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Join us for a unique opportunity to hear from two global leaders as they share insights and real-world expertise to help shape Nevada's journey toward a robust, statewide innovation ecosystem. Gain valuable perspective on how collaborative approaches will strengthen Nevada's environment for business formation, innovation, and scalable entrepreneurial growth.

Scott Stern | MIT Sloan School of Management



Dr. Stern has worked widely with practitioners in bridging the gap between academic research and the practice of innovation and entrepreneurship, including advising startups and other growth firms in the area of entrepreneurial strategy, working with stakeholders to accelerate innovation-driven entrepreneurial ecosystems, and working with government at all levels to advance effective innovation policy. Dr. Stern co-founded and directed the MIT Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program, co-developed the Startup Cartography Project, advised the development of the Social Progress Index, and served as the lead MIT investigator on the U.S. Cluster Mapping Project.

Vladimir Bulović | MIT School of Engineering



Dr. Bulović directs the Organic and Nanostructured Electronics Laboratory, and is the founding director of MIT.nano, MIT's nano-fabrication, nano-characterization and prototyping facility. He is an author of more than 300 research articles. Dr. Bulović is a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors and an inventor of more than 120 U.S. patents in areas of light emitting diodes, lasers, photovoltaics, photodetectors, chemical sensors, programmable memories, and micro-electro machines. The startup companies initiated from his group's research include QD Vision, Inc., Kateeva, Inc., Ubiquitous Energy, Inc., Swift Solar, Inc., Optigon, Inc., and Active Surfaces, Inc. Jointly, these companies presently employ 350 people, with their products used by millions.

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