



IUC AI Symposium

THANK YOU to our Speakers, Panelists, and Facilitators:



Laura Lanese

President and CEO, Inter-University Council of Ohio

Laura has been President and CEO of the Inter-University Council of Ohio since December 2022 and advocates on behalf of the IUC's Presidents' Council, comprising the presidents of Ohio's 14 public universities. Prior to joining the IUC, Laura was a leader and a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, where she served as Assistant Majority Whip and Chair of the Higher Education Committee. Additionally, Laura worked as an Assistant Attorney General with the US Department of Justice and as an attorney with the US District Court. She also served in both the Ohio Air National Guard and the US Army Reserve. Laura received her LLM from Georgetown University, her JD from The Ohio State University, and her BA from Miami University. She is the author of four books, one on Ohio State football and three on local history. She and her husband Mike live in central Ohio and have three adult children.

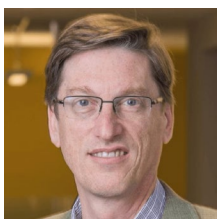


Bill Johnson

President, Youngstown State University

Bill Johnson began his tenure as the 10th President of Youngstown State University in January 2024. President Johnson has a wealth of leadership experience spanning impactful roles in various and diverse industry sectors, from a very humble beginning on a rural family farm, to a distinguished 26+ year military career in the United States Air Force, to founding and leading successful high-tech business ventures, to serving as a Chief Information Officer for a global publicly traded manufacturing company, to a 13-year career serving as a Member of the United States Congress representing Ohio's 6th Congressional District.

Bill Johnson's interests and dedication to investing in the next generation aligns with the university's focus on securing a sustainable future for YSU and leveraging the institution's strengths in emerging technologies, academic excellence, and workforce education and innovation. President Johnson and his wife LeeAnn have a son, Nathan, who is an undergraduate at Youngstown State University.



Greg Simpson

Retired Chief Technology Officer & Author of *The Quantum Contingent*, Board Member, Executive Advisor

Gregory R. Simpson was the CTO for all of GE as well as numerous individual GE businesses throughout his 37-year career. In 2014 he was instrumental in the spinoff GE Consumer Finance as Synchrony Financial through an IPO where Greg served as CTO and AI leader. Greg retired in 2021 and has many pursuits, including being on the board of Girls Who Code, executive coaching, and writing spy novels. He lives in

Loveland, Ohio with his wife and has 2 adult children.



Jon Husted

Lt. Governor of Ohio

As Ohio's 66th Lt. Governor, Jon Husted leads with a focus on economic and workforce development and has championed the administration's efforts to strengthen the economy, use technology to transform the way government operates, and build opportunity for every Ohioan. Lt. Governor Husted oversees the Ohio Common Sense Initiative (CSI) and serves as the Director of both the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and InnovateOhio.

Of all his responsibilities, Lt. Governor Husted considers his most important role as that of a loving husband to his wife Tina, and father to Alex, Katie, and Kylie.

Deep Fakes: Disinformation in the 2024 Presidential Election



Facilitator: David Yost

Attorney General, State of Ohio

Dave Yost was re-elected as Ohio's 51st attorney general on Nov. 8, 2022, receiving more votes than any other attorney general in the state's history.

During his first term as the state's chief legal officer, he quickly gained a national reputation as a fearless advocate for the rule of law — or, as he puts it, “the same rules for everybody.” Yost's goal is to “do big good” for the people of Ohio by protecting consumers, rooting out corruption, defending the environment, ensuring an open and competitive marketplace, and fulfilling the many other duties of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Yost began his public-service career as Delaware County auditor, later winning election as that county's prosecutor. From 2011 through 2018, he served as Ohio's auditor of state and, in January 2019, began his first term as attorney general.

Yost earned his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and law degree from Capital University. He and his wife, Darlene, live in Franklin County; they have three grown children and five grandchildren.



Jerry Cirino

Ohio State Senator, Chair of the Senate Workforce & Higher Education Committee

Senator Jerry C. Cirino is currently serving his first term in the Ohio Senate, representing the people of Lake County and portions of Cuyahoga County. He brings proven leadership and considerable business expertise to state government, as well as a keen understanding of local government from his four recent years as a Lake County Commissioner.

