

Mary Walshok

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Biography

Dr. Mary Walshok is an author, educator, researcher, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Programs and Dean of Extension at the University of California San Diego. She is a thought leader and subject matter expert on aligning workforce development with regional economic growth. She is the author of six books and more than 100 articles and reports on regional innovation, the role of research institutions in regional economies and workforce development. She has authored and co-authored numerous book chapters and articles on the world of work, including: *Blue Collar Women* (1981), *Knowledge Without Boundaries: What America's Research Universities Can Do for the Economy, the Workplace, and the Community* (1995), *Closing America's Job Gap* (2011) and *Invention and Reinvention: The Evolution of San Diego's Entrepreneurial Economy* (2013). As an industrial social scientist studying the dynamics of regional economic development and transformation, Walshok has studied various communities across America. She has evaluated 13 WIRED regions funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, studied three innovative regions for a National Science Foundation-funded project, and assessed one region's efforts to grow an industry for a Lilly Foundation-funded endeavor.

Areas of Expertise

Economic Growth, Sociology, Public Speaking, Strategic Planning, Program Management, Gig Economy, Worker Behavior

Education

Indiana University, Bloomington

M.A., & Ph.D. Sociology and Anthropology

Pomona College

B.A., M.A., & Ph.D. Sociology and Anthropology

Accomplishments

Knighthood

In May 2002, she was decorated with the rank of Knighthood, First Class, of the Order of the Polar Star by King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, "in recognition of her significant contribution to the development of entrepreneurship in Sweden".[4] She has earlier received a Kellogg Foundation national fellowship.

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