



# 2008-2023

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Amb. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Vice Chair, Policy, Ford



Corie Barry, CEO, Best Buy



Ginni Rometty, Former Chairman, President, and CEO, IBM



The Rt. Hon. James Cleverly, Secretary of State for the Home Dept.

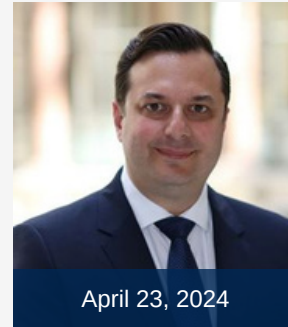
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# SEASON 2023-2024



September 22, 2023  
**Corie Barry**  
CEO, Best Buy



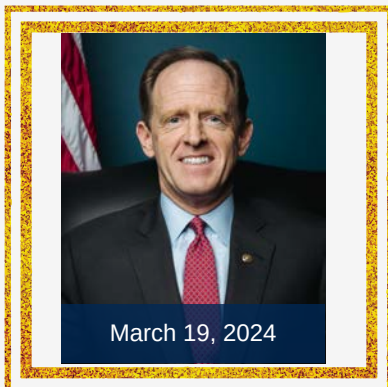
April 23, 2024  
**Alan Gogbashian**  
His Majesty's Consul General for  
Chicago



May 10, 2024  
**Austan Goolsbee**  
President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Chicago



February 12, 2024  
**Ginni Rometty**  
Former Chairman, President, and  
CEO, IBM



March 19, 2024  
**Senator Pat Toomey**  
Recipient of the 2023  
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free  
Trade Award

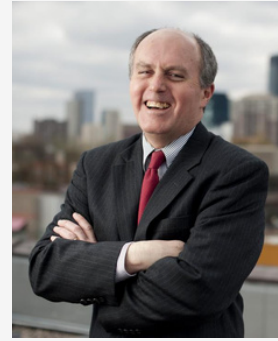
# Balancing In-Person & Remote Work

October 18, 2023



**Kelly Baker**

Executive Vice President & Chief  
Human Resources Officer, Thrivent



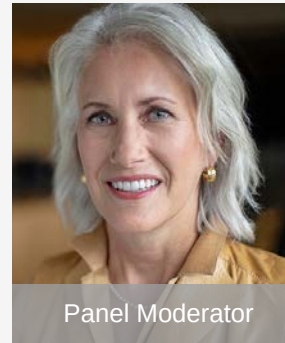
**Steve Cramer**

President & CEO, Mpls Downtown Council  
& Downtown Improvement District



**Doug Fulton**

Principal, Avison Young



Panel Moderator

**Jeanne Crain**

President & CEO, Bremer  
Financial Corporation

## Leadership in Uncertain Times

November 3, 2023



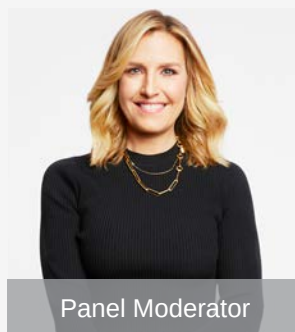
**Bill George**

Former Chairman and Chief Executive  
Officer, Medtronic



**Neel Kashkari**

President & CEO, Federal  
Reserve Bank of Minneapolis



Panel Moderator

**Poppy Harlow**

Anchor, CNN



# Navigating U.S. – China Strategic Competition

December 15, 2023



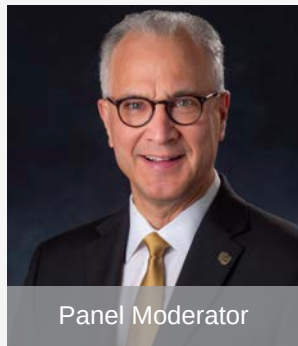
**Zongyuan Zoe Liu**

Maurice R. Greenberg Fellow for China Studies, Council on Foreign Relations



**Sahra English**

Managing Director, Global Government Affairs, Citi



Panel Moderator

**Mark Kennedy**

Director, Wilson Center's Wahba Institute for Strategic Competition

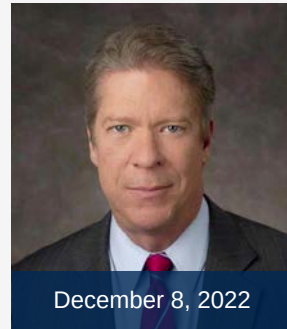
# SEASON 2022-2023



May 5, 2023

**James Bullard**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of St. Louis



December 8, 2022

**Major Garrett**

Chief Washington Correspondent,  
CBS News



March 8, 2023

**Arancha González**

Dean, Paris School of International Affairs at  
Sciences Po; **Recipient of the 2022  
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



