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**Biographies of the Panelists**



**Dan Bumblauskas** is an Associate Professor and the Hamilton/ESP Intl Fellow of Supply Chain & Logistics Management at the University of Northern Iowa and was previously an Assistant Teaching Professor of Management at the University of Missouri (Mizzou). Dan conducts research, teaches courses and consults on topics such as operations and supply chain management, service industry operations, six sigma, etc. Dan has published over 50 scholarly articles and conference proceeding papers and is also Vice President of PFC Services, Inc. As a consultant, Dan works with businesses in various industries to develop new business and improve operational efficiency.

Dan is a distinguished graduate of Iowa State University (ISU) where he has been conferred B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. Dan's doctoral work was completed in the department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at ISU. Dan also completed a master's degree program in general management at Harvard University.



**Kelly Klinefelter** is the founder and owner of Navguardian LLC. A native of Iowa, Kelly received her degree from University of Northern Iowa in Management and International Business, and where she first received her designation as Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP) that she still holds today. Her 12 years of experience in Export Compliance includes employment at a freight forwarder training employees on export compliance, hazmat (IMDG, IATA/ICAO, 49CFR), and managing teams of air and ocean export, as well as handling a wide variety of types of shipments. Her passion to help others in the world of exporting led her to start Navguardian LLC in 2015 to provide customized export support and export compliance solutions to US exporters. Kelly currently lives in the countryside in central Iowa with her husband, son, and dog where they love spending time together in the outdoors.



**Bobby Martens** is the Iowa Institute of Cooperatives Endowed Professor of Economics and Associate Professor of Economics. Previous to joining the Economics Department, Martens was an Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management in the Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business, also at Iowa State University. Bobby earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University and MS and BS degrees in Agricultural Economics from North Dakota State University. Martens' current position is 55 percent extension, focusing on Cooperatives and the supply chain in which they operate (agriculture and food supply chains). His primary research interests are food and agricultural supply chains. Engaged scholarship – working directly with companies to produce industry-relevant academic scholarship – is a central theme in his research. Examples of research includes supply chain design in the bio-economy, the effects of rate age and shipper practices on transportation rates, grain traceability, and a decision tool for small-scale African seed entrepreneurs. Martens published articles in top supply chain journals such as *Decision Sciences Journal* and *Journal of Business Logistics* and in Ag-Business journals such as the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. In addition to his work in Extension, he is involved in Iowa State University's Masters in Seed Business and Technology program and is a member of the Iowa State University Executive MBA teaching team. The E-MBA is focused on Agriculture, Food and Biosystems. Prior to earning his Ph.D., Martens worked as an account manager at Schneider Logistics and in product management at the Case Corporation. Bobby enjoys spending time with his wife and four children and operating a small farm near Ames.



**Ryan Murphy** is the Bureau Chief of the Research & Analysis Bureau within the Labor Market Information Division of Iowa Workforce Development (IWD). This bureau is responsible for developing and providing customized data products that assist with workforce development, economic development, business, and education efforts at state, regional, and local levels. He has worked within IWD's Labor Market Information Division for 15 years. Ryan attended the University of Northern Iowa where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics with an emphasis in community economic development. He then went on to earn a

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