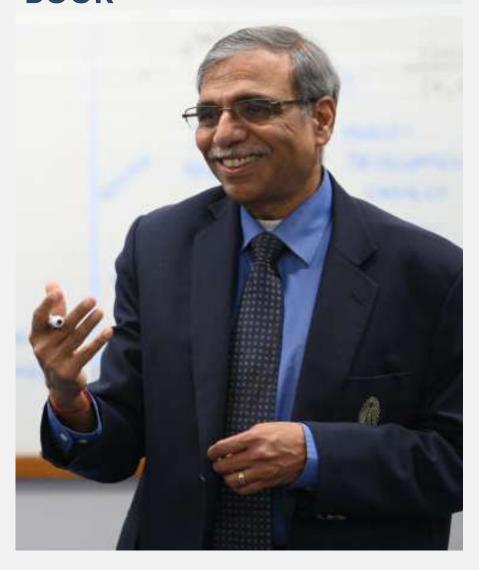


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About Jio Institute

Jio Institute is a multidisciplinary higher education and research institution set up as a philanthropic initiative by Reliance Industries Limited and Reliance Foundation. The Institute is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence by bringing together global scholars and thought leaders, and providing an enriching student experience through world-class education and a culture of research and innovation.

Jio Institute's founders' transformational precedents across sectors and their unwavering faith in the potential of India's youth form the core of Institute's initiatives. The Institute aims to nurture the spirit of entrepreneurship and provide a platform for the realization of aspirations of the youth of today.

Jio Institute Vision

Our founders Smt. Nita Ambani, Founder Chairperson, Reliance Foundation, and Shri Mukesh Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, firmly believe in the power of the youth to transform India.

It is this belief that has driven the conceptualization and setting up of Jio Institute.

Jio Institute aims to

- Be an exemplary Indian academic institution with international repute.
- Build a vibrant ecosystem for research, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Be India's test bed for frontier research and invention of future technologies.
- Prepare the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs through holistic development.
- Significantly contribute to the advancement of the Indian society.
- Solve India's problems and solve them fast.
- Provide a lifelong learning experience.





Programme Mentor, Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, Jio Institute Chief Data Scientist, Center of Excellence in AI/ML, Reliance Jio



Dr. Shailesh Kumar Chief Data Scientist, Center of Excellence in Al/ML, Reliance Jio

Dr. Kumar was recognized as one of the top 10 data scientists in India in 2015 by Analytics India Magazine. He has to his credit over 20 international papers and book chapters and holds more than 20 patents in Al/ML.

Dr. Kumar was formerly the vice president at Ola Cabs, where he worked on several computer science, machine learning, artificial intelligence and optimization issues in fleet management. He was also the chief scientist and co- founder of Third Leap, an EdTech start-up that uses Al to create personalized math guides. Prior to this, Dr Kumar worked at Google on a variety of products involving information retrieval, enterprise search, legal ediscovery, natural language understanding, computer vision, knowledge graph mining, conversation modelling, and deep learning on text and vision. His experience of creating Al-based solutions comprises multiple domains including finance, retail, remote sensing, knowledge graph, conversational computing and computer vision.



Professor, Computer Science, Northwestern University, USA



Dr. Larry Birnbaum Programme Mentor, Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, Jio Institute Professor, Computer Science, Northwestern University, USA

Dr. Birnbaum is also the co-founder and chief scientific advisor, Narrative Science. His research and teaching focus on applied artificial intelligence, natural language processing (NLP), intelligent information systems, social media data analytics, machine learning, with applications to media and journalism. A key focus is on preference predication and recommendation using social media data. More generally, projects in Larry's lab are aimed at automating and supporting all aspects of the 'content pipeline', including research, content generation, content distribution, and user interaction with content.





Dr. Michele Guindani Professor, Dept. of Statistics, University of California, Irvine, USA

Dr. Guindani received his PhD in Statistics from Università Bocconi (Milan, Italy) in 2005. Prior to joining UCI in Fall 2016, he held faculty positions in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics at the University of New Mexico (2007–10) and in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (2010–16).

Dr. Guindani is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA), and he has served as editor-in-chief of the journal Bayesian Analysis (2019–21).





Mr. Rishabh Sharma Principal Technologist, fourofour Industry Expert & Trainer

Mr. Rishabh is a seasoned technologist with a decade of experience spearheading diverse technology projects. His expertise primarily lies in the Python and JS ecosystems, encompassing frameworks such as Django, FastAPI, Angular and React.

He has seamlessly transitioned through different roles, from a software engineer to a technology architect, while making significant contributions to projects spanning full-stack web development, data science to analytics and blockchain. Rishabh frequently engages in knowledge exchange sessions, enriching both the industry and academic spheres.

Mr. Rishabh has ventured into the startup domain in the gaming and edtech sectors, with "fourofour" being his latest edtech initiative. Rishabh also harbours the ambitious vision of positively impacting a billion lives through his educational content, since he is strongly driven by the philosophy that knowledge grows when it is shared.

He is also the force behind the edtech channel "fourofour", which boasts a repository of nearly 100 technology-centric videos — a number that's continually growing. As an entrepreneur, Rishabh harbours the ambitious vision of positively impacting a billion lives through his educational content





Dr. Divyakant Agrawal Distinguished Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Dr. Agrawal's research expertise lies in the areas of database systems, distributed computing, data warehousing and large-scale information systems. His research philosophy is to develop data management solutions that are theoretically sound and are relevant in practice.

During his professional career, he has served on numerous programme committees of international conferences, symposia, and workshops. He currently serves as the editor-inchief of Distributed and Parallel Databases and is on the editorial boards of ACM Books. He has published more than 400 research papers in prestigious forums on wide range of topics and has advised more than 40 doctoral students during his academic career.

Dr. Agrawal has been recognized as an Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Distinguished Scientist in 2010 and was inducted as an ACM Fellow in 2012. He has also been inducted as a Fellow of IEEE in 2012 and Fellow of the AAAS in 2018.





Dr. Vishnuprasad Nagadevara Former Professor and Dean, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India

Dr. Nagadevara's current research interests include business analytics, specifically, data mining techniques and applications, application of operations research techniques, project management, supply chain management, project evaluation, and information technology applications.

