



**Paul Edlund, Chief Technologist Midwest, Microsoft** Throughout his career Paul has spent much of it figuring out ways to make complex technical problems understandable for everyone. In many ways one of the hardest skills to master is navigating the complex intersection between business, ethics, and technology. Paul has sat at this intersection for much of his career. He's had the opportunity to speak about using technology for good at places like the United Nations, TED Talks, multiple webcasts and large events across the globe. Most recently, Paul is the Chief Technologist for Microsoft's central region. In this role, he focuses on applying Microsoft's long-term Research & Development to their enterprise customers. In addition, he guided customers through Microsoft's overall cybersecurity and datacenter design strategies. More recently, Paul was in a role within Microsoft to focus solely on cybersecurity and identity strategy in conjunction with one of Microsoft's largest and most strategic customers, Accenture. Paul started with Microsoft in 2007 and has held multiple roles within the company. Prior to joining Microsoft, Paul was the Chief Technology Officer at Planet Technologies. At Planet, he guided hundreds of consultants worldwide. He was responsible for the technical strategy of the company within its US federal government practice and the commercial service provider businesses internationally. Prior to that, Paul co-founded a company called eQuest Technologies where he was also Chief Technology Officer. Paul is a native Chicagoan who lives in the city with his wife and two children. He attended the University of Arizona before returning to Chicago and graduating from Loyola University with a BS in Economics in 1991 where he currently serves on the Technology Board. He has also served on the Technology Board for the Chicago Museum of Science & Industry.

**Jeff Perry, Director, Fortune Brands Innovations, Equitable Funds, MasterBrand**

Jeff is Founder & CEO of Lead Mandates LLC, a business advisory firm that helps organizations improve business and leadership performance. In 2020, Jeff retired as Global Client Service Partner at Ernst & Young LLP (EY), accountable for overall client relationship with the C-suite of Fortune 200 Consumer Products accounts. Previously, he was Americas Operational Transaction Services Practice Leader within EY's Transaction Advisory Services, helping Fortune 1000 and private equity clients operationalize strategies associated with M&A, integrations, divestitures, and transformations. Jeff also served on EY's U.S. Executive Board. Prior to joining EY in 2004, he held leadership positions with A.T. Kearney Inc., including Co-Leader of the firm's merger integration offering in North America. Jeff is a member of corporate and non-profit boards including: Board Director, Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc. (NYSE: FBIN); Independent Director (Trustee), Equitable Funds; Board Director, MasterBrand, Inc. (NYSE: MBC); Board of Trustees Chair, Babson College; Immediate Past Board Chair, Chicago Children's Museum; Former Board Chair, INROADS Inc.; Board Director, National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Chicago Chapter; Former Board Director, Harvard Business School African-American Alumni Association; Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) Council of Board Chairs. In addition, he is included in Savoy Magazine 2021 Most Influential Black Corporate Directors and Financial Times Agenda Diversity 100. Jeff received his B.S. in Marketing/Quantitative Methods, with high distinction, from Babson College and M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Jeff and his wife Dena are the parents of three children and reside in Lake Forest, IL.



**Ellen Carnahan, Principal, Machrie Enterprises LLC** Ellen is a venture capitalist with over 20 years of success as co-manager and lead technology investor at William Blair Capital Partners (WBCP), at Machrie Enterprises, Ellen provides angel capital, expertise and extensive connections to growth businesses. She has been a director of 25 public and private companies, currently working with two, Enova and The Jackson funds. Prior to joining WBCP, she was Vice President of Marketing at SPSS (analytical software) and held management roles in financial services. Passionate about the community, she has served as Chair of The Metropolitan Planning Council, Communities in Schools of Chicago; The Illinois Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, and The Chicago Network. She graduated as a salutatorian from the University of Notre Dame and received an MBA with honors from the University of Chicago.



**Christine Livingston, AI Consulting Managing Director, Protiviti** Christine is a Managing Director at Protiviti, responsible for technology AI-ML and innovation solutions. With over a decade of experience in AI-ML deployment, she has delivered hundreds of successful AI solutions, including many first-in-class AI-enabled applications. She has helped several Fortune 500 clients develop practical strategies for enterprise adoption of new and emerging technology, including the creation of capability-driven AI-enabled technology roadmaps. She focuses on identifying emerging technology opportunities, developing innovation strategies, and incorporating AI-ML capabilities into enterprise solutions.



**Will Snyder, CEO, Metopio** Will Snyder is a highly accomplished business executive and community health expert. Throughout his career, Will is known for a collaborative and entrepreneurial approach to improving population health. In Chicago, he built several healthcare collaboratives. His efforts resulted in the largest collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment in the country –bringing together otherwise competing entities to better understand community needs, advocate for policy change and to support the social safety net. He has led master planning efforts to get both health systems and community members to think differently about the role that anchor institution hospitals can play for their neighborhoods. Will believes that this type of work can be replicated with the right access to the right data. When he served as an advisor to Bon Secours Health System, he helped redirect capital funds to revitalize a neglected commercial corridor around a community hospital. That work, in part, led USA Today to name the East End of Richmond one of the 10 most vibrant neighborhoods in the country. A veteran of too many CHNAs and CHIPs to count, Will derives great joy from partnering with public health and healthcare leaders in communities across the country to help them understand their data to improve outcomes. Will graduated from NYU and began his career at NPR where he spent two years helping to develop digital strategy and capacity for member stations. He went on to earn a master’s in public policy from the University of Chicago before leading External Affairs for some of the largest health systems in the country.



**Angie Grover, Co-Founder and COO, Metopio** Metopio provides ridiculously easy data and tools to integrate community context into organizational decision-making. Metopio gives users the confidence and tools to explore data, create actionable insights and tell an impactful story. No coding or data science training required. Prior to launching Metopio, Angie served as the Vice President for Government Affairs and Public Policy at AMITA Health, the largest health system based in Illinois (now part of Ascension Health). She led the government affairs team tackling some of healthcare’s thorniest issues and winning awards for advancing telehealth. Angie has held leadership positions over the past 30 years that capitalized on her expertise in healthcare, technology, data, and public affairs hoping to make a difference in the world. She helped create nearly a billion dollars for public conservation at the Nature Conservancy, advised elected officials from coast to coast, consulted a winning campaign in Costa Rica, and presented in Thailand at the World Conservation Congress. Her corporate experience was with McKesson Corporation, a Fortune 5 company, where she led the state

government affairs team winning campaigns in every state except Idaho. And yes, she is still looking for that Idaho opportunity. Angie is currently earning her M.B.C. from the University of Utah to complement her B.S. in political science from Drake University and paralegal certificate from the University of San Diego. She frequently speaks on panels and shares insights on topics such as the delivery of healthcare, how to use data to drive decisions in the public and private sector as well as creating successful public affairs programs to advance policy. Angie is honored to serve on the Board of New Moms, a social services agency that interrupts the cycle of poverty by offering housing, job training and family support to young moms and at-risk families in Chicago. She is also a Village of River Forest Mental Health Committee member and a Board Member for the Partnership for a Connected Illinois, an organization seeking to maximize broadband's impact and use, especially in providing access to healthcare through telehealth.

**Kate Waimey Timmerman, CEO, Chicago Quantum Exchange**

Kate Waimey Timmerman is CEO of the Chicago Quantum Exchange, a catalyst for advancing academic and industrial efforts in the science and engineering of quantum information. The Exchange is a collaboration between the University of Chicago, Argonne National Laboratory, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Northwestern University and more than 30 industry partners. Kate fosters emerging research partnerships, builds education and workforce development initiatives, and grows the regional quantum economy. She is a board member of P33, a private sector initiative to turbocharge Chicago's tech economy; and chairs the advisory board of QuSTEAM, an NSF-funded initiative to build a national undergraduate curriculum for quantum information science and engineering. Kate earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of California, Davis and her bachelor's degree from Oberlin College.



**Dr. Pranav Gokhale, VP of Quantum Software, Infleqtion** Dr. Pranav Gokhale is Infleqtion's VP of Quantum Software. He was previously the co-founder and CEO of Super.tech, which was acquired by ColdQuanta in May 2022. Pranav has a PhD in quantum computer science from UChicago, where his research led to three best paper awards, over a dozen publications, and three patents. His work spans the full stack, from low-level pulse optimization to compilation to fault-tolerant quantum algorithm design and benchmarking.



**Konstantinos Karagiannis, Director of Quantum Computer Services, Protiviti** Konstantinos helps companies get ready for quantum opportunities and threats. He has been involved in the quantum computing industry since 2012, and in InfoSec since the 90s. He is a frequent speaker at RSA, Black Hat, Defcon, and dozens of conferences worldwide. He also hosts Protiviti's Post-Quantum World podcast.



**Greg Hedges, Founding Managing Director, Protiviti, Adjunct Faculty, Emerging Technologies, University of Notre Dame** Greg Hedges is a founding managing director of Protiviti, the leading global risk consultancy with thousands of professionals in 78 offices and 28 countries. He uses plain English to help CEOs and board members explore and understand the challenges and opportunities they face with emerging technologies. Hedges then works to devise strategies on how

technology and analytics improve business operations. He has more than 35 years of experience helping clients deploy these solutions in secure ways. Hedges is an adjunct professor at the University of Notre Dame, as well as a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and the Chicago Quantum Exchange. He also represents the industry in the Quantum Cohort Council for P33. Hedges has an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago.