

Speaker Biographies



Dr. Jack Pinkowski
Professor and Founding Director of the Institute of Government and Public Policy
Nova Southeastern University

Jack Pinkowski, Ph.D. is an internationally known scholar and professor of public administration at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is founding director of the NSU Institute of Government and Public Policy (IGPP). With more than twenty-five years as a successful business entrepreneur, Jack combines real-world experience with academic credentials that enhance the innovative programs that he is involved with. During most of 2008-2009 as a Fulbright Scholar, Jack was consultant-in-residence with the Dublin City Council in Dublin, Ireland where he was focused on creating new opportunities for entrepreneurship among the immigrant communities in Ireland.

Dr. Pinkowski is listed in Marquis *Who's Who in America*, Strathmore's *Who's Who*, and Academic Keys *Who's Who in Business Higher Education*. He has received many honors and awards for public service and leadership and is frequently called on to assist local governments in planning their economic development strategy. His published works include the *Disaster Management Handbook*, the *Homeland Security Handbook* and the *Handbook of Globalization, Governance, and Public Administration*, by Taylor & Francis/CRC Press.



Dr. Daniel Petree
Professor and Dean of the College of Business
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Daniel Petree a native of Kansas City, Missouri, where his late father was a mechanic for TWA and a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Dan is twice a graduate of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, receiving the BSBA in accounting and the MBA. He worked in a variety of financial management positions with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and as an adjunct faculty member until entering the PhD program at the University of Kansas. He earned this PhD from the KU School of Business, majoring in labor and human resources. While at KU, Dan worked as a research associate for the Institute of Public Policy and Business Research and as a research assistant for the National Bureau of Economic Research and established a consulting practice.

Dan returned to Rockhurst to serve as a member of the faculty and first Executive Director of the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City. The Labor- Management Council was a not-for-profit corporation owned by the major employers and labor unions in the metropolitan Kansas City area charged with improving the labor-management relationship for purposes of fostering regional economic development. Dan left the Labor-Management Council in 1989 to become Interim Dean of the School of Management at Rockhurst until 1991. He left Rockhurst to focus on his consulting practice, which has served large and small client organizations in a wide range of industries, including the FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association who were working in the early 90's to develop a cooperative organizational culture. Dan's consulting areas have included labor-management relations, human resources, total quality and continuous improvement, organizational change and strategy and planning.

In 1995 Dan joined the faculty of Concordia College in Moorhead Minnesota as the Chair of the Department of Business, Accounting and Economics. While there he led the development of the college's graduate programs, as well as the department's first strategic plan and a comprehensive self-study. He also taught, advised students and continued his community service and consulting practice. Throughout his career, Dan has served on numerous academic, public and community committees, boards and advisory groups. He joined the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University as Chairperson of the Department of Aviation Business Administration on January 3, 2001. In August 2002 Dan was selected as Dean for the College of Business at Embry-Riddle, which was formally the Aviation Business Administration Department.



Ted Astolfi
Senior Manager of Partnerships
Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Ted Astolfi served as Executive Director of the Business Development Board of Martin County for fifteen years. Ted has served on numerous state, regional and local boards including; the Region 20 Workforce Development Board, the Florida Economic Development Council and the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership. He remains actively involved with committees of Enterprise Florida and Workforce Florida. Ted

received his BA degree in Economics from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. Most recently he has become a consultant to the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) and Time Wise Management Systems.



Tsila Blomberg
Project Manager
Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Tsila Blomberg is a seasoned business consultant specializing in manufacturing, construction and service companies. In the past 12 years, Tsila had worked with over 300 companies in over 30 different industries. Her expertise includes business development, operations and Lean Manufacturing, ISO certification, workforce development and strategic management support. Tsila Blomberg is currently a Project Manager with the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. She leads the South Florida Region.



Dr. Tim Bremner
Vice President of Advanced Engineering & Materials Technology
Hoerbiger Corporation of America, Inc.

Dr. Bremner started his post-secondary education in the field of Applied Chemistry in 1982 at the University of Waterloo in Canada, and continued at that institution until 1992 when he received his Ph.D. in Polymer Chemistry. After two years as a Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Queensland in Australia with the Polymer Materials and Radiation Group, he returned to Waterloo as a Post Doctoral Fellow conducting research in the field of polymer physics. In 1995, Tim started work in the polymer industry with Nova Chemicals Research and Development, where he remained for 5 years working primarily in the field of polymer application development. This was followed by a 4 year period with Aspen Technology in Houston, Texas in the field of advanced process control and process technology consulting, until joining Hoerbiger in 2004. He is presently responsible for all non-metallic product manufacturing for Hoerbiger Compression Technology worldwide and oversees development of new products in a variety of energy sector applications. Recently, Dr. Bremner accepted a position of Adjunct Professor in Mechanical Engineering with Texas A&M University in which he is involved in engineering design with polymer materials. He is also a Director of the newly formed APPEAL Industrial Consortium (Advancing Performance Polymers in Energy Applications) presently based at Texas A&M University, which is focussed on developing standards and technologies to aid in the application of high performance polymers in a wide range of energy sector markets. He has spent his entire academic and industrial career in the research, development and application of thermoplastic materials in broad ranging fields. Tim strongly believes that we haven't even begun to exploit the thermoplastic materials and conversion technologies that will solve today's most challenging engineering problems that are today inhibiting energy sector market growth.



Nikolas Camejo
Founder and President
E3nnovations Company

E3nnovations Company founder and president, Nikolas Camejo, is a long-time South Florida resident with over 25 years of experience in the energy management field. His expertise includes energy and information management strategies for energy efficiency, energy accounting and analysis, renewable energy, co-generation, alternative vehicle fuels, and energy conversion technologies. He is the recipient of multiple awards for his professional achievements and publications in this field. While studying energy management as a physics student at the University of California Nikolas developed an interest in the connection between the abstract concept of energy present in physics theory and what he saw as the real world "energy crisis." His undergraduate work in this area culminated in his graduation in 1979 with a degree in Coastal Zone Energy Management. Throughout his graduate work Mr. Camejo concentrated on the application of solar electric technologies for power generation. In 1984 he graduated with a Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University. Since then his work has focused on energy management in the commercial, industrial and institutional sectors. In 1988 Nikolas became a Certified Energy Manager through the Association of Energy Engineers. In past years Mr. Camejo has acted as a member of the Certified Energy Managers (CEM) Board of the Association of Energy Engineers. As a member of the board Mr. Camejo, along with other board members, was responsible for the approval and certification of all CEM candidates nation-wide. He has also served and participated on a State of Florida advisory committee to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy.

In 2008, Nikolas was recognized by the Association of Energy Engineers with the "2008 Legends of Energy" mark of distinction at the 31st World Energy Engineering Conference held in Washington, D.C. Nova Southeastern University has bestowed upon him the "Celebration of Excellence" award as a distinguished alumnus of the Oceanographic Center.



David Lewis
Vice President, Business Operations
Advanced Green Technologies

David Lewis is Vice President Business Operations at Advanced Green Technologies (AGT). AGT is an engineering, procurement and construction firm focusing on built environment integrated renewable energy systems. David has 10 years of experience in photovoltaic, solar thermal, and other renewable energy systems. His expertise includes emerging technology evaluation, and hurricane resistant systems. Earlier in his career, David worked as Manager of the Decision and Knowledge Management Group at BCS, Inc. As a consultant at BCS he led implementation of systems to improve how the U.S. Department of Energy awarded and managed grant funding for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency R&D. David holds a Master of Public Affairs degree with an energy policy focus from the University of Texas and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.



Peter Quinter
Shareholder and Head of Customs and International Trade
Becker and Poliakoff, P.A.

Since May 1994, Mr. Quinter, a shareholder, has been in charge of the Customs and International Trade Department of the international law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. Mr. Quinter principally represents persons and companies involved in international trade and transportation, including litigation in the federal courts located in Florida and the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York. Board Certified in International Law, Mr. Quinter was appointed by the Florida Bar to the International Law Certification Committee. Florida Trend Magazine recognized Mr. Quinter in 2004 and 2006 among its "Legal Elite" in the area of International Law. This designation was based upon a poll of Florida attorneys, who selected peers in the top 2% of their respective practice areas. The U.S. Secretary of Commerce appointed Mr. Quinter to the Florida District Export Council because of his knowledge and experience in international trade. He was rated "superb" by Avvo Ratings, an online lawyer listing the rates and profiles attorneys. The rating is based on a mathematical model that considers the information in a lawyer's profile, including years in practice, disciplinary history, professional achievements and industry recognition. Mr. Quinter was also selected as a "Florida Super Lawyer" by Law & Politics magazine which named Florida's top lawyers as chosen by their peers. He has been recognized in "Best Lawyers in America" in the area of FDA Law. Prior to joining Becker & Poliakoff, for five years, Mr. Quinter served as legal counsel at the Southeast Regional Headquarters of the United States Customs Service (now known as Customs and Border Protection) in Miami, Florida. Responsibilities included providing legal advice and representation to management of Customs on all matters involving the administration and enforcement of the customs and international trade laws. He provided legal advice on virtually all activities of Customs undertaken by its enforcement, commercial operations, inspection and control, fines, penalties, and forfeitures, and regulatory audit personnel. Mr. Quinter provided assistance to the U.S. Department of Justice in civil and criminal prosecutions on a variety of customs violations, including commercial fraud, trade embargoes, and export controls.



