader named him one of 50 "Visionaries Who Are Changing Your World."



**VALERIE HOLDEN**

Deputy Chief/Performance Mgmt Officer  
Cook County

Valerie is responsible for the development of a data analytics program to improve decision-making around County's supply chain management investments. The second most populous county in the US, Cook County's 2018 operating budget is \$5.3B. Nearly \$400M is appropriated annually to support supply chains in its public health and public safety agencies.

Reporting to County C-suite executives, Valerie serves as Deputy Chief Performance Management Officer. Since 2017 she has focused on reverse logistics. Prior, she served as Director ERP Center of Excellence and led the effort to replace (8) ERP and SCM systems, with a \$60M cloud-based ERP-SCM solution.

She holds graduate degrees and certifications from several top-ranked institutions.

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**SARAH ILES**

Director of Global Ethics/Compliance  
CDW

Sarah Iles heads the Global Ethics & Compliance function for CDW, a multi-national, Fortune 200 technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare organization customers. She joined CDW in 2016 after eleven years in legal and compliance with Abbott Laboratories.

Sarah's legal career started in Asia, supporting businesses across the region. She lived in Japan for seven years, including four years in Tokyo doing legal work for M&A and other commercial transactions.

She has a law degree from Georgetown University, and a B.A. in International Relations from the College of William & Mary. Sarah lives in Evanston with her husband and four children.



**GARY JOHNSON**

CEO  
GJ Consulting

Gary was the Senior Director of Global Strategic Sourcing and Sustainability for McDonald's Corporation for over 30 yrs. (1986-2017).

Gary developed and implemented domestic and global sourcing strategies for over \$7,000,000,000 annual spend and worked with product leads living in Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Gary has not only domestic supply chain experience but also lived and worked in Europe for setting up supply chain strategies for McDonald's products in the EU and throughout central Europe.

He retired from McDonald's in 2017 and spends his time consulting in the food industry, being a SCORE mentor volunteer and time with his family including his four grandchildren.



**SAL LITRIGO**

CEO  
American Patriot Holdings

Sal is CEO for APCT, and is a member of the APH Executive Management Team. Sal graduated from the State University of New York Maritime College with a BS in Marine Transportation Management.

Sal became Vice President of Maritrans in 1990 followed by Vice President of TECO Transport in 1994. In 2004, he became President and CEO of TECO Transport, later selling the fleet to United Maritime Group. He became President and CEO for the United Maritime Group for three distinct operating fleets.

Sal now works as a subject matter expert and consultant for business development, leadership training, risk management and litigation support.

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**ANDY LIUZZI**

EVP, Crisis & Risk Mgmt.  
Edelman

As the head of Edelman’s Crisis & Risk Management practice in Chicago, Andy helps global clients with proactively mitigating issues and risk as well as working on long-term reputation management strategies. Andy’s background includes: strategic counsel and execution across a broad range of operational, strategic, and crisis management engagements, high profile litigation assignments and comprehensive public strategy campaigns.

Within Edelman’s Data Security & Privacy Group, Andy also serves as the crisis lead for breach engagements. Andy joined Edelman’s Reputation Management Group after six years at Manning Selvage & Lee’s Chicago Office in their Corporate practice.



**JESSICA MARTINEZ**

Director of Product Integrity  
Walgreens

Jessica Martinez is a Director of Product Integrity at Walgreen Co., an entity of Walgreens Boots Alliance.

Jessica has been with the company for five years, spending the last 2 years creating a comprehensive global ethics program that monitors and supports suppliers’ ability to implement sustainable ethical sourcing practices, ensuring the protection of human rights and minimizing environmental impact across the WBA supply chain. Jessica appreciates the engagement and collaboration that occurs through her membership in both Retail Industry Leadership Association and Consumer Goods Forum.

Jessica received her Bachelor of Science in Management from Purdue University and her Masters of Business Administration from DePaul University.



**MARIE MENSAH**

CEO & Founder  
Mensah Consulting

Marie is founder of Chicago-based, Mensah Consulting, which focuses on procurement and supply chain best practices, organization design, training and development and implementing major transformation projects. Her passions include exceeding corporate performance targets by dramatically reducing total cost of ownership, managing business risk, and establishing long term, sustainable, competitive advantage. Previously a Procter & Gamble Procurement executive, Marie held purchasing responsibilities spanning Contract Manufacturing, Packaging, Chemicals, and leading P&G’s Supplier Diversity efforts.

Marie earned her B.S., in Economics, from Cornell University and MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Marie lives in Oak Park, IL with her husband, Ekow, and their 2 daughters.

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## MARY MURPHY

Co-founder & Partner  
Denairus LLC

Mary Murphy has spent over 20 years in the third party logistics industry. She spent 18 years with a fortune 250 3PL provider and led a top performing sales and operations center generating over \$220 million annually.

She later moved into a larger scaled role, focusing on strategic account alliance and development of internal structure to support highly influential clients. Her passion has always centered around bringing value to clients through customized solutions while nurturing and empowering her employees to do the same.

Mary is a co-founder and partner of Denairus LLC, which focuses on consulting asset based and third party transportation providers to improve organizational structure, operations, and strategy.



