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# REACH for Commercialization™

REACH is a year-round resource and network for women interested in amplifying the impact of their research by exploring technology transfer, commercialization and entrepreneurship.

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## **Women in Venture Capital: Diverse Perspectives**

Friday, November 6, 2020

Noon – 1 p.m.

Via Zoom; please contact Katie Musson,  
musson.7@osu.edu for registration details

**Featured Speakers: Kirsten Leute (left) and  
Victoria Gonzalez (right)**

### **ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:**

**Kirsten Leute** is Partner, University Relations at Osage University Partners (OUP). In leading University Relations for OUP, Kirsten is responsible for the relationships with approximately 100 academic institutions that are partnered with the fund, engaging potential new partner institutions, and creating and delivering value-add programs for the partnered academic institutions.

Kirsten is an experienced technology transfer professional, having spent 19 years in technology transfer at Stanford University and the German Cancer Research Center. Prior to joining OUP, she was Associate Director at Stanford's Office of Technology Licensing. Over her career at Stanford, she managed portfolios of inventions in most technology areas, but concentrated in biotechnology.

Kirsten is actively involved in technology transfer and university startups outside her daily work. She is currently on advisory boards for the University of Michigan, University of Arizona, and Oregon Health Sciences University technology transfer offices, is a board member of Women in Bio, a member of the SBIR/STTR Subcommittee, Directorate for Engineering Advisory Committee, and a former two-time board member for the Association of University Technology Managers. [LinkedIn Profile](#)

**Victoria Gonzalez**, a senior executive with over thirty years of experience in chemicals, clean tech, food, and industrial manufacturing, has a proven track record of identifying, evaluating and commercializing disruptive technologies for both Fortune 200 companies and privately-held businesses. As a senior leader at Monsanto and CEO in multiple start-up companies, Victoria has successfully identified key market opportunities, evaluated innovative technology and assembled strategic, multi-functional teams for product launches. Her diverse experience and successful record-creating innovative products gives her a deep understanding of the complexities and challenges of developing and launching innovative products in various stages of the business lifecycle.

Victoria most recently completed the Distinguished Career Institute Fellowship at Stanford University. Her time at Stanford was focused on social innovation and entrepreneurship with a particular interest in the racial and socio-economic divide. She is a member of the SBIR/STTR Subcommittee, Directorate for Engineering Advisory Committee and teaches an entrepreneurial class for graduate students at Washington University in St. Louis. [LinkedIn Profile](#)

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