Prasad Balkundi, PhD

Prasad Balkundi is associate professor and chair of organizations and human resources in the University at Buffalo School of Management. He received his PhD in business administration from Pennsylvania State University. His research interests include social networks and leadership in teams, and his work has appeared in the Academy of Management Journal, Academy of Management Review, Journal of Applied Psychology and Leadership Quarterly. He is on the editorial board of Organization Science and Leadership Quarterly. Balkundi’s research program involves studying social positions of individuals and teams as antecedents to effectiveness.
George Chamoun became CEO of ACV Auctions in September 2016. He was an early angel investor in ACV prior to accepting the leadership role. Since joining ACV Auctions, the company has raised more than $50 million in venture capital from leading firms such as Bessemer Venture Partners, Softbank NY, Tribeca Venture Partners and Armory Square Ventures.

ACV Auctions is disrupting a multi-billion dollar industry, the automotive wholesale space. ACV enables auto dealers to sell their wholesale vehicles to other dealers in a 20-minute digital auction. ACV Auctions is growing more than 400 percent each year and will double its footprint from 35 markets to more than 70 across the U.S. by year-end. Chamoun believes the key to success is hiring great people and enabling them with a framework to learn and succeed. He brings a successful track record of accomplishment as an entrepreneur and senior executive. He co-founded Synacor in 1998 with fellow University at Buffalo graduates, and spent the next two decades building it. Chamoun has a passion for entrepreneurship and serves as Chairman of Launch NY, a non-for-profit organization supporting the startup ecosystem for Upstate New York.
Lou DiBerardino

Lou DiBerardino is partner of risk management for Ernst & Young LLP. He has been in public accounting and private industry for 38 years and has been a partner with EY since 1992. He currently serves as an SEC independence consultant in the risk management function of EY. He previously served as tax account leader for global clients in the Northeast practice, and as tax managing partner of the New England and North Central regions. He earned his bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, from the University at Buffalo School of Management in 1980, and is past chair and a present board member of the School of Management Dean’s Advisory Council. His honors from the UB School of Management include Outstanding Accounting Alumnus in 1999 and the Samuel P. Capen Award in 2009.
Dottie Gallagher-Cohen

Dottie Gallagher-Cohen is president and CEO of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, a privately-funded, economic development organization and the largest regional chamber of commerce in Western New York. Comprised of some of the most established regional employers, its member companies employ a quarter of a million people in the region. Prior to joining the Partnership, she was president and CEO of Visit Buffalo Niagara, the region’s tourism promotion bureau. She spent nearly 15 years with The Buffalo News and served as a member of their executive management team. Gallagher-Cohen currently serves on the Buffalo Urban Development Corp., The Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA), Visit Buffalo Niagara, The Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, InvestBN, Unshackle Upstate and the UB School of Management Dean’s Advisory Council. Gallagher-Cohen received her undergraduate degree from Towson University and her MBA from the University at Buffalo School of Management.
Adam Grant, PhD

Adam Grant is professor of psychology and The Saul P. Steinberg Professor of Management at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. His TED talks on original thinkers and givers and takers have been viewed more than 7 million times. His speaking and consulting clients include Facebook, Google, the NBA, Merck, Goldman Sachs, Pixar, the U.S. Army and Navy, and the World Economic Forum, where he has been honored as a Young Global Leader. He writes on work and psychology for the New York Times, where his articles on raising moral and creative children have each been shared over 300,000 times on social media.

Grant was tenured at Wharton while still in his twenties, and has received the Excellence in Teaching Award for every class that he has taught. He is the founder and host of the Authors@Wharton speaker series, and co-director of Wharton People Analytics. He earned his PhD in organizational psychology from the University of Michigan, completing it in less than three years, and his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, magna cum laude with highest honors and Phi Beta Kappa honors. He is a former magician and Junior Olympic springboard diver, and lives in Philadelphia with his wife, two daughters, and son.
Emily Grijalva, PhD

Emily Grijalva is assistant professor of organization and human resources in the University at Buffalo School of Management. Her research focuses on gender issues, leadership and how narcissism impacts the workplace. Grijalva’s work has been published in top management and psychology journals, such as Personnel Psychology, the Academy of Management Perspectives, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, and Psychological Bulletin. Her work has also won several awards, including the 2014-15 Visibility and Impact Award from the UB School of Management, as well as awards from the Network of Leadership Scholars and the Center for Creative Leadership and International Leadership Association. She also serves on the editorial board for Personnel Psychology. Grijalva received her PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