Senator Cirino spent many years leading companies in the medical device arena. Now retired, he was the founding CEO of SourceOne Healthcare Technologies in Mentor and was instrumental in bringing hundreds of new jobs to Lake County and Ohio through his work as a business leader. As a county commissioner, he worked to create a jobs-friendly environment and a local government that was responsive to the needs and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senator Cirino is active in the Roman Catholic Church in a variety of capacities. He has also served as Board Chair of Cleveland Right to Life, a 501(c)(3) educational entity. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and an MBA from Lake Erie College in Lake County. In 2005, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, following his commencement address. Senator Cirino and his wife, Donna, have been married for 50 years and have lived in Lake County for over 40 years where they raised their nine children. They now have 37 grandchildren, most of whom reside in Lake County.



Mehtab Kahn, LLM, JSD

College of Law, Cleveland State University

Mehtab Khan's scholarship intersects intellectual property, platform governance, and AI Law. She is interested in how technology impacts society and analyzing the role of law in mitigating and shaping that impact. She is currently a Fellow at the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University, and an incoming Assistant Professor of Law at Cleveland State College of Law. At Harvard University, she is studying the mechanisms that govern the practices involved in developing and deploying AI technologies. Mehtab Khan was previously a Resident Fellow at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. At Yale, she was

also the Program Director for the Yale/Wikimedia Initiative on Intermediaries and Information. Mehtab is a licensed attorney, and she has previously worked as a lawyer in the United States, Malaysia, and Pakistan. She holds an LLM and JSD from University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



Tom Young

Ohio State Representative, Chair of the House Higher Education Committee

Representative Tom Young is in his second term serving the 37th House district, which encompasses southern Montgomery County including the communities of Centerville, Miamisburg, Germantown, Washington Township, Miami Township and German Township. He is currently Chair of the House Higher Education committee and is a member of the Finance committee, Health Provider Services committee, Pensions committee and the Joint Committee on Property Taxation Review and Reform.

The Future of AI in Employment: Preparing Students for the New Workforce



Facilitator: Darren Pulsipher, MBA

Chief Solutions Architect, Public Sector, Intel Corporation

Darren is the Chief Solutions Architect for the Public Sector at Intel. He works directly with governments (Federal, State, and Local) and enterprise organizations such as IBM, GE, and Toyota to help them modernize their IT organizations.

Through several executive and management positions (CIO, Director of Engineering), Darren has developed a unique ability to bring technology, people, and processes together to provide real transformational change to organizations. He focuses on data transformation through data architecture, workload migration, cloud-native application development, service orchestration, and multi-hybrid cloud data center architectures. His research has resulted in 8 patents in Cloud and Grid computing architectures, helping companies decrease product development lifecycle time through build, test, and deployment optimization, virtualization, and containerization.

Darren shares his passion for digital transformation on his weekly podcast, "Embracing Digital Transformation." He is a published author with three books on technology and technology management and over 100 articles published in various industry trade publications.



Paul Benedict, MBA

Associate Professor of Instruction; Director, Center for Entrepreneurship, College of Business, Ohio University

Paul Benedict is the director of the Ohio University Center for Entrepreneurship – which exists to serve the entire campus and is funded through a unique partnership between the College of Business and Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service.

After 15 years as an investor in and operator of seed- and early-stage technology companies with both profitable exits and respectful burials, Paul returned to his undergraduate alma mater in 2014 to teach. Paul also earned his MBA from Ohio State.



Rachel Faerber-Ovaska, EdD

Faculty Instructional Design Consultant, Youngstown State University

Dr. Rachel Faerber-Ovaska is an instructional designer and Digital Pedagogy specialist at Youngstown State University, where she guides faculty in leveraging digital technology to support active, personalized learning that helps students develop essential 21st century skills. Her understanding of technology-enhanced learning design is grounded in her research on classroom applications of VR, digital Game-Based Learning, and generative AI. In her work, Dr. Faerber-Ovaska consistently emphasizes the ethical and equitable use

of AI and supports YSU's commitment to innovative digital pedagogy through regular workshops and presentations on topics related to AI in the classroom and workplace.



Melanie Kolp, BBA, MIS & Management

Senior Vice President & Chief Technology Officer of Technology Strategy, Data & Innovation, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

Melanie Kolp currently serves as the senior vice president and chief technology officer of Corporate Technology at Nationwide. She brings more than 25 years of experience in the technology field as she oversees a team dedicated to supporting the technology strategy and product delivery for the corporate areas of Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Investments, Technology Enablement and Document Solutions.

Prior to this role, Melanie supported Nationwide's Retirement Plans business with a focus on opening new channels of growth and enhancing capabilities across both public and private sector. Melanie's previous leadership roles at Nationwide included technology oversight for Property and Casualty homeowners' insurance and agency systems, operations leader for the Property and Casualty Technology organization, executive in an Agile/Lean development environment, and technology leader for Nationwide's finance department.

Prior to joining Nationwide, Melanie held technology positions at Ernst & Young and American Electric Power. Melanie holds Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in Management Information Systems and Business Management from Ohio University. Melanie and her husband, Bob, reside in Dublin, Ohio, with their sons, Charlie, Ryan, and Brady.



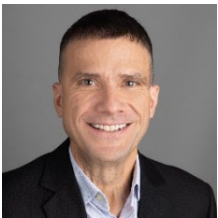
Beena Sukumaran, Ph.D.

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She was the recipient of the 2011 New Jersey ASCE Educator of the Year award, the 2013 Distinguished Engineering Award from the New Jersey Alliance for Action, the 2016 New Jersey Department of Transportation Research Implementation Award and 2020 WEPAN Inclusive Culture and Equity Award. In 2021, she was chosen as a Fellow of the American Society of Engineering Education.



Philip Turk, Ph.D., MS

Professor of Family & Community Medicine, Director of Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, Northeast Ohio Medical University

Dr. Philip Turk is a Professor of Family and Community Medicine and a Director within the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at Northeast Ohio Medical University. He is a statistician by training with a biological background and has extensive academic experience. Dr. Turk has used biostatistics, data science, and AI to solve numerous interdisciplinary problems.

Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and AI: Countering Cutting Edge Threats

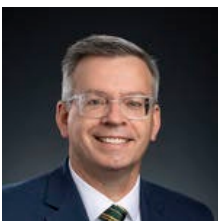


Facilitator: Mark Bell

Cyber Security Outreach Coordinator, State of Ohio Adjutant General's Office

Mark Bell is the Cyber Security Outreach Coordinator for the Adjutant General's Department of Ohio. Mark coordinates a wide range of cyber partners throughout Ohio, organized into the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee (OC3). Mark is also the Chairman of the Ohio Cyber Range Institute's (OCRI) Executive Committee which provides strategic oversight for the Ohio Cyber Range.

Prior to working for the Ohio National Guard, Mark worked for 26 years as a congressional staffer serving in a variety of roles from case worker to Chief of Staff. Mark is also a retired USAR Military Police Command Sergeant Major. His last assignment was serving as the Division Command Sergeant Major of the newly created 87th Training Division located in Birmingham, Alabama.



Darryl Ahner, Ph.D.

Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, Wright State University

Darryl Ahner, Ph.D., P.E., is Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Wright State University. Dr. Ahner, a 1990 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, is a nationally recognized expert in workforce development and innovations in digital engineering, test planning, and operations engineering. Before joining Wright State, he served as Dean for Research at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), where he also held the position of Professor in the Department of

Operational Sciences. Throughout his career, Dr. Ahner has secured over \$7.8 million in personal research funding, written 75 technical articles, and received numerous awards, including the International Test and Evaluation Association Allen R. Matthews 'lifetime achievement' Award.



Katrina Biscay, MS

Associate Vice President and CISO, University of Cincinnati

Katrina Biscay is currently Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer at the University of Cincinnati and has been in this position since 2021. At the same time, she is a Cyber Intelligence Analyst at Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center. Previously, she was Adjunct Faculty, Director of Information Security and Cyber Incident Response Manager. Prior, she was at the City of Sharonville, serving as Director of Information Technology and IT Manager.



