

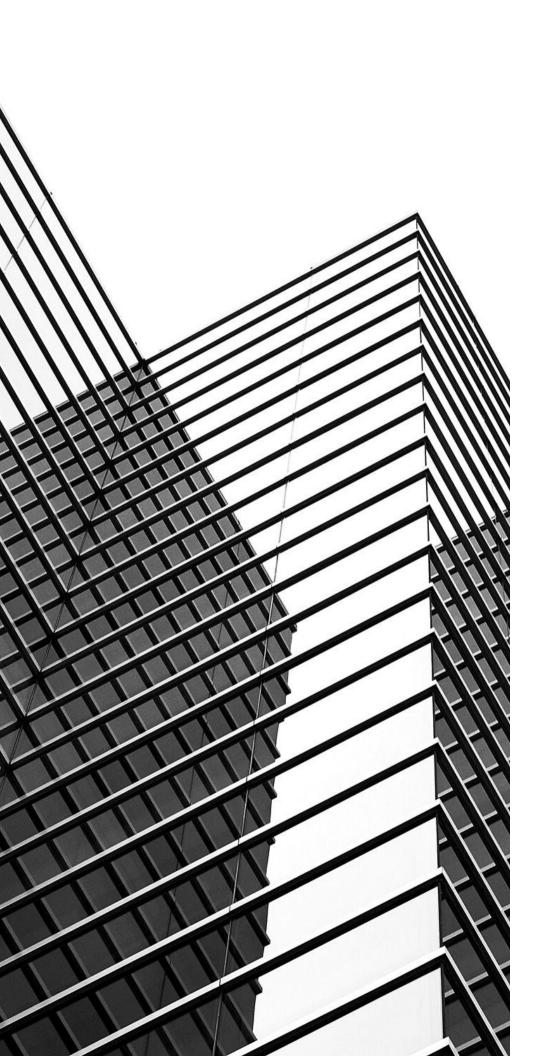
2019 - 2020

**ACCELERATING THE** INTEGRATION OF **SUSTAINABILITY INTO BUSINESS** 



Smeal College of Business

**Business of Sustainability** 



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# RESEARCH



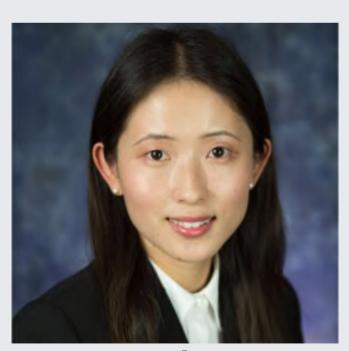
### RESEARCH DIRECTOR

This year the Center appointed a Research Director, Dan Cahoy, Professor of Business Law who has been a member of the Smeal faculty since 2001. His research focuses on intellectual property as a sustainability innovation incentive and the protection of worker and individual rights through law and regulation. As Center Research Director, he identifies and highlights faculty research strengths, coordinates the research grants program and serves as a contact point between Smeal and the business community. This position was made possible by the Robert and Suzanne Davidow Excellence in Sustainability Fund.

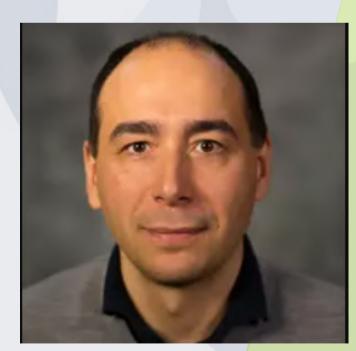


### FACULTY AFFILIATES

The Center Faculty Affiliate program allows faculty in Smeal and across Penn State to formally associate with the center, forming a community of scholars focused on how business and markets can work for social justice and environmental conservation.



Yue Zhang
Supply Chain & Information Systems,
Sustainability in Supply Chains



Peter Iliev
Finance, Sustainable Investing &
ESG Performance



Mark Desjardine

Management & Organization, Sustainable
Investing & ESG Performance, Corporate
Social Responsibility and Activism



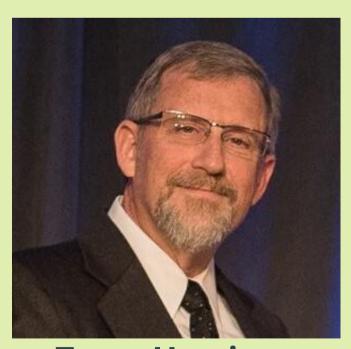
Karen Winterich

Marketing, Sustainable Product

Development & Consumer Behavior



Jiro Yoshida
Risk Management, Sustainable Investing,
ESG Performance, & Expertise in
Research and Green Buildings



**Terry Harrison**Supply Chain & Information Systems,
Sustainability in Supply Chains

### RESEARCH SEMINARS

The Center's Sustainability Research Series showcased Smeal research faculty with active research projects in the business of sustainability.

