

CONSULTING SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

DATE: September 25, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM **LOCATION:** Frank Holmes Center

Morning Sessions

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Arrival & Networking

Guest arrival, registration, coffee & refreshments. Informal networking.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. | Welcome & Opening

Opening Remarks: Jan. Framing the day and how consulting is changing.

9:45 – 10:35 a.m. | Panel 1: Partner Perspective

Panel Question: How will the consulting profession evolve over the next decade and what might it look like thirty years from now?

Focus: Discussion on how consulting is evolving, including client expectations, AI and technology, talent, and service models.

Speakers:

Hitesh Peshavaria, Partner and National Central Government Leader, Deloitte, Strategy & Analytics

Grant Rutherford, Managing Director, Sia Partners

Oriana Vaccarino, Director and National Corporate Citizenship Advisory, KPMG

Jason Lee, Partner - Technology, Deloitte

Bruce Peever, Partner and National Co-Lead for Justice & Public Safety, KPMG

Moderator: **Jan Klakurka**, Associate Professor & Past Chair, Huron University, MOS

10:35 – 10:45 a.m. | Session Intermission 1

10:45 – 11:35 a.m. | Panel 2: Listening to Clients - Real-Life Consulting Project (RLCP)

Panel Question: How do lessons from the RLCP translate to real-world consulting, particularly when compared with experiences working alongside full-time consultants and consulting firms?

Focus: This panel showcases RLCP client insights from student projects completed with real organizations, highlighting how teams deliver recommendations and create impact in term-long, on-the-ground client settings.

Speakers:

Peter Ventin, Senior Vice President – Canada and Regional Growth Leader, GEI Consultants

Jorge Arroyo, Global Strategic Accounts Executive, Neogen Corporation

Jordan Nash, Owner, Coconut Group Ltd.

Elsa Qaiser, Analyst, Treasury & Payment Solutions, Global Transaction Banking, BMO

Moderator: **Clarence Borja**, Assistant Professor, Huron University, MOS

11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Foresight Exercise Tee-Up

Introduction and instructions for the foresight exercise, including its purpose, breakout locations, lunch logistics, and timing. Delegates will work in groups, select a spokesperson, and return to share key findings with the full group.

Speakers:

Candice Chow, Director, Foresight Lab, McMaster University and Assistant Professor, Strategic Management, DeGroote School of Business

Afternoon Sessions

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch & Foresight Breakouts

Lunch will be available in the Student Commons. Delegates will then take their lunch to designated breakout rooms to continue the foresight exercise, collaborate in small groups, and network with other attendees.

12:45 – 1:00 p.m. | Transition

Delegates return to the main room.

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. | Foresight Report-Back

Delegates reconvene in the main room to share key findings from the breakout sessions and offer additional personal perspectives.

1:15 – 2:05 p.m. | Panel 3: Beyond Boundaries

Panel Question: Describe how traditional “consulting” and client-service is evolving from your functional, hierarchical and contextual perspectives.

Focus: Perspectives from niche, independent, and specialized consulting paths, including boutique firms, cybersecurity, and emerging expertise areas.

Speakers:

Alberto Rivas Gonzales, Director, Global Sustainable Supply Chain Americas Leader, KPMG

Mike Vamvakaris, Managing Director Global Channel, Cypher

Khadija Waseem, Senior Consultant, Monitor Deloitte

Kirk Serjeantson, Independent Private Equity Consultant

Moderator: **Bill Irwin**, Professor Emeritus and Past Chair, Huron University, MOS

2:05 – 2:15 p.m. | Session Intermission 2

2:15 – 3:05 p.m. | Panel 4: Classroom Consultants - Real-Life Consulting Project (RLCP)

Panel Question: To what extent does your RLCP experience factor into your learning journey and the future of business school learning more broadly?

Focus: Client communication, professionalism, and managing ambiguity in real consulting engagements, emphasizing credibility, teamwork, applying classroom tools, and lessons from live projects, including AI's role in consulting.

Speakers:

Harpreet Kaur, Huron 4th Year BMOS Student, Winter 2026 Real-Life Consulting Project (RLCP) BMO-Harris Bank Team

Caleb Frigo, Huron 4th Year GLE Student, Winter 2026 RLCP GEI Consultants Team

Shirley Li, UofT 2nd Year Law Student, Fall 2023 RLCP (Rotman) StitchIt Team and 2-time Rotman RLCP TA

Moderator: **Russell Ku Fong**, Huron 4th Year BMOS Student

3:05 – 3:25 p.m. | Closing Synthesis

Connecting the perspectives. Skills and mindsets of the future consultant.

3:25 – 3:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks

Core takeaways, speaker appreciation, and final symposium wrap-up.