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**A.J.** is responsible for developing and executing all workforce programming at the Navy Yard while strengthening WPSI's partnership with PIDC as a part of the strategic vision to grow the West Philadelphia Skills Initiatives' impact by expanding its geographic reach and impact within the Life Sciences industry. Prior to supporting PIDC, A.J. worked for the City of Philadelphia, Office of Workforce Development administering the City's first-ever municipal-focused workforce development program, which was designed to create viable pathways to permanent employment for under/unemployed Philadelphia. With ten years of experience supporting adult job seekers, and employers, and designing programs focused on career training, A.J. is an enthusiastic workforce professional dedicated to designing programs to help Philadelphians connect to high-quality employment.



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**Sima S. Kulkarni** practices in the area of intellectual property law with a focus on patent and trademark prosecution for clients in the biotech, life sciences, chemical arts and food technology industries. Ms. Kulkarni conducts all aspects of global patent and trademark portfolio prosecution, including obtaining invention disclosures, application drafting, response submission, appeals, on-site Patent Office interviews, inter partes review (strategy and support) and risk assessment (FTO). She is a member of the firm's Life Sciences and Medical Technologies industry group as well as the Technology Transactions, Licensing and Commercial Contracts group.

Ms. Kulkarni is a 1996 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, where she was on the editorial board of the Intellectual Property Law Journal. Ms. Kulkarni received an M.S. in Biology from Georgia State University and a dual B.Sc. Biology and B.A. Philosophy from Emory University.



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**Sun** is a Tax Partner in KPMG's Philadelphia Business Tax Services practice where he serves as the Pennsylvania Business Unit Partner In Charge for Tax and Tax Life Sciences leader, with a focus on life science industries. He has more than 23 years of experience with extensive background in tax compliance, income tax provision preparation and review, and planning for public and privately held clients. Sun is the Pennsylvania Corporate Leader specializing in tax outsourcing/co-sourcing services and works extensively with companies on both accounting and tax issues associated with ASC 740 Accounting for Income Taxes including purchase accounting, international taxation, stock based compensation, uncertain tax positions and Sarbanes-Oxley.

He earned a BS in Accounting from Drexel University, an MBA from Temple University, Licensed CPA in Pennsylvania and Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt from Villanova University. Sun is also a Board Member of the American Cancer Society.



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**Katie Reuther, PhD, MBA** is the Executive Director for the Center for Health, Devices and Technology (Penn Health-Tech) and a Practice Associate Professor in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania. Penn Health-Tech facilitates the development of novel medical devices and healthcare technologies across the University and health system and connects and trains innovators. Dr. Reuther has extensive experience in developing and translating early-stage medical technologies and discoveries and providing formal educational training for aspiring medical entrepreneurs.

She supports entrepreneurship programs at the National Institute of Health (NIH), including the Concept to Clinic: Commercializing Innovation (C3i) program and the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative, and is on the national faculty for the I-Corps at NIH program. She is also a co-founder of Syntegrity Biomedical, an orthopedic medical device start-up.

Previously, she was a Senior Lecturer in Design, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Columbia University, with additional appointments as the Director of the Biomedical Engineering Technology Accelerator (BiomedX) and the Director of Master's Studies. She was awarded the 2021 Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching from Columbia University.

Dr. Reuther received a BS in Biomedical Engineering from The College of New Jersey, a PhD in Bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania, and an Executive MBA from Columbia Business School.



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**Katie** joined the Science Center in 2018. As Senior Director, External Affairs, she is responsible for driving strategic engagement and outreach efforts to local, state, and federal government officials, community leaders, key stakeholders, and other organizations in service of regional economic development and to advance the Science Center's goals and mission. In her role, Katie leads government relations, public policy development, the government fundraising process, and directs regional economic development initiatives for the Science Center.

Katie brings to the Science Center 15 years of experience in nonprofit and government public engagement, policy development, program management, PR, communications, and marketing. Before coming to the Science Center, she served as Director of Public Engagement for the Pennsylvania Treasury Department under Treasurer Joe Torsella. In that role she helped launch the Keystone Scholars universal at-birth higher education savings program and helped coordinate the Treasurer's Task Force on Private Sector Retirement Security. She also held positions at the New York Lottery, the New York State Assembly, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Katie holds a BA in Anthropology from Haverford College and an MPA from the Fels School of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. Her hometown is State College, PA but she and her husband Erik and their daughter now reside in Swarthmore.

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## Upcoming Events

### Lunch with the City's Leaders

**John Fry**

*President, Drexel University*

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

11:45 AM to 1:30 PM

**Hyatt Centric Center City Philadelphia**

\$55 for Members, \$75 for Guests

### Meet the Developers

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**City Winery Philadelphia**

\$30 for Members, \$60 for Guests

### Happy Hour Breakfast

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**Zarwin Baum**

\$20 for Members, \$35 for Guests

### Lunch with the City's Leaders

**Leslie Richards**

*CEO and General Manager, SEPTA*

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

11:45 AM to 1:30 PM

**Location: TBD**

\$55 for Members, \$75 for Guests



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