CHARLENE ZIETSMA

20 Attendees

CHARLENE ZIETSMA ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, JOHN AND BECKY SURMA DEAN'S RESEARCH FELLOW
Tuesday, December 3rd 12pm - 1pm Room 217 - Business Building

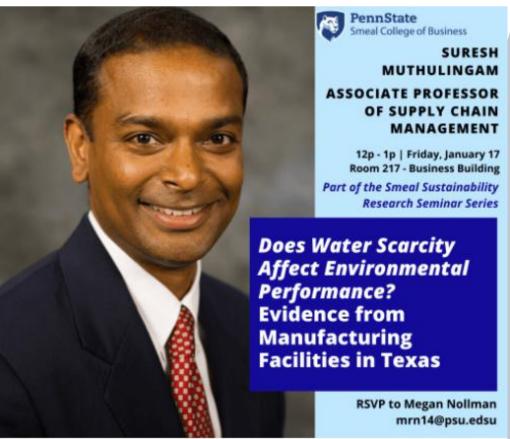
Shock, shame and reflexivity?:
(How) does art help us to change our unsustainable ways?

RSVP to Valerie Struble vjc4@psu.edu

JIRO YOSHIDA
51 Attendees



SURESH MUTHULINGAM 35 Attendees



Price Entitlement Effect

KAREN WINTERICH

Postponed due to COVID19



## MATERIALS DAY 2019

OCTOBER 29-30, 2019

# Polymer Innovation from Molecules to Market

The Center partnered with the Materials Research Institute (MRI) to organize a cross-disciplinary panel at its annual Materials Day event which brings industry and academia together.

#### **PANELISTS**

**Karen Winterich:** Professor of Marketing, Frank and Mary Smeal Research Fellow, Smeal College of Business

Alicyn Rhoades: Associate Professor of Engineering, Director of AREC-USA, Plastics Engineering Technology, Penn State Behrend Enrique Gomez: Professor of Chemical Engineering (Not Pictured)

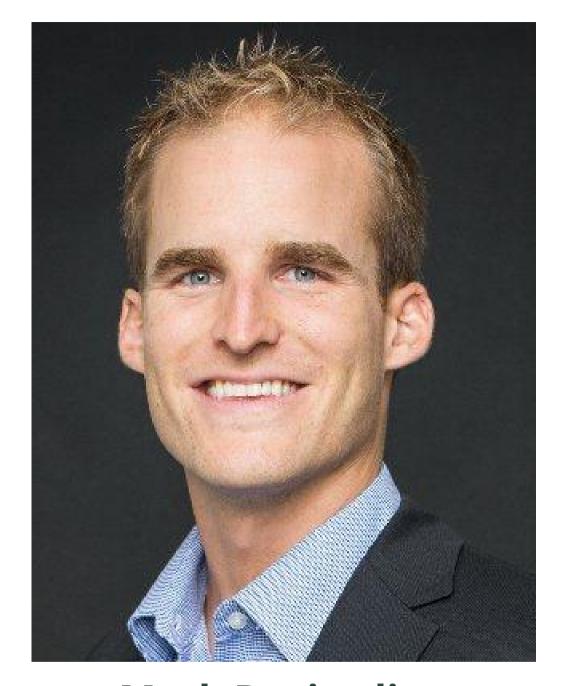
#### **MODERATOR**

Erik Foley: Director, Center for the Business of Sustainability





"Hedge Funds Activism,
Boardroom Composition, and
Corporate Social
Responsibility"



Mark Desjardine
PhD, CFA
Assistant Professor, Management &
Organization

"Repair Services: Nudging Consumers to Repair Instead of Replace"



Karen Winterich
PhD, BSBA
Professor, Frank and Mary Smeal
Research Fellow, Marketing



Nathan Allred
PhD Student
Marketing

"Does Water Scarcity Affect Environmental Performance: Evidence from Manufacturing Facilities in Texas"



Suvrat Dhanorkar
PhD, MBA
Assistant Professor of Supply Chain
Management



Suresh Muthulingam
PhD, MBA
Associate Professor of Supply Chain
Management

"Estimating Demand for a Corporate Ridesharing Initiative in Brazil"



Aydin Alptekinoglu PhD, MS

Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management, Robert G. Schwartz University Endowed Fellow in Business Administration, Director of Research of Center for Supply Chain Research



Sergey Naumov

PhD, MS (3)

Researcher, PhD Candidate, MIT

"How do Meta-Organizations Build Sustainable Global Supply Chain Networks? The Case of the Responsible **Business Alliance**"







Veronica Villena Charlene Zietsma

PhD, MBA
Assistant Professor, Supply
Chain and Information
Systems

PhD, MBA
Associate Professor, John and
Becky Surma Dean's Research
Fellow

Denny Gioia

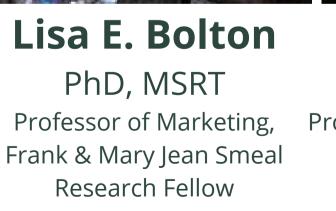
DBA, MBA

Robert & Judith Auritt Klein

Professor of Management

# "Downsizing and Secondhand Markets"







Meg Meloy
PhD, MS
Professor of Marketing, Calvin E.
and Pamala T. Zimmerman
Fellow



Gretchen Wilroy
PhD Student
Marketing

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### ENROLLMENT TO DATE

These three courses are the cornerstone of Smeal's sustainability curriculum. BA342 is required for all undergraduates and BA441 and BA442 are an elective two-course sequence for students in any major who want to go deeper.