James Lemoine, PhD

James Lemoine is assistant professor of organization and human resources in the University at Buffalo School of Management, and a researcher with the school’s Center for Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness. He has authored one book, Business Defined, as well as articles in top management journals like Harvard Business Review, and his research has been featured in Fast Company and Entrepreneur. Before returning to academia, he was an entrepreneur and a corporate executive, working for companies such as AT&T and the Schwan Food Co. Lemoine has won several awards for his research and teaching, including recognition from the International Leadership Association and the Academy of Management. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, an international
Jody L. Lomeo

Jody L. Lomeo is president and CEO of Kaleida Health, the largest health care provider and largest employer in Western New York State. Lomeo, a Buffalo native, is also president and CEO of the Great Lakes Health System of Western New York – the parent organization responsible for integrating the clinical activities of Kaleida Health, Erie County Medical Center Corp., University at Buffalo and the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

Lomeo has also facilitated the acquisition, affiliation and partnerships with numerous physicians, hospitals and health care systems. Combined, the impact of these various entities is more than $2 billion in revenue with 11 hospitals, 16,000 employees and more than 2,000 physicians. During his tenure at Kaleida Health, Lomeo has led the organization through a remarkable transformation, improving quality of care, increasing market share, improving physician and employee relations, recording budget surpluses, increasing philanthropy and facilitating new construction. Most recently, Lomeo led the planning, financing and construction of the newly opened, $270 million John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital.

He attended Fordham University before graduating from the University at Buffalo School of Management. Lomeo and his wife, Mary, live in Clarence, New York with their three boys, John, Vinny and Joe.
Tim Maynes, PhD

Tim Maynes is assistant professor of organization and human resources in the University at Buffalo School of Management. His research focuses on innovation and creativity, employee proactivity, organizational change and the process of selecting leaders. His research has been published in the Journal of Applied Psychology, the Journal of Organizational Behavior, and the Oxford Handbook of Organizational Citizenship Behavior. Prior to earning his PhD at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business, he worked as a financial statement auditor at a CPA firm for several years. Originally from California, Tim and his family have come to love Western New York, and enjoy skiing, hiking and playing sports together.
Luther Robinson, MD

Luther K. Robinson, MD, is a pediatrician at Jericho Road Community Health Center. Jericho Road’s mission is to provide a culturally sensitive medical home for the underserved and marginalized to be healthy, educated and whole. Robinson is also Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics (Genetics) at the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Prior to his role at Jericho Road, Robinson served as director of dysmorphology and clinical genetics in the Division of Genetics of the Women and Children’s Hospital of Kaleida Health for 30 years. His research focuses on environmental agents that cause birth defects, such as alcohol, as well as the diagnosis and the developmental pathogenesis of fetal alcohol syndrome, a recognizable pattern of birth defects that disproportionately affects children born to poor mothers. Robinson was an inaugural member the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)/Fetal Alcohol Effects. In addition to his work in Buffalo, Robinson has been a research associate of the National Institutes on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific articles on FAS and other birth defects. Robinson has had a longstanding concern relative to health care in underserved communities, and his contributions as a physician, researcher and advocate for FAS patient support span the globe.
Mary Ann Rogers

Mary Ann Rogers is a member of the School of Management’s Organization and Human Resources and Accounting and Law departments. She oversees the school’s undergraduate Communication Literacy program, and principally teaches communication and organizational behavior courses on the undergraduate, MBA, and Executive MBA levels. Professor Rogers also serves as visiting professor in the Singapore Institute of Management, Singapore. Throughout her career, she held a variety of administrative positions in the University at Buffalo, which included development and external relations, personnel, and resource management responsibilities. Prof. Rogers is a native of Buffalo, NY, and lives on the city’s waterfront.

Paul Tesluk, PhD

Paul Tesluk is dean and professor in the University at Buffalo School of Management and founder of the school’s Center for Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness (CLOE). An organizational psychologist, Paul’s applied work and research, which has been published in many top journals in management and been funded by NSF, NIH and other agencies, focuses on leadership development, team effectiveness and innovation, and organizational transformation and change. Paul is an elected Fellow of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, the Society for Organizational Behavior, and was Chair of the Organizational Behavior Division of the Academy of Management, the world’s largest and most prominent professional academic organization of organizational behavior scholars.
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