

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

OU hosting The Augmented Workforce: Michigan Designing for the Future

New America, a national non-partisan, non-profit think tank, in partnership with Oakland University, the **Michigan Talent and Economic Development (TED)**, and **Automation Alley**, is convening a half-day event on Friday, May 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at OU's Engineering Center titled, ***The Augmented Workforce: Michigan Designing for the Future***.

It is designed to help employers, entrepreneurs, and workers participate in the future economy and will bring together stakeholders from the defense, transportation, government, and education sectors in three engaging tiers of discussion, punctuated by networking breaks.

The Augmented Workforce: Michigan Designing for the Future will help chart a path forward by elevating the bold experiments and collaborations present in Michigan regarding automation and looming workforce changes.

This program is part of the New America National Network, an organization-wide effort to speed the process of sharing innovation by piloting higher connectivity across and within places by lifting up local organizations and leaders through testing, iterating, and scaling their creative solutions.



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The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required – [RSVP link](#)
The event will also be live streamed on the [Event Website](#).

The event will begin with opening remarks from Oakland University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz and a recorded welcome from Senator D Stabenow. It will feature three panels, moderated by New America experts [Kristin Sharp](#), and [Mary Alice McCarthy](#), with the third discussion facilitated by [CBS-TV62 and Detroit Free Press journalist Carol Cain](#), respectively.

Other event speakers include:

[Kristin Dzikczek](#) – Director, Industry, Labor, and Economics Group at the Center for Automotive Research

[Louay Chamra, Ph.D.](#) – Dean, Oakland University School of Engineering and Computer Science

[Mark Hackel](#) – County Executive, Macomb County

[Jennifer Hitchcock, SES](#) – Executive Director, Research, Technology & Integration, TARDEC

[Ed Koledo](#) – Senior Deputy Director for Talent Development, Michigan Talent and Economic Development

[Andy Hove](#) – President & CEO, AM General

[John Katona](#) – Throughput Analysis & Simulation Engineer, General Motors (OU Class of 2012)

Tom Kelly – Executive Director and CEO, Automation Alley

Jason Lee – Executive Director, Grow Detroit's Young Talent

Brigadier General David A. Lesperance – Armor School Commandant, US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence

Mary Alice McCarthy – Director, The Center on Education & Skills at New America

Sonya Sepahban – Co-founder and CEO, OurOffice, Inc.

Kristin Sharp – Executive Director, SHIFT: The Commission on Work, Workers, and Technology

Ivy Simmons – Executive Vice President, Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce (invited)

Michele Economou Ursete – Executive Director, Workforce Intelligence Network (WIN)

Taylor Van Dyke Digital Manufacturing Engineer- Manufacturing Engineering [ME-FCA] Fiat Chrysler Automobiles LLC (OU Class of 2015)

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