

SPEAKERS

Jeffrey Larson

Jeff Larson, Senior Analyst, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) ; Certified Internal Auditor

- Currently working in GAO's Richland WA field office reviewing U.S. Department of Energy national labs and nuclear site cleanup
- Prior to moving to the Richland field office in 2004, worked at GAO Headquarters in Washington, DC reviewing various federal programs including the State Department's work with the United Nations and the U.S. Coast Guards security of U.S. ports
- Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh (2002) and Brigham Young University (2000)

Christopher Jones

Chris Jones is a Senior Analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the Physical Infrastructure team. He has worked on a variety of transportation issues, primarily in the area of aviation, covering safety, industry oversight, and consumer issues. He also worked on GAO's Homeland Security and Justice team from 2002 to 2008 where he worked predominantly in the area of aviation security. Mr. Jones joined GAO in 1988, and has served his entire career in the Seattle Field Office. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Broadcast Studies from Gonzaga University, Spokane and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington.

John Stambaugh

John Stambaugh is a Senior Analyst in GAO's Physical Infrastructure team, focusing on surface and aviation transportation issues. Recent work has examined FAA's airport noise grant program, FHWA's on-the-job training programs, and the use of lifecycle cost analysis in pavement selection for highways. He has an MPP from UC-Berkeley where he studied transportation policy and a BA in History and African-American Studies from the University of Virginia. Now in Seattle, he enjoyed living in Portland, OR prior to joining GAO in 2005.

Nicole Dewees

Nicole Dewees is a Performance Auditor in the Multnomah County Auditor's Office. She has a Master's degree in Business Administration. Prior to joining Multnomah County, she worked as a management analyst for the Washington State Employment Security Department and as a business analyst for the Washington Small Business Development Center.

Judith DeVilliers

Judith DeVilliers is a Principal Auditor in the Multnomah County Auditor's Office. She has a Master's degree in Business Administration and is a Certified Public Accountant. She has worked in the Auditor's Office since 1989 and was with the Division of Audits in the Secretary of State's Office for ten years prior to that.

Bob MacKay

Bob MacKay has worked in the Portland City Auditor's Office since 2000. This year marks the seventh year Bob will have worked on the Community Survey and his fifth year as a performance auditor for the City of Portland. He holds a master's degree from Portland State University and a bachelor's from Vassar College.

Jennifer Scott

Jennifer Scott joined the Audit Services Division in 2008, after working for three years conducting performance audits with the Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division. Jennifer's work as a Senior Management Auditor with the Audit Services Division includes work on the Emergency Management audit that won the Association of Local Government Auditors' 2010 Gold Knighton Award for Best Audit. In addition, Jennifer is the Auditor in Charge on the Community Survey. Jennifer holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Graduate Certificate in Not-for-profit Management from the University of Oregon, and holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Politics from Scripps College.

SPEAKERS

- Heather MacLeod** **Heather MacLeod** is an Assistant Director at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). She has extensive experience in the design and execution of research and analysis resulting in studies presented to the U.S. Congress. Heather has led numerous teams and studies related to surface transportation, aviation, and other issues. Heather is based out of GAO's Seattle Field Office and assigned to GAO's Physical Infrastructure team.
- Katherine Killebrew** **Katherine Killebrew** is an analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has worked on a range of issues including public transit, emergency preparedness, energy, and water quality. She earned her bachelor's degree at The College of William & Mary and holds masters' degrees in Public Affairs and Urban Planning from the University of Washington.
- J. Christopher Mihm** **Chris Mihm** is the Managing Director of the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Strategic Issues team. He leads GAO's work on government-wide governance and transformation issues. Strategic Issues addresses such topics as performance management, federal agency budgeting and the Nation's long-term fiscal outlook, human capital management, regulatory policy, intergovernmental issues, and federal tax policy and administration.
- Chris is the Chair of the United Nations Independent Audit Advisory Committee, a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and an adjunct lecturer in public administration at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy.
- Jason R. Jurjevich** **Jason Jurjevich** is the Acting Director of the Population Research Center (PRC) and Assistant Professor in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University. Jason earned his Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Arizona, where his dissertation research examined the political effects of domestic migration streams at the state level.
- During his tenure at PRC, Jason has authored several scholarly and applied articles highlighting demographic related trends in the Portland metropolitan area and Oregon. Jason's current research broadly addresses issues relating to population geography, including examining the underlying economic and social impacts of domestic migration across space. And in addition to his research, Jason teaches courses in population geography and applied demographic methods at PSU.
- Steve Harkreader** **Steve Harkreader**, Ph.D., is currently the Performance Audit Methodologist for the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO). He joined SAO in December 2010.
- Prior to joining SAO, Dr. Harkreader was the staff methodologist for the Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). OPPAGA is a research unit. Its mission is to support the Florida Legislature by providing evaluative research and objective analyses to promote government accountability and the efficient and effective use of public resources.
- During Dr. Harkreader's tenure at OPPAGA the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society awarded OPPAGA the NLPES Methodology Award twice. The American Society for Public Administration recognized Dr. Harkreader and Gary T. Henry in 2001 with the Joseph Wholey Distinguished Scholarship Award for their article, "Using Performance Measurement Systems for Assessing the Merit and Worth of Reforms," in the *American Journal of Evaluation*.
- Dr. Harkreader has over twenty years of experience in program evaluation and policy analysis. He has worked in the private, university, and government sectors. He has applied his

SPEAKERS

methodological skills in a range of substantive policy areas including, demography, economic development, energy, health care, education, juvenile justice, and mental health.