February 3, 2023

**Amb. Marc Nathanson**

U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of  
Norway, U.S. Embassy

## The Current Business Conditions and Impact of U.S. Based Japanese Investment

January 18, 2023



**Hiroyuki Nemoto**

Chief Executive Director, Japan  
External Trade Organization Chicago



**Ralph Inforzato**

Special Advisor, Japan External  
Trade Organization Chicago

# Supply Chain Panel Discussion

September 8, 2022



**Julian Chase**

Business Operations and Supply Chain,  
Chief Transformation Officer, Cargill



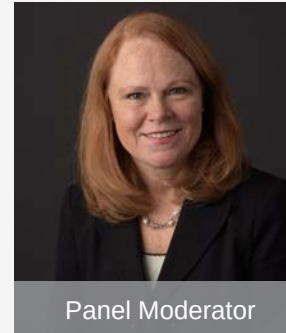
**Jacinth Smiley**

EVP & CFO, Hormel Foods



**Phil Donaldson**

EVP & CFO,  
Andersen Corporation



Panel Moderator

**Kate Kelly**

EVP & Regional President,  
PNC Bank

## Our Energy Future

November 18, 2022



**Emma Bishop**

Assistant Vice President, Venn Strategies



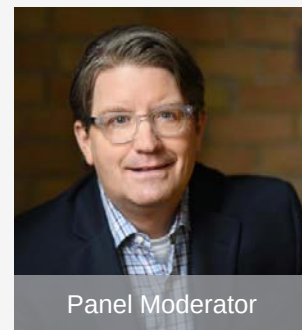
**Dr. Jim Bowyer**

Professor Emeritus,  
University of Minnesota



**Brittany Zwierzchowski Tisler**

COO & Interim CEO,  
Conservative Energy Network



Panel Moderator

**Blois Olson**

Founder & Principal, Fluence Media

# The Global Food Crisis

September 8, 2022



**Amb. Ertharin Cousin**

Founder & CEO, Food Systems  
for the Future



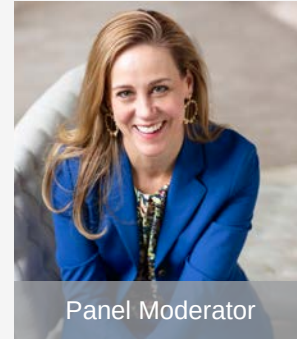
**Dan Glickman**

Senior Counselor, International Advisory  
Council Chair, APCO Worldwide



**Peter Ceretti**

Director, Geostrategy,  
Eurasia Group



Panel Moderator

**Devry Boughner Vorwerk**

Founder & CEO, DevryBV Sustainable  
Strategies, LLC

## MN's Future Economy - Post Legislative Session

June 21, 2023



**Rep. Lisa Demuth**

House Minority Leader, MN House  
of Representatives



**Sen. Nick Frentz**

Assistant Majority Leader,  
MN Senate



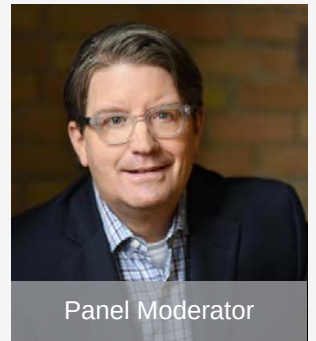
**Sen. Eric Pratt**

Senate, MN Senate



**Rep. Aisha Gomez**

Representative, MN  
House of Representatives



Panel Moderator

**Blois Olson**

Founder & Principal,  
Fluence Media



# SEASON 2021-2022



April 14, 2022

## **The Rt. Hon. James Cleverly, MP**

Minister of State in the Foreign,  
Commonwealth & Development Office



March 8, 2022

## **Amb. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.**

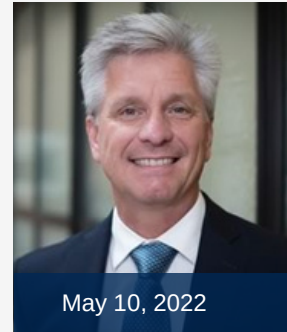
Vice Chair, Policy, Ford; Recipient of the 2021  
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award



October 20, 2021

## **Minister Ville Skinnari**

Minister for Development Cooperation  
and Foreign Trade of Finland



May 10, 2022

## **Gov. Chris Waller**

Board of Governors,  
Federal Reserve System

## **Small Business Diversity Summit**

November 16, 2021



## **Renay Dossman**

President, Neighborhood  
Development Center



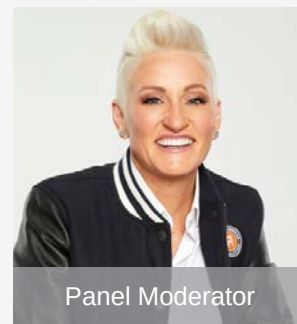
## **Tameka Jones**

Founder & CEO, Lip Esteem



## **Kenya McKnight Ahad**

Founder, Black Women's Wealth Alliance



Panel Moderator

## **Amanda Brinkman**

Chief Brand Officer, Deluxe



# Walking the Talk of Diversity Investment

September 28, 2021



**Dr. Paul Campbell**

Co-founder & Managing Partner, Brown  
Venture Group, LLC



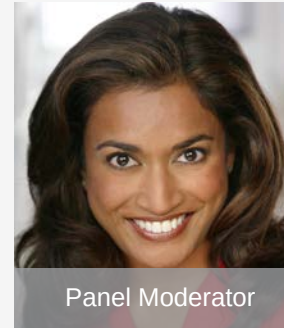
**Sri Zaheer**

Dean, Carlson School of Management,  
University of Minnesota



**Mark Irvin**

Chief Inclusion, Diversity and  
Talent Officer, Best Buy



**Roshini Rajkumar**

Executive Crisis Coach,  
Roshini Multi-Media

## The Rural Voice

January 25, 2022



**Kelly Asche**

Research Associate, Center for Rural  
Policy and Development



**Benya Kraus**

Founder & Executive Director,  
Lead for Minnesota



**Teresa Kittridge**

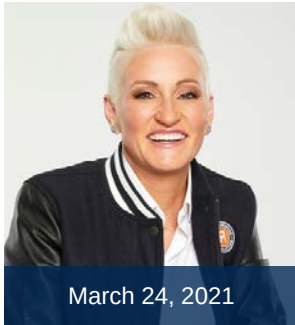
Founder, 100 Rural Women



**Kerri Miller**

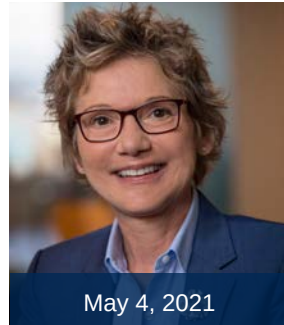
Journalist, Minnesota Public Radio

# SEASON 2020-2021



**Amanda Brinkman**

Chief Brand Officer, Deluxe



**Mary Daly**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco



**Amb. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.**

Former Ambassador to China



**Antony Phillipson**

British Consul General in New York; Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America

## The Future of Work & Business

September 18, 2020



**Dr. Richard Migliori**

EVP & Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealth Group



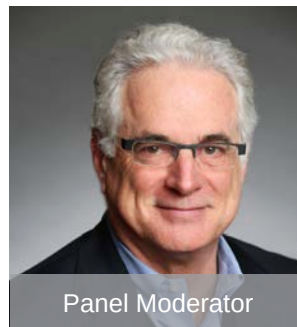
**Christine Sovereign**

Senior Managing Director, Accenture



**Jack Uldrich**

Global Futurist,  
The School of Unlearning



**Chris Farrell**

Senior Economics Contributor,  
*Marketplace*, American Public Media

# U.S. Mexico Partnership

November 23, 2020



**Ambassador Gerónimo  
Gutiérrez Fernández**

Former Ambassador of Mexico (2017-2018)



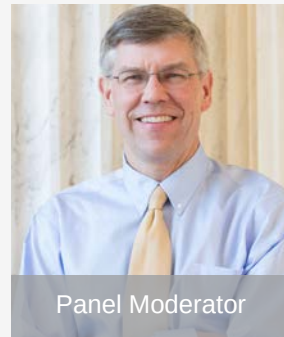
**Ambassador  
James Jones**

Former Ambassador to Mexico (1993-1997)



**Ambassador Arturo  
Sarukhán Casamitjana**

Former Ambassador of Mexico (2007-2013)



**Erik Paulsen**

Director, Economic Club of Minnesota

## Post-Election Discussion

December 17, 2020



**Senator Amy Klobuchar**

United States Senate



**Congressman Tom Emmer**

U.S. House of Representatives



**Major Garrett**

Chief Washington Correspondent, CBS News

# The Post-Pandemic Workplace. Has it changed forever?

February 22, 2021



**Angela Christman**

Sr. Director, HR Strategy, Marvin



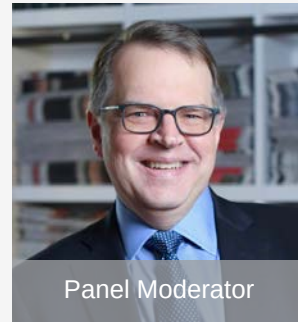
**Darin Lynch**

Founder & CEO, Irish Titan



**Dr. Craig Samitt**

President & CEO, Blue Cross and  
Blue Shield of Minnesota



**Dirk DeYoung**

Editor, *Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Business Journal*



# SEASON 2019-2020



**Col. Bob Cabana**

Director, NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center



**Beth Ford**

President & CEO, Land O'Lakes



**Steve Grove**

Commissioner, DEED



**Kevin Hassett**

Former Chair, Council of Economic Advisers

## Webinar: Our Economy and Health in Crisis

May 14, 2020



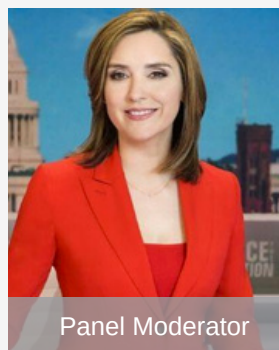
**Neel Kashkari**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis



**Dr. Michael Osterholm**

Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota



Panel Moderator

**Margaret Brennan**

Host, "Face the Nation," CBS News



# Free Trade Panel Discussion

## Honoring Recipients of the 2019 *Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award*

December 3, 2019



**Congressman Mike Gallagher**  
U.S. House of Representatives



**Congressman Ron Kind**  
U.S. House of Representatives

## Free Trade Panelists



**Devry Boughner Vorwerk**  
CEO, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies



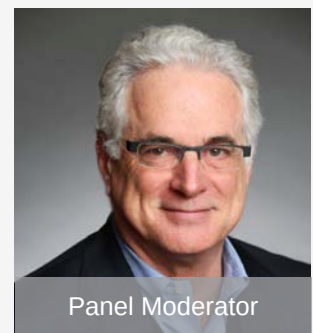
**Tami Overby**  
Senior Director, McLarty Associates



**Kevin Paap**  
President, Minnesota  
Farm Bureau



**Kenneth Smith Ramos**  
Mexico's Former Chief  
Negotiator for NAFTA



**Chris Farrell**  
Senior Economics Contributor,  
*Marketplace*, American  
Public Media

# Water Summit

## How Minnesota Can Lead in a Water-Scarce World

September 6, 2019



**Doug Baker**

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



**Richard Damania**

Senior Economic Advisor, Water Practice,  
World Bank Group



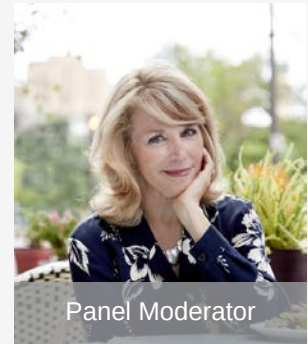
**Dr. Bonnie Keeler**

Assistant Professor, Humphrey  
School of Public Affairs,  
University of Minnesota



**HP Nanda**

Global Vice President & General  
Manager - Water Solutions,  
DuPont



**Kerri Miller**

Host, MPR News

# SEASON 2018-2019



October 29, 2018

**David Birch**

Advisor on Fintech & Digital Financial Services



April 2, 2019

**His Excellency Ron Dermer**

Israel's Ambassador to the United States



December 18, 2018

**Major Garrett**

Chief Washington Correspondent,  
CBS News



May 14, 2019

**Esther George**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Kansas City



October 2, 2018

**J. Christopher Giancarlo**

Chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission



November 27, 2018

**Sec. Carlos Gutierrez**

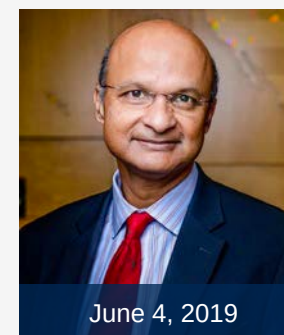
Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce 2005-2009; **Recipient  
of 2018 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



February 19, 2019

**Steve Nelson**

CEO, UnitedHealthcare



June 4, 2019

**Omar Ishrak**

Chairman & CEO, Medtronic

# Food Security Summit

September 7, 2018



**David Beasley**

Executive Director, World Food Programme



**Beth Ford**

President & CEO, Land O'Lakes



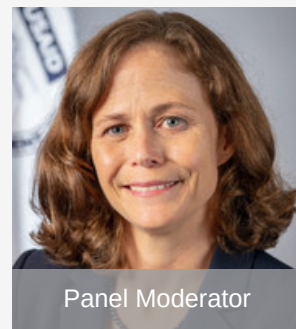
**Jeff Harmening**

Chairman & CEO, General Mills



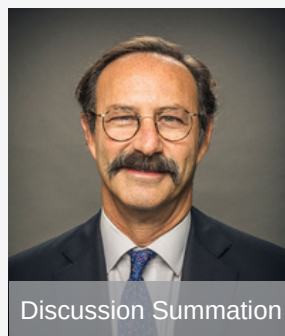
**Joe Stone**

Executive Vice President & Chief Risk Officer, Cargill



**Beth Dunford**

Assistant to the Administrator, USAID; Deputy Coordinator for Development, Feed the Future



**Richard Leach**

President & CEO, World Food Program USA



# SEASON 2017-2018



June 19, 2018

**Brian Cornell**

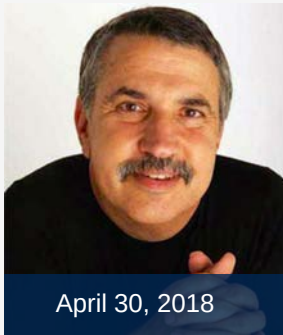
Chairman & CEO, Target Corporation



October 12, 2017

**David Farr**

Chairman & CEO, Emerson



April 30, 2018

**Tom Friedman**

Foreign Affairs Columnist, *The New York Times*



April 18, 2018

**Omar Ishrak**

Chairman & CEO, Medtronic



September 22, 2017

**His Excellency Sauli Niinistö**

President, Republic of Finland



December 1, 2017

**Governor Tim Pawlenty**

President & CEO, Financial  
Services Roundtable



May 15, 2018

**Dr. John C. Williams**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of San Francisco



# Assessing & Addressing Cybersecurity Threats

March 13, 2018



## Antonio Enriquez

Cyber Security Advisor – Region V, U.S.  
Department of Homeland Security



## Michael Kearn

VP – Business Information Security  
Officer, U.S. Bank



## Michael Krause

Supervisory Special Agent, FBI

## Super Bowl Panel

November 15, 2017



## Alexis Glick

CEO, GENYOUth



## Tod Leiweke

COO, NFL



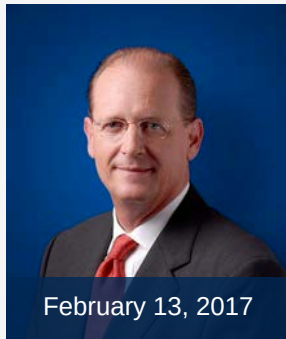
## Doug Baker

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab

## Mark Wilf

Owner & President, Minnesota Vikings

# SEASON 2016-2017



February 13, 2017

**Richard Anderson**

Retired Executive Chairman, Delta



October 14, 2016

**Congressman Kevin Brady**

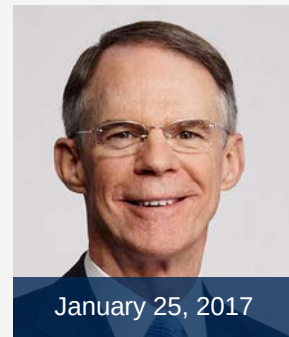
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee



June 8, 2017

**Doug Baker**

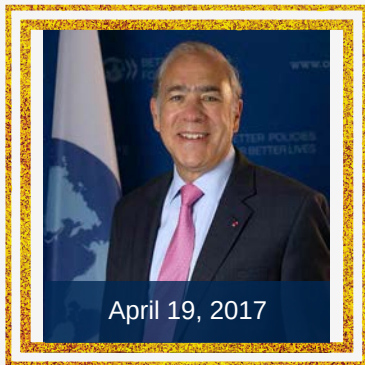
Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



January 25, 2017

**Richard Davis**

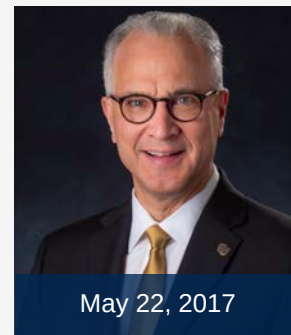
Chairman & CEO, U.S. Bancorp



April 19, 2017

**The Hon. José Ángel Gurría**

Secretary-General, OECD; **Recipient of 2017  
Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



May 22, 2017

**The Hon. Mark Kennedy**

Co-Founder & Chairman, Economic  
Club of Minnesota



November 17, 2016

**The Hon. Jun-ichiro Kuroda**

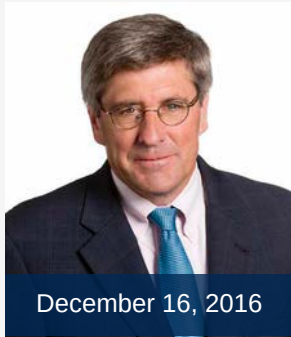
Minister for Economy, Trade, Industry &  
Energy, Japanese Embassy



May 18, 2017

**Dr. Loretta Mester**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Cleveland



**Steven Moore**

Senior Economic Advisor,  
Trump Campaign



**Amy Walter**

National Editor, *The Cook  
Political Report*



**Dr. John Noseworthy**

President & CEO, Mayo Clinic



**Ambassador Robert Zoellick**

Former President, World Bank; **Recipient of  
2017 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**

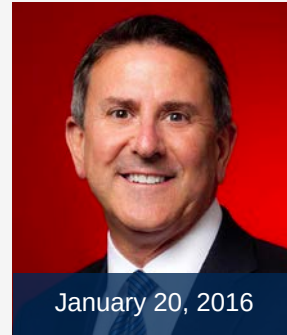
# SEASON 2015-2016



November 10, 2015

**Dr. Ian Bremmer**

President & Founder, Eurasia Group



January 20, 2016

**Brian Cornell**

Chairman & CEO, Target Corporation



March 17, 2016

**Ambassador Michael B. Froman**

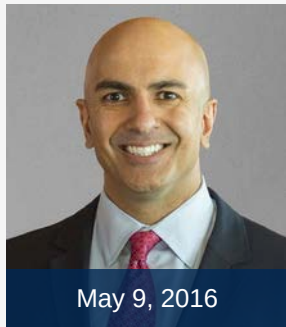
United States Trade Representative; **Recipient of 2016 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award**



May 24, 2016

**Ben Heineman**

Former General Counsel,  
General Electric



May 9, 2016

**Neel Kashkari**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Minneapolis



June 7, 2016

**Ken Powell**

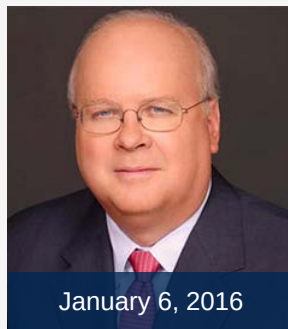
Chairman & CEO, General Mills



April 11, 2016

**Matt Rose**

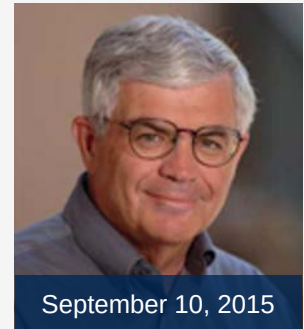
Executive Chairman, BNSF  
Railway Company



January 6, 2016

**Karl Rove**

Former Deputy Chief of Staff  
to President George W. Bush



September 10, 2015

**Dr. John B. Taylor**

Professor of Economics,  
Stanford University



# Food Security Summit

## Panel I: Filling the World's Plate

October 30, 2015



**Doug Baker**

Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



**David MacLennan**

Chairman, President, and CEO, Cargill



**Joc O'Rourke**

President & CEO, The Mosaic Company



**Chris Policinski**

President & CEO, Land O'Lakes

## Panel II: The War on Big Food



**Jeffrey M. Ettinger**

Chairman of the Board, President,  
& CEO, Hormel Foods



**Jeff Harmening**

EVP & COO, General Mills



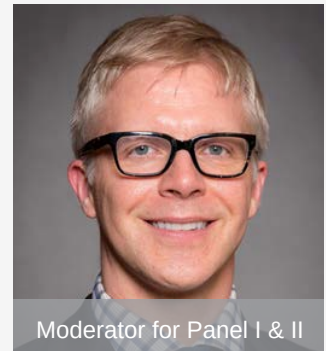
**Greg Page**

Executive Director, Cargill



**Sally Smith**

President & CEO, Buffalo  
Wild Wings



Moderator for Panel I & II

**Alan Bjerga**

Agricultural Policy Reporter,  
Bloomberg News



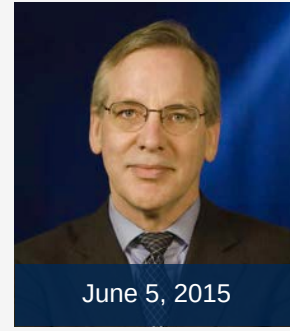
# SEASON 2014-2015



October 3, 2014

**Doug Baker**

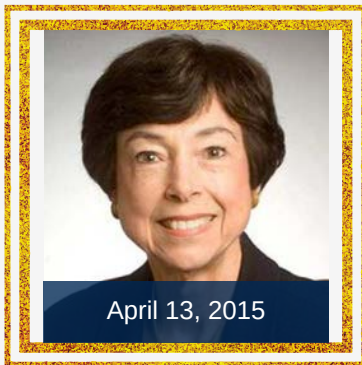
Chairman & CEO, Ecolab



June 5, 2015

**Dr. William C. Dudley**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of New York



April 13, 2015

**Ambassador Carla A. Hills**

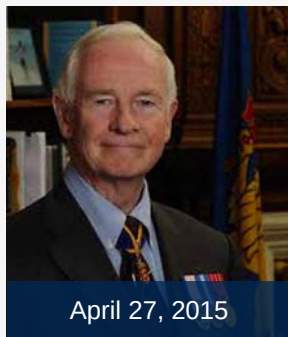
Former U.S. Trade Representative; *Recipient of  
2015 Bill Frenzel Champion of Free Trade Award*



April 19, 2015

**The Hon. Haruhiko Kuroda**

Governor, The Bank of Japan



April 27, 2015

**His Excellency The Right  
Honourable David Johnston**

Governor General, Canada



July 23, 2015

**David MacLennan**

Chairman, President, and CEO, Cargill



October 30, 2014

**Glen Taylor**

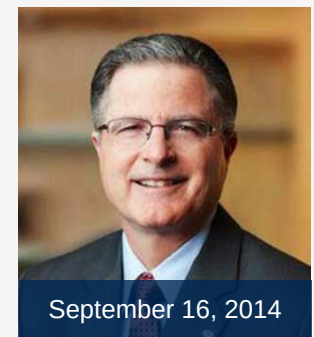
Chairman & CEO,  
Taylor Corporation



February 4, 2015

**Jay Timmons**

President & CEO, National  
Association of Manufacturers



September 16, 2014

**John Watson**

Chairman of the Board & CEO,  
Chevron Corporation

# Risky Business: The Economic Risks of Climate Change

January 23, 2015



**Greg Page**

Executive Chairman, Cargill



**The Hon. Henry Paulson, Jr.**

Former Secretary of the Treasury (2006-2009)

## Post-Election Analysis

November 11, 2014



**Mark Penn**

Former Pollster for President Bill Clinton



**Dr. Jan van Lohuizen**

Former Pollster for President George W. Bush

# SEASON 2013-2014



September 23, 2013

**Timothy Beardson**

Founder, Crosby



February 20, 2014

**Dr. Doug Elmendorf**

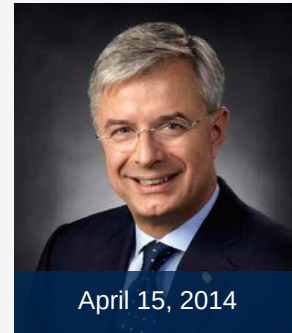
Director, Congressional Budget Office



October 25, 2013

**Ambassador Mark Green**

President and CEO, Initiative for Global Development;  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania



April 15, 2014

**Hubert Joly**

President & CEO, Best Buy



May 21, 2014

**Dr. Narayana Kocherlakota**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Minneapolis



November 23, 2013

**Tom Nides**

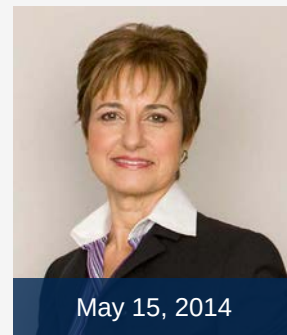
Managing Director & Vice Chairman,  
Morgan Stanley



July 12, 2013

**Congressman John Shimkus**

Chairman, Environment & Economy  
Subcommittee



May 15, 2014

**Patricia Woertz**

Chairman & CEO, Archer Daniels Midland

# 20th Anniversary of NAFTA Conference

January 28, 2014



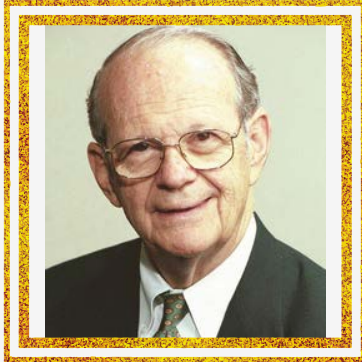
**Dr. Luis de la Calle**

Former Minister of Trade, Mexican Embassy



**His Excellency Gary Doer**

Former Ambassador of Canada  
to the United States



**The Hon. Bill Frenzel**

Former Special Advisor on Trade to President Clinton;  
**Recipient of *Champion of Free Trade Award***



**Ambassador Carla A. Hills**

Former United States Trade Representative



**Thomas "Mack" McLarty, III**

Former Chief of Staff to President Clinton



**His Excellency Eduardo  
Medina-Mora**

Ambassador of Mexico to the United States



**The Hon. Erik Paulsen**

U.S. House of Representatives



**The Hon. John Weekes**

Canada's Former Chief Negotiator  
for NAFTA



**Amb. Robert Zoellick**

Former President, World Bank



# SEASON 2012-2013



**Dr. Agustín Carstens**

Governor, Bank of Mexico



**Major Garrett**

White House Correspondent,  
*National Journal* & CBS News



**Senator Amy Klobuchar**

United States Senate



**Jamshed Merchant**

Consul General, Consulate General of Canada



**Dr. Eric Rosengren**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston



**The Hon. Greg Selinger**

Premier of Manitoba



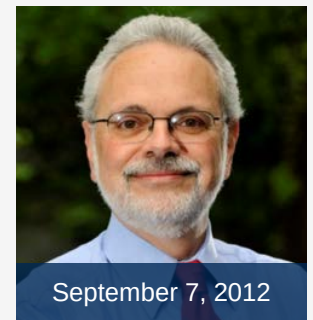
**Gregg Steinhafel**

Chairman, President, & CEO,  
Target Corporation



**John Surma**

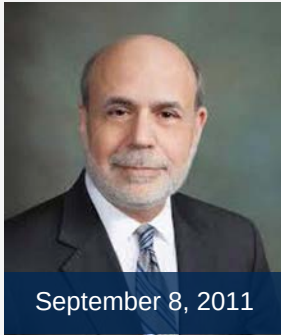
Chairman & CEO, United  
States Steel Corporation



**David Wessel**

Economics Editor, *The Wall  
Street Journal*

# SEASON 2011-2012



September 8, 2011

**Dr. Ben Bernanke**

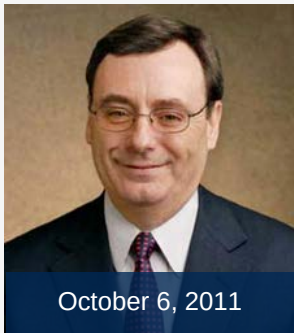
Chairman, Federal Reserve System



February 24, 2012

**Congressman Kevin Brady**

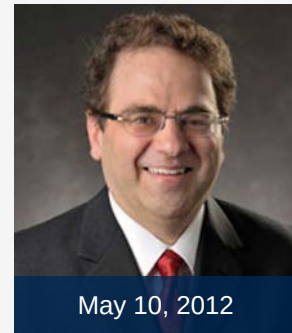
U.S. House of Representatives



October 6, 2011

**Dr. George Buckley**

Chairman, President, & CEO, 3M



May 10, 2012

**Dr. Narayana Kocherlakota**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve

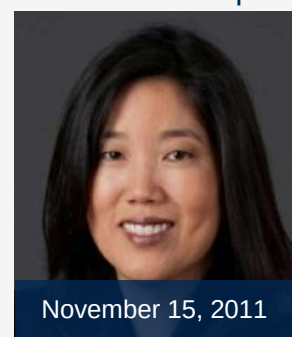
Bank of Minneapolis



April 17, 2012

**Pascal Lamy**

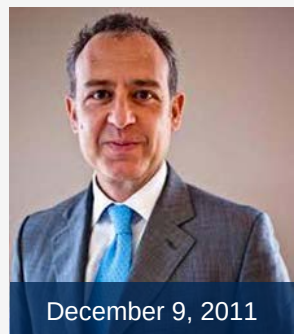
Director-General, World Trade Organization



November 15, 2011

**Michelle Rhee**

Founder & CEO, StudentsFirst

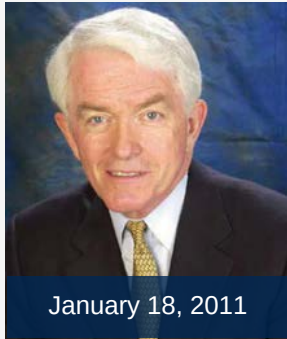


December 9, 2011

**Ambassador Arturo  
Sarukhán Casamitjana**

Ambassador of Mexico to the United States

# SEASON 2010-2011



January 18, 2011

**Tom Donohue**

President & CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce



October 7, 2010

**Richard Fisher**

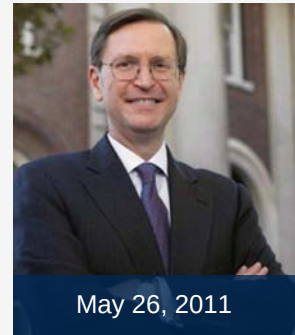
President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Dallas



April 28, 2011

**Ann Fudge**

Member, National Commission on Fiscal  
Responsibility and Reform; Former Chairman  
& CEO, Young & Rubicam



May 26, 2011

**Dr. R. Glenn Hubbard**

Dean, Columbia Business School;  
Former Chair, Council of Economic Advisers



November 11, 2010

**Greg Page**

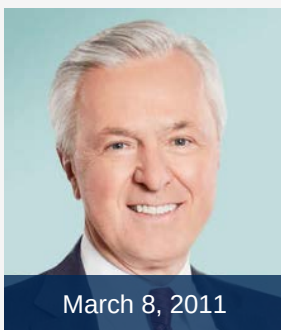
Chairman & CEO, Cargill



October 28, 2010

**Dr. Matthew Slaughter**

Professor, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth



March 8, 2011

**John Stumpf**

Chairman, President & CEO, Wells Fargo

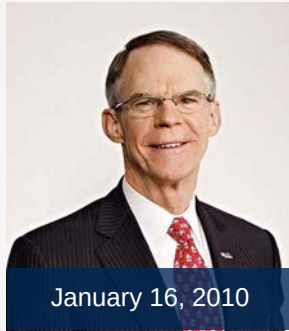


December 2, 2010

**Ambassador Robert Zoellick**

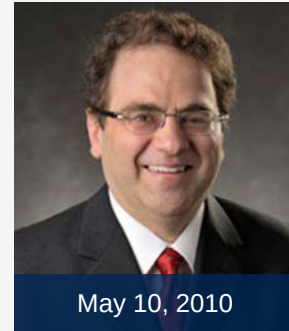
President, World Bank

# SEASON 2009-2010



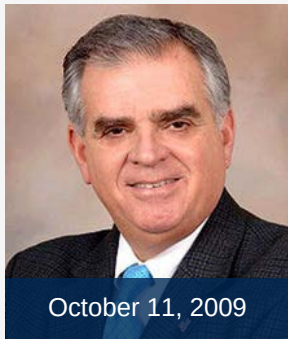
**Richard Davis**

Chairman & CEO, U.S. Bancorp



**Dr. Narayana Kocherlakota**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Minneapolis



**The Hon. Ray LaHood**

U.S. Secretary of Transportation



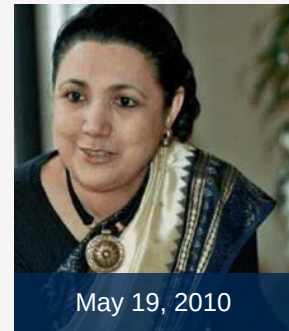
**Edward C. Prescott**

Chair in Economics, W.P. Carey School  
of Business at ASU



**Congressman Paul Ryan**

U.S. House of Representatives



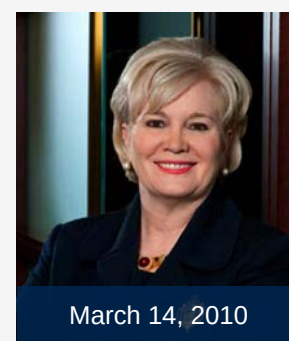
**Her Excellency Meera Shankar**

Ambassador of India to the United States



**The Hon. David M. Walker**

President & CEO, Peterson Foundation



**Deborah Wince-Smith**

President, Council on Competitiveness



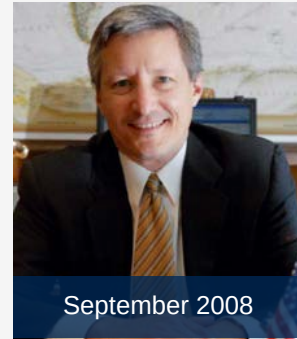
# SEASON 2008-2009



October 2008

## **The Right Hon. Liam Fox**

Former Minister of Defence, United Kingdom



September 2008

## **Brian Gunderson**

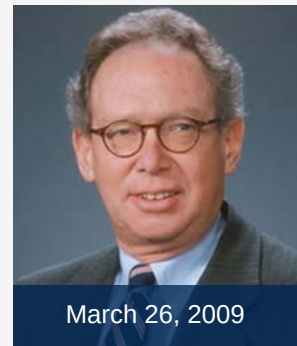
Former Chief of Staff to Condoleezza Rice,  
U.S. State Department



April 2009

## **Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger**

Former German Ambassador to the United States



March 26, 2009

## **Dr. Gary Stern**

President & CEO, Federal Reserve  
Bank of Minneapolis