Dear Fellow GGFOA Members and Friends:

This year we will be celebrating our 35th Annual GGFOA Conference! However, there will be one noticeable difference from our past conferences - this will be our first ever totally virtual conference. As you all know, COVID-19 has changed any sense of normalcy we once had. We all have had to adjust our daily work routines and branch into other technology streams to continue to provide services to our local governments. Zoom and GoToMeetings are a thing of the present. In these uncertain times, the safety of you and your loved ones is of the upmost importance to us; therefore, this year’s conference will be brought to you using Zoom Meeting. Let us get our technology on!

Our conference committee chair, Linda Cook, and her committee have been hard at work. Initially, the committee had an awesome in person conference planned; unfortunately, things changed. With that change, Linda and her team stepped up to the plate to create an awesome virtual conference. In real accountant time, they rearranged the budget and thus, this year’s conference was reborn.

In keeping with tradition, General Sessions and regularly scheduled events will take place during the first week of October. Monday’s General Session will provide pertinent information that we, as finance professionals, need to succeed such as the Legislative Update, Accounting and Auditing, and Economic Outlook. We will also hear from one of our keynote speakers, Joel Black, Chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and former member of GGFOA. Our other keynote speaker will be Matt Johnson. His subject will be “Expanding Human Capacity.” Throughout the remainder of the month of October, we will have both morning and evening sessions daily, Monday through Friday. This year we are offering you the opportunity to earn more than 60 CPE credits.

In conclusion, we must all adapt to change in our lives at some point in time. This year, the advancement of technology and new innovative ways of doing business while social distancing has taken precedence, so let’s discover “2020 - A Whole New World.” I look forward to seeing you through my virtual lenses at our first ever virtual conference!

Regards,

Chiquita Danzy
President, GGFOA
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE
The registration fee of $299 for members and $349 for non-members includes conference materials and access to all sessions offered during the published conference dates. The deadline to register is Friday, September 25, 2020.

If you are not a GGFOA member and register at the non-member rate, you will have an opportunity to join GGFOA with your first-year membership dues waived. Non-member conference registrants will be emailed instructions to activate a free one-year membership prior to the conference. If you do not receive the email by September 30, 2020, please contact us at ggfoa@ggfoa.org. Note: Offer is good for one time only and does not apply to individuals who received a free membership in the past.

REGISTRATION
1. To register online and pay by credit card, please visit the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) web site at https://cviog.uga.edu/ggfoa. If you have previously enrolled in courses through CVIOG, you will be prompted to enter your password prior to completing your registration. If you have not previously enrolled in courses through CVIOG, you will have the opportunity to create a new student record.

2. If you are unable to register online and pay by credit card, please download the registration form from the CVIOG web site. Mail the completed form with your payment to the address listed on the registration form. Checks should be made payable to: The University of Georgia. We cannot accept credit card payments through the mail; payment by credit card is available only through the online method. Registration by mail must be postmarked by September 23.

3. Payment of fees must be received before conference registration can be confirmed.

4. Confirmation will be sent to the email address listed on the registration form.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Written notice of cancellation must be postmarked/dated no later than September 11, 2020, to receive a full refund of registration fees. Written requests postmarked/dated between September 12, 2020, and September 19, 2020, will be assessed a 25% administrative fee, and requests postmarked/dated after September 19, 2020, are not eligible for a refund. Registrants who fail to attend, cancel, or send a substitute, are liable for the full registration fee. Substitution of participant is encouraged over cancellation. To cancel registration or send a substitute, please send notification to Melanie Kearns via email (mskearns@uga.edu), or by mail to: Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Attn: GTED Registrar, 201 N. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30602.

CPE CREDIT: You can earn up to a maximum of 67.4 CPE credits by attending the entire conference.

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CEU CREDIT: You can earn up to a maximum of 5.6 CEU credits by attending the entire conference.

