

# Virtual **WOW** Virtual

## Women *of* Ohio Wesleyan

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### **WOW Session #2:**

### **Setting Boundaries. The Ongoing Struggle with Work Life Integration.**

#### **Panelists include:**

#### **Sophia Ahmed '20, business intelligence analyst, Thirstie**



My name is Sophia, and I am a recent grad from the class of 2020. I am originally from Pakistan, and I am currently working as a Business Intelligence Analyst for a New York City based start up by the name of Thirstie! I majored in Management Economics, with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. I was heavily involved in the Woltemade Center, and I was a student intern for the Career Connection. I loved my time at Ohio Wesleyan University, because I was learning something new everyday. OWU showed me how important it is to grow, branch out and explore my interests.

#### **Catie Butt '91, executive director, advanced delivery & solutions, Allen & Overy**



Prior to joining magic circle firm Allen & Overy Cathleen “Catie” Butt was a senior in-house lawyer and business executive for various technology, telecom and IT outsourcing companies including BBN Corporation, GTE Internetworking, Genuity, Level 3 Communications and Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC). She was a Deputy General Counsel at CSC for 14 years, leading the global transactions, contracts & commercial management and legal operations functions, when it merged with Hewlett Packard’s Enterprise Services division to form DXC

Technology in 2017, where she was then at the center of DXC’s legal department transformation. Catie then joined UnitedLex for a couple of years to serve as SVP, Enterprise Legal Services and Global Operations Executive for the DXC project.

Catie is now an Executive Director with A&O’s Advanced Delivery & Solution group focused on providing digital transformation advisory, new operating model design and implementation

services for corporate and legal functions. Given her extensive in-house and legal service provider experience, she brings a unique perspective and methodology to transforming corporate and legal functions using a combination of technology, data, process innovation and right resources for right tasks.

Pre-pandemic, Catie typically worked from A&O's NY, DC, London and Belfast offices. These days, Catie is grateful to be working from home / sharing a dining table "office" with her husband Brent Arvidson and their adopted dog Max.

### **Samantha Sharpe '09, CCRP, clinical research project management consultant**



Samantha Sharpe, CCRP, Clinical Research Project Management Consultant. Samantha is a Research Administration professional delivering a multi-faceted and broad view approach to academic clinical research management through her company, Broadview Research Consulting, LLC. Samantha is passionate about sharing knowledge in the field of managing clinical trials and advocating for community involvement in clinical research projects; research participation is crucial to innovation and improving outcomes. Samantha integrates her science-heavy background into her daily homeschool lessons for her

two young, active boys. She enjoys time outdoors, home improvement projects, strong coffee, and adventuring with her family.

### **Moderated by Diane Petersen '66, chair 2020 Women of Ohio Wesleyan**



Dr. Diane Petersen was a Speech major at OWU, graduating in 1966. She was the first African American woman to become a member of Tri Delt, and is now on the Tri Delta Foundation Board of Trustees. Diane has the greatest affection for her alma mater!

Moving on from OWU, Diane received a Master's Degree in communicative disorders and enjoyed being a speech and language pathologist until she went to medical school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Then the warm and inviting beach climate of Southern California lured her away, and she completed her residency at UCLA Medical School. She currently resides in Redondo Beach.

Dr. Petersen retired in 2015 from a fulfilling career as a head and neck surgeon. Retirement has given her the opportunity to devote herself to community involvement and philanthropy, other passions that drive her life. Besides her commitment to the Tri Delt Foundation, Diane is also on the Board of Directors of Pediatric Therapy Network which helps children with special needs and medical conditions by providing therapies that increase each child's abilities so that the youngster can live a more fulfilling and independent life.

Traveling is also a pleasurable and enlightening pursuit for Diane but, of course, the pandemic has curtailed venturing very far. For now, she is finding creative ways to stay connected with the world and with the important people in her life.