



# FINTECH SUMMIT

# 2024

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## AGENDA

8:30 a.m.

### WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

- **Sevil Sonmez, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean of Faculty, Research & Graduate Programs, UCF College of Business
- **Paul Jarley, Ph.D.**, Dean, UCF College of Business
- **Michael Georgiopoulos, Ph.D.**, Dean, UCF College of Engineering & Computer Science

9 a.m.

### KEYNOTE

**David L. Yermack, Ph.D.**, Albert Fingerhut Professor of Finance and Business Transformation, New York University Stern School of Business

Introduced by **Ajai Singh, Ph.D.**, SunTrust Eminent Scholar Chair of Banking; Professor; Chair, Department of Finance; Director, Dr. P. Phillips School of Real Estate, UCF College of Business

10 a.m.

### EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: Blockchain and DeFi

Moderated by Cuneyt Akcora, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Finance, UCF College of Business / AI Initiative, College of Engineering & Computer Science

- **David Metcalf, Ph.D.**, Director, METIL.org, UCF Institute for Simulation & Training
- **Eshwar Venugopal, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Finance, UCF College of Business
- **David L. Yermack, Ph.D.**, Albert Fingerhut Professor of Finance and Business Transformation, New York University Stern School of Business

11 a.m.

### BREAK

11:15 a.m.

### FIRESIDE CHAT

**Garima Shah**, President & Co-Founder, Biller Genie, and **Paul Jarley, Ph.D.**, Dean, UCF College of Business

12 p.m.

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12:30 PM

## **EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: Personalization and Generative AI in Financial Institutions**

Moderated by **Charlie Lai**, EVP/CIO, FAIRWINDS Credit Union

- **Cuneyt Akcora, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Finance, UCF College of Business/AI Initiative, College of Engineering & Computer Science
- **Blake Makhholm**, UCF B.S. Data Science Student; Software Product Engineer, Tesla
- **Christina Martin**, Executive Director of Marketing, Chase Auto, JP Morgan Chase
- **Sal Rehmetullah**, Chief Executive Officer, Worth AI
- **Nathan Kurelo Wilk**, UCF M.S. FinTech Student; Software Engineer Fellow, Meta

1:30 p.m.

## **FIRESIDE CHAT**

**Maximillian Jungreis**, Head of Crypto & Digital Assets, Plug & Play Ventures, and  
**Eshwar Venugopal, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Finance, UCF College of Business

2 p.m.

## **BREAK**

2:15 p.m.

## **EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: The Future of FinTech Talent Acquisition**

Moderated by **Robin Smith**, Vice President, Banking Solutions, Oracle; UCF M.S. FinTech Student

- **Alex Lopez**, Senior Full Lifecycle Recruiter, Amazon
- **Jennie Opyoke**, Talent Acquisition Manager, FAIRWINDS Credit Union
- **Woody Walker**, Global Sales Practice Lead, Avanade – Division of Accenture

3:15 p.m.

## **EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: The Impact of Higher Interest Rates on FinTech**

Moderated by **Christo Pirinsky, Ph.D.**, Professor, Finance, UCF College of Business

- **Shree Gunjati**, Engineering Manager, BNY Mellon
- **Vlad Ivanov**, Assistant Director, Office of Corporate Finance, Division of Economic and Risk Analysis, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- **Kevin Wright**, Chief Information Officer, Addition Financial

4:15 p.m.

## **CLOSING REMARKS & INVITATION TO RECEPTION**

**Sevil Sonmez, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean, Faculty, Research & Graduate Programs,  
UCF College of Business

4:30 p.m.

## **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

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