Alexis Bonnell, MS, EMBA

Chief Information Officer and Director of Digital Capabilities Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright Patterson Air Force Base

Alexis Bonnell is the Chief Information Officer and Director of the Digital Capabilities Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory, the primary scientific research and development center for the Department of the Air Force. She is responsible to develop and execute the AFRL Information Technology strategy, leading the strategic development of highly advanced next generation technologies and platforms for AFRL.

Her focus includes catalyzing the discovery, development, and integration of warfighting technologies for air, space, and cyberspace forces via digital capabilities, IT infrastructure and technological innovation across the lab's operations and culture.



Kirk Herath, MA, JD

Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor, Cleveland State University

Kirk Herath is Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted's Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor and Chairman of CyberOhio, the State of Ohio's Cybersecurity Advisory Board. His role spans coordinating and enhancing Ohio's cybersecurity capabilities, working with local governments to prepare and remediate cyber-attacks, and helping build a modern cyber workforce.

Kirk is an Adjunct Professor of Law at OSU and Cleveland State. He retired as VP, Associate General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer for Nationwide after 32 years. Kirk is a Principal at Pillars Consulting Group and serves as a mentor to the next generation of privacy, data governance and technology leaders.

Kirk received undergraduate degrees in political science and history from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in international affairs from the American University in Washington, D.C. He holds a JD from Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, and is admitted to the Ohio Bar. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional/US and Certified Information Privacy Professional/Government.



Jake Lee, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Chair, David and Amy Fulton Professorship in Computer Science, Bowling Green State University

Dr. Jong Kwan "Jake" Lee serves as the Endowed Fulton Associate Professor and Chair of the Computer Science Department at Bowling Green State University. His research interests focus on machine learning algorithms and visualization methods across various domains. Dr. Lee played a pivotal role in establishing

the Ph.D. program in Data Science at BGSU. He is a Co-Principal Investigator on cybersecurity grants from CyberRange and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

How Ohio's Public Universities Are Leading the State in AI Research and Strategy



Facilitator: Ayanna Howard, Ph.D.

Dean of Engineering, The Ohio State University

Dr. Ayanna Howard is the Dean of Engineering at The Ohio State University and Monte Ahuja Endowed Dean's Chair. Previously she was the Linda J. and Mark C. Smith Endowed Chair in Bioengineering and Chair of the School of Interactive Computing at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Howard's research encompasses advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), assistive technologies, and robotics, and has resulted in over 275 peer-reviewed publications. She currently works on projects ranging from healthcare

robots to developing methods to mitigate bias and trust in AI. She is a Fellow of IEEE, AAAI, AAAS, and the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). She was also recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

To date, Dr. Howard's unique accomplishments have been highlighted through a number of other public recognitions, including being recognized as one of the 23 most powerful women engineers in the world by Business Insider and one of the Top 50 U.S. Women in Tech by Forbes. In 2013, she also founded Zyrobotics, which developed STEM educational products to engage children of diverse abilities.

Prior to Georgia Tech, Dr. Howard was at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory where she held the title of Senior Robotics Researcher and Deputy Manager in the Office of the Chief Scientist. She also served on the National Academies' Committee on Responsible Computing Research: Ethics and Governance of Computing Research and its Applications and currently serves on the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC) and on the standing committee of the One Hundred Year Study on Artificial Intelligence (AI100).



Kelly Cohen, Ph.D.

