

# Advancing Women in Life Sciences Breakfast Program

PDA SoCal Full Day Aseptic Processing and Sterilization

7:30 am to 9:00 am on November 7th, 2019 at the Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport



**Panel Moderator**

## **Stacy Sutton**

**Vice President Quality Assurance, Argonaut Manufacturing Services**

Stacy Sutton received her B.A in Animal Physiology from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Ms. Sutton has 20+ years of industry experience and has worked in the fields of research, medical device and biopharmaceuticals. Ms. Sutton has experience working for both start-up and large multinational companies. Her current position is Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs at Argonaut Manufacturing Services in Carlsbad, California. Prior to that she held various roles of increasing responsibility through her tenure at Ajinomoto Bio-Pharma Services. During her career she has headed several cross-functional teams for establishment of new capabilities, including processes, facilities and equipment to meet market demands. All of her career has been spent in contract testing or contract manufacturing services. Ms. Sutton is a member of both the PDA and ISPE for over 12 years. She has previously served on the Board of Directors for the San Diego chapter of ISPE.



## **Vanessa W. Marquez, MS**

**Quality Control Manager, Microbiology at Sorrento Therapeutics Inc.**

Vanessa Marquez is the Quality Control Manager of Microbiology at Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. in San Diego. She has over 20 years of QC Microbiology experience in the pharmaceutical/ biotech industry specializing in contamination control, process improvements, and aseptic technique. She has developed training programs for basic cGMP activities, conducting effective environmental investigations, performing microbiological test methods, and aseptic technique. Vanessa obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Science in Management from Kaplan University.



## **Cynthia Martinez, Ph.D**

**Dean of Students, Keck Graduate Institute**

Martinez oversees the Division of Student Affairs. She is tasked with providing leadership, vision, and direction for activities and services that enhance students' experiences and engagement, along with tracking student internship and employment outcomes. Prior to arriving at KGI, Martinez worked 19 years at the University of Southern California where she served in the role of interim assistant dean of student affairs for the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, executive director of Advisement and Academic Services and USC instructor. Previously Martinez was a healthcare administrator managing resources and services for cancer patients and caregivers at City of Hope National Cancer Institute. Martinez presents at state, regional, national, and international professional conferences. She is an active member in the International Leadership Association (ILA), National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and the Academy of Management (AOM). Martinez earned a Doctor of Philosophy in organizational leadership at the University of San Diego, a Master of Education degree in postsecondary administration and student affairs at USC and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Cal Poly Pomona.

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**Liraz Oechsli**

**Director, Strategic Business Development at Microrite. Inc**

Liraz is an experienced business development professional with 10 years of progressive skills in client relations and strategic partnership management. She currently holds the position of Director of Strategic Business Development at Microrite, Inc., a life science consulting firm specializing in contamination control. Her responsibilities include evaluating market opportunities across customer sectors as well as identifying and qualifying market partners and working with strategic partner teams to cultivate strong cross functional relationships. Her responsibility beyond strategic business development is to ensure that client needs are met in a timely manner utilizing appropriate experts. As of early 2019, Liraz holds the position of Member-at-Large for PDA's West Coast Chapter. She also leads the annual "Women in Life" science initiative.



**Indah Kusumawardhani, MBS**

**Clinical and Regulatory Development Program Associate at Edwards Lifesciences**

Indah is a Clinical and Regulatory Development Program (CRDP) Associate at Edwards Lifesciences, working in Surgical Structural Heart in the regulatory affairs department for her first rotation. She obtained her Master of Business and Science (MBS) majoring in Clinical and Regulatory Affairs at Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) in 2019 and Bachelor of Science in Molecular Environmental Biology from the University of California, Berkeley in 2012. At KGI, she was the President of the SoCal PDA Student Chapter 2018-2019, and she has effectively advanced the chapter's mission to connect the KGI community with life science industry professionals. In her pastimes, she enjoys hiking, biking, traveling, and photography.



**Regina Atim, PharmD, MBA, BCMAS**

**Human Factors Engineering Pharmacist at Becton Dickinson,  
Associate Clinical Professor at University of San Diego,  
Chair & Academic Alliance at HIMSS Southern California**

Dr. Regina Atim is a Human Factors Engineering Pharmacist at BD, and Associate Clinical Professor at the University of San Diego- Hann School of Nursing. Dr. Atim is also the owner of Clinicians Touch Healthcare Solutions- a consulting firm specializing in healthcare compliance. Dr. Atim earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from University of the Sciences- Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; her Master of Business Administration from Northeastern University, and her Board Certification in Medical Affairs from ACMA. Her 15 years of experience span across the healthcare continuum from hospital pharmacy practice, nuclear medicine and community health center management, to regulatory project management, Medical Device development, and Human Factors Engineering. Dr. Atim is passionate about patient safety and believes that pharmacists are uniquely positioned and trained to be able to assume various roles within any healthcare organizations that wishes to improve upon the safety profile of their patients.