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Questions for Ohio's Next Governor

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DIVERSITY ■ DISCUSSION ■ DEBATE



Bill Shkurti

Distinguished Adjunct Professor, The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs

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Bill Shkurti retired in 2010 after 20 years as Ohio State's Vice President for Business and Finance. He also served as Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, and as Chief of Staff to the Chair of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee.

He has written journal articles on revenue forecasting, the economic impact of Honda in Ohio, and the role of health care in Ohio's economy. He has also published two statistical profiles of the State of Ohio (Benchmark Ohio 1989 and 1991) and a book on the challenges of the drawdown from the Vietnam War, *Soldiering on in a Dying War*, published by the University Press of Kansas in 2011. With Fran Stewart, Ph.D., Shkurti has also published the "Toward a New Ohio" report in 2018 and the "Ohio's Post-Pandemic Economy" report in 2022.

Shkurti received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from The Ohio State University, along with the John Glenn College Outstanding Public Service Award in 2005.



Fran Stewart, Ph.D.

Researcher and Writer, The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs and Ohio Manufacturing Institute

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Fran Stewart, Ph.D., is a Cleveland-area independent researcher and writer. She has spent two decades developing and contributing to public policy reports on economic development and urban issues. Stewart is the author of *The STEM Dilemma: Skills That Matter to Regions*, which was published by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in 2017. She has contributed to regional studies led by universities, non-profit economic development intermediaries and PolicyBridge, a local think tank in Northeast Ohio, as well as government-sponsored analyses exploring the economic vitality of the manufacturing industry in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

A former newspaper journalist, Stewart was part of an extensive team tapped to suggest opportunities for retooling the U.S. Housing and Urban Development at the start of President Obama's first term. She is currently collaborating with Ohio State University Professor Ned Hill, formerly of Cleveland State University, on a project exploring the economic history of regions.

Stewart holds a Ph.D. from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.



Thomas Suddes

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Thomas Suddes teaches at Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism and has an extensive career as a reporter. He joined *The Plain Dealer* in 1982 and in 1983 was assigned to its Columbus bureau, where he covered the Ohio General Assembly, the state budget and Ohio politics. Suddes is a cleveland.com editorial writer and editorial board member. Since the 1980s, he's written a weekly column on Ohio politics and government that appears on Sunday in *cleveland.com/The Plain Dealer*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, and the *Dayton Daily News*.

Suddes received his Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from The Ohio State University, a Master's Degree in Journalism and a Ph.D. in Mass Communication-Journalism from Ohio University.

Today's Attendees

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

Organizational Leaders in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Why is DEI so important?

Creating programs and a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion helps every employee or a company or other community group to show up each day without fear of being their true selves. This fosters higher degrees of engagement, productivity, and innovation in every setting.

At CMC on March 9, **Ralph Smithers, Jr.**, AVP, Diversity Equity, Inclusion and Community Relations, Encova Insurance will lead a discussion on understanding and implementing effective DEI programs with panelists **Anthony Wilson, Ph.D.**, Chief Diversity Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library, **Jona Hilario, Ph.D.**, Statewide Co-Director, OPAWL – Building AAPI Feminist Leadership, **Angela Bretz**, Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer, Nationwide, and **Tanny Crane**, President and CEO, Crane Group.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

Central Ohio's Role in Cell and Gene Therapy

Optimal Health Series

Featuring **Eli Phillips Jr.**, PharmD, Vice President for Specialty Solutions, Cardinal Health, **Samantha M. Jaglowski, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Hematology, Medical Director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, and member of the Leukemia Research Program, The James Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Ohio State University, and **Timothy J. Miller, Ph.D.**, CEO, President, and Co-Founder, Forge Biologics, with host **Eddie Pauline**, President and CEO, BioOhio.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

Women Entrepreneurs & Changemakers

Mary Lazarus Legacy in Civic Engagement Forum Celebrating Women in Society


Featuring **Chevonne Harris**, Founder and CEO, ThriveIN, and **Betty Collins**, Director, Brady Ware, and host, Inspiring Women Podcast, with host **Stacia Naquin**, News Anchor, ABC6.


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 CTV, Columbus Television, airs CMC Forums on Spectrum Channel 1024, WOW Channel 3, and AT&T Channel 99. You can also watch CTV over the air on WCIZ Channel 22.4.

 WCBE 90.5 Radio airs CMC Forums on Saturdays at 10:00 AM. CMC Forums are available on the WCBE Podcast Experience website at wcbe.org/programs/columbus-metropolitan-club.

 Forums can also be seen on the CMC website at columbusmetroclub.org/archive and on CMC's YouTube channel.

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