

# INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE

## THE BLUE ECONOMY: WHAT IT MEANS FOR FLORIDA

### SPEAKER BIOS

**Glenn A. Wiltshire**, a 30-year veteran with the U.S. Coast Guard, has served as the Deputy Port Director for the Broward County Port Everglades Department since August 2006. As second in command of one of the world's busiest cruise ports and Florida's third largest containerized cargo seaport his responsibilities include security, operations, finance, and managing the seaport's diverse maritime initiatives which generated 9,600 jobs directly related to port operations and supported 207,000 jobs statewide, while adding nearly \$1.2 billion in state and local tax revenue. Prior to joining Port Everglades, Wiltshire was the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port of New York/New Jersey. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

**Valerie Seidel** is President and Principal Economist of The Balmoral Group, an economic and engineering firm focused on public policy, socioeconomic impacts, and design within infrastructure, water resources, and the environment. The Balmoral Group was established in 2004 to address the nexus of public policy and design within infrastructure, natural and water resources, and socioeconomic impacts. As a Florida- and Sydney-based niche firm, The Balmoral Group has completed precedent-setting projects for public and consortia clients, using sophisticated statistical analysis, GIS modeling and specialized stakeholder engagement techniques to address complex policy issues. The firm's professionals focus on three areas of expertise: economic analysis, hydrologic engineering, and transportation design/civil engineering.

**Sherry Larkin** currently serves as the Director of the Florida Sea Grant College Program. She is a natural resource and environmental economist tenured in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. She earned her Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from Oregon State University in 1998 and has been a faculty member at the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences since 2000. She has maintained a 70 percent research and 30 percent teaching appointment from 2000 through mid-2014, at which point she moved into the Dean for Research Office. She held a 100 percent administrative appointment as an Associate Dean for Research and Associated Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station until March 2020.

**Katherine O'Fallon** has served as the Executive Director of the Marine Research Hub since October of 2022. Katherine received her degree in Marine Biology from Long Island University Southampton in New York and began her career working as a marine biologist and educator in Curacao. In 2002, she moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and received her master's degree in marine science and education from Nova Southeastern University. In 2006, she began teaching marine science at New River Middle School (NRMS) and became the Marine Magnet Coordinator, elevating the school to become a National Certified Magnet School in 2018. Katherine is involved in the Plywood Regatta committee with the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, which connects students to the marine industry.