## PETER NORLANDER

Assistant Professor  
HR & Employment Relations, Loyola University

Assistant Professor Peter Norlander, Ph.D. is a researcher and teacher in the Human Resources and Employment Relations area at Loyola University Chicago Quinlan School of Business.

Prior to entering academia, he worked for 5 years in human resources, both in India and the U.S., and has long been interested in how employment practices enhance efficiency and fairness in the workplace.



## MACIEK NOWAK

Dept. Chair/Professor  
INFS and SCMG, Loyola University

Maciek Nowak is Department Chair of Quinlan's Information Systems and Supply Chain Management department.

Through his research, Maciek has worked with Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and the Georgia Ports Authority. He has received grants from the Federal Highway Administration, the U. S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. State Department. His current research focuses on the use of various heuristic optimization techniques for vehicle routing problems.

His research has been published in Transportation Science, European Journal of Operational Research, Computers & OR, and the Journal of Transportation Management.

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## MELANIE NUCE

Senior VP, Corp. Development  
GS1 US

As Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for GS1 US, Melanie Nuce leads a team that investigates new technologies, partnerships and business opportunities to increase the relevance and reach of GS1 Standards.

Drawing on her extensive background in retail technology, Ms. Nuce oversees the exploration of collaboration opportunities to help businesses leverage emerging technologies including the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, and machine learning.



## ELLIOT PARK

President & CEO  
Shine Electronics NY

Elliot Park is CEO of Shine Electronics; a New York City based family-owned global mobile electronics distributor founded in 1974.

Elliot has been an advocate for Asian American businesses at the local, national and international levels. In 2015, he participated in international trade policy roundtables on behalf of Asian American businesses to the White House National Economic Council during the Obama Administration as well as being an official delegate of President Obama's Official Trade Delegation to the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Small Medium Enterprise CEO Summit in Manila, Philippines.

Mr. Park holds a BA in Telecommunications Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology.



## CERAG PINCE

Assistant Professor  
INFS and SCMG, Loyola University

Çerağ Pinçe specializes in supply chain management with an emphasis on sustainable operations and after-sales services.

His research has focused on dynamic value recovery from returned consumer electronics products, proactive management of critical service parts, and value of installed base information in service-centric supply chains. Other research interests include speculative stocking under procurement cost fluctuations and efficient supply allocation in the agribusiness context.

He holds a PhD from Erasmus University and held a postdoctoral appointment at Georgia Tech Scheller College of Business. Before his PhD, Pinçe worked as a research scientist at the National Research Institute of Electronics and Cryptology in Turkey.



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## COLLEEN REANEY

Director  
Executive Education, Loyola University

Colleen Reaney is the director of Executive Education at Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business. She has more than 15 years of experience in higher education, focusing on corporate, student, and alumni engagement.

Before joining Loyola, Colleen was director of business support services for the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program at the City Colleges of Chicago. She also held alumni relations positions for Babson College and DePaul University. While at DePaul, she created the alumni career services and volunteer opportunities programming and coordinated the alumni corporate giving programs and university-wide faculty/staff giving campaign.



## SANDY SANDERS

Plaquemines Port Harbor  
Executive Director

Maynard Jackson Sanders is a native of Mobile, Alabama and holds a Masters Degree in Strategy from the United States Army War College and his military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit Medal.

Prior to his selection as the Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, he served as Deputy Port Director for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority in Corpus Christi, Texas. He served on the Boards of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is former Board Chair for South Texas USO.



## JENNIFER SIEBER

Senior Manager of Global Procurement  
Abbott

Jennifer Sieber, Senior Manager of Global Indirect Procurement at Abbott, has 15 years of procurement experience. Jennifer recently took a Senior Manager position at Abbott after more than seven years at Nestle managing their Logistics Procurement team. At Nestle, Jennifer implemented an effective and measurable supplier relationship management program that drove improvements for both Nestle and its valued suppliers.

Jennifer has a Master of Business Administration degree from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelors of Business Degree from Western Illinois University. She keeps active by running and challenging her daughters and husband to sports and physical activities.

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**MARGARET SKRMETTI**

Community Engagement Manager  
Morton Salt

Margaret is a corporate responsibility strategist and cause-driven communicator with more than a decade of experience building meaningful business / nonprofit partnerships.

Margaret joined Morton Salt as Community Engagement Manager in November 2016. In this newly-created role, she is responsible for developing and leading corporate responsibility strategy across the US, Canada, and the Bahamas.

Previously, Margaret spent seven years in the nonprofit sector, developing corporate sponsorship programs for leading cultural institutions. Prior to that, she worked in public relations, representing clients including Bank of America, Staples, and Dunkin' Donuts. Margaret has a B.S. in Communications from Boston University.



**VIKRANT VINIAK**

Managing Director  
Accenture Strategy

Vikrant is the Managing Director at Accenture Strategy. He has over 18 years of experience in strategic cost reduction. Areas of expertise include ZBX (Zero Based Methodology), analytics, RPA (robotics process automation), digital transformation, industry X.0, blockchain, and artificial intelligence. He is active in the analytics and supply chain community and has served on the Board of Directors for ISM's Chicago chapter for 5 years in different positions.

Vikrant is passionately committed to people development, mentoring, and coaching. As a trusted advisor to C-suite clients, he has coached more than 300 execs in driving and managing successful transformations.