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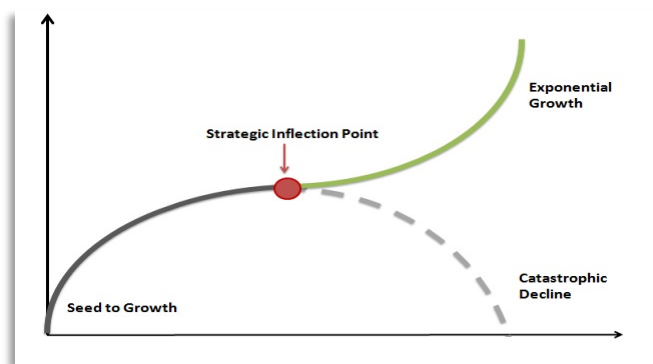
## VIRTUAL RETREAT

There is a the long overdue national move to greater social justice, which impacts our desire to help our School of Business students better understand and navigate diversity in the globally connected business environment. According to David Brooks, a New York Times columnist, discussing an entirely different subject than we are focused on in our Retreat, wrote: ... “in moments of historical transition, **it is prudent to be bold.**” We are clearly at a historical transition point— we’ve labeled it a “**strategic inflection point.**” But, how “bold” should we be and what does that boldness look like? And, how does achieving these goals change our classroom structure, teaching style, student clubs, workshops, and career services?

Join our colleagues, outside experts, college leadership team, students, and alumni in generating forward looking innovative strategic initiatives that will service our students as we strive to meet and exceed our Mission in these momentous times.

Friday, October 2, 2020  
10:00 am to 1:15 PM

The Retreat will include two separate panel discussions. The first panel will focus on incorporating diversity, inclusion and equity in our classrooms. The second panel will discuss strategic planning in the COVID environment. Both groups of panelists include experts from the community who can provide



guidance as we navigate the new normal. **Prof. Roger Mayer, Prof. Art Smansky, Director Lorraine Todisco, and Mr. Raul Zevallos** have done an excellent job putting this exciting and relevant retreat together. **Prof. Art Smansky** will serve as the Panel Moderator.

### Schedule:

10:00 am – Intro Remarks

10:15 am – Diversity Inclusion, and Equity in our Classrooms

11:00 am – Strategic Planning

11:45 am – Concluding Remarks in the COVID Environment

12:00 pm – Breakout Sessions

12:45 pm – Wrap-Up

Please go to page two for information and credentials on our highly regarded panelists.

*Register now to attend!*

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**Bryan Alexander, PhD** – is an internationally known futurist, researcher, writer, speaker, consultant, and teacher, working in the field of how technology transforms education. Through his business, Bryan Alexander Consulting, LLC, Dr. Alexander consults globally throughout higher education. As a senior scholar at Georgetown University, he teaches graduate seminars in their Learning, Design, and Technology program. He recently published *Academia Next: The Futures of Higher Education* for Johns Hopkins Press.



**Mary Koshy** – is a diversity, equity, and inclusion leader, educator, coach, and mentor. Ms. Koshy was an adjunct assistant professor at NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and currently a member of the NYU Faculty Council on Digital Inclusion and the Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion at the Mount Sinai Health System.



**Steven C. Lindo, PhD** – has over 30 years of industry experience and has a passion for business and technology. Dr Lindo is President of SpringBoard Incubators Inc., Senior Level Manager and Head of Development & Director of Information Technology for Wolters Kluwer's Global Platform Organization. He also teaches at Hofstra in the School of Engineering – department of Computer Science. Dr. Lindo believes that education and opportunity are the two main ingredients to eradicate poverty in struggling communities.



**Mili Makhijani, ESQ.** - was appointed in 2019 by Governor Cuomo as the Chair of SUNY Old Westbury's College Council and serves as the Chair to the Presidential Search Committee. Ms. Makhijani also holds the position of Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Randy Sue Marber, Justice of the Supreme Court in Nassau County, where she presides over cases in a general civil trial court part; she has served as an Adjunct Law Professor at Touro Law School, having taught a courses in "*Electronic Discovery*" and "*Practicing in the Federal Courts*"



**Kalief Metellus** – is a senior majoring in Politics, Economics & Law at SUNY Old Westbury. Mr. Metellus is currently serving his second year as the President/CEO of the Student Government Association. He is also an EOP student, event organizer, entrepreneur, activist, leader, advocate, and humanitarian. Under his leadership, he was able to get computers installed in the residence halls, initiated SGA scholarships for students, provide funding to the food pantry and restructured the SGA. As a homeless student, Mr. Metellus does not let his barriers define his future.



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**Usama M. Shaihk** – is the Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Office at SUNY Old Westbury. In this role, Vice President Shaihk serves as the Chief Student Affairs Officer for the College providing leadership and general management of units within the division of Student Affairs and serves on the President's Cabinet. He is currently working on his dissertation, "*The impact of campus climate on Muslim Student College experience*" at Fordham University to earn a doctorate in Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy.



**Patrick C. Stines, CPA** – graduated from SUNY Old Westbury in 1988 and is a Partner in the New York office of Novak Francella, LLC. His experience is dedicated to audits of employee benefit plans and labor organizations. His clients include some of the largest labor organizations in the New York City area. Mr. Stines, is the Chair of the SUNY Old Westbury Business Advisory Board and formerly served on the Professionals Committee of the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plan (IFEBCP).