Brian H. Rowe Endowed Chair in Aerospace Engineering, University of Cincinnati

Professor Kelly Cohen, Ph.D. is the Brian H. Rowe Endowed Chair at the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics at the University of Cincinnati. He served as the Interim Department Head (2017-2021). Dr. Cohen also has a secondary appointment in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Dr. Cohen received his degrees from the faculty of Aerospace Engineering at the Technion, Israel (BS-1986, MS-1991, PhD-1999). He has been involved in Fuzzy Logic systems research for the past 30 years. Since joining the University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering and Applied Science in 2007, Dr. Cohen has mentored 12 Ph.D. and 32 M.S. graduates. He has utilized explainable AI using genetic fuzzy logic-based machine learning algorithms for control and decision-making applications in autonomous collaborating robotics, as well as predictive modeling for personalizing medical treatment in neurological disorders. He has secured grants to develop algorithms for AI and autonomous air and ground vehicles and has numerous publications and presentations to his name. Dr. Cohen is the incoming President of the North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society (NAFIPS), an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), past Chair of AIAA's Intelligent Systems Technical Committee, and Senior Member of the IEEE. Dr. Cohen serves as editor for multiple research journals.



Joseph Fox, Ph.D., MBA

Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship, University of Akron

Dr. Joseph Fox is an Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship in the Department of Management in the College of Business at The University of Akron. He also serves as the Director of the Fitzgerald Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies which aims to provide educational opportunities about the pursuit of entrepreneurial activity in the free enterprise system. His work appears in academic journals such as the Journal of Business Research, Small Business Economics, and the International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. His work lies at the intersection of entrepreneurship and artificial intelligence as well as the dynamics of early-stage startup investing.



Chad Mourning, Ph.D.

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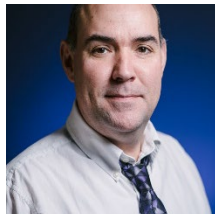
Chad Mourning is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Ohio University where he also received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 2015. His research areas include Computer Graphics & Data Visualization, Modeling & Simulation, and Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning for Applications in Aviation Safety. He also serves as the Director of Ohio University's Choose Ohio First Program for Computer Science.



LeighAnn Tomaswick, MS, MA

Innovation Learning Design Specialist, Kent State University

LeighAnn (she/her) has spent 10+ years supporting current and future faculty in designing curriculum and helping instructors find instructional strategies that work for their unique courses. While she will always be a bioanalytical chemist at heart, the thing she enjoys most about her job is the ability to work across all units at KSU. Her research experience in the laboratory and the classroom has helped KSU faculty design, implement and analyze research on teaching and learning. In addition to a fondness of the scholarship of teaching and learning, she is an advocate for the flipped classroom approach: engaging students inside and outside the classroom. She enjoys the process of helping faculty think through what they want, time commitments, student needs, and what might work for their classes.



Paul Yost, MS

Associate Professor, Computer Engineering/Gaming Engineering Technology, Shawnee State University

Paul Yost has been active in both academia and entrepreneurship in the technology field for over twenty-five years and has been awarded numerous patents and industry accolades. He is the founder and CTO of Yost Labs, Inc., a Portsmouth, Ohio based technology company that is a leading developer of inertial motion sensing products, cutting-edge virtual reality motion tracking systems, and GPS-denied inertial tracking systems. Paul has been able to leverage his passion for research and development to create innovative products that solve real-world problems in high-tech problem domains.

Paul is also an associate professor at Shawnee State University where he was the originator of the acclaimed Gaming and Simulation Engineering Technology degree program. This program has been consistently ranked as one of the top Game Programming Engineering and Development degrees nationally since its inception in 2005. Paul has also employed many students from SSU, giving them research opportunities, internship opportunities, and full-time positions upon graduation.

The University-Industry Partnerships Driving Ohio's AI Innovation



Facilitator: Rodney Rogers, Ph.D.

President, Bowling Green University

Rodney K. Rogers, Ph.D. '81, is the 12th president of Bowling Green State University. Prior to being named president, Rogers had served BGSU as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs since 2012 and, before that, as dean of the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidhorst College of Business since 2006. He is the first alumnus to serve as president of Bowling Green State University, which currently has more than 20,000 students and 2,300 faculty and staff on its two campuses.



Ted Carter

President, The Ohio State University

Walter "Ted" Carter Jr. is the 17th president of The Ohio State University. Since arriving in January 2024, he has dedicated his time to learning about the Ohio State community and understanding what makes this university uniquely great. His current tenure continues a collaborative leadership style honed during a four-decade career in higher education and the United States Navy.

