The Global Supply Chain: Facing Disruption and Building Resiliency

Speakers Bios

**Keynote Speaker**

**Don Graves**
Deputy Secretary of Commerce

Don Graves is the 19th Deputy Secretary of Commerce. Graves brings decades of experience in the private sector, government, and nonprofits to the Department of Commerce. Most recently, he served as Counselor to President Joe Biden during the 2020 presidential campaign. Prior to that, Graves served as Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations at KeyBank. In this role, Graves led KeyBank’s corporate responsibility team, including the bank’s $16.5 billion National Community Benefits Plan, the bank’s sustainability work, stakeholder engagement, and outreach, and oversaw the KeyBank Foundation and the First Niagara Foundation.

**Keely Croxton**
Professor of Logistics, The Ohio State University

Keely Croxton is a Professor of Logistics in the Department of Marketing and Logistics at The Ohio State University. She has developed an expertise in supply chain resilience, focused on helping companies balance their inherent vulnerabilities with their management capabilities in order to effectively respond to disruptions in the supply chain. Her research has been published in several leading journals and she has been awarded the Bernard J. LaLonde Best Paper Award for the *Journal of Business Logistics*. She is also the author on several chapters of *Supply Chain Management: Processes, Partnerships, Performance*.

**Craig Kennedy**
Senior Vice President, Global Supply Chain Management, Merck

Craig is responsible for all elements of Merck’s global supply chain, including Supply Chain Management, manufacturing support for emerging markets, the Merck Production System and the company’s Manufacturing Strategy. Prior to his current role, Craig successfully created a lean manufacturing culture as head of Merck’s North America manufacturing operations.
Amit Khandelwal
Jerome A. Chazen Professor of Global Business; Chair of Economics Division, Columbia Business School

Professor Khandelwal's research interests examine issues in international and development economics, including the strategic response of firms to trade liberalizations and increased international competition.

John Polowczyk
Rear Admiral, USN (RET), Former Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force for COVID-19 Lead, Managing Director, EY

John Polowczyk is a Managing Director in the Government and Public Sector of Ernst & Young LLP. A career supply chain and logistics professional with 34 years of experience across strategy development, information technology, financial, government contracting and acquisition management. John recently served as the White House Supply Chain lead on the Coronavirus Task Force to ensure health care workers get what they need when they need it. John has a M.S., in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University.

Aleda Roth
Burlington Industries Distinguished Professor of Supply Chain Management, Clemson University

Aleda Roth is an internationally recognized empirical scholar and thought leader in manufacturing and service operations strategy. Her research is motivated by theoretical and practical explanations of how firms can best deploy their operations, global supply chains, and technology strategies for competitive advantage, sustainability and public well-being. At Clemson, Aleda initiated the Global Food Supply Chain Quality Risk Project; and working with Deloitte Consulting, the Global Country Manufacturing Competitiveness Index Project.
Biswaaranjan Sen is a chemical engineer by training. He joined Unilever in 1991 and has worked in R&D and across various parts of the supply chain, including manufacturing, planning, logistics and customer service. Between 2009 and 2012 he was a member of the Board of Directors of Unilever Indonesia with responsibility for the supply chain.

David Simchi-Levi is a Professor at MIT. He is considered one of the premier thought leaders in supply chain management and business analytics. His research focuses on developing and implementing robust and efficient techniques for operations management. He has published widely in professional journals on both practical and theoretical aspects of supply chain and revenue management.

Glenn Steinberg is a Principal in EY Consulting, a member of the Global Business Consulting leadership team and serves as the Global Supply Chain and Operations Leader. Glenn has 30 years of consulting experience driving high impact strategies and business execution across Fortune 500 enterprises. Glenn has a MBA in Finance and Operations Management from Columbia University.