Dr. Nagadevara received his PhD from Iowa State University, USA, in Economics and Operations Research, and enjoyed a long and distinguished teaching career at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, with brief stint at Iowa State University and Woxsen School of Business, Hyderabad. Besides, he was also involved in consultancy projects for various organizations such as UNDP, WIPRO, POWERGRID, ETA (UAE), WiseScope (UAE) NABARD, Government of India, Central Silk Board, Government of Karnataka, Karnataka Housing Board, NCDC, Fidelity, PSC, etc.

Dr. Nagadevara has to his credit more than 100 research articles published in India and abroad relating to his research. He was felicitated with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the SRISIIM Foundation, New Delhi, in April 2013.



Dr. Sudipta Roy

Research Thinking | Data Structures & Alogrithms

Assistant Professor, Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, Jio Institute, India



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Dr. Roy received his doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Calcutta. He was a postdoctoral research associate at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, USA.

Dr. Roy has authored more than 50 publications in refereed international journals, and authored/edited five books and many book chapters. He holds a US patent in medical image processing and has filed an Indian patent in smart agricultural system. He has served as international advisory and programme committee member of INDIAcom-2020, AICAE-2019, INDIACom-2019, and many more conferences.

Currently, serves as an associate editor of IEEE Access (IEEE), International Journal of Computer Vision and Image Processing (IJCVIP-IGI Global), PLOS One, and topic editor of Journal of Imaging (MDPI). In recognition of his exceptional contributions to the IEEE Access journal, the IEEE Access Editorial Board and Editorial Office honored him as an Outstanding Associate Editor of 2020.





Dr. Varun Aggarwala Assistant Professor, Jio Institute

Dr Varun Aggarwala is an Assistant Professor of Biomedical and Life Sciences and Principal Investigator of the Microbiome Therapeutics laboratory at the Jio Institute.

Varun performed his doctoral research at the Perelman School of Medicine of University of Pennsylvania, and modeled the variation in human germline mutation rate to identify disease causing genes, personalized variants and underlying mutagenesis biology. He furthered his training in precision therapeutics at the Icahn School of Medicine of Mount Sinai Hospital, and modeled the transmission of commensal gut microbes in the context of Fecal Transplants for infectious and inflammatory bowel diseases. His research resulted in identification of a cocktail of microbes as a defined live biotherapeutics product in lieu of whole stool transplants, which is now being evaluated in clinical trials. Varun did his Masters in Computer Science from University of Pennsylvania and has a BTech in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Guwahati.

Dr. Aggarwala's laboratory at the Jio Institute is addressing open problems at the interface of microbiome, public health and biotherapeutics. His research group will leverage the unique Indian genetics, microbes, diet, rapid urbanization, endogamic caste diversity alongwith digital health revolution and Reliance parivar's ecosystem to address unique public and precision health challenges at scale, and contribute to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission in this Amrit Kal.



Mr. Manaranjan Pradhan

Big Data Engineering | Advanced topics in Bigdata Engineering

Adjunct Faculty at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and Indian School of Business, Hyderabad Freelance Consultant – Machine Learning & Big Data Engineering



Mr Manaranjan Pradhan Faculty for Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and Indian School of Business, Hyderabad

Freelance Consultant - Machine Learning & Big Data Engineering

Mr Pradhan, an IIM Bangalore alumnus, has about 20 plus years of industry experience working with big data and machine learning. In the past, he has worked with TCS, HP and iGATE. He has also worked on large-scale project implementations for customers like Motorola, Home Depot, CKWB Bank, P&G in the roles of solution and technical architect.

Mr Pradhan also has been teaching big data and machine learning for over seven years and has trained more than 1,000 people from several large MNCs, including EMC, CISCO, TESCO, HP, YODLEE, Goldman Sachs, Software AG, Amadeus, Cognizant, Capgemini, Accenture, etc.





Dr. Vidya Setlur Director, Tableau Research, USA

Dr. Setlur leads an interdisciplinary team of research scientists in areas including data visualization, multimodal interaction, statistics, applied machine learning and natural language processing. Her personal research interests lie at the intersection of natural language processing and computer graphics. She combines concepts and methods from information retrieval, human perception and cognitive science to help users effectively interact with devices and information in their environment. A significant portion of her work covers the investigation, prototyping and evaluation of such novel concepts.

She earned her doctorate in Computer Graphics in 2005 from Northwestern University. Prior to joining Tableau, she worked as a principal research scientist at the Nokia Research Center for seven years.





Dr. Gaurav Aggarwal Research Scientist, Google

Dr. Aggarwal's interests lie in machine learning and computer vision. At Google, his team works in pursuit of models that are inherently data and compute efficient, interpretable, amenable to continuous learning and generalize gracefully to unseen distributions, with applications in preventive healthcare, agriculture and assistance for people with visual disability.

Prior to Google, he worked at Ola Cabs as the head of data science. He has helped in setting up a technology start-up, Fashiate, that was acquired by Snapdeal, an ecommerce marketplace. He has previously worked as a senior research scientist at Yahoo Labs and as an assistant professor at the University of Notre Dame.



Computer Vision

Senior Research Scientist at the Inception Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Dwarikanath Mahapatra Senior Research Scientist at the Inception Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Mahapatra's research interests are in applying artificial intelligence and deep learning to computer vision and medical image analysis, such as explainable Al, disease detection, classification, segmentation, image registration and synthetic image generation. He has expertise in multiple medical image analysis domains such as digital histopathology, retinal fundus and OCT, chest X- ray and cardiac MRI.

He has co-authored more than 90 papers in the area of medical image analysis, published in top conferences and journals in his field of research. Currently, he leads teams working on OCR, sign language translation and medical image analysis.

Dr. Mahapatra has a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from NIT Rourkela and received his PhD from NUS, Singapore, specializing in the field of medical image analysis. He also worked as a post-doctoral research fellow at ETH Zurich and as a research scientist at IBM Research, Melbourne.



Dr. Jagmohan Chauhan

Speech Processing

Assistant Professor, University of Southampton Visiting Researcher, University of Cambridge



Dr. Jagmohan ChauhanAssistant Professor, University of Southampton Visiting Researcher, University of Cambridge

Dr. Chauhan's primary research interest lies in embedded machine learning (Tiny ML), machine learning for health, and mobile/ubiquitous computing systems using commodity sensing (mainly acoustics/AR/VR) for healthcare.

He was a postdoctoral researcher in Mobile Systems Group at the University of Cambridge. He received his PhD from the School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications, UNSW, Australia, and Data61 (CSIRO), Australia, under the supervision of Dr. Aruna Seneviratne in Usable Security in 2018.

He is presently working towards building efficient and scalable audio/acoustics-based techniques for pulmonary health and cancer. He is also involved in designing machine learning solutions for effective predictive outcomes in urology, colorectal surgery and inflammatory bowel diseases (big data and genomics).





Mr Sray Agarwal Director Data Science, Fractal Al

Mr Agarwal's work focuses on applying artificial intelligence and analytics to various sectors, such as financial services and hospitality, and he has led the development of Responsible Al framework for multiple banks in the UK and the USA. He is conversant in predictive modelling, forecasting and advanced machine learning, and an in-depth knowledge of algorithms and advanced statistic.

He is an active blogger and has given talks on Ethical AI at major AI conferences across the globe (more than 20). His podcasts, video interviews and lectures also find mention on the website and social media handles of United Nations, Microsoft, ODSC, to name a few. His contribution to the development of the technology was recognized by Microsoft when he won the Most Valued Professional in AI award in 2020 and 2021. He is also an expert for UN/CEFACT and has recently authored a book on Responsible AI published by Springer.



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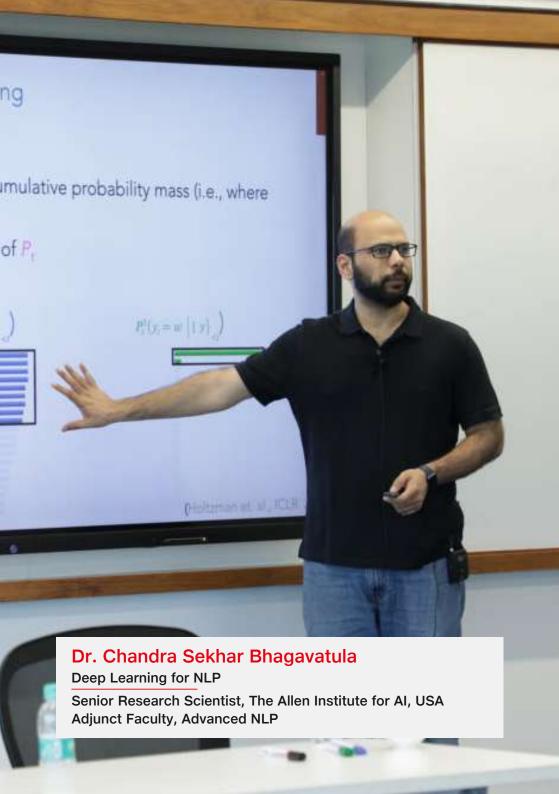
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Dr. Arindam Banerjee is a Founder Professor at the Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are in machine learning. His current research focuses on computational and statistical aspects of over-parameterized models including deep learning, spatial and temporal data analysis, generative models, and sequential decision-making problems.

His work also focuses on applications of machine learning in complex real-world and scientific domains including problems in climate science and ecology.

He has won several awards, including the NSF CAREER award (2010), the IBM Faculty Award (2013), and seven best paper awards in top-tier venues.





Dr. Chandra Sekhar Bhagavatula Senior Research Scientist, The Allen Institute for AI, USA Adjunct Faculty, Advanced NLP

Dr. Bhagavatula is a Senior Research Scientist at the Allen Institute for Al. His primary research interests are in commonsense reasoning and natural language generation, with broad interests at the intersection of commonsense and vision. He is a co-recipient of the AAAI Outstanding paper award in 2020.

He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Northwestern University and B.Tech at the National Institute of Technology (Allahabad) in India.





Dr. Harsh TanejaAssociate Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA

Dr. Taneja comes with several years of experience working in the media and advertising industry, and has been associated with Publicis Media, BBC Global News and the Indian Express newspapers in various capacities. He was also an assistant professor at the Missouri School of Journalism, University of Missouri.

His research interest focuses on explaining audience behaviour in an increasingly fragmented digital media environment and how measurement dynamics shape audiences, media and popular culture.





Dr. Partha Krishnamurthy

Larry J. Sachnowitz Professor of Marketing, Director of the Institute for Health Care Marketing, University of Houston, USA

Dr. Krishnamurthy's primary research interest is consumer behaviour and decision-making, especially in the context of health decisions.

His work has been published in a variety of peer-reviewed journals such as Journal of Consumer Research, Marketing Science, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, PLOS One, Pain Physician, Pain Reports, Journal of Medical Internet Marketing, among others.

Dr. Krishnamurthy consults with a variety of organizations, including the Food and Drug Administration, Stanford University and various start-ups, primarily focusing on statistical modelling of data and/or customer-focused study designs.





Dr. Frank Mulhern

Associate Dean of Research and Executive Director of Academic Programs in San Francisco, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, USA

Dr. Mulhern holds the prestigious Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani Chair at Medill. His research focuses on the economics of marketing, the impact of media technology on marketing communications, and the role of employees in customer experiences.

Dr. Mulhern contributes regularly to international journals such as Journal of Marketing, Journal of Marketing Communications, Journal of Retailing, International Journal of Research in Marketing, Journal of Interactive Marketing and Journal of Business Research. He is also a co-author of the textbook titled Marketing Communications: Integrated Theory, Strategy, and Tactics.

Dr. Mulhern is also regularly invited to speaks at corporations and universities, and teach courses for executive education programmes in the US, Europe and Asia. He was previously on the faculty at the Smeal College of Business Administration, Pennsylvania State University. He earned his PhD. in Marketing from the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin.



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Digital and Social Media Marketing

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Dr. Shah's research focuses on linking marketing strategies to the financial performance of firms. His research approach entails developing new conceptual frameworks or conducting quantitative analyses to develop data-driven managerial insights.

