

Rebalancing the Future Research Ecosystem: From Vision to Action: A Summit

Committee

Conrad Hollomon

Member

Conrad Hollomon currently serves as Lab-to-Market Development Strategist at the Office of Investment and Innovation for the US Small Business Administration. Prior to federal service, he spent the last fifteen years in venture capital and tech startups. At The Engine, an investment fund spun out of MIT, Conrad developed public-private partnerships in support of lab-to-market transition, for commercialization of critical and emerging technologies. Previously to that at Techstars, the world's most active pre-seed investor, he served as Program Director for the U.S. Air Force Accelerator, responsible for general operations, tech scouting, and program design.

Other roles include Senior Technical PM on the artificial intelligence team at Unity Technologies, and Executive Director of Operation Code, scaling a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping veterans and military spouses learn software development, enter the tech industry, and deploy the future. Early in his career, he served overseas as a US Army infantry officer. Conrad holds an MBA from Boston University specializing in social impact and organizational behavior.

Laura A. Lindenfeld

Member

Laura Lindenfeld is Executive Director of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science and Professor of Communication at Stony Brook University, where she led the creation of the Department of Communication. The Alda Center offers international leadership in bridging research with practice to advance effective science communication, through programs that have reached tens of thousands of researchers worldwide.

Dr. Lindenfeld is passionate about helping the scientific community advance meaningful, productive interactions with communities, stakeholders, and decision-makers. As a communication researcher, she draws inspiration from the idea that we can make better, more informed decisions about how we shape our collective future. Her work explores environmental sustainability communication and cultivates leadership that translates scientific knowledge into public action on critical issues and societal challenges.

Dr. Lindenfeld's work appears in a range of journals, including Science Communication, Ecology & Society, Environmental Communication, Sustainability Science, Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies, and Food & Foodways. Her latest co-authored book, Science Communication for Scientists: Linking Strategy with Creativity, Practice, and Respect synthesizes evidence underpinning the Alda Method, the Alda Center's signature communication training approach that delivers authentic, human connections. It is the first of its kind open-access textbook on science communication.

Joshua Parker

Member

Josh Parker is Ancora L&G's Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. He leads the Board of Directors and sits on the firm's Investment Committee. As Chairman and CEO, he is responsible for overseeing all firm strategy, policies and procedures as well as day-to-day operations.

A national leader in the anchor institution and innovation sectors, he has unique investment experience spanning adaptive re-use, urban redevelopment, life sciences, venture, innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives, university-leased real estate and mixed-use development.

He has served on non-profit, and government appointed boards including The Duke School (Finance Committee Chair), Real Estate Round Table (Chair of Tax Policy Advisory Committee), Urban Land Institute (past Vice-Chair University Development & Innovation Council), National Academies Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (Council Member), member of the Economic Club of Washington, DC, and the Council on Competitiveness (Executive Committee and Commissioner on the National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness Frontiers).

Deborah Stokes

Member

Deborah R. Stokes is the Director, External Research and Academic Alliances for Dell EMC. In this role, she is responsible for research and education programs, collaborating across the R&D ecosystem, as part of the Office of the CTO.

Deborah has served in various technology leadership positions including business development, advanced technology, product development, marketing, and operations for over 25 years in large global technology firms such as Nortel and Huawei. She also has additional experience in the education vertical.

Deborah serves on several local business committees and various university advisory boards. She has numerous publications in the technology management field, and has filed a patent on measuring the ROI from university investments.

Deborah has a BS in Business Administration, and completed her Executive MBA at the University of Texas at Dallas, with a focus on “Managing for Change”.

Michael Nestor

Staff Officer