

## Debra Levantrosser



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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

### Career Summary

Debra Levantrosser is a leading international professional in the areas of productivity improvement, alignment and change, and facilitation and planning. For over 20 years, Debra has improved businesses both as an esteemed executive on the front line and as a respected advisor. Through her efforts using such practiced and honed techniques as lean thinking, leadership development, culture change, change management, strategic planning, white space exploration, and program management, she has helped to identify over \$6 billion in business savings and has proactively improved employee morale. She has lived in Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Germany, and the United States and worked in over 50 countries.

### Client, Organization, and Industry Experience

Debra has held a variety of positions in manufacturing, logistics, sales, performance improvement, and quality control, providing her with a unique, multifaceted perspective. Because of her diversity, she successfully navigates and applies her talents to myriad industries including, Automotive, Health Care, Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices, Consumer Products, Industrial Products, Stored Electrical Energy, Interior Design and Home Furnishings, Law Enforcement, Health Insurance, Higher Education, and Government, with a specialized focus on the functions of Supply Chain, Sales, Operations, Strategy, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Site Selection. She has been interviewed on Comcast Newsmakers airing on CNN Headline News, delivered a speech on business improvement at a press conference with Governor Granholm (D-MI) and has been quoted in numerous publications.

### Leadership Experience

Debra's experience includes senior roles at Johnson & Johnson, Ford Motor Company, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Exide Technologies, Vassar Brothers Hospital, and her own companies, Arbed Properties and Arbed Designs, LLC. She works seamlessly with C-suite leaders and front line employees and has been told her style of leading a team is a best practice. As an expert facilitator, moderator, and coach, she has transformed groups at all levels of an organization into highly functioning and performing teams across the value chain.

### Education, Certifications, Memberships, Publications

- Founder, Michigan Lean Consortium
- Advisor to the Lt. Governor's office and City of Detroit priority projects
- Member of Oakland University's Pawley Institute Advisory Board (2008-present)
- Member of Marist College School of Management Advisory Board (2001-present)
- Author of *Lean Thinking and Benjamin Franklin*, Lean Progress, 2007
- Founder of *Debra S. Levantrosser Women of Marist Scholarship*
- Moderator and Presenter at Michigan Human Resources Day, August 2010
- Member of Governor Granholm's (D-MI) Committee on Performance Improvement (2007-2009)
- "Innovation in State Government." State of Michigan Executive Lecture series, February 2008
- University Instructor in leadership, business, and public administration since 2001
- PhD student in Organizational Management
- Master's in Public Administration, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York, USA
- Undergraduate degrees in Political Science and German with health studies minor, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA