2017 ACA Summit
San Francisco Marriott Marquis

Wednesday, April 26

2:00-2:45  Orientation for New Summit Attendees
Salons 3-6  
*Matt Dunbar and Marcia Dawood, ACA Membership Committee*
Is this your first ACA Summit? Attend this session to get a lay of the land and make some early friends.

ACA SUMMIT BEGINS

3:00-4:00  Opening Keynote – Investing through the Generations
Salon 9  
*The Draper Family (Bill, Tim, Jesse, Adam, and Billy), moderated by Trish Costello, Portfolia*
Famed VC Tim Draper is joined by his father Bill and adult children Jesse, Adam, and Billy to talk about how they got started in equity investing, how they invest together, the changes they see in investing now and in the future, and the best practices that angels should continue. Inc doesn’t call them “Venture Capital’s Royal Family” for nothing!

4:00-4:30  Innovation Showcase – Part 1
Salon 9  
Fast pitches by interesting companies. Provide your feedback on each startup via the “Showcase” module in the Summit mobile app.

- Clarivoy (Columbus, OH) – Marketing Technology
- Navistone (Cincinnati) – Advertising Technology
- Yost Labs (Portsmouth, OH) – Software/ Internet/ IT
- ReadySet Surgical (Cincinnati) – Software/ Internet/ IT
- SafeRide (Westport, CT) – Consumer Products
- New View Surgical Inc. (Boston) – Life Sciences
- Tassl (Philadelphia) – Mobile App
- Touchjet (San Francisco) – Software/ Internet/ IT
- Abom, Inc. (Portland, OR) – Industrial Safety, Military & Consumer Products
- Precision Image Analysis (Kirkland, WA) – Software/ Internet/ IT
- Linqto (Pebble Beach, CA) – Fintech
- Zive (New York, NY) – Software/ Internet/ IT

4:30-5:00  Keynote – Investing in Healthcare’s Transformation at the Intersection of Maximizing Return & Impact
Salon 9  
*Dave Chase, Co-founder, Health Rosetta Group and Health Rosetta Institute*
Hyper-inflating healthcare costs are the hidden root cause for many social ills. Investing in fixing this is an unprecedented opportunity for generating returns while improving society, but it’s fraught with pitfalls for both new and experienced healthcare investors. Dave’s work leveraging the Heath Rosetta blueprint to drive change and invest has put him front and center in healthcare’s transformation. He’ll show how healthcare’s already been fixed and how to invest in scaling these fixes.

5:00-5:30  Innovation Showcase – Part 2
Salon 9  
Fast pitches by interesting companies. Provide your feedback on each startup via the “Showcase” module in the Summit mobile app.

- Polimorfosis Design Lab (Santiago, Chile) – Life Sciences
- Freemet (Santiago, Chile) – Clean Tech
- My Job Studio (Santiago, Chile) – Human Resources
- EMERCOM (Valparaiso, Chile) – Software/ Internet/ IT

Marianne Hudson, Angel Capital Association

A lot is known about angels in aggregate, but very little is known about the individuals who support startups in private. ACA has partnered with Wharton Entrepreneurship to put a “face” on angels, if you will. This first-ever US study has surprising information on who angels are and it also provides new insights on how we became angels, why we invest, how much we invest individually, and much more.

Cocktail Reception

Salons 7-8

Network with new colleagues and old friends, and give “Venture Bucks” to Innovation Showcase companies you like.

Affinity Dinners (off-site)

Thursday, April 27

Breakfast Briefings

Section 1202 Qualified Small Business Stock Demystified

Nob Hill

Who doesn't want to get up early and discuss the tax code? When the topic is a 100% exemption from paying capital gains tax, it might be worth setting that alarm. Join Gary Kocher and Francisco Olmedo from K&L Gates Seattle office who will explain the Section 1202 Qualified Small Business Stock rules. They will discuss the nuts and bolts of the requirements, talk about the future for this powerful incentive and discuss the work of ACA in Washington, DC to support and improve it in the face of the current tax reform agenda.

As a bonus, you will go leave the session with very useful sample language that can be used in your investment documents going forward that will help you capitalize on this capital gains exclusion.

How Angels Can Make the Most of Online Platforms

Salons 1-3

Have you ever wondered how you might benefit from the emerging trend of online investing? Attend this session to hear directly from the team behind Propel(x), including co-founder, Lisheng Wang. This will be an interactive session which is aimed at answering your burning questions - about online startup investing, crowdfunding, collaborations with angel groups and more.

