

POMS Practice Leaders

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POMS is delighted to have Kevin to serve as co-director of the POMS Practice Leaders Forum with Christopher Tang (UCLA). Currently, Kevin is Chief Content Officer at SCM World. From 2010-2011 Kevin was GVP for Supply Chain research at Gartner which acquired AMR Research in Boston where he was Chief Strategy Officer. While at AMR (2000-2010) Kevin created the Supply Chain Top 25, led the Product Lifecycle Management research practice and Supply Chain practice, and produced the annual AMR Conference. He was formerly a Vice President at Oracle, and a consultant with Mercer (in London), CGEY (in Calgary) and Company Assistance Ltd. (working on privatization in Poland). He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Boston College, an MSc in Management Studies from Oxford University, and a Masters in Business Administration from Stanford University.

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ALEX BROWN – Vice President of Supply Chain, Xilinx



Alex Brown is Vice President of Supply Chain at Xilinx where he has been since 2002. Prior to Xilinx, Alex was Director of Strategic Consulting at Manugistics and Assistant Professor at the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University. Alex has a PhD in Industrial Engineering from Stanford, a Masters in Microelectronic Engineering from Cambridge, and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt.

KIMBERLY CLEMENSON – CMC Excellence Program Director, Amgen, Inc.



Kimberly has 20 years of diverse Operations experience from various ventures into research, pharma/biotech and entrepreneurship. She is currently Director of Global Operations at Amgen and is leading an effort to optimize product development and commercialization practices across all of Operations. Kimberly joined Amgen in 2003, after receiving her MBA at UCLA, and has spent the majority of her time as a Global Operations Leader, both leading product development teams and managing commercial products within the Operations space. Kimberly also has a BS degree in Physics from Eastern Kentucky University and an MS in Health Physics from Texas A&M University. Kimberly is an avid cook and foodie, and lives in Thousand Oaks, CA, with her husband and two step-children.

KEITH HOLLIDAY – Director, Corporate Supply Chain & Logistics, Sonoco Products Company



Director- Corporate Supply Chain & Logistics at Sonoco Products Company leading the end to end process capability improvement work with a target of becoming a top quartile supply chain performer in the packaging industry; in addition leads the Lean Six Sigma process for the corporation. Prior to joining Sonoco, was the Director of Supply Chain Transformation and Six Sigma Champion- Global Operations for DuPont, leading the application of six sigma across DuPont Operations and to business processes, specifically the end to the end supply chain. Keith has a Manufacturing/ engineering background with 30 years DuPont experience and overall 38 years in manufacturing with assignments at sites across the US and global experience leading business process improvement.

SHAILENDRA JAIN – Distinguished Technologist and Research Manager, HP Labs



Shailendra Jain established and managed the Decision Technology Department at HP Labs, which focused on business process innovation through analytics. Dr. Jain has led business analytics projects in several areas, including inventory management & production planning, forecasting, personalization, marketing spend optimization, product variety management and post-sales services design/pricing. He is currently leading the applied research efforts of HP Labs in service innovation, with specific emphasis on service work-force planning/optimization & healthcare analytics. He received his Ph.D. in Management Science from UCLA and a Masters in Industrial Engineering from IIT, Delhi.

THOMAS OLAVSON – Director, Operations Decision Support Group at Google



Thomas Olavson is director of the Operations Decision Support group at Google. His team provides model-based decision support for Google's cloud infrastructure and supply chain planning. He was previously director of HP's Strategic Planning and Modeling team, an Informs Prize and Edelman Award winning team. Thomas received his Ph.D. in Management Science & Engineering from Stanford University in 2001.

THOMAS R. ROHLER, PH.D. – Health Sciences Researcher, Mayo Clinic



Thomas Rohleder is a Health Sciences Researcher at Mayo Clinic, and his research is focused on health care systems engineering. A major aspect of the research is building computer models of health care processes and systems, and using them to test alternative designs before actual implementation. He received his B.S in Finance from the University of Minnesota, and his Ph.D in Operations Management from the University of Minnesota. His current studies include: modeling patient flow through cardiovascular surgery, maximizing patient access to PET scanners in nuclear medicine, and optimizing patient access service for available outpatient resources.

DIRK DE WAART – Partner Management Consulting, PricewaterhouseCoopers



Dirk is a Partner in the Los Angeles office of PwC. He has over 15 years of experience in supply-chain management and service operations for technology-based firms. Dirk has worked with clients in the aerospace, aviation, automotive, electronics, semiconductor, life science, and telecommunications industry to design and implement operational improvements. Prior to joining PwC and PRTM, Dirk held management positions in the aerospace service business unit at AlliedSignal (now Honeywell) for three years in both the USA and Germany. Dirk is a graduate of Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands with an MS Degree in Aerospace Engineering. He received an MBA Degree in General Management from INSEAD.

ASHLIE WALLACE – Procurement Director, Dell



Ashlie Wallace is a Procurement Director at Dell and is responsible for general management of Dell's international trading company, which owns procurement of Dell's Tier 2 components, sale to Tier 1 suppliers for production, and management of inbound supply chain and inventory. She is also responsible for leading the continuity of supply strategy initiative and owns Dell's global E&O governance process focused on reducing cost, risk management, and maintaining optimal e2e supply chain processes. Prior to her current role, she was responsible for Dell's global inventory forecast and driving strategic initiatives directed at optimizing cash flow from operations. Ashlie has bachelor degrees in International Business and Spanish from Texas State University and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of California Los Angeles.

ROBERT WANG – Senior Business Analyst, Nestle USA



Robert Wang is currently a Senior Business Analyst in the Decision Support Group of Nestle USA, located in Glendale, CA. He has lead on various optimization projects in Supply Chain Network, Master Production Scheduling, Private Fleet, and Inventory Development. He received his Ph.D. in Management Science from UCLA Anderson in 1995, and has worked as a Senior Consultant at Ernst & Young LLP and as a Manager at Deloitte & Touche LLP.