Phillip C. Allen
Port Director
Port Everglades

Phillip C. Allen currently serves as Port Director for Port Everglades Department of Broward County. He is responsible for overseeing the Port's \$117 million operating revenue, all seaport operations and development. He was formally appointed to this assignment by the Board of County Commissioners in January 2006 after previously having served as Interim Port Director in 2001/02. He also headed the 1994 transition of the former Port Authority into a department of County government. Recently, Mr. Allen was elected Chair of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council. Before joining the Port, he served as Chief Financial Officer of Broward County for almost 20 years. Prior to his arrival in Broward he served as Finance and Budget Directors for the City of Cleveland between 1980 and 1986. Mr. Allen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Ohio University and an MBA from Akron University. He is a member of the American Association of Port Authorities.



David Ong
Director of Business Development
Peter & May

Originally a native of Chicago, David entered the international logistics and shipping field upon completion of studies from the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC. His first position within the industry was in Charleston as an account representative exporting containers and

less-than-container freight, as well as documentation for a nation-wide client base. While handling this diverse book of business, the opportunity arose for the handling of more high profile commodities, non-containerized break-bulk cargo, and yachts, which David undertook. After some global contacts were made in this niche field, and some further years of experience specializing in this type of transport, David met Peters & May at the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show. Upon a successful meeting with Peters & May, David came on board to oversee business development and a field office in Fort Lauderdale.



Dr. Michael Caldwell
Director, Performing and Visual Arts, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Michael Caldwell is a concert pianist, respected music educator, arts administrator, and arts advocate, who currently serves as director of the FCAS Division of Performing and Visual Arts at Nova Southeastern University. A 1990 Pianist Foundation of America "Pianist of the Year," Caldwell has appeared in concert on four continents as a U.S. Artistic Ambassador to countries in South America, Europe, the Middle and Near East, and Africa, under the auspices of the U.S. Information Agency, in a position created by President Ronald Reagan. In 1995, he was the national committee chair for diversity for the College Music Society, a William Grant Still National Symposium Fellow, and he served as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts American Music Recording Project. In 1999, he was one of three pianists selected to perform at the Ivan Davis Tribute at Festival Miami. In 2004, Michael made his 21st Century debut in South Florida with a multimedia update of the piano recital, "Music of Magic, Mystery, and Romance" in the Ralph R. Bailey Concert Hall, where he returned on April 22, 2007, to appear as piano soloist with the Broward Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto. Michael's civic experience has included symphony orchestra, cultural theater, music academy, and library board memberships in New Mexico, North Carolina, and Tennessee. He received his undergraduate and master's degrees in music from the University of Miami and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree and highest graduate honors from the University of Arizona at Tucson. Michael's extra-musical adventures include working as a CBS-TV news reporter, serving as managing partner of a concert management firm and creating and hosting cultural radio and television programs in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. He most recently served as associate dean of visual and performing arts at Broward College.



Mel Rothberg
CEO
Rothberg Associates

Mel Rothberg has over the last 35 years participated in the development of the South Florida bioscience industry and is presently Chairman of Bioflorida's South Florida Chapter serving from Miami/Dade to the Treasure Coast. He has held executive positions in the medical device, information technology and biopharmaceutical sectors. Currently he is CEO of Dharma Biomedical and CEO of Rothberg Associates, Inc. and a member of the Board of Directors of Banyan Biomarkers. Previously he was Chairman and CEO of Advanced Processing and Imaging, Executive Vice President, Operations of Viragen Inc., Plantation, Florida (VRA: AMEX) and Director of Viragen International Inc. (VONI: OTCBB) and Viranative AB (Sweden) where he was responsible for manufacturing, regulatory, business development, marketing and sales of Viragen's lead drug Multiferon. Prior to Viragen, he was Vice President of Manufacturing and Business Development for Althin Medical a Swedish publicly traded company focused on the hemodialysis machine and disposables market.