Info Session on Impact Investing

Salon 13

Are you an impact investor or want to learn more about impact investing? Join us for a discussion on how we can align our values with our investment strategy and do well by investing in companies doing good. Hear from investors from the Next Wave Impact Fund, Investors Circle, and Toniic about how they seek both financial and social returns from the companies that they invest in. Grab the breakfast provided and join us in Salon 13 to learn more. We will also be having two impact companies present to impact investors in Salon 13 on Friday afternoon, immediately following the ACA closing luncheon. Come to the breakfast and find out who the two companies are that were selected!

Continental Breakfast (Salons 7-8)
8:00-8:15  |  2016 Halo Report
Salon 9

Troy Knauss, Angel Resource Institute
The 2016 HALO Report provides new perspectives and foundational detail on angel group investing and activity. It also informs angel policy development across the U.S. This year it captures many more data points than in the past and yields enticing new information to launch discussions across the angel community.

8:15-8:30  |  Keynote - Ahead of the Curve: Opportunities for Investing in Science and Technology
Salon 9

Swati Chaturvedi, Propel(x)
Angels need to know about the three big themes that Propel(x) sees coming up in the next decade: investments in Artificial Intelligence, Cleantech (next generation) and the intersection of computing and biology.

8:30-9:15  |  Fireside Chat – How Angels and VCs are Working in the New Washington, DC
Salon 9

Doyle Bartlett (Eris Group) and Bobby Franklin (National Venture Capital Association), moderated by David Verrill (ACA Public Policy Chair)
How much have things changed in Washington, DC – or stayed the same? ACA’s lead lobbyist and NVCA’s CEO walk us through the big picture issues that are the top priorities for President Trump and/or Congress and where startups, innovation, and early-stage investment fit into policy-makers’ priorities. What are the top priorities and work for ACA and NVCA, and how are the two organizations working together?

9:15-9:30  |  Update on NIH and Life Science Funding
Salon 9

Jodi Black, National Institutes of Health
The National Institutes of Health are important funders of basic life science research and also of life science startups through the SBIR program. What’s new in 2017?

9:30-9:45  |  Break

9:45-10:30 | Concurrent Sessions

Salons 10-12  |  How to Think About Investing Up Front – the Importance of Portfolio Strategy

Dave Berkus, Tech Coast Angels
Victoria Barnard, Women’s Capital Connection/Rising Tide Fund
Lauren Flanagan, BELLE Capital USA
Peter Jungen, New York Angels and EBAN
It’s not just how much of your liquid wealth to pour into angel investing. It is how to deploy angel investments over time and in successive rounds, how to assess risk, how to measure success, and how to set expectations – all toward creating a strategy for success. Using the theme, “Angel investing ain’t as easy as it looks,” this session’s panelists will examine winning angel investment strategies and the logic driving them.

Salons 13-15  |  The Unique Job of Running an Angel Group

Michael Kindrat-Pratt, Ohio TechAngel Funds
There may only be 100 of us worldwide, but we’re all here at the ACA Summit! We are the leaders of angel groups – the “no job is too small” individuals that make groups tick. Come join your fellow career angel group leaders for an audience-wide discussion on the high-octane industry of angel investing in your day-to-day jobs, answering questions like: What are the compensation models? What skills should you be developing? Does leading an angel group help or hurt your career options? What kinds of things have angel group leaders done when they have moved on from their groups?

Salons 1-3  |  New Opportunities for Science-Based Investments

Swati Chaturvedi, Propel(x)
Paul Campbell, Schneider Electric
Lindy Fishburne, Breakout Labs
Ruth Shuman, National Science Foundation
Science based companies like Genentech, Tesla and SpaceX have changed the world - and generated big returns. Leading investors discuss trends that are making science-based startups more attractive for investors. They will also cover how to access quality science-based deals, what to look for when conducting
diligence and the trends driving shorter timelines for science-based companies and increasing paths to exits. Thanks to the Internet, investors now can be a part of life changing innovations like never before, and this panel will arm angel investors to take full advantage of the science century.

**Salons 4-6**

**Investing in Growing Markets: Veterans, LGBTQ and People of Color**

*Marilyn Nicholas, Cross Culture Ventures*
*Paul Grossinger, Gaingels*
*Lorraine Pendleton, Portfolio/Pipeline Angels*
*Bow Rodgers, Vet-Tech and Individual Member*

Huge, and often missed, investing opportunities exist with companies led by military veterans, people of color or LGBTQ or that are focused in these communities. This session explores how to tap into new communities for deal flow and return; how to expand our angel networks and groups beyond the more traditional investors and companies. Successful examples such as MayVenn luxury hair extensions (with Andreesen Horowitz), GAYGPS, will include both angel investors, entrepreneurs and VCs who are following on.

**Nob Hill**

**After the Check – Tactics to Boost Your Returns**

*John Huston, Ohio TechAngel Funds*
*James DeCarlo, Greenberg Traurig*

Most angels love the “thrill of the hunt” and doing deep due diligence on the “next cool thing.” The steps we take after we invest, however, often affect our returns more than our initial deal scrubbing. This session covers specific tactics angels who are not sitting around the board table can employ during the holding period. Discussion topics will include: goad angel directors to maintain “exit tension;” control CEOs’ salary to keep focused on the exit payday; and use a follow-on investment template to astutely allocate your dry powder.

**Foothills E**

**Workshop for Showcase Companies – The Ins and Outs of Term Sheets**

*Emily Ladd-Kravitz, Greenberg Traurig*
*Beth Cohen, Greenberg Traurig*

The term sheet is one of the most important documents to an entrepreneur. Which terms are most important? How do they affect you? What are the best ways to negotiate for good results?

**10:30-11:00** Networking Break

**11:00-11:45** Concurrent Sessions

**Salons 10-12**

**Sources of Follow-on Rounds, Liquidity and Exits for Angel Group Portfolio Companies**

*Kenneth Gatza, ProSeeder Technologies*
*David Mes, Arc Venture Partners*
*Charlene Yu Vaughn, The Algonquin Group*
*Ian Westberg, Perkins Coie Investor Services*

Join an open and detailed discussion with market participants and advisors to investors and companies on accessing new capital sources for follow-on rounds. The session also focuses on gaining partial liquidity for risk mitigation and properly preparing for and structuring exits from individual companies and complete angel group portfolios.

**Salons 13-15**

**How Angel Groups Stay Relevant in 2017**

*Peter Adams, Rockies Venture Club/RVC Angels*
*Jean Hammond, Launchpad Venture Group*
*Peter Jungen, New York Angels/EBAN*
*Kevin Laws, AngelList*
*Eli Velasquez, VentureWell*

Angel groups have evolved rapidly over the past ten years to accommodate the retreat of venture capital from early stage investing. What will tomorrow’s angel groups need to keep themselves relevant amidst rapid change? We’ll consider how the “wisdom of crowds” works to help groups make good decisions and how new models of platform investing, technology enhanced angel groups, education programs, compensation for due diligence and lead angel roles and other trends will change the future of angel capital investing.
Digital Health – What’s Your Investment Strategy?
Don Ross, Life Science Angels
Lynne Chou O’Keefe, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers
David Feygin, Boston Scientific
Jordan Kramer, Healthcare Strategy Consultant
Digital health is one of the hottest domains, but it’s also crowded with new startups. How do you separate the contenders from the pretenders? Please join us for an in-depth discussion with digital health thought leaders. These savvy luminaries will share their criteria for investment, identify which solutions are adopted by customers, and describe what metrics drive digital health exits. Use this opportunity to hone your digital health investment strategies.

Hybrid Models for Angel Groups: Venture, Angel, Other
Lisa Frusztajer, Pipeline Angels/ Portfolia Enterprise Fund
Kim Folsom, Founders First Capital Partners
Loretta McCarthy, Golden Seeds
Robert Robinson, Hawaii Angels and Kolohala Ventures
As early stage investing evolves, lines are blurring between angel investor groups, venture capital partnerships, and hybrids of these. What are the different models out there and what can we learn from them? Are there approaches that increase the professionalization of early stage investing? This panel discussion will consider some of the ways investor groups are effectively: (1) engaging investors and leveraging their expertise; (2) serving and attracting strong entrepreneurs; (3) creating the conditions to generate strong returns.

Structured Exit – How to Structure Angel Investments to Ensure Returns, Independent of the Company’s Exit
Gwen Edwards, Golden Seeds
BJ Lackland, Lighter Capital
Christina Lampe-Onnerud, Cadenza Innovation
Ian Sobieski, Band of Angels
Many experienced angels are quietly seeking ways to add more risk mitigation to their portfolio. Structured Exits represent one such set of tools, and we’ll address some of the ways that are possible. Options include revenue based loans with a defined cap, potentially with warrants and dividend structures; annuities as a percent of revenue based on amount of equity invested; and exercisable redemption clauses at a defined multiple for some or all the investment, based on time and/or revenue attained.

Workshop for Showcase Companies: Intellectual Property and Patents
James DeCarlo, Greenberg Traurig
Chinh Pham, Greenberg Traurig
A strong patent portfolio can help start-ups attract investors. During this workshop, Greenberg Traurig IP attorneys will offer practical guidance on what startup enterprises need to know about developing, protecting and monetizing their IP assets. They will address: protecting your ideas; patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secret basics; IP strategic planning; patenting in the new world of patent eligibility; and, preparing for the new examining practices coming at the PTO.

11:45-Noon  Break

Noon-2:00  Lunch with Keynote Speaker and Awards
Salon 9
Keynote – The Crèche of Innovation: A Warp-Speed History of Silicon Valley
Dr. Morton Grosser
Don’t miss this history of Silicon Valley from one of its most knowledgeable leaders and thinkers.
Presentation of the Luis Villalobos and Hans Severiens Awards
ACA presents just two national awards each year: the Luis Villalobos Award is for the most innovative portfolio companies of ACA members and the Hans Severiens Award recognizes the individual who has made a big impact on the field of angel investing

2:00-2:15  Break
**2:15-3:00 Concurrent Sessions**

**Salons 10-12**

**Valuation 101**

*Kevin Learned, Boise Angel Alliance*

*Manthi Nguyen, Next Wave, Sierra Angels, Sand Hill Angels*

*Rachel Sheinbein, Rising Tide Fund*

Valuation of deals is perplexing, subjective and can be a guessing game. For the new angels, the terms can be confusing. Entrepreneurs often don’t understand the angels’ perspective and may be coached to ask for unreasonable terms. Come learn the vocabulary, how valuation may affect returns, and how to use a valuation calculator from three experienced angels.

**Salons 13-15**

**Collaboration Across Groups – Critical Mass Matters in Deal Flow, Due Diligence and Community**

*John Selep, InSync Angel Network/ Sacramento Angels*

*Gwen Edwards, InSync Angel Network/ Golden Seeds*

*Claire England, Alliance of Texas Angel Networks/ Central Texas Angel Network*

*Richard Sudek, Angel Syndication Network/ Tech Coast Angels*

With new financing platforms increasingly competing for investor and entrepreneur attention, angel groups can continue to be a preferred investment vehicle by collaborating to increase their collective wallet and attract great deals. Hear representatives from several multi-group networks share best practices and experiences expanding deal-flow and syndicating deals, sharing expertise and due-diligence across groups, and building strong communities among their investors. When it comes to attracting the best deals, critical mass matters.

**Salons 1-3**

**The Next Big Thing in Tech – VR, IoT, Deep Learning...**

*Michael Aratow, MD, Angel Investor and San Mateo Medical Center*

*Chinh Pham, Greenberg Traurig*

*Bill Reichert, Garage Technology Ventures*

*Andy Schuetz, Berkeley Angel Network*

The hottest technology trends in the last two years are virtual reality/ augmented reality (VR/AR), IoT and Artificial Intelligence (aka Deep Learning). They have led to billion dollar valuations in their respective fields. Is this performance sustainable? The panel will explore future trends and investment opportunities in each category.

**Salons 4-6**

**The Impact of Women Angels – How and Who They Invest In and How They Add Value**

*Amy Millman, Springboard Enterprises*

*Trish Costello, Portfolia*

*Silvia Mah, Hera Angels*

*Bonny Moellenbrock, Investors’ Circle*

Female angel investors are investing in products that are making more impact, serving different customer segments, and truly bringing to market products and services that affect positive economic change within families and communities. There are a rising tide of new female angel investors and groups in the United States that need to be highlighted and applauded. Understand the trends of what women are investing in, why they are investing, what new investing vehicles are being used to promote gender diversity, and what is the future for female angel investors.

