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# DIVERSITY ■ DISCUSSION ■ DEBATE

## Made in Ohio: The Coming Manufacturing Supercycle

July 19, 2023



**Ryan Augsburger** President, The Ohio Manufacturers' Association [@raugsburgeroma](#) [OHIOFMFG](#)  
Ryan Augsburger is president of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association. In his role, Augsburger is responsible for leading Ohio's largest community of manufacturing enterprises. For more than 110 years, the association has served as the voice of Ohio's largest economic sector, advocating to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing.

Augsburger also leads the OMA Energy Group, a subsidiary organization formed to advocate on energy matters at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and in other legal venues. Prior to being named president of the organization, Augsburger led the OMA's lobbying efforts at the Statehouse for more than 15 years while also spearheading the association's member involvement in public affairs activities.

Augsburger received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University.



**Bill LaFayette, Ph.D.**  
Founder & Owner, Regionomics  
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Bill LaFayette, Ph.D. is the founder and owner of Regionomics®, a consulting firm focused on helping clients understand and thrive in small-area economies. Services include economic development strategy, workforce strategy, economic impact analysis, economic and demographic analysis, and fiscal analysis. LaFayette brings to his work nearly 25 years of experience in economic development and economic analysis in central Ohio.

LaFayette earned his Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting, and an MBA in Investment Management, both from Wright State University, and a Ph.D. in Real Estate Economics from The Ohio State University,



**Damon Richardson**  
SVP of Manufacturing, American Nitrile  
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Damon Richardson has more than 25 years of direct experience in nitrile glove manufacturing, including working in Malaysia for a top three global glove company. Richardson has extensive experience managing international supply chains and is deeply connected into the entire glove manufacturing supporting industries.

He has been working on operating concepts to bring glove manufacturing to the US for the past five years.

Richardson has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nevada.



**Doug Buchanan**  
Editor in Chief, Columbus Business First  
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Doug Buchanan started with Columbus Business First in 1998, first as a Reporter and Editor, then Managing Digital Director, ultimately taking his current role as Editor in Chief in 2017.

Prior to this, he was a writer for The Daily Reporter, the Delaware Gazette, and held a temporary assignment at the Associated Press. After college, Buchanan taught English as a second language and worked for the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education in Oita, Japan.

Buchanan received a Bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies from Wittenberg University and a Master's degree in journalism from The Ohio State University.



**Daniela Villaca**  
Human Resources Director, Acoust-A-Fiber

Daniela Villaca is currently Director of Human Resources at Acoust-A-Fiber, an automotive manufacture. Prior to this role, Villaca worked at Ashland Specialty Chemicals responsible for global leadership development.

A native of Brazil, Villaca has lived in Brazil, Tanzania, Canada, and the US. Her work is driven by her passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Human Resources Associates Degree from Columbus State Community College, her Juris Doctor from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, and a Master's Degree in Public Law from Universidade Gama Filho.

# Today's Attendees

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023

## Preserving Intellectual Freedom in Public Libraries

Featuring **Patrick Losinski**, CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library, **Felton Thomas, Jr.**, Executive Director, CEO, Cleveland Public Library, **Matthew Besser**, Principal, Bolek Besser Glesius, and **Michelle Francis**, Executive Director, Ohio Library Council, with host to be announced.

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AUGUST 2, 2023

## Reimagining Education in Ohio

Featuring **Susan Tave Zelman**, Ph.D., Former Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Co-Author of "The Buying and Selling of American Education: Reimagining a System of Schools", **Angela Chapman**, Ed.D., Superintendent/CEO, Columbus City Schools, and **Scott DiMauro**, President, Ohio Education Association, with host **Jackie Walker**, Executive Director, SkillsUSA Ohio.

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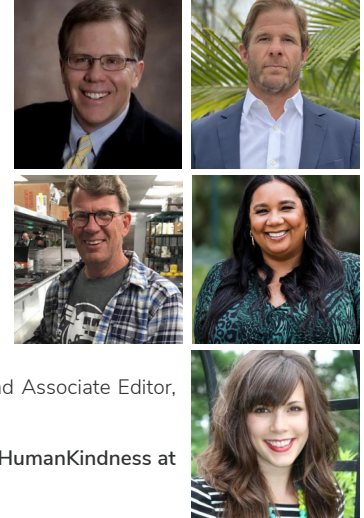
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

## Ghost Kitchens, Virtual Restaurants, & Delivery Apps: How Tech is Disrupting Dining

Featuring **John Barker**, President & CEO, The Ohio Restaurant Association, **Bennett Goldberg**, Partner, Maker Kitchens, **Chris Baggott**, Co-Founder and CEO, ClusterTruck, and **Lisa A. Gutierrez**, Founder and CEO, Dos Hermanos Taco Truck, Founder and Food-Based Business Coach, Food Truck Millionaire, with host **Susan Post**, Editor, The Metropreneur, and Associate Editor, Columbus Underground.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

## Black Mothers Matter: Combatting the Maternal Mortality Epidemic

*Optimal Health Series*

Featuring **Erica Crawley**, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and **Jatu Boikai**, Nurse Manager, Maternity Services, Mount Carmel Health System, with additional panelists to be announced.

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