

# PROFESSIONALS



**Leigh Poirier**  
Director - Graduate Resource Center  
Graduate Division, UC Irvine  
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**TABLE 17**

Leigh's professional path through higher education combines her passion for wellness and personal growth with a commitment to helping others. Over the past 15 years at UCI she has held positions in Housing, Health Education and Graduate Division. In addition she teaches at Orange Coast College and mentors students from high school through graduate school.



**Davina Samuel**  
Director & Branch Manager, Union Bank  
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**TABLE 18**

A native New Yorker, Davina has a genuine commitment and zeal toward community and humanitarian activism. She possesses a desire to make the world a better place through collective efforts that seek the development of human potential from both individual and community perspectives. She has over 19 years experience in banking and 6 years in insurance and is currently sitting on two non-profit boards in Orange County.



**Carrie Shagat**  
Assurance Director & CPA, BDO  
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**TABLE 19**

Carrie has 14 years of experience including serving both public and privately-held companies in the real estate, healthcare, manufacturing and service industries. She currently works with clients with Securities and Exchange Commission reporting requirements, conducts research on a variety of accounting issues and has extensive experience in preparing comment letters for use by management to improve their systems of internal accounting controls. Carrie currently leads a professional women's networking group, Business Forums International, and is a board member with HomeAid OC.



**Krissy Taylor-Costea**  
Owner, Taylored Image  
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**TABLE 20**

I am a graphic artist/retoucher working in commercial photography, specifically architecture and interior design. I started Taylored Image, a boutique post production studio, in 2008 and have continued to work with national and international architectural photographers alike.



**Linda Zimmer**  
President and CEO, MarCom:Interactive  
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**TABLE 21**

I create marketing strategies for brands and service providers that attract the right customers. This means creating an irresistible story, spot on messaging, being digital, and helping customers along every step of their journey. I'm also a certified Information Privacy Manager helping clients to keep the personal marketing data they collect from customers safe and private and in compliance with marketing regulators.

## PROGRAM FACILITATORS



**Mandy Mount**  
Director, UCI Campus Assault Resources & Education  
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**Kelly Oto**  
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**Tanya Zabalegui**  
Director of Special Programs, Summer Session  
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# WOMEN'S NETWORKING II

January 14, 2016  
4-6 p.m.

Pacific Ballroom A & B

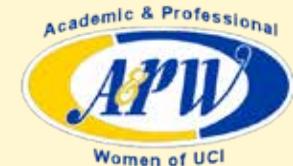
UC Irvine

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Welcome & Overview

Rotating Table Discussions

Informal Networking & Reception



The Women's Empowerment Initiative is dedicated to empowering the next generation of women leaders in a global society to increase their influence, make distinctive contributions and take charge within their sphere of influence.

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## Reem Bello

Partner, Lobel Weiland Golden Friedman LLP  
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### TABLE 1

Reem J. Bello is a partner of Lobel Weiland Golden Friedman LLP and has over 15 years experience in the practice areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and litigation. She concentrates her practice on bankruptcy and insolvency matters and has extensive experience representing various parties in chapter 11 reorganization proceedings and in Chapter 7 and 11 liquidation proceedings.



## Christine Byrd

Communications Manager, MIND Research Institute  
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### TABLE 2

Christine has 13 years of experience providing communications counsel to corporate, academic and nonprofit leaders. She is an award-winning writer, editor and strategic communicator who tells compelling stories through social media, blogs, press releases, video scripts, newsletters, annual reports and feature stories.



## Bianca Dellepiane

President, Bridges to Italy  
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### TABLE 3

Bianca is the President and co-founder of Bridges to Italy, a Los Angeles-based business association that, through an extensive network of resources, helps international startups enter and grow in the US market and attract capital.



## Meredith Dowling

Associate Director, Absolute Exhibits, Inc.  
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### TABLE 4

A vibrant business strategist and marketing executive with more than 20 years of economic and business development experience, Meredith executes successful business programs and communication campaigns to help companies and organizations increase profits, raise brand visibility, and secure valuable strategic partnerships.



## Dr. Shresia Fontenot Kenney

Assistant Principal, Val Verde Unified School District  
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### TABLE 5

My name is Dr. Shresia D. Fontenot Kenney and I am the assistant principal at Lakeside Middle School in Perris, CA, where we serve approximately 1250 students in grades 7 and 8. This year marks my 3rd year as an assistant principal in Val Verde USD and my 12th year as an educator; having served in Long Beach, Compton USD and Val Verde USD over the course of my career.



## Martha Garcia

Senior Program Manager, Kaiser Permanente  
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### TABLE 6

In 2002 I started my own business where I have consulted for large organizations, small businesses and individuals as to how to navigate healthcare reform. I am bilingual and bicultural and I use both almost every day of my work life.



## Brittany Gautreau

Vice President, Investment Advisory Services  
Clarity Capital Partner  
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### TABLE 7

Brittany specializes in providing Wealth Management and Financial Planning to Entrepreneurs and Business Owners across the US. She lives her life with truth, determination, and integrity. She values the ability to provide guidance and support to her clients while partnering with them to achieve their Financial Goals.



## Suni Gayle

Owner, Suni Gayle Coaching & Consulting  
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### TABLE 8

As a consultant, I am hired by large corporations to design, develop, and manage training projects. In my coaching practice, I work with individuals and small businesses who are "stuck" or struggling, to help them take their lives and businesses to the next level.



## Claudia Gonzalez

CEO/Owner, CHUNK-N-CHIP  
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### TABLE 9

Claudia Gonzalez is owner of Chunk-N-Chip, a SoCal favorite dessert shop selling craft ice cream sammiches. She embarked in her entrepreneur venture over 7 years ago and hasn't looked back. Prior to owning her business, she worked in marketing for over 12 years in the healthcare & entertainment industries.



## Patricia Lee

Adjunct Professor, California State University Fullerton  
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### TABLE 10

Dr. Patricia Lee has worked in a variety of disciplines within computer science including software, firmware and hardware engineering. She is currently teaching in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University Fullerton.



## Betsy Lewis

Manager of Corporate Employee Development  
LIBERTY Dental Plan  
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### TABLE 11

My passion is working with people and watching them learn and implement new ideas and concepts. I am experienced in assessing training needs for an organization with over 400 employees; development of hard and soft skills curriculum; and managing training staff. In my spare time I enjoy event planning.



## Gudrun Magnusdottir

Professor and Chairwoman of Earth System Science  
UC Irvine  
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### TABLE 12

I have been a researcher & teacher almost all of my life. I particularly enjoy working with young researchers. In the last couple of years I have been more involved in administration as the Chair of my department. I am tremendously proud of the Department Earth System Science, the School of Physical Sciences and UC Irvine as a whole.

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## Laurel Mann

Financial Advisor, Waddell & Reed  
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### TABLE 13

I help people, especially women, with their personal investments. We focus on both long-term goals and short-term needs. A comprehensive financial plan is a great way to either get started or measure progress on your financial journey.



## Karen McGlenn

CEO, Share Our Selves (SOS Health Centers)  
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### TABLE 14

Karen McGlenn is the CEO of Share Our Selves (SOS), serving as the organization's leader since 1993 and on the founding board in 1970. A tireless human rights advocate for those marginalized by poverty, Karen has been the driving force in leading SOS from a small grassroots group to one of the largest and most innovative multi-service centers providing direct access and aid in Orange County.



## Patricia McMaster

Director, Community Programs  
Orange County School of the Arts  
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### TABLE 15

As the director of community programs here at the Orange County School of the Arts I am in charge of creating and administering programs to serve the underserved/underrepresented community (arts enrichment programs and promoting the school culture and student talents by sending performing groups to different organizations/community events to give back to the community).



## Tatiana Oueini

Human Resources Manager, Nestle USA  
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### TABLE 16

Tatiana provides strategic HR leadership and support to the Nestle Sales Division across the United States. Tatiana has been proud to advocate for and actively engage in initiatives that promote employee engagement and development, diversity and inclusion, as well as improve the professional experience and landscape for women within her organization.