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**Navigating the Legal Cannabis Boom**

*Troy Dayton, The ArcView Group*

The North American legal cannabis industry grew 34% in 2016 to $6.9 billion. It’s projected to triple over the next 5 years. As the illicit market transitions to legal channels and a new industry is forged from the ashes of marijuana prohibition, investors and entrepreneurs are flocking to this exciting industry. But federal and state law conflicts, banking and taxation challenges, as well as a fast changing local and state-level regulatory environment make this a unique industry with unique challenges and opportunities. In this session, we will explore the different types of opportunities in this sector, including the obvious ones like investing in cultivators and dispensaries, but also less obvious ones like point-of-sale software, agricultural technology, pharmaceutical drug development, data analytics, the hemp industry and more. We’ll also look at who is investing in this fascinating sector and how investors are working together in new ways to navigate the rugged terrain.
Foothills E

**Being an Effective Board Member**
*Marcia Dawood, Golden Seeds/ BlueTree / Next Wave*
*Meredith Haviland, Foley Hoag*
*Mary Jo Potter, Keiretsu Forum*

Becoming a member of the Board of Directors for even the smallest of companies can be a very large responsibility. What are the main objectives, fiduciary obligations and potential liabilities of a board rep? Join us to hear from some industry experts (including an attorney) about best practices and what to look out for as you navigate sometimes treacherous waters.

**3:00-3:15** Break

**3:15-4:15** Ten Hot Topic Roundtables
A favorite of many ACA members, these roundtables are interactive discussions among everyone in the room, designed to let everyone share their questions, ideas, and experiences. Join the discussion that most interests you.

- **Angel/Venture Funds – Selecting the Best Structures and Models** (Salons 10-12)
- **Blockchain and What It Means for Angels** (Yerba Buena Foyer)
- **Convertible Notes – to Do or Not to Do?** (Salon 9)
- **Does Investing in Follow-on Rounds Produce Better Returns?** (Nob Hill A)
- **Helping Companies Scale-Up** (Salons 14-15)
- **Investing in Women-Led Companies – What’s Different?** (Nob Hill D)
- **Post Investment Best Practices** (Salon 13)
- **Syndicating Deals Across Borders** (Salon 3)
- **Valuation Trends** (Salons 4-6)
- **Your Patent and IP Questions Answered by a Top IP Attorney** (Salons 1-2)

**4:15-4:30** Break

**4:30-5:30** End the Day
Salon 9

**ACA Annual Meeting – Vote on New Board of Directors Slate**
**Non-Dilutive Capital – Ruth Shuman, National Science Foundation**
**Keynote – Sex, Angels and a $1B Exit**
*Cindy Whitehead, The Pink Ceiling*

In the last ten years, Cindy Whitehead has started and sold two businesses for more than $1.5B. Sprout Pharmaceuticals, which was funded entirely by angels and family offices, was the first ever FDA-approved drug for low sexual drive in women. She started Sprout the day after selling another company, Slate Pharmaceuticals. Here her story and what she’s doing now – The Pink Ceiling, a cross between a VC firm, a “pinkubator” and a consulting enterprise.

**5:30-7:00** Reception in Honor of Award Winners and Finalists (Salons 7-8)

**7:00 on** Affinity Dinners (off-site)
Friday, April 28

7:15-8:00  Continental Breakfast (Salons 7-8)

Salon 13  Breakfast Info Session on Impact Investing
Are you an impact investor or want to learn more about impact investing? Join us for a discussion on how we can align our values with our investment strategy and do well by investing in companies doing good. Hear from investors from the Next Wave Impact Fund, Investors Circle, and Toniic about how they seek both financial and social returns from the companies that they invest in. Grab the breakfast provided and join us in Salon 13 to learn more. We will also be having two impact companies present to impact investors in Salon 13 on Friday afternoon, immediately following the ACA closing luncheon. Come to the breakfast and find out who the two companies are that were selected!

8:00-8:45  Concurrent Sessions

Salons 10-12  Due Diligence – What’s Needed Now and What’s Next?
Bill Halama, Frontier Angels/ Tech Coast Angels
Pat LaPointe, Frontier Angels/ Alliance of Angels
Due Diligence is one of the most important things angels can do and can also be one of the most painful. Two experienced angels who are members of multiple angel groups share their thoughts on process, procedure and outcomes of the DD process. Bill Halama will share his experience and templates on Process and Procedure as well as Phase I DD Issues. Pat LaPointe will look ahead to the emerging DD needs and share his unique “Red Team/Blue Team” approach. You will leave with some great ideas on how to make the DD process work for you and your group to make better investments.

Salons 13-15  Recruiting, Retaining and Engaging Member Angels
Karen Grant, Angel One Investor Network
Monique Adams, 757 Angels
Juliana Garaizar, Houston Angel Network
Jess Joss, York Angel Investors
Robbie Paul, ICE Angels
Louis Saint-Jacques, Anges Quebec
Rick Timmins, Central Texas Angel Network
A perennial challenge for angel group leaders is membership - as in bringing in new members, keeping good angels as members, and getting them engaged in leading deals or committee work. This group is up to the challenge! Hear about the most effective tactics and tools for recruiting new member, innovative activities to retain members, and ideas to get the most support for member angels (while keeping them happy too).

Salons 1-3  Silicon Valley to Medical Alley: Industry Trends in Healthcare IT and Beyond
Barb Stinnett, Sofia Angel Fund
Anne DeGheest, HealthTech Capital
Dr. David Liang, Stanford University and StartX Accelerator
Marti Nyman, United Healthcare
With the uncertain environment for all healthcare stakeholders created by rapidly changing technologies, evolving business models for providers and insurers, rising consumer costs, and changing revenue sources, what should angels be expecting and/ or looking for in this disrupted environment? Are there opportunities available? This distinguished panel of technologists, investors, service providers, and insurance representations will attempt to provide perspectives on these issues.

Salons 4-6  What Model of Online Investing Works for You?
Kiki Tidwell, Element 8
David Little, FastTrack.vc
Swati Chaturvedi, Propel(x)
Jenny Rooke, 5 Prime Ventures
Accredited investors are increasingly using online platforms, not to replace their angel groups nor existing angel practices, but to supplement these efforts to their advantage. This session will dive deeper on key
elements on different models of platforms and explore how these elements can be particularly helpful to angels and angel groups. Hear about the opportunities as an angel to syndicate a deal, how syndicates are supported by different platforms, how an angel can use platforms to connect to high level expert diligence, how communities of investors are connecting.

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**Growing Your Portfolio**
*Suse Reynolds, Angel Association New Zealand*
*Marcel van den Assum, Angel Association New Zealand*

Join this advanced audience discussion about different approaches to developing a portfolio of angel backed ventures and actively managing that portfolio for returns. We’ll start with key considerations when building and managing a portfolio and explore various types of portfolios from large to small, funds to singles, etc. as angels look at how to work toward beating the odds.

8:45-9:00  Break

9:00-9:45  Concurrent Sessions

**Salons 10-12**

**Understanding Capital Models**
Ron Weissman, Bond of Angels

Down rounds and cram downs! Premature follow-ons! Terrible term sheets! A company’s long-term financial requirements—its capital model—is a key risk for angel investors. Unfortunately, we often overlook capital risk in our excitement about the company’s story, vision and early successes. This session will examine how capital models should factor into angel diligence and investment decision-making and discuss how metrics-and-milestones-driven angels can protect themselves across a portfolio company’s lifecycle. Bonus: real capital horror and success stories!

**Salons 13-15**

**Refreshing Your Angel Group: How a Strategy Shift Can Set the Stage for Future Growth**
*Sue Baggott, Queen City Angels and Next Wave Fund*
*Steve Baggott, Queen City Angels*
*Tony Shipley, Queen City Angels*

Learn how one established angel group got clear on its strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, then developed and implemented fresh strategies for diversity, speed, brand image, and approachability to drive its future growth. This session’s highly interactive approach is designed to stimulate thinking and provide actionable tools and models for helping address your angel group’s challenges and opportunities.

**Salons 1-3**

**Investing in Cures**
*Kelly McVearry, Hypatia Group*
*Loretta McCarthy, Golden Seeds*
*Allan May, Life Science Angels*
*Matthew Kerby, Life Science Angels*
*Darren Cooke, Life Science Angels*

Have you ever wondered about questions like: Can angels help find cures for our worst diseases? What are some of the angel-backed ventures bringing new medicines and new diagnostics to market?, or What if I don’t have a background in science...should I invest? Join us to hear about real world companies making a difference and how angels can play an integral role.