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CONFERENCE SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Instructors:
Adam Fraley, Mauldin & Jenkins
Meredith Lipson, Mauldin & Jenkins

Moderator:
Gregory Sheahan

1.5 CPE, Accounting - Governmental

This session will cover the financial reporting details necessary to achieve excellence in financial reporting. Attendees will be better able to understand the components and relationship of the various sections of the annual financial report; review and identify errors in the financial statements prepared by others; prepare financial statements with better proficiency and accuracy; and gain additional understanding of the requirements of GFOA’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, as well as State of Georgia and GASB reporting requirements.

ACTUARIAL AUDITS – PENSION AND OPEB PLANS

Instructors:
Ellen Kleinstuber, Bolton Partners Inc.
Tom Vicente, Bolton Partners Inc.

Moderator:
Annette Anderson

1.5 CPE, Specialized Knowledge

As pension and retiree benefit plans become bigger and bigger parts of the financial picture for governments, it is important to have a mechanism to validate the methods and results being provided by the plan actuaries. The GFOA recommends regular “Actuarial Audits” be commissioned to do just that. This session walks you through the different types of audits that are typically completed and how to make sure you are getting good, useable information from the analysis. The session also explains what you should expect from the audit, why it is important, and what is involved.

ACTUARIAL REVIEWS: DOING YOUR PART TO GET BETTER RESULTS

Instructor:
John Gleba, Madison Consulting Group

Moderator:
Carlos Encinas

1.5 CPE, Specialized Knowledge

This introductory session will discuss the process of actuarial reviews of workers’ compensation self-insurance programs from the viewpoint of a finance professional. Specific learning objectives include:

A. What is an Actuary?
B. How does Workers’ Compensation Insurance work?
C. What is Reserving?
D. What is the process of the Actuarial Reserving Review?
E. What does an actuary need for an Actuarial Reserving Review?
F. What other information would be useful for an Actuary?

Finance professionals will come away with an enhanced understanding of how actuaries utilize statistical information to determine projected claim liabilities and how they can provide useful information to assist the actuary in their review of outstanding reserves. The processes described will be specific to workers’ compensation exposures but can be broadly extrapolated to other types of insurance as well, including general liability, automobile liability, and professional liability.
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AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH: PAYMENT FRAUD AND CYBER-ATTACKS RISING AT ALARMING RATES

Instructor:
Michael Crossley, Wells Fargo

Moderator:
Scott Harris

1.5 CPE, Finance

Face it, you are a target. Fraudsters are actively taking advantage of the public sector by leveraging government transparency to commit fraud. Over the last few years payment fraud and cyberattacks have been rising at alarming rates in the public sector. During our session you will gain perspective, along with actionable insights, on these topics.

ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?

Instructors:
Jackie Neubert, Rushton & Company
John Hulsey, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Clay Pilgrim, Rushton & Company
Tyler Reinagel, Department of Community Affairs

Moderator:
Julie George

1.5 CPE, Finance

Do you spend most of the year preparing for the annual audit and then realize you have multiple other required reports to file? Did you file your Report of Local Government Finances and Hotel-Motel Tax Report with DCA? Did you submit your Certification of E-911 expenditures to the DOAA with your annual financial report? Speaking of the annual financial report, other than the DOAA, where else should you have submitted it? Did you remember to advertise your annual SPLOST spending? And what about...
those Financial Assurance Requirements required for Solid Waste Handling and Processing Facilities? With all of this and even more, it would be easy to overlook a required report or submission. Panelists will field questions and discuss the who, what, when, where, and why surrounding the various reporting requirements for local governments.

The compliance panel discussion is an interactive session designed to give you a chance to ask auditors and state representatives questions about compliance with state law. The intent is to help you understand and stay in compliance with the various requirements.