BA 342 Socially Responsible, Sustainable & Ethical Business Practices

13,636

### SUSTAINABILITY TWO - PIECE

**BA 441 Strategies for Enterprise Sustainability** 

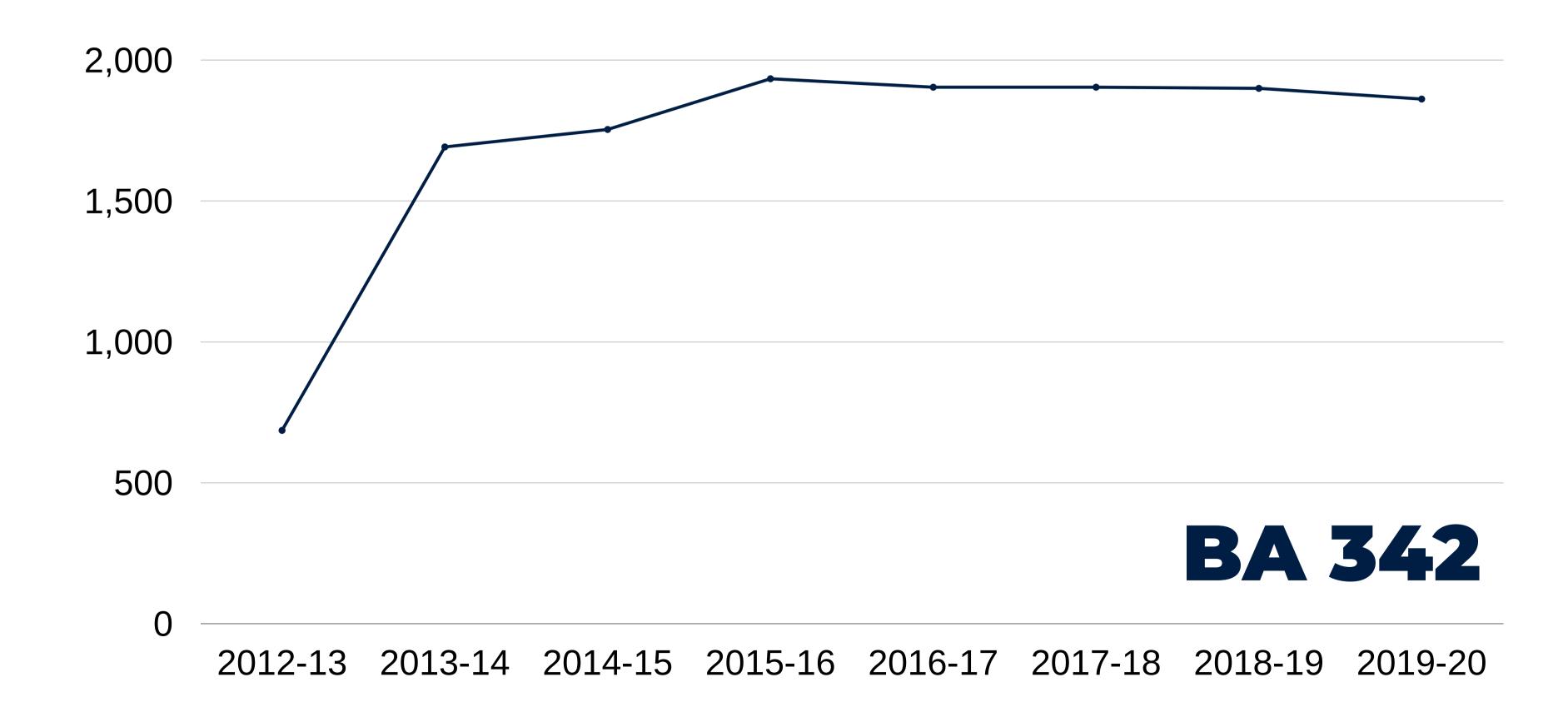
BA 442 Sustainable Behavior of Consumers, Firms, and Societies

