A great grandniece of Thomas Edison, Sarah Miller Caldicott is an innovation process expert. Inspired by a family lineage of inventors dating back five generations, she has been engaged in creativity and innovation throughout her life. Sarah spent the first 15 years of her career as a marketing executive with Global 500 firms including Quaker Oats and the Helene Curtis subsidiary of Unilever. As a leader of global innovation teams, Sarah was responsible for major brand launches in the US, Europe, and Asia.

Concerned that America was losing its innovation leadership as the new millennium dawned, Sarah spent three years researching Edison’s innovation methods with experts at Rutgers University. She co-authored the first book ever written on Edison’s innovation process, updating his approach for the twenty-first century. Entitled, Innovate Like Edison: The Five-Step System for Breakthrough Business Success, Sarah’s book has been translated into 5 languages and is used as an innovation textbook in graduate and undergraduate programs across the US.

Dedicated to revitalizing America’s innovation leadership, Sarah travels all over the world, inspiring organizations to employ Edison’s Five Competencies of Innovation™. An award-winning speaker, she was selected for the popular TEDx series, and her speech was captured in her ebook entitled, Inventing the Future: What Would Thomas Edison Be Doing Today?

Sarah’s newest book, Midnight Lunch: The 4 Phases of Team Collaboration Success, from Thomas Edison’s Lab, brings Edison’s collaboration approach into the digital era, offering executives new tools for driving innovation through collaboration. Midnight Lunch has been featured in Fast Company magazine and several other leading publications. Sarah’s work has been spotlighted in The New York Times, Fortune Small Business, and USA Today. She has also appeared as an innovation expert on PBS television, CNBC, the Fox Business Network, and NPR.

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