Carter previously led the University of Nebraska System, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Naval War College. He is also a retired vice admiral and naval aviator who has given 38 years of service to our country and logged more than 6,300 flying hours.



Bill McCreary, Ph.D.

Chief Information Officer & Chief Technology Officer, University of Toledo

Dr. Bill McCreary is the Vice President, Chief Information & Technology Officer for the University of Toledo and is responsible for all academic and clinical technology across the enterprise. He has an extensive career leading engineering and technology in global corporations as well as higher education and healthcare organizations. Bill has a long history in technology innovation serving on the boards of venture funds as well as being appointed as a member of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission (2008-2021). He holds an undergraduate degree in chemistry with systems engineering; master's degrees in computer science, econometrics, and business administration; a law degree in intellectual property; and a PhD focused on Artificial Intelligence.



RJ Sargent, MS

Executive Director, Partner Success + 1819 Learning Lab, University of Cincinnati

RJ Sargent has been delivering breakthrough innovation for more than two decades across industry and academia. His work leading global end-to-end innovation programs for Tampax, Febreze and Cascade contributed over \$3 billion in revenue and 16 patents for Procter & Gamble.

RJ currently serves as Executive Director of Partner Success and Learning Services at the University of Cincinnati. He oversees industry relations for UC's Office of Innovation at the 1819 Innovation Hub, serving as the front door to the university for companies like Microsoft, Kroger and P&G. In 2023, RJ created the 1819 Learning Lab, a think tank for the art and science of learning. In less than 18 months, the Learning Lab has helped nearly 1,000 associates to C-Suite leaders at 50 companies learn innovation skills to deliver better innovation to the market faster. RJ has an enduring passion for innovation and enjoys helping transform possibility into reality.



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Ohio's Call to Action: Ensuring Ohio's Global Economic Competitiveness



Chancellor Mike Duffey **Ohio Department of Higher Education**

Mike Duffey was appointed by Governor Mike DeWine the eleventh Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) in January 2024. As Chancellor, he oversees the state's two-year and four-year colleges and universities and Ohio Technical Centers. In addition, the Chancellor provides policy guidance to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly and carries out state higher education policy.

Prior to being named Chancellor, Mike Duffey served ODHE as Senior Vice Chancellor for five years, collaboratively working on policy proposals for the administration, including tuition guarantees, transcript release, student debt relief, short-term credentials, Ohio's new merit scholarship, increases to need-based aid, and support for innovation and technology commercialization, among other topics. Before the DeWine-Husted administration, Duffey served eight years in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he chaired the Higher Education and Workforce committee, vice-chaired the legislature's Joint Committee on College Affordability, and co-chaired the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority.

Duffey has a Master of Business Administration from The Ohio State University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan. He graduated as a Weidler Scholar at The Ohio State University. Prior to serving in the legislature, Duffey was twice elected to Worthington City Council and worked in the private sector in external relations, communications, and journalism.



Nigamanth Sridhar, Ph.D. **Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cleveland State University**

Dr. Nigamanth Sridhar serves as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cleveland State University. In this role, he serves as the Chief Academic Officer and oversees all academic offerings at the university. Previously, Dr. Sridhar served as the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies at CSU, overseeing the university's graduate program offerings. Dr. Sridhar also holds a faculty appointment in CSU's Washkewicz College of Engineering as Professor of Computer Science. Dr. Sridhar is a nationally known expert in computer science education and has served in a leadership role in the comprehensive design and integration of computer science instruction in K-12 schools.

About the Inter-University Council of Ohio



The Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC) was established in 1939 as a voluntary educational association of Ohio's public universities. Today the association represents Ohio's 14 public universities. Together, these institutions offer a broad range of associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional programs. The association's purpose is to facilitate the development of common interest and concern of its members and to assist in sustaining and improving the quality of public higher education. IUC also engages in public relations, research, and government liaison work on behalf of its members.

The major goal of the IUC is to sustain a consortium that: establishes a comfortable forum that fosters idea exploration and problem solving; facilitates relationship building and trust among and between presidents and senior campus officers; enables members to achieve together—through collaboration and cooperation—what institutions cannot likely achieve alone.