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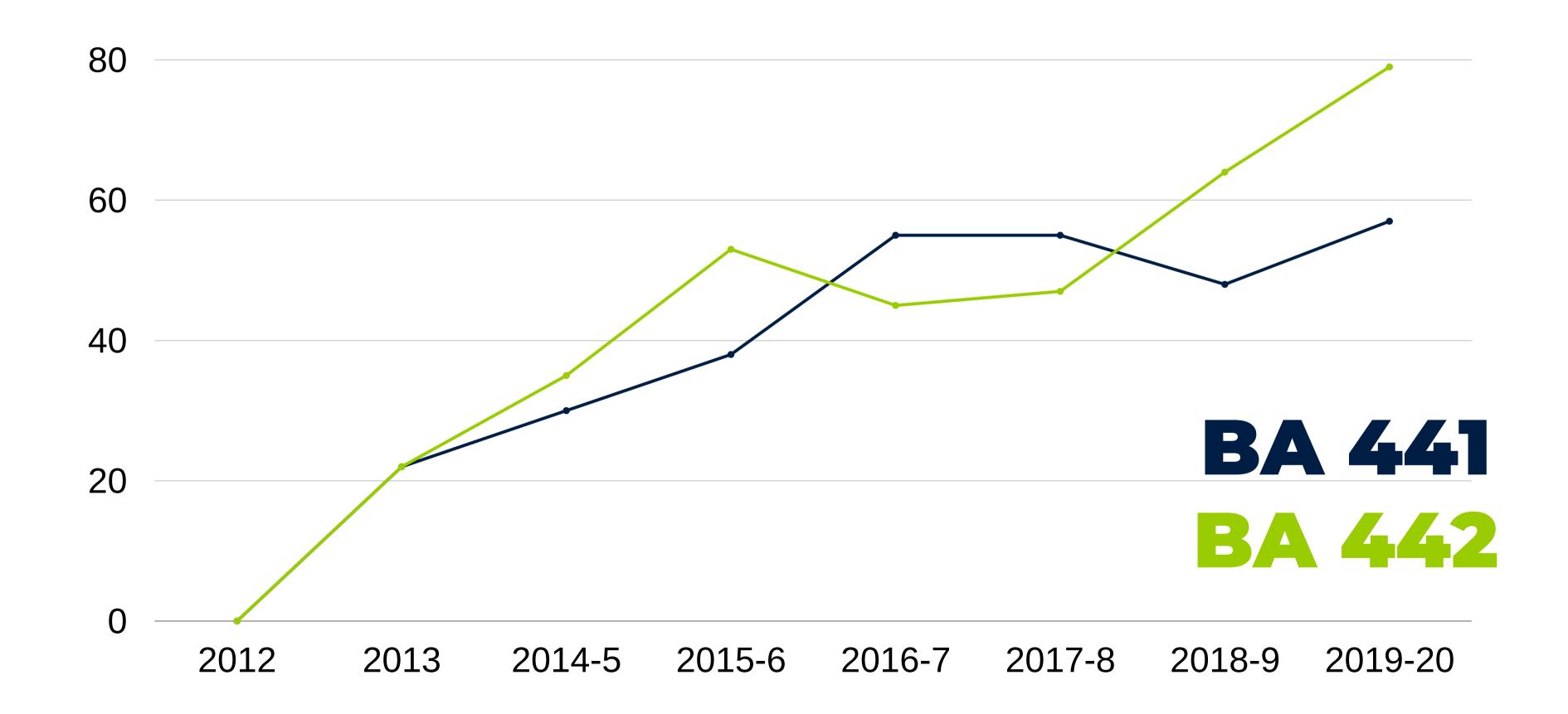
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# STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN BA 342



# STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY TWO - PIECE



# ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE UNDERGRADUAT CURRICULUM

- Began development of MajorSustainability.com, a website built by and for business students so they can see how their major contributes to a company's environmental and social impact
- Produced six videos showing how nearly every Smeal major contributes to sustainability. These videos will reach over 2,000 students a year.
- Development of a learning assessment model to track our success at educating business students about sustainability





#### Online Graduate Certificate in Business Sustainability Strategy

As concern for the environment has grown in recent decades, incorporating sustainability practices into core business strategy and operations, from supply chain to marketing to accounting, is no longer an option for companies — it's a necessity. Now more than ever, businesses must manage their environmental and social impact in order to drive profitability, reduce cost and risk, and build competitive advantage. You need the skills and knowledge to help your organization create transformative change and achieve long-term sustainability.

# BUSINESS SUSTAINABIILITY STRATEGY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Center worked with Smeal's Professional Graduate Programs office to launch a 9-credit Graduate Certificate in Business Sustainability Strategy. The certificate helps participants develop the skills to effectively assess financial, environmental, and social risks and opportunities in an integrated way.

### GRADUATION CLASS OF 2020

**GRADUATE STUDENTS** 

- ONLINE MBA
  CORPORATE INNOVATION
  EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP
- CERTIFICATE STUDENTS
- 2 RESIDENTIAL MBA STUDENTS

# BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

### **OVERVIEW**

## 3-Day Short Course University Park, PA

The Center partners with Executive Programs to offer Building a Sustainable Supply Chain, a 3-day workshop for sourcing managers and supply chain professionals.

### **ENROLLMENT**

**FALL 2019:** 13

**Spring 2020:** N/A

(Cancelled due to COVID19)

TOTAL 75

### INSTRUCTORS

#### Mark S. Anner, Ph.D.

Professor, Labor and Employment Relations Center Director, Center for Global Workers' Rights



#### Erik Foley

Instructor Management and Organization, Director Center for the Business of Sustainability



Professor, Smeal

### V. Daniel David M. Guide Jr. Ph.D. Kiser

Senior Advisor, Consultant and Educator at EHS&S Strategy, Programs and Executive Management

#### Kevin I. McKnight J.D.

Consultant at McKnight
Consulting LLC









# STUDENT & ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

### SMEAL ALUMNI NETWORK

This year, the Center worked with Smeal Alumni Relations to launch the Smeal Sustainability Alumni Network (SSAN) which offers educational and networking opportunities.



**ATTENDEES** 



#### **EVENTS**

Kick-off Web Conference 35 Steering Committee Meeting Virtual Reception

### Danielle Yzaguirre

SSAN is led by Danielle Yzaguirre (SCIS 17') currently in the Operations Leadership Development Program with Raytheon Technologies







more information on the network, please visit: https://engage.tassl.com/group/4989/



### STUDENT PROJECTS

Student clubs and class projects provide great learning for students and help the Center constantly improve its programs and industry engagement. Projects this year focused on member engagement, co-curricular student learning, social media and video production.

# MGMT 496 Student Engagement Strategy

Kayla Ellison Sophomore, Management

# Comm Agency Social Media Presence and Strategy

Jade Campos Sophomore, Journalism









### PRIME

Member Engagement Strategy

Jasmine Clark
Senior, International Business

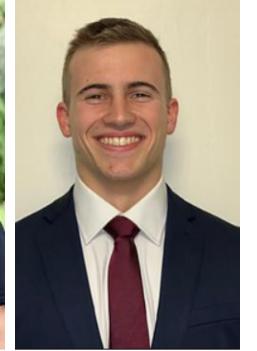
# Comm Agency Videography for Member and Donor Recruiting

Alexandra Palacios Sophomore, Broadcast Journalism



















Net Impact has 400 chapters in leading business schools and is focused on supporting business leaders to build a more just and sustainable world. Smeal has an undergraduate and graduate Net Impact chapter.

### National Conference Detroit, MI

(Far Left)

#### **Executive Board**

(Left to Right)

Catie Kelly (president), Katie Leite (VP), Thomas Podrask (Treasurer), Grace Fogel (Secretary), Faith Gongaware (PR), Carol Melo (Corporate Relation), Maggie-Rose Pelella (Service Director), Rigers Qarri (CO-Conference Director), Ryan Kelly (CO-Conference Director)

### CLIMATE CAP CONFERENCE

The Center supported MBA students in attending this "annual event that brings MBA students and industry leaders together to learn what every MBA needs to know about the business implications of climate change"

#### **SMEAL MBAS ATTENDED:**

Vishal Jagrup
Orlando Acevedo
Eonji Kim
Alok Pande
Suli Huang
Justin Zwack
Carolina Valdizon
Alex Cole







# COMPANY PARNERSHIPS

### COMPANY PARTNERSHIPS

Companies join the Center because they are interested in integrating sustainability and to support our research, education, student and alumni engagement goals.



# VERIZON PLASTIC FREE INITIATIVE & SCIENCE BASED TARGESTS





### **Plastic Free**

Sapphire Students worked on a project to help Verizon, analyze and track the success of removing plastics from their headquarters in New Jersey. The student team is pictured at left with their faculty advisor David Lenze.

### **Science Based Targets**

Students in BA441 Strategies for Enterprise Sustainability worked with Verizon to helped develop a Science Based Target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Students pictured at right.

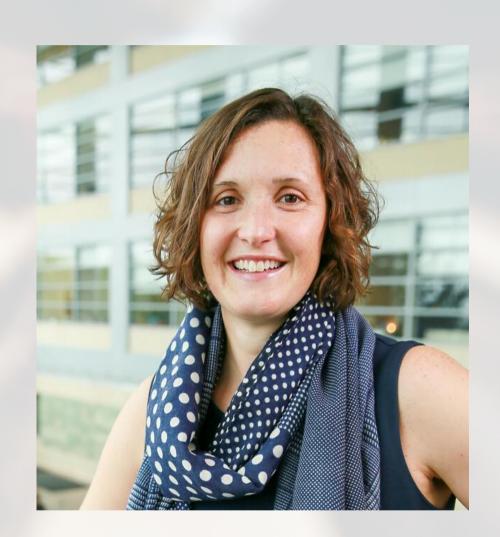


### PERDUE FARMS

# Regenerative Agriculture & Marketing Approaches

Students in BA 442, Sustainable Behavior of Consumers, Firms, and Societies, worked with Perdue Farms to create new marketing campaigns for their industry leading organic and responsibly sourced products.





# INSTRUCTOR: KAREN WINTERICH

Professor, Frank and Mary Smeal Research Fellow, of Marketing, Affiliated Faculty Center for the Business of Sustainability

# SOCIAL VENTURES



# SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SPEAKER SERIES

The Center partnered with the Happy Valley Launchbox and Happy Valley Hustle podcast to organize the Social Entrepreneurship Speaker Series.

CREATING EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH DISABILITIES

**PANELIST** 

CINDY PASQUINELLI

CEO Strawberry Feilds and Good Day Café FEB. 19. 2020 12 PM

HOSTED BY LAUNCH BOX

25 ATTENDEES





happy valley
Clunchbox

### SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SPEAKER SERIES

REINVENTING CREDIT CARD FEES
TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**PANELISTS** 

**CHRISTIAN BAUM** 

Design Yeti

SHIZ BUCKLEY

**Charity Soreceress** 

SAM BUCKLEY

**Processing Druid** 

MAR. 4. 2020 12 PM

> HOSTED BY LAUNCH BOX

31 ATTENDEES





### PROFITS FOR A PURPOSE: A PANEL OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS AND CHANGE AGENTS

The panel is organized and sponsored by the Professional Management Association (PMA) with support from the Center for the Business of Sustainability.

JAN. 29. 2020 6-7:30 PM

#### **PANELISTS**

JOSH HELKE

Founder and CEO, Organic Climbing

#### MICHELE HALSELL

Assistant Director, Penn State Sustainability Institute

#### **NICK UNIS**

Founder and CEO, UnisBrands

250 ATTENDEES

The Professional Management Association Presents:

### 置PMA EXECUTIVE SERIES

WEDNESDAY, JAN 29

**HUB 117** 

6:00PM - 7:30PM

in conversation about three of Smeal's Strategic Pillars: Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion, and Honor and Integrity. We have all heard them before, but now we want to go beyond the statistics and inspirational stories and see the everyday impact of these things and how they are created in businesses!

### **JOSH HELKE**

founder and CEO of Organic Climbing



#### MICHELE HALSELL

Assitant Director, Penn State Sustainability Institute



founder and CEO of UnisBrands









# MGMT 365 SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This new class saw teams of students working with two local social enterprises: Good Day Café and Loba Mane.

### **Good Day Café**

Good Day Café is a joint effort of many local partners who share a dream of a future that holds inclusion, acceptance and employment for an undeserved group of people with intellectual disabilities.

### **LOBA MANE**

Loba Mane is a natural hair care brand focused on providing organic and sustainable products.

#### 21 STUDENTS

All physical identifiers and description's presented belong to their legal entity.

# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CONSULTING

## Ann Petko MBA Student

Our first Social Enterprise Consultant was Ann Marie Petko, a student in Smeal's residential MBA program. Ann worked primarily with Organic Climbing/Nittany Mountain Works, a local manufacturer of outdoor gear.

The Social Enterprise Consulting program launched this year thanks to a generous gift from a Smeal alum. The program matches Smeal students with social enterprises to help them grow their business and their impact.



## COVID-19 RESPONSE





## SMEAL CENTER FOR THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABILITY

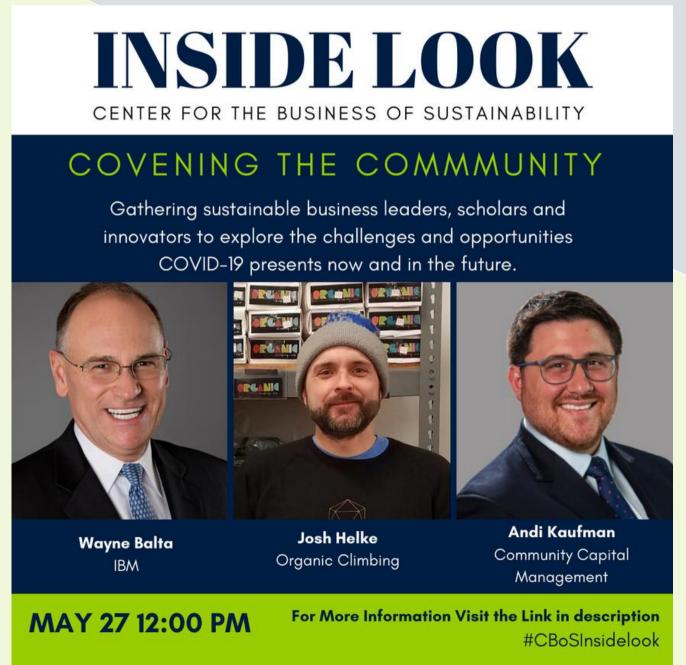
Given the major disruption from the coronavirus and exposed racial injustices, the Center developed an impactful, four-pronged response:

## COMMUNITY

COVID-19 RESPONSE

## INSIDE LOOK

Conversations that go beyond the headlines to hear directly from experts in sustainability and social impact.