He previously held multiple roles with Dow Chemical and Cordis Dow and was instrumental in selling Dow's dialysis division to Althin Medical. He held both international and domestic positions within Dow's subsidiary CD Medical including responsibility for offices in Australia, Singapore and Japan and was Managing Director of Cordis Dow's European manufacturing operations located in the Netherlands. He was instrumental in developing one of Dow Chemical's first biotechnology businesses in the use of hollow fibers for cell culture and holds a patent for the "Growth of Cells in Hollow Fibers in an Agitated Vessel". Additionally he developed and holds a patent on the "Process of Making a Cellulose Acetate Semipermeable Membrane" for the use as a hemoconcentrator in open heart surgery.

He graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Chemical Engineering degree and has an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. He was recently re-appointed to the Broward Workforce Development Board and is a member of the South Florida Regional Leadership Council. He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, North American Membrane Society, American Association of Blood Banks, Licensing Executive Society, Association of University Technology Managers and currently serves on the Bioflorida Board of Directors, iCoast Board of Directors, Florida International University Biomedical Engineering Advisory Board, Nova Southeastern University School of Dentistry Board of Councilors and has previously held committee positions within the Biotechnology Industry Organization's Investor Relations Committee, Patient Advocacy Committee, and Business Development Committee. Other past memberships included the Center for Health Technologies, Executive Board Member, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce One Community/One Goal-Biomedical Task Force Member, Enterprise Florida Health Technology Task Force Member, and as a lay member of the Florida Bar Grievance Committee 11F.



Dr. Gary Margules
Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer
Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Gary Margules has direct business experience in technology management, academic technology transfer, strategic planning, corporate ventures, R&D/project management, licensing, regulatory affairs, clinical trials, and product development.

He has 31 years of research management experience (eight years with Cordis Corporation as Senior Scientist, three with Pfizer Hospital Products as Assistant Director of Technology Development, three with Senmed Medical Ventures as Director, Medical Technology, and fifteen with the University of Miami as Assistant Vice Provost for Technology Transfer and Industry Research). He is currently the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer at Nova Southeastern University. During the past thirty-one years he has gained in depth knowledge in medical devices, therapeutics, biotechnology, and diagnostics. He earned Doctor of Engineering Science and Master of Science degrees in chemical/bio-engineering from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical/biomedical engineering from the University of Miami.



Carrie Childs
President
Lindsay Group, Inc.

Carrie is the President and founder of Lindsay Group, Inc. She attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Carrie credits her success to her years of dedication to becoming an expert in her field and building her knowledge of how to provide consistent service excellence to both her candidates and customers. Carrie held management level positions in the staffing industry for the past 15 years. She has extensive formal sales training from various universities, consortiums, and educational seminars. She is an active participant and member of the Broward Alliance and the South Florida Technology Alliance. Carrie is also active in supporting Supplier Diversity initiatives. Carrie has over 20 years in full life cycle staffing solutions in both the public and private sectors. She has extensive experience in providing employment solutions to renowned companies and organizations throughout the United States. Her role includes directing the organization's business development and client relationship management strategies, implementation and creation of the strategic offerings and the development of an integrated strategic marketing and delivery plan. Carrie's responsibilities include leadership and the vision of Lindsay Group's mission, community relations, and strategic alliances for company expansion.



Dr. Phyllis Bebko
Associate Vice President of the Broward Campuses
Florida Atlantic University

As the Associate Vice President of the Broward Campuses for Florida Atlantic University, Dr. Phyllis Bebko has responsibility campus-specific strategic planning as well as academic and facility support services for FAU's three locations in Broward County – Dania Beach, Davie, and Fort Lauderdale. She has been at FAU since 1992 and has seen the Broward campuses grow to their current student population of 6,000. For nearly two decades, she worked for governmental and non-profit organizations in the area of Training and Human Resources Development. Her current community activities include the Board of Governors of the Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Steering Committee for Senior Executive Orientation, a program of Leadership Broward and Leadership Fort Lauderdale. She chairs the Research Committee of the National Association of Branch Campus Administrators and is past president of the Florida affiliate.



Kelly Allen
Vice President of Communications and Business Relations
WorkForce One

Kelly Allen is the vice president of communications and business relations at WorkForce One. This department manages all marketing, advertising, public relations, media relations and business development efforts for the organization. Her 16 years of marketing communications and business development experience includes serving as the communications director for a \$77 million public mental health system in Ohio and the lead marketing role in the Detroit office of the world's largest human resources consulting firm. Ms. Allen has served as a consultant to such clients as: the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Boys Hope Girls Hope and the National Association of Industrial Technology. Ms. Allen holds a master's degree in leadership management from Nova Southeastern University, a bachelor's degree in public relations and marketing from Eastern Michigan University and is accredited in public relations (APR) by the Public Relations Society of America.



Dr. Penny Shaffer
Market President, South Florida
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida

Penny Shaffer is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's (BCBSF) market president, South Florida. In this role, Shaffer is responsible for BCBSF business operations in Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River counties. Prior to joining BCBSF, Shaffer served as vice president of Global Services for the Americas region at AT&T. During her 26-year career at AT&T, Shaffer held various positions in sales, service, quality management and global operations. In addition to U.S. postings, she has lived and worked in Madrid, Spain, Dublin, Ireland and Mexico City, Mexico.

Throughout her career, Shaffer has been active in community and professional organizations. She is currently First Vice Chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Executive Committee of the Beacon Council, on the Governor's Council of Broward Alliance, Chair of the Board of the Miami-Dade College Foundation and Secretary of the Board for The Foundation for New Education Initiatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She is also a Board Member of Take Stock in Children, Miami Children's Museum, The Commonwealth Institute, United Way of Miami-Dade and the American Red Cross. In addition, she's a member of the University of Miami Dean's Advisory Board for the School of Business, the Florida International University Dean's Advisory Board for the School of Business, the International Women's Forum and the Orange Bowl Committee. Shaffer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Frostburg University and an International Executive Master of Business Administration from Fordham University. She also holds a Doctor of Philosophy in International Business Administration from Kennedy-Western University.



Kristine Hebert
Vice President of Operations
Ward's Marine Electric, Inc.

As Vice President of Operations and a third generation member of the Ward's Marine Electric family, Kristy Hebert has contributed her computer expertise to their facility's network management, production of an annual parts catalog and development of a multi-functional e-commerce website. Since graduating from USF, she has been actively involved with the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, and is a past president serving two terms. She is currently the Chair of the Government Relations Committee; last year's legislative accomplishments include in partnership with the Florida Yacht Brokers Association the passage of an \$18,000 Sales Tax Cap on the sale of vessels. This sales cap will level the playing field with neighboring states and make Florida a more attractive place to buy a boat. As a business woman, and the mother of two sons, an avid fisherman, recreational boater and water enthusiast, Kristy recognizes the importance of the marine industry to the community, family and lifestyle as well as its legislative and economic impact on South Florida. Ward's Marine Electric is an Anchor Member of the MIAAF since 1962, and annually supports events such as the Waterway Cleanup, Plywood Regatta and MIAAF Golf Classic Tournament, which support the community and the marine industry.



Jimmie Harrison
President
Frank & Jimmie's Propeller Shop

Jimmie is the owner and president of Frank & Jimmie's Propeller in Fort Lauderdale. A native of Fort Lauderdale, Jimmie started at Frank & Jimmie's in 1973 as a teenager working after school and summers and became the owner in 1992. Since then he has grown the company to one of the largest in the country. He has opened additional propeller shops in Key Largo, The Dominican Republic and Cartagena, Columbia. He also founded Marine Diagnostics, an engineering company specializing in performance & vibration analysis and Neptune Boat Lifts, which has quickly become one of the leaders in marine yacht lifts. Jimmie is President of the National Marine Propeller Association and Chairman of the Fort Lauderdale Maritime Museum. Frank & Jimmie's was the South Florida Manufactures Association *Manufacturer of the Year* in 2007 and he currently serves as a judge for both the state and regional competitions. Frank & Jimmie's is a long time participant and sponsor of the MIAF waterway clean up, the Plywood Regatta, the Fort Lauderdale Billfish Tournament and many other South Florida fishing tournaments.