His work has been published in top journals such as the Journal of Marketing Research, Harvard Business Review, Marketing Science, Journal of Marketing, Sloan Management Review, and has won several prestigious awards, such as the Paul Root Award, ISMS Practice-Prize Award, and the Robert D. Buzzell best paper award. He is the co-editor of the book 'Handbook of Research on Customer Equity in Marketing'.

Dr Shah is a 2015 MSI Young Scholar and recipient of seven teaching excellence awards. In 2018, he was awarded the Varadarajan Award. Previously, Dr. Shah worked for multinational consulting firms in the USA and India and has a rich experience of working on consulting projects involving different industry verticals.



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Dr. Sethuraman received his PhD in marketing from Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University, and his research focuses on national brandstore brand competition, price-advertising strategies and brand equity. He has taught several marketing courses, written many cases in marketing and introduced several online teaching tools, for which he was awarded the Eugene Byrne teaching innovation award in 2010.

He has published articles in leading journals and won many research awards. He is currently editor-in-chief of the Journal of Retailing and has served as editorial/advisory board member for other journals including the Journal of Marketing Research, Marketing Science and so on.

Dr. Sethuraman also consults for commercial and nonprofit organizations, including Samsung Telecommunications, KPMG, and the Center for Nonprofit Management. He is also the founder-president of Charity through Art (CHAART) Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to raising money for the underprivileged by organizing music and dance performances.



Dr. Prashant Malaviya

Strategic Brand Management

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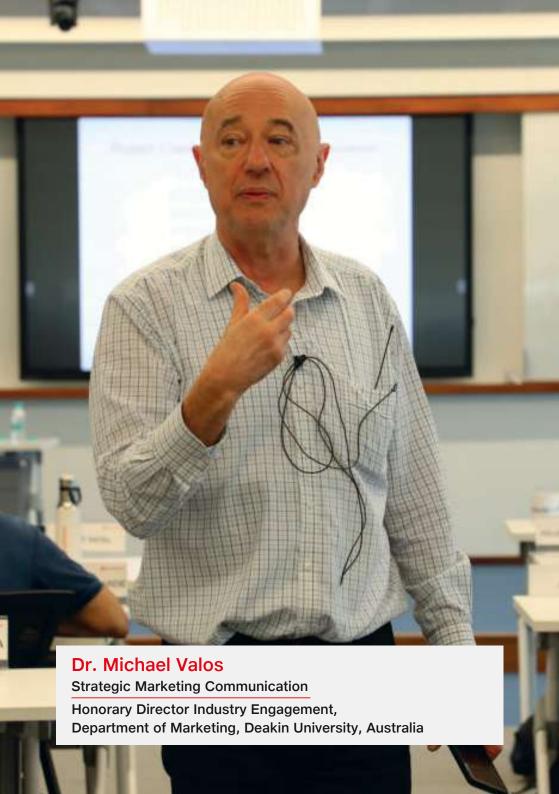
Dr. Prashant Malaviya

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Dr. Malaviya is a consumer psychologist by training and his research focuses on understanding how consumers use information to make product judgments and consumption decisions. His research insights have been published in leading marketing journals such as Journal of Consumer Research, Journal of Consumer Psychology, Journal of Marketing Research, Psychology & Marketing and so on.

Dr. Malaviya has also taught courses on brand management, marketing strategy, consumer behaviour and related topics at INSEAD, France; University of Illinois, Chicago; Wharton School, UK; ALBA Graduate Business School, Greece; and at the Kellogg School of Management, USA.

Currently, he serves on the editorial review board of the Journal of Consumer Research and the Journal of Consumer Psychology. Malaviya holds a PhD in Marketing, with a minor in Social Psychology, from the Kellogg School, Northwestern University, and an MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi.





Dr. Michael Valos Honorary director industry engagement, Department of Marketing, Deakin University, Australia

Dr. Valos's research has focused on multi-channel marketing, marketing communications, programmatic media buying, digital marketing and social media. His work has appeared in a number of scholarly journals, including the Journal of Marketing Management, The Journal of Strategic Marketing and the European Business Review. He is the co-author of two textbooks on integrated marketing communications.

Dr. Valos earned his PhD at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, and has taught many marketing courses, including Consumer Behaviour, Marketing Management, Product Management, Market Research, Marketing Planning, etc., going on to win the Best Postgraduate Teacher award in 2022 for Integrated Marketing Communications.

He conducts approximately 12 focus groups annually with senior marketers from blue-chip organizations such as Singapore Airlines, National Australia Bank, NBN, Unisuper, BP, etc., on topical marketing trends and issues. This informs his teaching magazine articles and university course curricula.





Mr. Dominic D'Souza Head Legal (Consultant) at Balaji Telefilms Ltd.

Mr. D'Souza is a legal professional with over two decades of experience and expertise in the media and entertainment industry. Presently, he is also Vice Chair at the Indian National Association of Legal Professionals. Over the years, he has worked with several national and international production houses and broadcast channels such as STAR, Disney, ZEE, UT, Hinduja Ventures Ltd, to name a few. In recognition of his contribution in the field of intellectual property, the World Intellectual Property Forum has recognized him as one of the 'Best Leading Lawyer 2022' who have built a successful career in legal.

Mr. D'Souza is considered a source of authority with reference to Indian governmental bodies and industry trade bodies in the media, IP, the broadcasting and telecom regulatory sectors. He is associated with various educational institutions and has been a part of various national and APAC IPR summits and conferences.





Mr Abhishek Hariharan Brand Strategy & Communications Consultant

Mr Hariharan is an advertising professional with over 15 years of experience working with agencies like Ogilvy, MullenLowe, Lintas & Leo Burnett. His last stint was as Head of Strategy at MullenLowe in Sri Lanka, where he led the agency effort to win EFFIE Sri Lanka Agency of the Year as well as Campaign Magazine Agency of the Year for two years in a row.

As a brand communications strategist, he has worked on major brands like Thums Up, Maaza, Lifebuoy, Surf Excel, Clinic Plus, Asian Paints, among others. Keen on sharing his experience with students and youngsters, he is frequently invited for guest lectures at Goa Institute of Management, Sophia College and Wilson College. He is a graduate of MICA, Ahmedabad.





Mr Nitesh Mohanty Educator, Design Consultant & Visual Artist

Mr Mohanty is a visual artist and a design consultant to various brands across retail, fashion, media, publishing and hospitality industries. Over the last 16 years, he has worked with clients such as Mocha Coffees and Conversation, Shoppers' Stop, Penguin Books India, Rolling Stones, Smoke House Grill, Films Division, Oxfam India, Amnesty International, etc.

Mr Mohanty is also the co-founder of 'The Root', a platform initiated to propagate various social, cultural, political and ecological concerns through different literary and creative mediums. He curated 'The Root Reel', which showcased independent features, documentaries, world cinema and animation films from closer home and worldwide. He is also a visiting faculty at the School of Media and Culture Studies, TISS; Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design, and Technology; and FTII.

Mr Mohanty graduated from Sir J.J. School of Art, Bombay, followed by a postgraduation in textile design from NID, Ahmedabad.

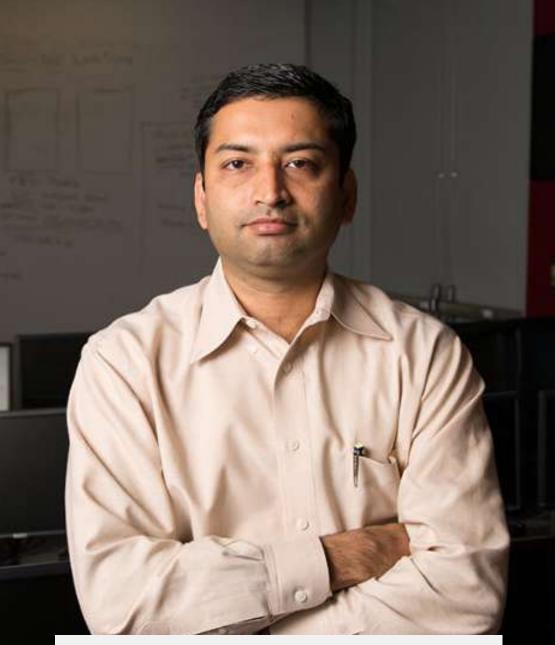




Pratibha Vinayak Adjunct Professor at MICA

Ms Vinayak has over 35 years of experience covering virtually every area of communication and media, ranging from communication strategy, publishing, strategic media planning and buying to broadcasting, research, public relations, corporate PR and training. Her experience extends across a wide range of industries as well, covering FMCG, personal care, foods and beverages, telecom, finance and investment, home durables, automotive, confectioneries, travel, jewelry and luxury goods.

She has worked with leading companies like the Reader's Digest, JWT, Mindshare, Sony Television and Carat Media. She pioneered new buying practices to improve efficiencies vastly when she took charge of the media buying function for the Unilever Media AOR at Mindshare Fulcrum. She helped set up the Aditya Birla Group Media AOR, the second-largest AOR at Mindshare after Unilever and later managed a corporate role, managing and developing talent. She has over 10 years teaching experience as adjunct faculty at MICA.



Dr. Seshadri Tirunillai

Digital Media Metrics & Analytics

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Dr. Seshadri's research interests are related to social media (user-generated content), advertising, marketing strategy, and sales. His past honours include the O'Dell Award (2019) for the Journal of Marketing Research article published the last five years that has made the most significant, long-term contribution to marketing theory, methodology, and/or practice; Lehmann Award (2015) for best paper based on dissertation in Journal of Marketing/Journal of Marketing Research; John A. Howard/AMA Doctoral Dissertation Award (2012); and best paper based on doctoral dissertation at European Marketing Conference (2009). He was a finalist for the Marketing Science Institute-Paul Root Award (2020), Bass Dissertation award (2014, INFORMS Marketing Science) and an honorable mention in Shankar-Spiegel Award (2008), instituted by Marketing EDGE (formerly Direct Marketing Educators Foundation).



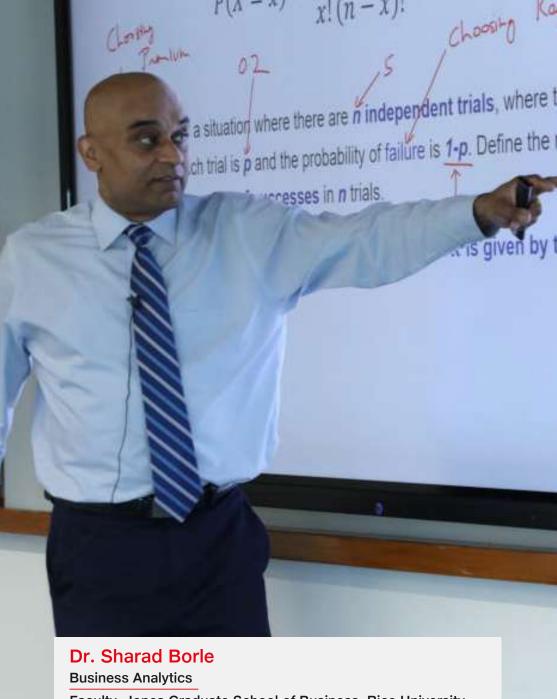


Mr. Anurag Mishra

ICF Certified Executive Coach Visiting Professor/
Interview Panel Board Member - IIFT (AACSB accredited)

Mr Mishra is an IF Certified Executive Coach and is accredited with Advanced Coach credentials (PCC) from International Coaching Federation (IC). A visiting professor at leading educational institutions, he comes with over two decades of professional experience in the telecom, banking & financial services and media industries. He has handled industry verticals like M&D, BFSI, IT/ITEs, and Media as a B2B/B2C business at various leadership levels.

He has served on the interview panel board of premier educational institutions, including an AACSB-accredited institution for its flagship programmes, and is a mentor to MBA (1st Year) students at one of the Indian Institutes of Managements. He is certified in International Assessment tools such as like EQi -2.0/EQ 360 and MIT's Theory U and is also a certified Enneagram Practitioner.



Faculty, Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA



Dr. Sharad Borle

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Dr. Bore holds a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University, USA, and an MBA from XLRI Institute of Management and a BTech from the IIT (BHU), in India. His expertise lies in business statistics and data analytics, and his research centers around the core discipline of applying 'Bayesian Econometrics' to a variety of settings.