Dr. Harkreader earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters' degree in Sociology from Baylor University. He earned a Doctorate of Philosophy from Florida State University while working for the Florida Legislature.

Susan Hoffman

Susan Hoffman is a Principal Auditor with the State Auditor's Performance Audit team. Prior to joining the State Auditor's Office, Susan spent nine years working with the US Government Accountability Office in the Seattle and New York Regional Offices. While at GAO, Susan worked on a wide variety of audit topics including health care, natural resources, defense, and transportation. In her last position at GAO, Susan served as the manager of the Transportation Group for the New York Regional Office.

Following her time at GAO, Susan worked for Oregon Audits Division where she led an audit looking at work and training programs in the state prison system.

Just prior to joining the State Auditor's Office, Susan spent three years as a public affairs consultant with PRR. While at PRR, she primarily worked in the transportation sector conducting research and providing strategic communication services.

Susan attended the University of Washington where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from the Evans School.

Tina Rogers

Tina Rogers is Capital Projects Oversight Manager in the King County Auditor's Office. Tina is a licensed professional engineer with more than thirty years of public and private work on capital projects. Before joining King County she was the Assistant City Manager for the City of SeaTac, where her responsibilities included liaison work with the Port of Seattle and Sound Transit, involving major capital projects such as the third runway, the consolidated rental car facility, the light rail extension to Sea-Tac Airport, as well as planning for private/public partnerships for transit oriented development in the city.

Prior to SeaTac, Tina worked at Snohomish County Public Works, as Transportation and Environmental Services Division Director, where she worked to improve accountability and delivery of the transportation capital improvement program. Tina obtained other valuable capital project experience while working for a private real estate developer, two consulting firms and for the US Bureau of Reclamation in the first half of her career.

Ben Thompson

Ben Thompson is a Principal Management Auditor in the King County Auditor's Office in Washington State. Before joining King County, Ben spent six years at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), in D.C. and at the Seattle field office. At GAO, Ben worked on and led a number of Defense Department performance audits, including evaluations of supply chain management, tactical aircraft requirements, Navy personnel and training policies, and the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round. Previously, Ben was a research fellow at a non-profit government consulting company in the D.C. area. Ben served in the Peace Corps in Uzbekistan, teaching finance, accounting, and economics to university students. He has conducted trainings in a variety of topics including interviewing, audit documentation, workplace diversity, and Excel. Ben has a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park.

SPEAKERS

Peter Heineccius

Peter Heineccius joined Washington State's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) in 2009. At JLARC, Peter has primarily worked on tax-related studies by analyzing Excel spreadsheets, writing macros, and playing devil's advocate. In his free time, Peter enjoys analyzing Excel spreadsheets, writing macros, and playing devil's advocate. Peter is an attorney and received a JD and a BA in History from the University of Washington.

John Doyle

John Doyle began his term as Auditor General of British Columbia on October 29th, 2007 and, since then, has established the Office of the Auditor General as a leader in the international auditing community.

Prior to John's appointment, he was the Deputy Auditor General of Western Australia, as well as Chief Financial Officer at a number of major organizations.

John was Head of the School of Accounting and Finance at the University of Notre Dame, while also serving as the Director of Corporate Governance at Western Australia Health. He was a Lecturer in finance, accounting and computer science. Prior to his appointment as Auditor General, he was named Adjunct Professor to Notre Dame's School of Business.

John is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants with designations from the United Kingdom and Australia, and has an MBA and a Master of Accounting.

John was born in Germany and educated in both the United Kingdom and Australia.

Malcolm Gaston

Malcolm Gaston leads the Office's work on governance, public accountability, justice and public safety, alternative service delivery, and social services. He has presented to conferences, particularly on the areas of performance management and reporting, and good governance practices. Malcolm Gaston joined the Office in 2005 and led the development and delivery of shorter, focused performance audits, and good practice guidance.

Before moving to Victoria, Malcolm was with Audit Scotland developing and delivering Best Value performance audit of local government. He started his career with the UK National Audit Office. Malcolm holds both Canadian and UK accounting designations, as well as an MA in psychology from the University of Glasgow.

Malcolm has worked for two of the 'Big Four' accountancy firms, delivering external audit, internal audit and advisory services to a wide range of public sector clients. He also has considerable strategic and financial management experience from his years as Chief Finance Officer of a Scottish Crown agency.

Shanda Miller

Shanda Miller is a Principal Auditor with the Oregon Audits Division. She joined the Division in 2005 and has conducted performance audits at nine different state agencies. Before auditing, Shanda worked for five years as an Environmental Scientist providing technical oversight for environmental restoration projects. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oregon. Shanda also recently became a Certified Internal Auditor.

Ian Green

Ian Green is a Staff Auditor with the Oregon Audits Division. During his two year tenure he has conducted performance audits of three of the largest state agencies, including corrections and human services. Before auditing, Ian conducted economic research at the Oregon Employment

SPEAKERS

Department and worked on a range of consulting projects. He received a bachelor's and master's degree in Economics from Portland State University.

Erin Fifield

Erin Fifield is a Staff Auditor with the Oregon Audits Division. During her two year tenure she has conducted performance audits on workforce development and K-12 teacher support. Before auditing, Erin worked for two years in Kyrgyzstan as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Nicole Pexton

Nicole Pexton is a Staff Auditor with the Oregon Audits Division. During her one year tenure she has conducted performance audits on community college GED programs and school district performance data. Before auditing, Nicole worked at the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness in Washington, DC. She received a bachelor's degree from Whitman College and a master's degree in public policy from American University.