**MAY 27: 149 VIEWERS** 

# INSIDE LOOK CENTER FOR THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABILITY COVENING THE COMMMUNITY Gathering sustainable business leaders, scholars and innovators to explore the challenges and opportunities COVID-19 presents now and in the future.

**APRIL 15: 122 VIEWERS** 

**Karen Quintos** 

**Dell Technologies** 

**MAY 27 12:00 PM** 

Jean Oelwang

**Virgin Unite** 

For More Information Visit the Link in description

#CBoSInsidelook

## INSIGHTS

Expert interviews providing access to timely, science-based perspectives featuring scholars from across Smeal and Penn State.



**Emerging Infectious Disease and the Business of Protecting Nature** 

Elizabeth McGraw

Director of the Center for Infectious Disease

Dynamics; Professor and Huck Scholar in Entomology



Business, global health, and lessons from a pandemic

Dr. Peter Hudson
Former Director, Huck Institutes of the Life
Sciences; Willaman Professor of Biology



**Racial Health Disparities** 

Lori Francis
Associate Professor of Biobehavioral Health and
Center for Family Research in Diverse Contexts



Impact of COVID-19 on Garment
Workers in Bangladesh
Mark Anner Jafar Jobal

Mark Anner Jafar Iqbal
Professor, Labor and Employment Labor and Global Workers
Relations an Director, Center for Rights Graduate Student
Global Workers' Rights



Making Remote Teams Great & Making Great Remote Teams

Dr. Stephen Humphrey Professor, Alvin H. Clemens Professor of Management



The Economics of the Pandemic

Edward Jenkins
Professor of Practice in Accounting

## RESEARCH

CENTER FOR THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABILITY

## ENGAGING THE RESEARCH ENTERPRISE

Maximize our learning from the crisis and apply it in practical ways to improve practice in the future.

Events and publications coming this fall resulting from Center researchers studying the business response to coronavirus and renewed attention to racial injustice. The Center's Sustainability Research Working Group under Dan Cahoy's leadership is leading this effort.

## LOCAL IMPACT

CENTER FOR THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABILITY



SERVING LOCAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

#CBoSLocalImpact

Helping local businesses survive the crisis and, for as many as possible, thrive through the recovery.

## CENTER OPERATIONS



### LEED CERTIFICATION



In 2015, Smeal achieved Gold certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program from the US Green Building Council. The program requires recertification every 5 years and we are working toward this by December 2020.

Received in 2015 Pending Renewal for 2020



## REW HIRES



Intern
Communications



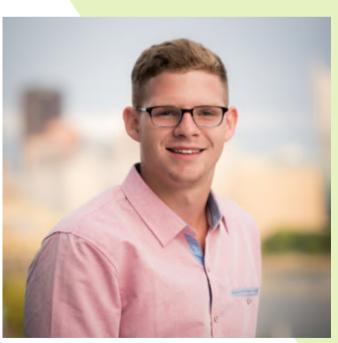
**Dan Cahoy** Research Director



Alok Pande Intern Membership Relations

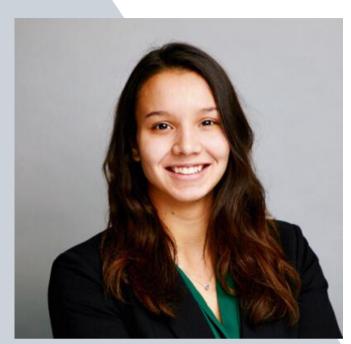


Megan Nollman Administrative Assistant



Michael Lewis
Intern
Verizon Science Based Targets

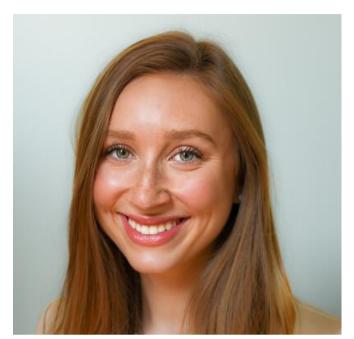
### NEW HIRES



Kalista Celso Intern Administrative Intern



Ann Marie Petko Intern Social Enterprise



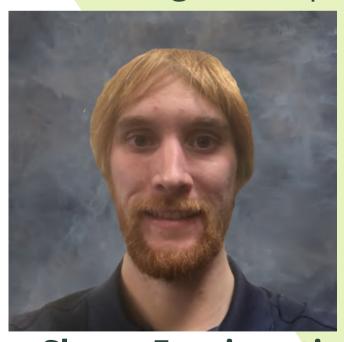
Cecelia Minnick
Intern
Curriculum Integration Specialist



Faith Gongaware Intern Research Support



Riya Nandedkar Intern Curriculum Integration Specialist



Shane Facciponti
Intern
LEED Certification

## FINANCIALS

#### **Annual Gifts**

18 unique donors gave 25 gifts totaling \$15,015

#### **Endowments**

3 unique donors gave 4 gifts totaling \$375,000 and established the following:

- Susman Leadership Award
- Gerald I. Susman Professorship in Sustainability
- Susan Cepicka Dietrich and William E. Dietrich III Fund for Leadership in the Business of Sustainability
- Gordon Family Sustainability Excellence Fund



## SALES FORCE 5500+

Contacts into the Center for the Business of Sustainability's Salesforce Database to Support Engagement with Center Stakeholders and Collaboration Across the College



## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Center engages with internal and external partners via LinkedIn and Twitter, our blog
TripleBottomLion and various email promotions.



