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Highlights

Female Founders: How to Thrive in Today's Environment
Silvia spoke at this event

Featured

<p>Article</p>  <p>74 VCs and Angel Groups Represented at 2022 Women's Venture Summit Silvia Mah PhD, MBA on LinkedIn It takes an ecosystem to support a startup, especially one founded by a woman. Each investor along the continuum from Seed to Series X plays a pivotal role in scaling the...</p>	<p>Article</p>  <p>5 Ways Joining a Startup's Advisory Board Can Pay Off... Silvia Mah PhD, MBA on LinkedIn Collab Article written by April Enriquez, Stella PR lead & CEO WordPop Public Relations with insights from Barbara Clarke at The Impact Seat Foundation, Wendee Wolfson at Next Wav...</p>	<p>Article</p>  <p>How to Make Your First Investment in a Startup Silvia Mah PhD, MBA on LinkedIn By April Enriquez with insights from Raven O'Neal, Sue Baggott, Lauren Rowley, Taylor Fields, and Dr. Silvia Mah. Sixty-eight percent of women feel confident managing their...</p>
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Representation matters. TOMORROW is Day 1 of the 2022 Women's Venture Summit and we have 74 VCs, angel investor groups, and investor networks who are showing up for the Women's Ventures Summit to co... [show more](#)



74 VCs and Angel Groups Represented at 2022 Women's Venture Summit
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Getting ideas formulated from passion and curiosity to practice is joyful yet hard. My students at **Biola University** for the Entrepreneurship Practicum got to get creative and hands on with their idea by doing a vision board about how they feel about their startup idea or their passions AN... [show more](#)

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So proud of our **Stella** team - **Flossie Hall** - our Chief Programs Officer was on **CBS 8 San Diego** with our recent Stella Labs grad **Lindsay Helm** of **Empower Employ**, a tech platform for employment opportunities, tips and resources. Yay! [show more](#)

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About

Dr. Silvia Mah is Managing Partner at Stella Impact Capital, a seed-stage venture fund, investing in diverse women founders building startups at the intersection of deep tech and impact and, as a redemptive entrepreneur and investor, serves as the Director of Innovation at Biola University. Focused on "Impact with Integrity", Dr. Mah has invested in over 130 startups with 6 exits and 1 IPO. Dr. Mah is the founder & Chairwoman of Stella Lat... [see more](#)

Experience



Biola University

Part-time · 7 mos

La Mirada, California, United States

- #### Director Of Innovation

Mar 2022 - Present · 7 mos

•Promote innovation and entrepreneurship across all schools at Biola

•Continue to build a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship on campus through curricular ...see more



Office of Innovation's, Biola Hour speaker, Jessica Rey: The Business of Beauty [The Biola Hour]

Hosted by the Office of Innovation, the Biola Startup Competition aims to foster kingdom-minded, Christ-honoring entrepreneurship across the univ. community &...

- #### Adjunct Professor

Aug 2022 - Present · 2 mos

•Teaching BUSN 338 - Entrepreneurship Practicum in Fall 2022

•Blessed to teach an upper-division undergraduate course, a core course required of all Busi...see more

Skills: Higher Education · Teaching · Design Thinking · Ideation



Minor in Entrepreneurship - Biola University

Minor in Entrepreneurship core classes. Explore innovation, create ideas, launch ventures, fund them. All you need is in this minor at Biola University. Check it out!



Advisor | The Brink SBDC at USD

The Brink SBDC · Contract

Jul 2022 - Present · 3 mos

San Diego, California, United States

The Brink SBDC is part of the San Diego & Imperial Small Business Development Center Network, hosted at the University of San Diego and is funded through a variety of public funds, including throu...see more



Team - The Brink SBDC - University of San Diego



Member Board Of Directors

Angel Capital Association · Part-time

May 2022 - Present · 5 mos

United States

The ACA is a collective of accredited angel investors, North America's most prolific early-stage investment class. The association is the largest angel professional development organization ...see more

Skills: Fundraising



Chairwoman & Founder

Stella

Aug 2012 - Present · 10 yrs 2 mos

Solana Beach, California, United States

We are a national network / conSTELLation walking alongside womxn-led businesses from startup to sale and the funders who champion them.



We are Stella Co

Stella is a non-profit organization that connects women founders and investors to increase equality for women-led startups.



She Invests!

5 yrs 7 mos

- #### CEO

Mar 2017 - Present · 5 yrs 7 mos

Greater San Diego Area

She Invests! is a collaborative movement aimed to increase the diversity of female innovation leaders & impact investors across the venture table. A three-pronged approach to equipping more wom...see more



- #### Author: Power of Purpose: Servant Leadership in the Startup World (pub 3/31)

Sep 2017 - Present · 5 yrs 1 mo

As an active angel investor, entrepreneur, and ecosystem builder, Servant Leadership is alive and well in the startup world, but it is not talked about too much. I've interviewed countless investors and...see more



Power of Purpose Book - MVB edition

- #### Strategic Consulting - startup growth, investor relations & strategist

Jan 2020 - Present · 2 yrs 9 mos

Book a FREE intro strategic session to uplevel your business: <https://calendly.com/silviamah1/strategy-session>

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Education



University of California, San Diego - Rady School of Management

MBA, Business Strategy and Marketing

2008 - 2010

Activities and societies: Founder and President, Rady Lady women's network



UC San Diego

- Scripps Institution of Oceanography - PhD, Marine Biology

1997 - 2004

Activities and societies: AWIS (American Women in Science), AAUW (American Association of University Women), SCOPE (Scripps Community Outreach Program for Education)

Thesis on the molecular and biochemical analysis of species-specific proteins in sea urchins.



Pepperdine University

BS, Biology
1991 - 1995

Activities and societies: Golden Key National Honor Society, Pi Gamma Phi

Show all 4 education →

Volunteering



Advisory Board Member

Village Up San Diego

Sep 2021 - Present · 1 yr 1 mo

Economic Empowerment

Diversity in the startup ecosystem is what I advocate for and the leaders and launchers of Village Up San Diego has stayed true to their mission to being awareness around diversity in the Startup eco ...see more



Advisory Council Member

Pepperdine Most Fundable Companies List

Aug 2021 - Present · 1 yr 2 mos

Economic Empowerment

The Pepperdine Graziadio Business School's Most Fundable Companies® presented by the Singleton Foundation for Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship, has, annually, more than 3,300 early-st ...see more



VRBF Investment & Credit Committee

Torrey Project

Jun 2021 - Present · 1 yr 4 mos

Economic Empowerment

Let's re-imagine capitalism together. The Torrey Project is a global organization dedicated to utilizing the power of business as a force for good. The Venture-Revenue Based Financing™ Fund aims to ...see more

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Skills

Entrepreneurship



Endorsed by Rhonda Sher and 18 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 7 colleagues at Stella



99+ endorsements

Leadership



Endorsed by Mark Rodney Wellman and 3 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 6 colleagues at Stella



99+ endorsements

Start-ups



Endorsed by Mike Ryan and 7 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 8 colleagues at Stella



99+ endorsements

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Recommendations

Received

Given



Breanne Acio · 2nd

CEO and Founder | Mentor | Community Builder | People Mover

December 15, 2020, Breanne worked with Silvia but on different teams

Silvia was one of my first champions as a new founder raising capital. I had bootstrapped other businesses, but startup and venture capital were completely foreign to me when I started \$6kr. As an underestimated founder and queer woman of color, I felt out of place in much of the San Diego ecosystem. Silvia not only made me feel like I deserved a seat at the table, but she pulled and ...see more



Monetta P. · 3rd

Mettano Designs Consulting

December 1, 2020, Monetta was Silvia's client

Silvia Mah was instrumental in the early days of launching my product-based business. She also assisted me when I took her Business Accelerator course and pivoted my business to exploring new ventures in my industry. Most recently Silvia and I explored the endeavor of building my consulting business. She has a keen eye on understanding the value I bring with my military experience, over 20+ years in ...see more



Jessica Tishue · 3rd

Social Entrepreneur | Innovator | Public Speaker

September 22, 2020, Jessica worked with Silvia but they were at different companies

Silvia is an absolute powerhouse and Godsend when it comes to the start-up ecosystem and leading female founders to success. Silvia is gifted in business and fundraising strategy, partnership and community development, as well as leading various accelerator programs and pitch competitions. She has personally helped me refine the value proposition, market positioning, and pitch strategy ...see more

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Publications

Entrepreneurial Women: New Management and Leadership Models (Two Volume Hard Cover)

abc-clio.com · Jul 4, 2014

Show publication ↗

This two-volume work provides balanced and thorough coverage of women entrepreneurs in multicultural and international contexts as well as in the Western world. Entrepreneurial Women: New Management and ...see more

Other authors



The 10 sea urchin receptor for egg jelly proteins (SpREJ) are members of the polycystic kidney disease-1 (PKD1) family

BMC Genomics · Jul 13, 2007

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Background

Mutations in the human polycystic kidney disease-1 (hPKD1) gene result in ~85% of cases of autosom ...see more

Other authors



Positive Selection in the Carbohydrate Recognition Domains of Sea Urchin Sperm Receptor for Egg Jelly (suREJ) Proteins

Molecular Biology and Evolution · Nov 3, 2004

[Show publication ↗](#)

A wealth of evidence shows that protein-carbohydrate recognition mediates the steps of gamete interaction during ...see more

Other authors



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Projects

Stella Labs Giving Tuesday Campaign

Nov 2016 - Present

Associated with Stella

Stella Labs recently became a 501(c)3 not for profit in Summer 2016, so we are proud to be a part of the #givingtuesday movement. Help us reach our goal of \$10,000. If our networks gave \$25 each, and we ...see more

Other creators



Hera Venture Summit

Jan 2015 - Present

Associated with Stella Angels

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018 at University of San Diego (5th annual) ...see more

Other creators



Panelist, LATAM Startups Conference

Sep 2014 - Present

Associated with Stella

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Women Entrepreneurs and innovation advocates across Latin America discuss the challenges women face in starting up. Panelists: Felena Hanson (USA), Dr. Silvia Mah (VENEZUELA, USA), Renata Horta (BRAZIL) ...see more

Other creators



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Honors & awards

Citizen Diplomat of the Year - Ambassador Charles W. Hostler Award

Issued by San Diego Diplomacy Council · Oct 2016

Associated with Stella

Silvia Mah's contributions to the San Diego Diplomacy Council have been immense. She has coordinated countless meetings with a number of visiting delegations, and over the last year alone she has mentor ...see more

Women Who Mean Business Award Finalist (23rd annual)

Issued by San Diego Business Journal · Oct 2016

Associated with Stella

This award recognizes dynamic women business leaders and role models who have contributed significantly to San Diego's businesses. ...see more

Athena Pinnacle Winner | Individual in Service

Issued by Athena SD · Apr 2015

Associated with Stella

Athena San Diego's Pinnacle Awards recognize extraordinary women, men, companies/organizations and educators who personify Athena San Diego's mission of fostering the personal and professional growth ...see more

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Languages

Italian, working knowledge

Spanish

Organizations

National Association of Women MBAs
President

Causes

Arts and Culture · Children · Economic Empowerment · Education · Human Rights · Science and Technology

Interests

Influencers

Companies

Groups

Schools



Jason Calacanis · 2nd
jason@calacanis.com - Entrepreneur, Angel
Investor, Author
644,175 followers



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Managing Director at Redpoint Ventures
379,823 followers

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