



## Meet the 2021-2022 CSCR® Advisory Board

The new year has officially begun and with it the latest iteration of the Center for Supply Chain Research Advisory Board. With the return of several current members and the welcome of our three newest members, CSCR is ready to greet the 2021-2022 academic year with fresh expertise and leadership. Our board is an impressive array of talent and experience.

## CSCR® Welcomes New Sponsors



**JWF Industries'** story began in the back of a pick-up truck, Johnny's Welding. Today the manufacturer is housed in a 1.1 million square foot facility employing 400 with over \$100 million in sales.



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## Faculty Highlights



### Penn State Smeal's Bansal Recognized with Wagner Prize

Saurabh Bansal, an associate professor of supply chain management in the Penn State Smeal College of Business, has been awarded the 2020 Daniel H. Wagner Prize for Excellence in the Practice of Advanced Analytics and Operations Research by the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS).

[We also sat down with Dr. Bansal for a casual chat.](#)



### Closed-Loop Supply Chains with Smeal's Dan Guide

Listen in as Steve Tracey, the executive director of CSCR and Penn State Executive Programs, hosts *In the Professor's Studio* with Dr. Dan Guide, Smeal chaired professor of operations and supply chain management, talking about his research on closed-loop supply chains and designing industry systems that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

## Research in the News



### March 24th Webinar Alert! Food Supply Chain Resilience: Reflections on Availability and Access

Join Dr. Felisa Preciado Higgins, associate dean of Smeal Undergraduate Development and a clinical professor of supply chain management, for a Smeal Lifelong Learning webinar on March 24th discussing her research on the threats to food supply chain resilience underscored by the current public health crisis and the challenges of matching availability with access.



### The Role of Biomass in Supply Chain Sustainability

Dr. Evelyn Thomchick, associate professor of supply chain management, and Dr. Kusumal Ruamsook, assistant research professor for the Center of Supply Chain Research, are part of an interdisciplinary team of researchers investigating uses of biomass to produce biofuel.



### Smeal SCIS Faculty Role in Penn State Interdisciplinary COVID Response

Research|Penn State, Spring 2021 Edition, *The Challenge of COVID: Penn State's Interdisciplinary Response*, features Supply Chain and Information Systems (SCIS) faculty involvement. Steve Tracey, a SCIS faculty member and CSCR executive director states in the *Lessons from a crisis*, Page 25, article, "You have to think about comprehensive solutions, as opposed to single-point solutions. Single point solutions are single points of failure."



### Smeal, GoChain Agreement Building Blockchain, Supply Chain Connections

Penn State is an early adopter and one of 50 organizations that will help power a project to bring the potential of a reputable blockchain to supply chain management. It's a move that project backers say could take the University a step toward offering its researchers not just a new field to study, but possibly even offering a new way to fund research itself.

## CSCR® Launches the Penn State Smeal Supply Chain Podcast Series



The Penn State Smeal Supply Chain Podcast is a monthly discussion of contemporary topics in supply chain management with Penn State faculty, expert practitioners, and CSCR sponsor organizations. Join our hosts, Irv Grossman, vice president of Supply Chain Operations for Chainalytics LLC, and Steve Tracey, executive director for CSCR and Penn State Executive Programs, and our guest, Galen Smith, Supply Chain Ecosystem leader at IBM, discussing supply chain agility. [Be sure to subscribe to our podcast series](#) using your mobile device, iTunes, or your favorite podcast app so you never miss an episode.

## Supply Chain Short Courses You Can't Miss this Season



Supply chain reaches into many areas of your business —sustainability, leadership, operations, and processes — that impact all goods and services your customer uses on a day-to-day basis. Now more than ever, the world is aware of the powers of the supply chain — which means now more than ever, companies are relying on their supply chains to remain relevant and successful in their markets. To this end, we hope you take advantage of Penn State Executive Programs short courses that are all offered online in 2021, [four of which we chose for you as this season's must-attend hot list!](#)

## CSCR® Calendar of Events

APR 14

Spring 2021 Corporate Sponsor Meeting | Virtual

JUN 24

Summer 2021 Supply Chain Leaders' Forum | Virtual

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