Dr. Borle is a visiting faculty at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, and the Sasin Institute of Management, Bangkok, and teaches various quantitative courses in the business programmes at these schools. He has consulted with a variety of organizations in the past and is currently involved in analysing the impact of social media on players' on-field performance for a major sports leagues in the USA.





Mr. Chandrachur Ghosh Former CEO, Digispice Technologies Ltd.

Mr. Chandrachur Ghosh is a professional with more than 3 decades of cross functional work experience in Marketing & Business strategy, Product Development & Product Management, Sales and as a Business Unit Head with P&L responsibility with responsibilities spanning across Sales, Marketing, business operations & Customer retention functions.

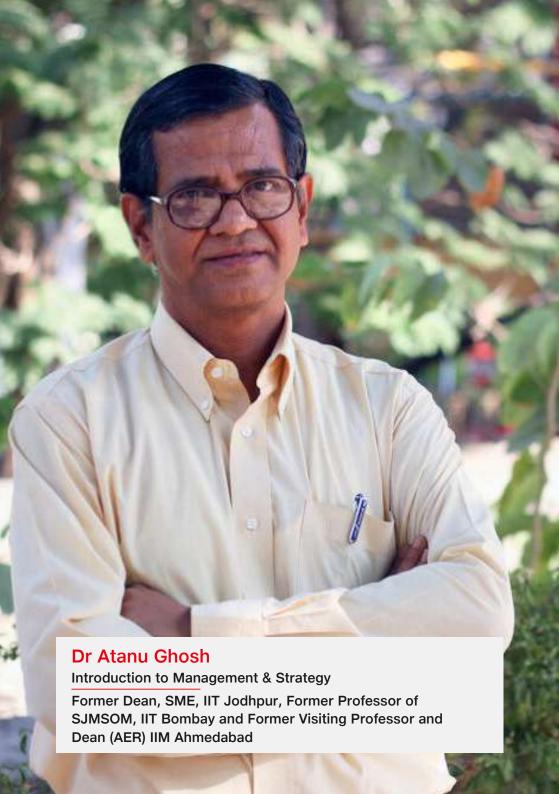
Handled pan India portfolio and operations in senior/CXO level positions since 2006.

COO/ CEO since 2018 with All Functions reporting into me namely, Sales , Marketing & Product Management, Analytics, Finance, Operations & Customer support, Tech. support, HR & Admin.

As the COO /CEO of the organisation, I am end-to-end responsible for all business operations and for delivering from the gross revenue targets to the EBITDA margins, collections and cash flow

Hands-on experience in Big Data analytics platforms and the deployment of the propensity & recommendation models based on machine learning in the customer engagement programs.

Digital Business: In depth exposure across a gamut of Digital services & products. Hands on experience in strategizing & implementing customer engagement & revenue enhancement programs across digital services, data and voice products.





Dr. Atanu Ghosh

Former Dean, SME, IIT Jodhpur, Former Professor of SJMSOM, IIT Bombay and Former Visiting Professor and Dean (AER) IIM Ahmedabad

Dr. Atanu Ghosh was a Professor at the SJM School of Management, IIT Bombay since September 1999 till July 2020. He was a Visiting Professor in Business Policy area, IIMA from April 2008 to June 2012 (on leave from IITB).

Former Dean, School of Management & Entrepreneurship (SME), Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur (August 2020- February 2021)

He teaches and researches in the area Strategy, Leadership and Marketing. His major areas of interest are Business and Corporate Strategy, Leadership & Innovation, Services Marketing and Customer satisfaction.

Dr. Ghosh has close to 21 years of experience as an academic and more than 18 years of senior level corporate experience with many textile and apparel organizations in India and abroad; as well as on many consultancy assignments. Presented papers and delivered invited talks at many national and international conferences/ seminars /workshops and also at many institutions in India and abroad.

Has conceptualized a new way of learning about the leadership from the leaders of various walks of life and implemented it successfully for 10 years. He has been the Project Leader of a world-wide study of Internet usage by the business sectors in India.

He was the first Dean (Alumni & External Relationships) of IIM Ahmadabad from August 2010 to June 2012.

He authored the book titled "Strategies for Growth", published by Random House India in 2010, as part of IIMA Business Book Series.





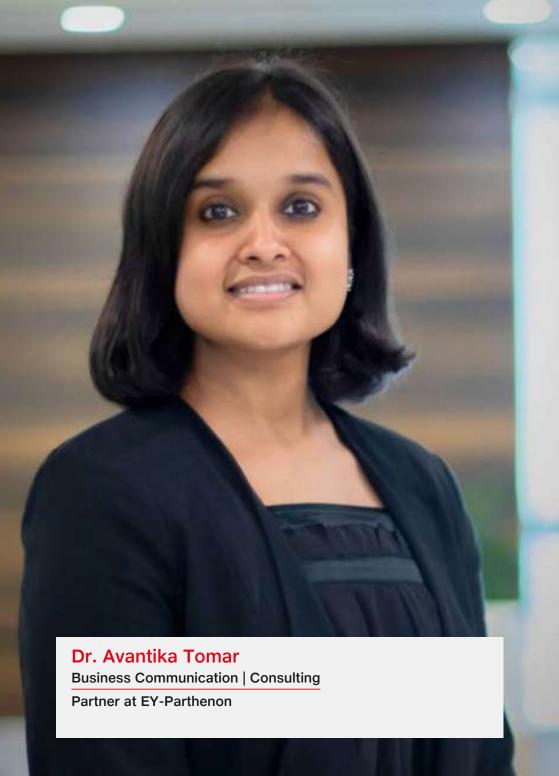
Dr. Rasananda Panda Professor of Economics and Management, MICS

Prof. Rasananda Panda, a distinguished Professor at MICA with a commendable 29-year journey encompassing teaching, research, and academic leadership in the field of Economics and Management. He hails from Odisha and has resided in Gujarat since 1994, Prof. Panda holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Analytical and Applied Economics from Utkal University

As an economist, Prof. Panda's passion lies in delving into India's post-independence political and economic history. With a robust academic background, his interests span Industry Analysis, Behavioural Economics, Political Economy of Policy Making, and Econometric Modelling, with a focus on India's business landscape and emerging markets.