**IMPRESSIONS YTD** 

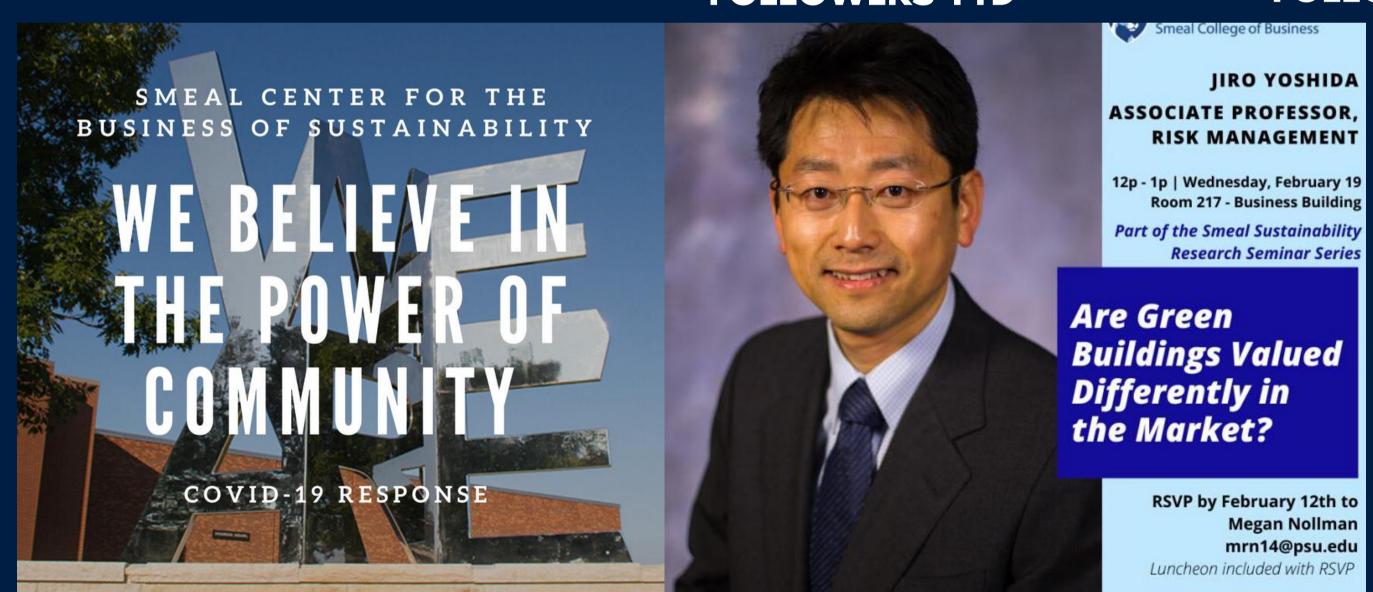
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**FOLLOWERS YTD** 

**FOLLOWERS YTD** 



## TRIPLE BOTTOM LION BLOG

As the Center's blog, Triplebottomlion.com provides our growing community with unique access to Center announcements, resources, and insights featuring our director, faculty, students and partners.





**PLASTIC** POLLUTION CLIMATE CHANGE ZOONOSES WATER SCARCITY AIR **POLLUTION** FOOD INSECURITY



#### SMEAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

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**Lisa Conway,** Vice President of Sustainability, Americas at Interface

**Andy Kaufman,** Chief Investment Officer, Community Capital Management

**James Gowen,** Vice President of Supply Chain Operations and Chief Sustainability Officer, Verizon

**Fran Lutz,** Managing Partner, True Path Advisory Group

**Lori Michelin,** Vice President of Manufacturing, Molson Coors

**Carl Pfleger,** former Vice President of Global Operations, PepsiCo (retired)

**Stephan Levitsky**, Vice President of Sustainability, Perdue Farms

## SMEAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

**Dan Cahoy,** Professor, Dean's Faculty Fellow in Business Law - Risk Management (Chair)

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Maurie Kelly, Instructor of International Business, Smeal College of Business; Director of Informatics, Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment

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**Jiro Yoshida,** Associate Professor of Business - Risk Management

**Charlene Zietsma,** Associate Professor, John and Becky Surma Dean's Research Fellow

**Suresh Muthulingam,** Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management

**Karen Winterich,** Professor, Frank and Mary Smeal Research Fellow - Marketing

**Judd Michael,** Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering Business Management for Natural Resources Industries



