

# DONNA P. MITCHELL

## THE TRANSFORMATION AUTHORITY™

*"Five Industries. Four Transformations. One Guide."*

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Donna P. Mitchell is an Executive Educator and Technology Adoption specialist with 48 years of transformation experience across five industries: telecommunications, aviation, airline, healthcare/pharma, and Web3/AI. She teaches Fortune 500 executives and healthcare leaders how to close the adoption gap, the real reason 70% of technology transformations fail.

From Bell System to Blockchain, Donna has lived through four major transformation types, not as an observer, but as an operator. She managed a \$7.2B portfolio with \$177M operating budget at US Airways, trained 30,000+ employees using Disney Institute methodologies, and served on integration teams for the PSA and Piedmont mergers.

### THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION LEGACY

Airlines pioneered the digital systems every industry later adopted. Donna helped build these systems from the ground up:

- **IVR/VRU Systems:** Designed call flow architecture from scratch, saving \$31M+
- **Electronic Records:** PNR (Passenger Name Record) became the model for healthcare's EHR
- **E-Commerce:** Member of team that achieved USAirways.com #1 industry position
- **Global Distribution:** Managed Sabre, Apollo, Galileo, Amadeus, Orbitz, Expedia, Priceline
- **Loyalty Programs:** Frequent Flyer Development Team (one of industry's earliest)

**Then watched healthcare adopt the same architecture. She has seen this transformation twice.**

### THE FOUR TRANSFORMATIONS

- **1. Divestiture:** Inside Bell System before 1984 AT&T breakup
- **2. Deregulation:** Airline industry 1978; watched Eastern, Pan Am, TWA, Braniff disappear
- **3. Digital Transformation:** Built legacy-to-digital systems in airline; watched same pattern in healthcare
- **4. AI/Blockchain/Web3:** Current emerging technology adoption wave

## CAREER HISTORY

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### **Mitchell Universal Network LLC, Founder & CEO**

2019 to Present | Buffalo, NY

- Executive advisory for Fortune 500 and healthcare systems navigating AI, blockchain, digital transformation
- Proprietary frameworks for organizational transformation and executive reinvention
- Host, Pivoting to Web3 Podcast: 250K+ YouTube views across 38 countries

### **Johnson & Johnson (Janssen Pharmaceuticals), Sales Representative**

2003 to 2019 | 16 Years | Western NY / Northern PA

- Managed 300+ healthcare accounts: hospital systems, specialists, primary care
- Communicated complex science and technology to physicians and healthcare administrators
- Witnessed healthcare adopt same digital transformation patterns from airline industry
- Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Team Award (2010)

### **US Airways, Multiple Roles Over 22 Years**

1979 to 2001 | Syracuse → Winston-Salem → Pittsburgh → Winston-Salem → Boston → Arlington

#### **Final Role: Project Manager, e-Commerce & Global Distribution (Arlington, VA)**

- \$7.2B client portfolio; \$177M operating budget responsibility
- Led cross-functional global teams across Sabre, Apollo, Galileo, Amadeus, Orbitz, Expedia, Priceline
- Project Manager, Interline Electronic Ticketing: Joint development initiative with United Airlines
- USAirways.com #1 industry position in customer satisfaction (NPD, Gomez, eMarketer, July 2001)

#### **Key Achievements Across 22-Year Tenure:**

- IVR/VRU Systems: Designed call flow architecture from scratch based on frontline insight; saved \$31M+
- Trained 30,000+ employees using Disney Institute 'Creating Impressions of Excellence' methodologies
- PSA Merger Integration Team (1988); Piedmont Merger Integration Team (1989)
- Selected by President Rakesh Gangwal for Flight Operations Leadership Development Program
- Frequent Flyer Program Development Team (one of industry's earliest loyalty programs)
- Created Rewards & Recognition Program (1995); Reservations Sales Monthly publication (1996)
- Corporate Security Team: Selected for Unabomber Response (mid-1990s)
- 9/11 Command Center Operations through national crisis until displacement (Sept 29, 2001)
- Survived approximately 9 reorganizations through constant industry transformation

## EARLIER CAREER

### Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Department of Aviation

1977 to 1979 | Administrative Assistant to Commissioner of Aviation

- Led capital expenditure project for baggage handling infrastructure
- Ground transportation, terminal contracts, landing rights, crash/fire/rescue coordination
- Recruited by BOTH Allegheny Airlines AND American Airlines based on demonstrated capability

### New York Telephone, Business Services

1977 | USOC Order Writer

- Inside Bell System monopoly before 1984 AT&T divestiture

## CREDENTIALS & AFFILIATIONS

- Forbes Business Council Member
- C-Suite Network Contributor
- Senior Executive Blockchain Think Tank (Invited Member)
- Board of Trustees, Catholic Charities of Buffalo: Strategic Planning & Audit Committees
- Host, Pivoting to Web3 Podcast: 250K+ views, 38 countries

## EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

- UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies (2023)
- Northwestern University, Kellogg: Digital Marketing Strategies: Data, Automation, AI & Analytics (2020)
- Syracuse University, Whitman School of Management: BS Marketing
- Christ the King Seminary: MDiv (2019); MAPM (2011)

## QUICK REFERENCE

Career:	48 years	Budget:	\$177M	Five Industries:
Industries:	5	Trained:	30,000+	Telecom, Aviation,
Transformations:	4	Accounts:	300+	Airline, Healthcare/Pharma,
Portfolio:	\$7.2B	Reach:	38 countries	Web3/AI

*"I don't teach transformation from theory. I teach it from pattern recognition across 48 years, from Bell System to Blockchain."*