From his inception as a Trainee Academic Associate at IIM Ahmedabad to his current role at MICA, his tenures include impactful roles at SLIMS, Gujarat University; MICA; and Pandit Deendayal Energy University, where he also served as Chief Economist at Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation.

At MICA, Prof. Panda has led administrative and academic reforms, chairing committees and even serving as Registrar from 2018 to 2020. His extensive industry insights make him a sought-after consultant, complementing his wide-ranging academic publications.





Dr. Avantika Tomar Partner at EY-Parthenon

Avantika Tomar is a dynamic professional, an experienced management consultant, and a trusted advisor. With a career spanning diverse sectors and global landscapes, this individual shines as a catalyst for strategic transformation.

In the capacity of a Partner at EY-Parthenon, Avantika spearheads growth in the Education practice, focusing on K-12, Higher Education, EdTech, and Public Policy. With a proven record, she helps drive education strategy and due diligence for global school chains, universities, and VC/PE firms.

She has also served as a guest faculty at esteemed institutions like IIM Calcutta, IIM Trichy, and more where she helps bring real-world insights to classrooms. Her global experience extends to Australia's BITSoM, University of New South Wales, IIT Kharagpur, and beyond, enriching minds with strategic HR, communications, and entrepreneurship insights.

During her time as a Senior Principal and Global Lead at Mercer, she played an instrumental role in orchestrating Mercer's Future of Work initiative globally. Her leadership in developing narratives, strategic planning, relationship management, and generating content awareness contributed to Mercer's success.

Avantika's consultancy journey includes Principal roles at Mercer Sydney/Riyadh and as Senior Strategy Manager at Westpac Group. She has also led projects for universities, sports organizations, and more, showcasing a versatile grasp of sectors.

As a Strategy Associate at Woolworths Ltd., and Senior Associate at The Boston Consulting Group, she also contributed to transformative projects in diverse sectors. Avantika's journey began as a Software Engineer, infusing tech with real-world applications. Her professional insights were showcased as keynote speaker and presenter at influential events like the World Economic Forum Industry Events, Corporate Research Forum, and more.



Mr. Gokul Kamath

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He brings a unique blend of experience and insight to drive success. Mr Kamath has a strong academic foundation in B. Tech Mechanical Engineering from the University of Calicut.

As the former Director of GEMS B School in Bangalore, Gokul Kamath's leadership, strategic vision, and dynamic approach have shaped a generation of leaders poised to make a difference in the world. From 2009 to 2013, Gokul Kamath was the Head of Distribution Business Development, where he orchestrated remarkable growth trajectories. His prowess in crafting effective B2B sales strategies and distribution management has set benchmarks in the industry.

As a consultant trainer and adjunct faculty at premier Management Institutes in India, Gokul Kamath's expertise spans B2B Sales, Distribution Management, Selling Skills, and Leadership through Personal Mastery.

He is also a co-founder and an active board member of GEMS B School, Gokul Kamath offers insights into leadership and industry trends that are pivotal in steering the institution towards excellence.

Gokul Kamath's consultancy skills have assisted global enterprises in establishing their footprint in India, while his knack for crafting robust distribution networks has paved the way for successful market entries. Since 2013, Gokul Kamath has been instrumental in nurturing professionals in Sales, Distribution Management, Brand Management, and Strategic Management. His holistic approach extends to vital life skills such as Stress Management, Leadership, Spirituality, and Personal Mastery.

As a consultant trainer, Gokul Kamath collaborates with top Indian and Multinational companies, imparting 'Advanced Selling Skills' and 'Managing Distribution' to front-line sales forces and territory managers. He also mentors senior management in 'Inspired Leadership through Personal Mastery'. Step into a world of empowerment, innovation, and transformative leadership with Gokul Kamath. Embrace the journey towards excellence.





Dr. Amy Schwartz Adjunct Lecturer, Segal Design Institute, Northwestern University, USA

For over 30 years, Dr. Schwartz has used her training as a cognitive psychologist to humanize technology and has applied her expertise in human-centred design across a wide range of challenges. She is a frequent speaker and coach for this human-centered approach to innovation. She spent 20 years at the design innovation consultancy IDEO, where she led the design research for some of IDEO's most innovative and successful designs.

Dr. Schwartz has worked with a wide variety of clients, from start-ups to industry giants like Baxter, Eli Lilly and American Express as well as clients in the governmental and public sectors. She is the Design Researcher in Residence at MATTER, the Chicago health-tech incubator where she advises and mentors teams on design research and rich and centered design. She is part of the Chicago Innovation Mentor Network, based at MATTER. She consults as a Principal at Empathic Innovation, LLC.





Dr. Ankita Bansal Assistant Professor, Jio Institute

Dr. Ankita Bansal is Assistant Professor of Biomedical & Life Sciences and Principal Investigator of the Cancer Metabolism and Therapeutics laboratory.

Ankita earned her doctorate at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where she used the nematode C. elegans as a model system to study the genetics of aging. Her research emphasized the significant physiological differences between healthspan and elongated lifespan, and found that the genes regulating longevity are different from those implicated in health. This highly cited work had a profound influence in the field of aging research.

Ankita continued her training at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and Perelman School of Medicine at University of Pennsylvania, and discovered novel pathways and combinatorial approaches to target tumor cells by limiting their nutrient availability. At the Jio Institute, her laboratory would investigate dependencies in metabolically reprogrammed cancer cells and pursue these targets for precision therapeutics.

Ankita has a deep passion for technology transfer and turning scientific advancements into useful tangible products for our patients. She has worked extensively at the top academic incubation and technology transfer centers at the University of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Mount Sinai, and wants to bridge the gap between academic research prototypes and final products. She wants to build on her academic and technology transfer experience to support the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative at the Jio Institute.





