

# FEATURED SPEAKERS

**DR. BRIDGET TROGDEN**, Associate Dean in the Division of Undergraduate Studies, Clemson University



Dr. Trogden earned a B.A. in chemistry with a minor in music performance from Transylvania University in Kentucky. Her Ph.D. is in chemistry from the University of Illinois, where her research focused on studying the estrogen receptor and its roles in breast cancer, hormone replacement therapy, and osteoporosis. Although a chemist by training, Dr. Trogden believes in the value of a holistic undergraduate education. She served as a professor in Mercer University's College of Liberal Arts for twelve years, teaching courses throughout the chemistry curriculum, in freshman composition (via the integrative first-year seminar program), and in the Honors Program. She was a Georgia Governor's Teaching Fellow from 2013-2014 and was the recipient of Mercer University's Innovations in Teaching Award in 2015. Dr. Trogden is a frequent speaker and consultant on higher education and pedagogical design. She has extensive experience with general education, undergraduate research, service-learning, global learning, and other high-impact

learning practices. She also studies the use of innovative pedagogies for student success and enjoys developing workshops and programming for K-16 faculty development

**DR. STEPHEN BISCOTTE**, Director of General Education, Virginia Tech



As Director of General Education, Dr. Stephen Biscotte helps support and manage the Pathways to General Education program. He has been fulfilling these responsibilities since summer of 2013. Dr. Biscotte's general education relevant scholarship, particularly focused on the non-STEM student experience in STEM general education courses, has appeared in *The Journal of General Education*. He has given presentations and workshops on such gen ed related topics as innovative structures, university reform efforts, and program evaluation both locally and nationally. Dr. Biscotte also serves on the council of the Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS). Prior to his role at Virginia Tech, Biscotte was a high school science teacher for 11 years, teaching courses in anatomy and physiology, biology, and physical science in Roanoke, Virginia and Columbia, South Carolina. Biscotte received a bachelor's degree in biology from James Madison University. He received

a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction: Science Education and a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction: Educational Psychology, both from Virginia Tech.

**MS. AIMEE REDICK**, Director of Global Engagement, Upstate SC Alliance



Aimee Redick is Director of Global Engagement at the Upstate SC Alliance, a regional economic development organization representing the commerce-rich northwestern corner of South Carolina. Aimee and her team provide a variety of services to support companies seeking to establish or expand operations in the U.S. The Upstate SC Alliance works as a team with the S.C. Department of Commerce and local economic developers. Aimee has served the Upstate SC Alliance for 7 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina and her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. A native of Upstate South Carolina, Redick currently resides in Greenville County.

**DR. NEIL BURTON**, Executive Director of the Center for Career and Professional Development at Clemson University



Prior to assuming his current role as Executive Director in July 2011, Neil worked for the Cooperative Education Program at Clemson for 13 years, and in the University's Office of Student Financial Aid for six years. Neil holds the rank of Lecturer at Clemson and has taught everything from freshman composition to doctoral seminars at Clemson and two other universities in the local area. He holds a B.A. in Journalism from the University of South Carolina, an M.A. in English from Clemson University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Clemson University. Under his leadership, the Career Center has established record levels of participation in experiential education programs, created an on-campus internship program that will serve 900+ students in 2018-19, and developed new programs and academic services to assist underserved groups on campus

including first-generation college students and students on the autism spectrum. Neil and his wife Denise have four children; Connor, Grace Ellen, Mary Claire and Ian.

**MR. CHIP WHITE**, SP Development Partner – MARC, Michelin North America, Inc.



Chip is a graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in electrical engineering. He began his career at Exxon Corporation at the Baton Rouge Refinery as an electrical and instrumentation engineer. He has spent the last two decades in a manufacturing environment at Michelin Tire Corporation working in various leadership roles (project engineer, continuous improvement manager, central productivity manager, recruiting manager, corporate leadership trainer, and human resources business partner). Furthermore, Chip is a Certified Professional Coach (CPC) and is the owner of Human Investment Solutions which is a company that focuses on leadership development and career coaching. Chip is happily married to Lori, the love of his life and helpmate. He has two children, Gresham and Rachel.

**MR. DHARMENDRA J. (D.J.) RAMA**, President & CEO of Auro Hotels



Growing up in a hospitality family, D.J. knows every aspect of the business. While holding on to the legacy that his family built through four decades of hard work and integrity, he adds his knowledge of current trends and best practices to lead Auro Hotels into the 21st century of the lodging industry. D.J. obtained his BS in Hospitality Management from Johnson & Wales University, Providence RI and a Masters of Management in Hospitality from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY and is a 2016 Graduate of the OPM Program of Harvard Business School. Since becoming president of the company, D.J. created O.N.E. (Outreach, Nurture, Encourage), a charitable giving and volunteer arm of the company, that focuses on giving back in meaningful ways to support education and poverty. D.J. also serves on the Owners Advisory Councils for both Hyatt Hotels & Resort and Marriott Hotels & Resorts, striving to make a positive impact in his field. Beyond his work with the company,

D.J. also shares the fresh lake air with his son, has a passion for visiting unique hotels, and has found a new love for cycling.

**MR. JOSHUA VON FANGE**, Consultant, Bain & Company



Josh is a management consultant at Bain & Company based in the Amsterdam office, where he works closely with private equity companies to turnaround and accelerate growth of their portfolio companies. Prior to Bain, he worked five years in the Engineering & Construction (EPC) industry at Fluor Corporation, delivering capital projects for global chemical, energy and mining clients. He has significant experience living and working internationally and speaks fluent Mandarin and Spanish. Joshua holds an MBA from INSEAD with distinction; he also graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and a B.A. in Chinese from Clemson University. Outside of work, he is a passionate drummer and loves short bursts of learning about almost anything new.

**DR. HILARY KAHN**, Assistant Dean for International Education and Global Initiatives, Indiana University



Hilary E. Kahn is Assistant Dean for International Education and Global Initiatives and the Director of the Center for the Study of Global Change in the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University. She is also the director of the Ph.D. Minor in Global Studies, a series editor of the Framing the Global Book Series with IU Press, co-director of the Indiana Language Roadmap project, and director of the Muslim Voices Social Media project. Her areas of research and expertise include global teaching and learning, visual anthropology, global studies, transnational identities, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the internationalization of higher education. Hilary is the immediate past president of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) and she serves on the advisory board for Diversity and Democracy and the Global Learning Advisory Council of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). She is

the author of multiple articles, chapters, and three books: *Seeing and Being Seen: The Q'eqchi' Maya of Livingston Guatemala and Beyond* (University of Texas Press, 2006), *Framing the Global: Entry Points for Research* (IU Press, 2014), and *On Islam: Muslims and the Media* (edited with Rosemary Pennington, IU Press, 2018).

## CLEMSON SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

- **DR. JUDSON JAHN**, Senior Lecturer, School of Accountancy
- **DR. DELPHINE DEAN**, Gregg-Graniteville Associate Professor of Bioengineering
- **MR. MIKE PULLEY**, Senior Lecturer/ Department of English
- **MS. KATALIN BECK**, Lecturer/Department of English
- **DR. ARELIS MOORE DE PERALTA**, Assistant Professor of Community Health
- **DR. DIL THAVARAJAH**, Associate Professor of Pulse Quality and Nutrition
- **DR. LORI DICKES**, Associate chair, Parks Recreation and Tourism Management/ Program coordinator, Master of Public Administration program
- **DR. JIM BENNETT**, Director of Global Education Initiatives/Office of Global Engagement
- **MR. TYLER WATTS**, Associate Director for Curriculum & Instruction/Clemson Online
- **MS. VALERIE WHEELER**, Digital Learning Strategist/Clemson Online