

# Virtual **WOW** Virtual

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### **WOW Closing Session:**

**Importance and Power of Language- An examination and discussion of media-gendered messages and immense pressures women face in society today. Panelists include:**

#### **Jennifer Brodie '04, manager, Accenture Research**



Jenny Brodie is the State and Local Government lead at Accenture. She has published on government transformation, innovation and reinvention, with partners such as the National Association of State Chief Administrators and the National Association of State CIOs. She also regularly presents at conferences. Prior to Accenture she served as a policy advisor to the Governor of Ohio and was the policy director for his reelection campaign. She also helped start Innovation Ohio, a state government focused think tank.

Jenny is active in her community, leading the Women's Employee Resource Group for the Columbus Accenture office and volunteering with the Community Shelter Board.

#### **Emma Nuiry '17, scholarship programs manager, Point Foundation**



Emma Nuiry is the Scholarship Programs Manager at Point Foundation, the nation's largest LGBTQ+ scholarship foundation. In her role, she manages the selection of and programs for 134 undergraduate, graduate and community college scholarship recipients. This includes facilitating scholar-designed community service projects, conducting cognitive bias training for application readers and planning leadership conferences and workshops.

Emma graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2017 with a double major in Sociology and Women & Gender studies. At OWU, Emma was a member of the Peace and Justice House, Kappa Alpha Theta, a senator on the

Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs, treasurer of the Women & Gender Studies student board, and a Women's Resource Center intern. In 2019, Emma cycled 545 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles in support of San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBTQ Center and raised over \$5,000. In her free time, Emma can be found running in the Hollywood Hills or hanging out with her cat, Miel.

## **Amy Prosenjak '94, CEO, A to Z Wineworks**



Amy Prosenjak is President and CEO of A to Z Wineworks located in Newberg, Oregon. She joined the company in its fifth year with the acquisition of REX HILL Vineyards (2007). Amy has used financial and leadership experience garnered at both a family-owned billion dollar manufacturing company and a publicly traded international retailer. She has been instrumental in transitioning the fast growing A to Z Wineworks from an 80,000 case winery to its current status as Oregon's largest winery with production of 400,000 cases and a newly integrated and expanded winemaking campus.

In 2014, Amy led the company's efforts to gain certification as a B Corporation. This international non-profit, third-party certification reflects a commitment to environmental, social and economic sustainability. A to Z Wineworks was one of three companies honored as a 2015 global B Corp Champion and in earned recognition as one of the top four small businesses in Oregon. In addition, the company was named to the top ten most admired agricultural companies in Oregon, as well as one of three most innovative small businesses in the state.

Amy is an active member of the community and works with a number of organizations focused on education, outreach, and cultural diversity. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon and as Chair on the Board of Directors for Literary Arts, one of the most successful such organizations in the country. Amy advises and assists in fundraising for the Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation which provides culturally-appropriate, primary health care intended to eliminate barriers to access. Amy is a member of the Oregon chapter of the Young President's Organization and is currently Chair of the Oregon chapter.

## **Shelli Reeves '16, community engagement specialist, Ideastream**



Shelli has dedicated her life to breaking down barriers and building community. She uses innovative ways to start conversations to break down negative narratives while focusing on community, society, and policy. Her activism has led her to do this work on political campaigns, museums, and media. Currently, Shelli is utilizing Human-Centered Design at ideastream, Cleveland's local public media station, to determine how we might reduce the impact of toxic stress on middle schoolers in high poverty African American neighborhoods, especially during this time of heightened stress.

She is also dedicated to uplifting and sharing stories through Reframe History, which is a virtual African American museum that is dedicated to keeping stories alive through archiving the past, recording the present, and advocating for the future.

Shelli's activism has led her to speak to large audiences, present at national conferences, and build events that bring people together.

## **Rachel Vinciguerra '14, national manager, Hello Neighbor Network**



Rachel has worked with nonprofit and international organizations for the past 6 years focused on gender equity, social inclusion, and program design & evaluation. She has lived and worked in countries including Haiti, Thailand, and India. She is currently the National Manager of the Hello Neighbor Network, a coalition of grassroots organizations working with refugees across the U.S. who come together to grow and inspire change. She also serves on the boards of the Jane Addams Peace Association, The Birmingham Foundation, and Write to Be (a girls' empowerment nonprofit she co-founded in Haiti). Prior to that, she has worked and consulted with Strong Women, Strong Girls; the United Nations Development Programme; and the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh.

Rachel has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of International Development and Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. A Boston native, Rachel has made Pittsburgh her home over the past 5 years. When she's not convening community-based nonprofits with Hello Neighbor, Rachel instructs yoga and works on her podcast and upcoming children's picture books. You can find more information and contact Rachel through her website [rachelvinciguerra.com](http://rachelvinciguerra.com) or on Instagram @rachelvinciguerra