Managing Risk in Supply Chain

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Speaker Bios

Alan Amling is a thought leader on the impact of digital disruption to established organizations and how they can thrive in the digital economy. Previously, Amling was a catalyst for innovation over a 27-year career with UPS. His desire to understand why leading organizations struggle to adapt to rapid changes in market led him to pursue his current PhD research unpacking the barriers and accelerators to success.

At UPS Amling helped revitalize UPS innovation and venture capital programs for the digital economy. Amling also led UPS’ Global On-Demand Manufacturing initiative, helping companies leverage the transformative power of Additive Manufacturing. He moved in to this role after serving as Vice President of Marketing for UPS Global Logistics & Distribution.

Amling is a TED speaker and a native of Grants Pass, Oregon. He holds a MBA from Indiana University and earned his B.A. in business and psychology from Lewis & Clark College.

Lisa Cotter is currently Senior Director of Reverse Logistics for Best Buy. In her current role, she oversees Returns Mitigation, Damage Reduction, RL Operations, and Process and System Design. She has been an executive in various supply chain roles with Best Buy since 2001, including Inventory Management for $5B in annual business, developing a supply chain vision for alternative network designs and product flows, and led the Engineering, Project Management and Supply Chain Analytic groups.

Prior to joining Best Buy, Lisa was Managing Director of Logistics at Musicland and worked in distribution and manufacturing at Hewlett Packard. She holds a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering from Iowa State University and a Master of Science in industrial engineering from Stanford University.
Jamie Pollard is in his 14th year as the Director of Athletics at Iowa State University and his vision for success and energy to execute that plan continue to have major impacts on campus, in the Big 12, and nationally.

Under Pollard’s leadership, the department has invested over $250M in facilities, tripled its revenues, set attendance records in nearly all of its sports and recorded all-time program bests on the field and in the classroom.

A former All-American and national champion long-distance runner at UW-Oshkosh (where he is in the school’s Hall of Fame), Pollard began his career as a CPA before ultimately channeling his competitive drive into an athletics administration career. Prior to arrival at Iowa State, he served in various athletic administrative capacities at Wisconsin, Maryland and Saint Louis.

He received a 2003 Street & Smith’s Sports Business Journal “Top Forty under 40” award, the first college administrator ever honored with that national award. Pollard is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the National Athletics Directors’ Association and has previously served as President of the Division 1A Athletics Directors Association and the Collegiate Athletics Business Manager’s Association.

Doug Hundt is President of Industrial Solutions at Vermeer Corporation, a global industrial and agricultural equipment company making a real impact in a progressing world.

Doug joined Vermeer in 1994 and held numerous sales, product development and operational positions before taking his current role in 2014. Today, Doug’s leadership in product development, operational excellence and technology innovation guides our ability to deliver equipment solutions to key Vermeer markets such as environmental, mining, pipeline and utility installation. Doug is responsible for global industrial business at Vermeer and provides leadership for utility, environmental, mining and pipeline, and global entities.

Doug advocates close to home and globally. He recently provided testimony on Brazil trade to the United States House Committee on Ways and Means. He also serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council for Iowa State University and is an expert panelist for VentureNet Iowa, an organization that connects entrepreneurs to the necessary resources to create jobs and build businesses in Iowa.

Doug is a native of Shelby, Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business, minoring in economics and marketing.