Dr. Samik Mukherjee Assistant Professor, Jio Institute

Dr. Samik Mukherjee is an Assistant Professor, at the Jio Institute, Navi Mumbai, India, specializing in the field of semiconductor science and technologies. He has a diverse academic background, holding graduate and postgraduate degrees in Physics, Radiophysics and Electronics, and Applied Sciences from reputed universities in India and France. In 2017, he completed his Ph.D. from the Nano and Quantum Semiconductor Laboratory, at Ecole Polytechnique, Montreal (Canada), where he demonstrated the impact of stable semiconductor isotopes on fundamental properties of nanoscale semiconductors. Thereafter, he served as a postdoctoral researcher in Canada, the USA, and Germany, working on advanced fundamental topics as well as industry-oriented projects.

Over the years, his accomplishments have yielded a deeper understanding of the growth and fundamental properties of technologically relevant nanostructured semiconductors and paved the path to the development of exciting and new applications. His research is highlighted in peer-reviewed publications, across several high-impact journals and internationally acclaimed conferences. His research expertise is in the epitaxial growth of semiconductors using a variety of deposition techniques; advanced characterization of materials by employing a wide range of microscopy, spectroscopy, and tomography techniques; device nanofabrication and their performance optimization; to name a few.

He is currently invested in harnessing novel phenomena in nano- and quantum-scale semiconductors, to achieve superior functionalities with potential impact on nanoelectronics, optoelectronics, photonics, clean energy harvesting, bio-integrable technologies, quantum technologies, and many more.



Prof. Dr. Joseph Maguire

Sociological Production and Consumption of Sport

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Professor Maguire completed his PhD in Sociology at the University of Leicester. He is a two-term former President of the International Sociology of Sport Association. He has also been the Co-Director for the Centre of Olympic Studies at Loughborough University.

He was also formerly an executive board member of the International Council for Sports Science and Physical Education, Velux Visiting Professor at the University of Copenhagen, and Professor Extraordinaire at the University of the Western Cape and a Visiting Professor at the AISTS programme hosted by EPFL and UNIL in Lausanne.

Currently, he external reviewer of the doctoral and post-doctoral research programmes of the FWO Brussels, and a reviewer for the Carnegie Trust, Scotland, serves on the UK's Economic, Social Research Council Peer Review College and acts as an external reviewer for the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Professor Maguire was also formerly a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities Scholarship Scheme and acts as an external reviewer for applications for promotion to Professorships at universities in the UK and abroad. Professor Maguire is also a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS).





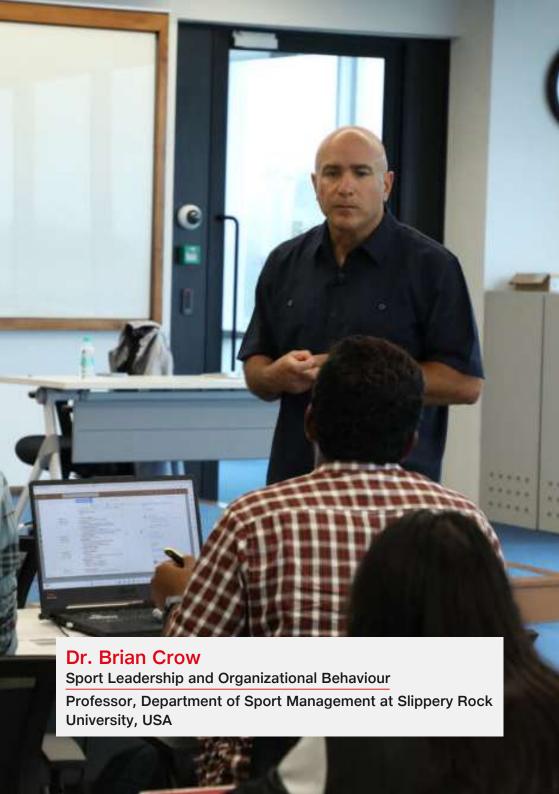
Dr. Matthew T. Brown Department Chair & Associate Professor, Sport and Entertainment Management, University of South Carolina, USA

Matthew T. Brown teaches and researches in the areas of sport business and finance. Brown's research has led to publications in journals like the Journal of Sport Management, Sport Marketing Quarterly, Entertainment and Sport Law Journal, the International Journal of Sport Finance, and Sport Management Review. In addition, he has made numerous national and international research presentations.

Brown currently serves as the chair of the Department of Sport and Entertainment Management. During the 2020-2021 academic year he served as Interim Dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management. Prior to that time, he served seven years as department chair and three as graduate director.

Brown has been a liaison between the department and the Lexington County Blowfish, a wood bat baseball team in the Coastal Plain League. In addition to his work with the Blowfish, Brown has served as the chief financial officer of the Southern Ohio Copperheads and treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Southern Ohio Collegiate Baseball Club. He was also the assistant girls varsity and head girls junior varsity tennis coach at Athens High School. In 2004, the team won its league championship.

Brown also worked in campus recreation, collegiate athletics (as both coach and administrator), and tennis club management. He served as the treasurer of the North American Society for Sport Management from 2006 to 2012. In 2003, Brown was named the Jefferson College Alumnus of the Year. He received the Garth Paton Distinguished Service Award from the North American Society for Sport Management in 2018.





Dr. Brian Crow Professor, Department of Sport Management at Slippery Rock University, USA

Dr. Brian Crow is a professor in the Department of Sport Management at Slippery Rock University, where he teaches Sport Marketing, Budgeting, and Global Sport Management. Previously, he held faculty appointments at Hampton University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Crow earned a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration (1994) and a Master of Business Administration degree (1991) from West Virginia University, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from West Liberty State College (1988).

As a consultant, Crow founded GameDay Consulting, LLC, in 2004 and has developed guest service training workshops for thousands of front-line employees and conducted mystery shops for the Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers, Baltimore Ravens, Houston Texans, West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Kentucky, University of Oregon, and Bowling Green State University in recent years.

He has served as the President of the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM).





Prof. Dr. Jennifer Smith Maguire

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She has published widely on the cultural production of consumer culture, markets, and tastes, in relation to two main areas.

Smith Maguire is currently Interim Head of Research and Innovation for Sheffield Business School. She is a member of the European Science Foundation College of Expert Reviewers. She has previously been a visiting faculty member at the AISTS programme hosted by EPFL and UNIL, Switzerland, and at Curtin University and La Trobe University, Australia.

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