

## PANEL INFORMATION, SCHEDULE, QUESTIONS AND BIOS

### FinTech and the Future of Finance and Banking

#### SPEAKER BIOS *(In order of appearance)*

##### HOST



**MADAN ANNAVARJULA, Ph.D., Dean, College of Business,  
Bryant University**

Madan Annavarjula is the Dean of the College of Business and Professor of International Business at Bryant University. He came to Bryant in 2006 and was one of the lead architects of the University's top-ranked International Business programs. He has designed and taught innovative courses in the area of International Business at undergraduate and graduate level at Bryant as well as at several universities abroad. He earned his Ph.D. in International Business at the Fox School of Business, Temple University, Philadelphia. He is responsible for strategic planning, curriculum development, and day-to-day administration of the College of Business.

##### MODERATOR



**MARGIE O'BRIEN REED , Moderator  
Director, Capitol TV**

Some may recognize our Moderator, Margie O'Brien, from Governor Gina Raimondo's daily press briefings where she assisted in getting the latest information on the COVID Crisis out to Rhode Islanders. Others know her as a journalist. O'Brien has been telling stories for over 25 years as an award-winning news reporter and anchor in the Providence and Boston news markets. O'Brien is also the founder of IMAGE, a communications consulting company. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from St. Anselm College and her Master's degree in Communications and Broadcast Journalism from Emerson College. She is a graduate of Leadership Rhode Island (LRI) and proudly sits on the board of the LRI Women's Network.

##### PANELISTS



**KATE BOHN, Innovation and Strategy, Incubator and Accelerator Lead,  
Lloyds Banking Group**

With 20-plus years in Financial Services, Kate Bohn is a leader, strategist, and innovator in global finance. She has worked across a range of roles and areas in the industry, including Markets, Finance, Strategy, Technology, Operations and Innovation. Bohn has served in executive roles at Deutsche Bank, Citigroup, and Lloyds Banking Group, where she currently serves as Incubator and Accelerator Lead. She is a champion of simplification and the democratization of understanding and access. Bohn

is Co-Founder of Technical Women in Leadership and a Mentor for Women in Payments, a growing global movement of women supporting women across the payments ecosystem. Bohn earned a Master's degree in Marketing and ecommerce at the University of Plymouth and a BA at the London Institute, Camberwell School of Art.



**PETER NIGRO, PH.D., Professor of Finance, Bryant University**

Peter J. Nigro is currently the Sarkisian Chair in Financial Services at Bryant University. Prior to joining Bryant, he served as a Senior Financial Economist in the Policy Analysis Division at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for over a decade. His research interests include small business finance, credit risk modeling and bank compliance issues. He has published articles in journals such as the *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, *Journal of Financial Research*, and *Managerial and Decision Economics*. Nigro received a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross, an M.A. in economics from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. in economics from Boston College.



**NIRBHAY KUMAR '97BSBA, MBA, Global Head, FinTech and Market Data Sourcing, BNY Mellon**

Nirbhay Kumar is the Global Head of FinTech and Market Data Sourcing at BNY Mellon. He has a deep understanding of use-cases, buying criteria, and governance practices across asset management, banking, and custody. Prior to his role at BNY Mellon, Kumar was an Independent Consultant at Stradit, Vice President and Head of Client Success at AlphaPoint, Corp., and Strategic Account Management Executive at FIS. Kumar earned his MBA at NYU Stern School of Business and a BA from Bryant University. He is an Advisor to Bryant's Dean of the College of Business and a mentor to students looking to learn more about careers in FinTech, banking, and related sectors. He is also a "Connector" and mentor to veterans entering the civilian workforce for the first time.



**MARIO HERNANDEZ '97MBA, Founder and CEO, Impesa**

Mario Hernández is the Founder and CEO of IMPESA®. Founded in Costa Rica in 2013, IMPESA is an innovator of electronic payment solutions, licensed with VISA® and MasterCard®. The company has developed technologies such as card integration with satellite positioning systems for large local and multinational distribution companies that use the software to manage their fleets. Hernandez previously served at the Corporate Headquarters of Scotiabank, in Toronto, Canada, and is the developer of Monibyte, a system that gives customers control over the limits of credit card use and purchase. He is a Fellow from the Aspen Institute for Leadership, a member of the Central American Leadership Initiative, and serves on the Dean's Council of Bryant University. Hernandez is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program, earned his MBA at Bryant University, and his undergraduate degree at Tecnológico de Monterrey.