

# **Abram Walton, Ph.D.**

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## **About**

Dr. Abram Walton is an author, researcher, and consultant, and his efforts focus on impacting technology-sensitive industries through the deployment of innovative new product, process, and services business models. He is the Co-Founder and former Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Innovation Science. He has authored over 100 publications and conference proceedings, and his textbooks on Leadership and Management have sold over 15,000 copies. His corporate innovation and technology commercialization efforts with companies such as GE, Alstom, Harris, Blum, and NASA, and his grantsmanship with companies like the DOD, PTC, KEEN, and other foundations has yielded over \$29mm in funded research and gifts to universities. His University Center's research-based consulting-focused output has yielded over \$5B in new revenue models and external funding for corporations, including many clearance-required projects. Dr. Walton is a U.S. Delegate for the ISO/TC 307 committee on Blockchain and Electronic Digital Ledger Technologies, and also serves as one of only about 5 U.S. Delegates and Chairs to the ISO Technical Advisory Group for the ISO Standards Committee ? ISO 56000, on Innovation Management System Standards, where he helps lead the efforts to write international standards regarding innovation tools, methods, strategy, and intellectual property. He is a Certified Innovation Professional and Chief Innovation Officer. He also holds certifications in Strategic HR, Organizational Strategy & Design, Innovation & Design Thinking, Innovation Systems & Management, Intellectual Property & Knowledge Management, Project Management, Product Lifecycle Management, Job Task & Performance Analysis, Lean Six Sigma, and Emergency Medicine. As the Director of the Center for Innovation Management & Business Analytics, he regularly provides consulting and training on strategy, innovation management, and human capital management, and is also accredited to provide ISO-related Innovation Certifications. Some of his awards include, Leadership Brevard's 4 under 40 award, the Emerging Influential Award for Space Coast Public Service Awards & Hall of Fame, One to Watch ? Florida Today, People to Watch ? Space Coast Business Magazine, and the Volunteer of the Year award by the Space Coast Economic Development Commission. His expertise is regularly recognized in national and international media outlets, with over 40 interviews and media citations.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Project Management, Organizational Development, Blockchain / Internet of Things (IoT), Human Centered Design, Technology Commercialization, Innovation & Innovation Management, Leadership, Lean Six Sigma

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## **Affiliations**

Center for Innovation Management & Business Analytics : Director, International Journal of Innovation Science : Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Space Coast Economic Development Commission : Chairman of the Innovation Council, Space Coast Economic Development Commission : Executive Board Member, International Association of Innovation Professionals : Executive Board Member, Groundswell Startup Incubator : Advisory Board Member, Space Coast Fab Lab : Advisory Board Member

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Speaker**

Networking Re-evaluated: The Shared, Unknown, and Intangible Benefits of Making Authentic Connections

### **Invited Speaker**

Leveraging your Intergenerational Workforce to Build a Winning Culture that Creates Competitive Advantage

### **Speaker**

Talk Nerdy to Me: The Most Common and Costly Selection Myths and the Research That Busts Them

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## **Education**

### **Northwest Nazarene University**

B.S. Business and Computer Science

### **Purdue University**

Ph.D. Organizational Development and Engineering Management

### **Purdue University**

M.S. Technology Leadership & Innovation

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Space Coast Business Under Forty**

2019

### **Emerging Influential Award**

2017 - Space Coast Public Service Awards & Hall of Fame

### **Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award**

2009 - Purdue University

**Volunteer of the Year**

2017 - Space Coast Economic Development Commission

**Top 4 Under 40**

2016 - Lead Brevard

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