

SW/SE AUDIT FORUM SPEAKER BIOS

COURTNEY AMBRES-WADE, CGAP

Courtney Ambres-Wade began working for the Texas State Auditor's Office as a staff auditor shortly after graduating from college, and has through the years been promoted to project manager. As project manager, Courtney is responsible for directing and supervising the work of staff to design audits to address audit objectives, develop a message, and present clear results and conclusions in reports and testimonies to the legislature. Courtney has worked on a variety of audit projects, but is mostly focused on performance based audits. Courtney also actively participates in the office's training programs, learning labs, and round table discussions such as Risk and Internal Control Structures, Writing an Effective Report Outline, and facilitating monthly meeting with project manager peers.

Ms. Wade graduated from Prairie View A&M University in 1996 with a BBA in Accounting.

RACHEL CASTIGNOLI, CGAP

Rachel Castignoli is a senior auditor with the Office of the City Auditor in Austin, Texas. She has a Juris Doctorate and a bachelor's in economics. She is a CGAP (Certified Government Auditing Professional) and a member of the Texas Bar.

JAMES R. DALKIN, CGFM, CPA

James Dalkin is a Director in the Financial Management and Assurance Team with the U.S. Government Accountability Office. He serves as chairman of the International Auditing and Assurance Board's (IAASB) Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) and previously served as a board member of the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board (ASB). He is also an observer to the COSO Advisory Board. Mr. Dalkin has responsibility for directing GAO's work to develop and maintain government auditing standards, internal control standards for the federal government and GAO's work with the accounting and auditing profession. He is also responsible for the audits of the Securities Exchange Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Mr. Dalkin also is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

Mr. Dalkin holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Virginia, an MBA from George Washington University and a MLA from Harvard University.

LAUREN GODFREY

Lauren Godfrey joined the Texas State Auditor's Office in December 2005. She currently serves as Managing Senior Auditor. Ms. Godfrey holds a B.A in Economics from University of Texas at Austin.

RONALD C. GREEN

Ronald C. Green is a shareholder with the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP. He has practiced law for more than 20 years and has been involved in all aspects of public finance since 2004, as an issuer, auditor and public finance attorney. He served six years as the elected Controller for the City of Houston, where he acted as its chief financial officer. Prior to serving as Controller, Ronald served six years as an at-large member of the Houston City Council. As a hands-on CFO, Ronald led the issuance and refinancing of more than \$15 billion in tax-exempt and taxable municipal bonds and more than 50 audits, performance reviews and special investigations. He earned both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston, as well as a law degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, the District of Columbia, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

KARIN HILL

Karin Hill is the Director of Internal Audit for the Texas Health and Human Services system. She previously served as Internal Audit Director for the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. She also has been the Chief Internal Auditor for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and a Staff Auditor for the Texas Commission for the Blind. Before working for the state, she served in the United States Air Force for nine years, including as cost analyst and administrator for an internal control review program. Hill has a bachelor's degree in management and accounting from Park College and a master's degree from Southwest Texas State University. She also is a graduate of the Governor's Executive Development Program, and is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditor's Committee of Research and Education Advisors, and the State Agency Internal Audit Forum.

KATIE HOUSTON, CPA, CIA, CFE

Katie Houston serves as an Assistant City Auditor for the City of Austin and she currently teaches audit and regulation concepts to CPA candidates at the University of Texas. Katie attained an MBA from St. Edward's University and a BS in Accounting from Westminster College.

ANDREW KEEGAN, CIA, GCAP

Andrew Keegan has worked as a Supervising Senior Auditor with Austin's Office of the City Auditor for about five years. In that time he has audited various City programs and processes, including utility billing, construction, and contracting. Andrew has presented at the Association of Local Government Auditors annual conference and has been published multiple times in the Local Government Auditing Quarterly.

CAMERON LAGRONE

Cameron Lagrone joined the Austin Office of the City Auditor in June 2015. She currently serves as an Auditor. Previously she worked in Policy with the Texas House of Representatives.

She holds a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin and a BA in Anthropology from Baylor University.

KATHIE L. MCGRANE

Kathie McGrane is a Training Administrator in the Learning Center for the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Her primary role is within the Leadership and Executive Development program where she manages leadership classes that are delivered via a virtual online classroom. She also manages a leadership development cohort training. In addition, she serves as a facilitator-instructor for the virtual leadership classes. She is a certified coach in emotional intelligence and an OPM-certified trainer in employee engagement. Presently, she is working on designing webinars on the topic of leading virtual teams. She received her Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Regent University and her Bachelor of Science in Human Development from Penn State University. Her passion is leadership and developing people to help them reach their full potential.

STEPHEN L. MORGAN, CIA, CGAP, CGFM, CFE, MPA, BA

Mr. Morgan is currently the President of Excellence in Government Accountability and Performance Practices, a company that specializes in training government auditors and managers. Mr. Morgan is the former city auditor of Austin, Texas, who directed a full scope audit office that conducts performance audits, fraud investigations, and consulting engagements. Before joining the City Auditor's Office, Mr. Morgan was an evaluator in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's National Productivity Group. For over 25 years, Mr. Morgan has provided training course design and delivery in performance measurement, management, and auditing. Most recently, Mr. Morgan was elected to the IIA's American Hall of Distinguished Audit Practitioners. He is also the co-author of five books including "Performance Auditing: Measuring Inputs, Outputs, and Outcomes."

TERRI RIVERA RUSSELL

Terri Rivera Russell is the Managing Director for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Professional Development Program (PDP) and a member of the agency's Executive Resource Board (ERB). The Professional Developmental Program provides developmental experiences and training for entry level analyst staff and administrative support staff. Terri also has responsibility for managing GAO's Student Intern Program. Terri joined GAO in 1991 as a Presidential Management Intern in the Dallas Field Office. After working on housing and community development issues, Terri was promoted and transferred to GAO headquarters. Terri was reassigned to the Physical Infrastructure team and in 2002, rejoined the Dallas Office. From 2003 through 2005, she served as the Central Region PDP Advisor. She was promoted to the position of Assistant Director in Field Operations where she was responsible for management of the Atlanta Field Office. She served as the Field Office's East Region Director before returning to headquarters to assist in managing the PDP program.

Terri earned a bachelor's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 1988 from Texas A&M University. She is a Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow and obtained a

master's degree in Public Administration in 1991 from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin

CHARLES SMITH

Charles Smith was selected by Governor Greg Abbott to serve as the Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner for the Health and Human Services Commission effective June 1, 2016. Smith most recently was the Health and Human Services Chief Deputy Executive Commissioner. During his tenure at HHSC, Smith has worked to improve the agency's efficiency and accountability to Texas citizens. Smith previously served as deputy for child support at the Office of the Attorney General from 2013-2015. He was responsible for the overall delivery of child support services performed by the division's 2,700 employees. Smith began his career in the Attorney General's office as a volunteer in the Child Support Division in 1988 and attained positions of increasing responsibility during his 26 year career within the division. Smith served as the division's Deputy Director from 2004-2013 overseeing field operations. His work in this area has earned him multiple awards throughout his career, and under Smith's leadership the Texas Child Support Division was recognized as the most efficient and effective program in the nation for two years in a row. He received his BA in Psychology from Texas Tech.

KATHLEEN TIGHE

On March 17, 2010, Kathleen S. Tighe was sworn in as the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to taking the helm at ED's Office of Inspector General (OIG), she was the deputy inspector general of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. From 1995 to 2005, she served as counsel to the inspector general at the General Services Administration (GSA) and, before that, as an assistant counsel for the GSA Office of Inspector General. Ms. Tighe has played an active role in the operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), the umbrella organization for all Federal inspectors general. She is a member of the CIGIE Executive Council, the Audit Committee, and the Information Technology Committee, which she chaired from 2013 to 2017. She is also a member of the Comptroller General's Domestic Working Group.

She earned her law degree with honors from George Washington University (J.D., 1983) and a master's degree in International Relations from American University (M.A., 1979). Ms. Tighe graduated with distinction from Purdue University (B.A., 1976), where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

WILLIAM J. WHITE JR.

William (Bill) J. White Jr. has devoted over 27 years to public service, with an emphasis on human capital and strategic management initiatives. In September 2015, Bill was selected as the Chief Human Capital Officer at the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In this role, he leads and directs the GAO's talent management efforts to acquire and retain a high-performing diverse workforce that helps the Congress address current and emerging challenges to the well-being and financial security of the American people.

Prior to Bill's appointment to GAO, he served for 10 years with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in various positions that included Deputy Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Human Capital and Training at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Deputy Human Capital Officer at the National Protection and Programs Directorate; Chief of Staff for the Head of Contracting Activity at the Office of Procurement Operations; Chief of Staff for the Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Deputy Director of Infrastructure Security at the Transportation Security Administration. Bill began his Federal career with the National Endowment for the Arts in 1989 as a Senior Policy and Planning Specialist.

Bill received his master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin and his bachelor's degree in Music Performance from the University of Massachusetts.

BETH WOOD

Beth Wood is a Certified Public Accountant in her third term as North Carolina's elected State Auditor. She is a long-time public servant with nearly 25 years of auditing experience, having worked in the Auditor's Office for nearly 10 years before her election in 2008 and also in the State Treasurer's Office. Before that, she worked for several companies in the private sector. She is the first woman elected State Auditor in North Carolina.

Through her work as State Auditor, Beth has helped strengthen and improve state government. Audit teams across the state watch every area of state government for potential savings and smart use of taxpayer dollars. The office has focused particularly on healthcare spending and contracting practices that favored vendors at the expense of taxpayers. As a result, audits published by OSA during her tenure have identified millions of dollars of potential savings. Additionally, the office is following up on prior audits, evaluating the use of best practices by state agencies, and working to attract and retain highly skilled auditors.