**Salons 4-6**

**Can You Money Ball Your Angel Investments?**
*Barbara Clarke, Astia Angels/ Pipeline Angels/ Portfolia*

Money ball created a new way to look at baseball. Instead of the gut instincts of scouts, the Oakland A’s turned to quantitative analysis. Big Data is now a cliché term for analytics, but we have seen how quantitative financial analysis in the public markets has gone from boutique financial services firms to widespread adoption. Can it work for angel investing? We will identify opportunities to apply quantitative analysis to the investment process. What metrics help in evaluating teams? What data shows traction and what is noise? When should you trust your gut and when do you need outside validation?
New Tax Breaks for America’s Innovation Economy
Alicia Robb, Next Wave
Jeff Haskett, Clarus Solutions
Jeff Sellner, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Angels know how significantly dilution affects our returns so we encourage our portfolio companies to take full advantage of non-dilutive sources of capital, of which tax breaks lead the list. An overview of the basic tax breaks for angels will be covered, plus the recent changes in the federal tax code sections affecting angels. The updated R & D tax credit can provide up to $250,000 in tax credits against our young portfolio companies’ annual payroll taxes while their revenues are under $5 million.

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-11:00 Keynote Fireside Chat with Mitch Kapor and Freada Kapor Klein, Kapor Capital
Salon 9
Moderated by ACA Chair Christopher Mirabile, this legendary duo cover their approach to investing, particularly their thesis on closing gaps of access, opportunity and outcome for low income communities and/or communities of color.

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-Noon Concurrent Sessions

Salons 10-12 Structuring Deals
Angela Jackson, Portland Seed Fund
Emily Ladd-Kravitz, Greenberg Traurig
Boris Mann, Open Angel (and NACO Common Docs project)
As many experienced angels know, the terms and structure of deals can make a huge difference in follow-on rounds and exit results. These experts will cover the key terms and structures you should know and what they mean for you. They’ll also cover the pros and cons of priced rounds versus convertible debt. Boris Mann, fresh off a new project to create common angel term sheets in Canada, will cover some key takeaways from discussions with attorneys, investors, and founders.

Salons 13-15 Build a Strong Ecosystem to Grow Your Group or Platform
Kathie Priebe, Sierra Angels/Golden Seeds
Kevin Moore, SeedStep Angels and Oklahoma Angel Fund
Parker MacDonell, Rev1 Ventures
Jim Sacherman, University of Nevada-Reno Innovation Center
Whether you’re a VC, angel group, or platform, strengthening the local entrepreneurial ecosystem is vital to improving outcomes for both startups and investors. Come hear what others have done to build strong corporate, community, and university relationships with their startup and investor community, and learn what you can do in your own local ecosystem to promote startup and investor success, and thereby grow your investor group or platform.

Salons 1-3 Trumping Healthcare – How Does President Trump Change Life Science Investing?
David Ford, California Health Information Partnership & Services Organization (CalHIPSO)
Shawn Dastmalchi, Ark.one Health and Berkeley Angel Network
Brett Johnson, California Life Sciences Association
Kim Snyder, Lumetra Health Solutions
The early days of the Trump Administration have seen more discussion about health care than almost any other policy area – ACA repeal, FDA reform, pharmaceutical pricing, etc. This panel will bring together thought leaders from diverse viewpoints – policy leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs – to discuss how these whirlwind changes will affect life science investing in 2017 and beyond.
Salons 4-6

**Collaborative Impact Investing**
*Alexandra LaForge, Investors’ Circle*
*Alicia Robb, Next Wave*
Impact investing is a hot topic, but how can you tell if your perspectives on impact and return are aligned with potential co-investors? This interactive session will help investors identify their investment interests, needs, and motivations as well as what to look for in productive investment partnerships. We will use real world scenarios to explore impact and return expectations, capital constraints, and portfolio strategies.

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**Strategies to Combat Excessive Valuations**
*Christopher Mirabile, Launchpad Venture Group*
*Meredith Haviland, Foley Hoag*
Experienced angels are always looking for strategies and deal terms that might be used to combat the excessive valuations currently plaguing angels. Join us for a discussion of some strategies that have worked along with an interactive audience discussion and Q&A to source additional ideas.

12:00-1:30

**Closing Lunch**

**Salon 9**

**Keynote – The Resource Efficiency Revolution: How It’s Changing the Global Economy**
*Steve Westly, The Westly Group*
Steve Westly outlines how new technologies and business models are enabling companies like Tesla, Uber and Airbnb to create some of the best investment opportunities in the market today. Mr. Westly has a unique background. After helping take eBay public in 1998, he was elected Controller and CFO of the State of California in 2002 where he served on the boards of CalPERS and CalSTRS. He then founded one of the larger sustainability venture firms in the United States, where he was an investor and board member of Tesla Motors. He and his partners have had 10 IPOs. He also served on the faculty on the Stanford Graduate School of Business for 5 years.