Meet our speakers



Eliane Karsaklian, Ph.D., has lived and worked in a number of countries during her career giving her extensive knowledge and experience in negotiation techniques and intercultural relationships. As an internationally known speaker and award-winning researcher, Dr. Karsaklian is currently visiting professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her most recent book - *The After Deal. What Happens After You Close a Deal?* - introduces a completely new perspective to international negotiation.



Candy Lee is a Professor at the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications at Northwestern University. Prior to Northwestern, she primarily ran large media companies. She has managed companies in 100 countries and lived in many parts of the world. Her education is from Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania where she earned her doctorate. Her current research is on leadership, gender, culture, and voice.



<u>Haimanot Bekele</u>, Ph.D. is the director of Research and Development at Mars Wrigley.

She has more than 20 years of experience in consumer led product innovations in Beauty and Snacks & Treats industry sector. She has demonstrated track record of strong global leadership in innovation management, execution to market, innovation strategy, and R&D operations. Leading and growing effective team of scientists to reach their full potential. She is also the author of several peer reviewed publications and inventor of over a dozen patents. B.A. in Chemistry and Business Administration from Austin College and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University.



Chipo C. Nyambuya is the founder and Principal of Virgil LLC and a partner in CMC Healthcare Consultants. She is the Director of Externships and is a lecturer at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She has twenty years of cross-sector experience as a lawyer and policy advisor for Fortune 500 corporations, start-ups, international development agencies, and foreign governments. She has lectured at Northwestern University and is also a certified FINRA arbitrator. Ms. Nyambuya received her J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law, and her A.B. with distinction, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



<u>Rudi Schick</u> is the Chief Science Officer at Spraying Systems Co., Mr. Schick's overarching personal and professional goal is to use scientific innovation as a key business driver, invest in cutting-edge software and tools, and increase scientific awareness through education, mentorship, and outreach. In this role, he also leads the oversight and management of all research and testing labs throughout the company's global locations.

In addition to his technical responsibilities, he serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Africa and the Middle East. Consistent throughout his role is a drive to ensure the most efficient and operationally excellent experience for company clients. Overall, Mr. Schick is highly regarded as a subject matter expert, and someone always open to new thought and ideas, business development, and the mentoring of tomorrow's engineers and scientists.