**ASSET ACCOUNTABILITY – CONTROL, FINANCIAL REPORTING, RISK MITIGATION & AUDIT COMPLIANCE**

**Panelists:**
Hackwin Devoe, DeKalb County  
Mike Fister, HCA Asset Management  
Sam Lynch, HCA Asset Management  
Lisa Williams, DeKalb County

**Moderator:**  
Gregory Sheahan

1.5 CPE, Finance

For most public entities, capital asset accounting and financial reporting is an extremely challenging task. The complexities of capital assets accounting present unique challenges and frequently, it is also one that receives a lower level of priority within the organizational structure. Obtaining information necessary to properly record, reconcile and support asset values and financial reporting functions requires coordination from across the organization, and often involves multiple software systems and databases. Accurate data and valuations are critical for control, compliance and prospective expenditure planning. Additionally, many entities add insurable values to the mix. In this interactive session, our panel of experts will discuss best practices for assigning, reporting and maintaining valuations on land, buildings, land improvements, movable capital assets and complex infrastructure facilities. A unique perspective will be provided from finance professionals who have been in the same position as you and your organization, including lessons learned and shared.

**AUDIT PANEL**

**Panelists:**
Kristi Griffin, BatesCarter  
Chris Hollifield, Rushton & Company  
Miller Edwards, Mauldin & Jenkins  
Pat Muse, McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co.

**Moderator:**  
Cindy Campbell

1.5 CPE, Auditing - Governmental

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How to get perfect audit results....
Do you want the auditors to get in and get out of your office quickly so you can get on with your life? Do you want an audit report with a clean opinion with no comments or problems? Do you wonder what it would take to have the perfect audit? Well, now is your chance to find out. Come to the audit panel discussion to pick the brains of the expert panelists with many years performing government audits to ask questions and gather information on your quest to achieve the perfect audit.

THE BENEFIT OF AUTOMATING TIME AND ATTENDANCE

Instructor:
Jamie Blundell, Andrews Technology

Moderator:
Dave Robinson

1.5 CPE, Personnel / Human Resources

This session focuses on the different methods of data collection (ways employees can log their hours worked through time clocks, computers, and smart phones), then opening up the employee portal and demonstrating options for employees, followed by opening up the supervisor/manager portal and showing options available to people of authority.

BE...ALL THAT YOU CAN BE: ESSENTIAL EVOLUTION OF STAFF TRAINING

Instructor:
Chris Pike, Octane Conference

Moderator:
Chris Pike

1.5 CPE, Personnel / Human Resources

Students in classrooms are no longer being taught with an abacus and chalkboard. This means our office “classroom” must also change to overcome the obstacles we now face. This session explores a case study from the US Army where soldiers are trained differently and how we can incorporate those same best practices in today’s local government.

BEST PRACTICES IN DEBT MANAGEMENT AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Instructor:
Drew Simmons, The Baker Group

Moderator:
Chiquita Danzy

1.5 CPE, Finance

State and local governments are facing significant fiscal challenges related to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus. This session will address the impact of the Federal Government’s COVID-19 stimulus measures for state and local governments and the current market volatility implications when bringing bonds to market. We’ll also cover recent changes in the regulatory and compliance environment and what municipal officials need to do to ensure best practices in debt portfolio management.

BOND PRICING MYTHS AND FACTS – A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NEW BOND

Instructor:
Andrew Tritt, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company

Moderator:
Michael Kozlarek

1.5 CPE, Specialized Knowledge

There are many misconceptions about how bonds are priced (both public and private debt instruments). This session will provide finance officers and staff a “look behind the curtain” of a real bond pricing.
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BUDGETING & PLANNING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Instructors:
Elise Lomel, PFM Financial Advisors
Ryan McNeely, PFM Financial Advisors

Moderator:
Allison Corbally

1.5 CPE, Finance

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic has already generated unprecedented social and economic costs, tremendous uncertainty still remains about the future trajectory of new infections, rates of mortality and morbidity, public policy responses – and the associated economic impact. The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic slowdown has forced governments to reforecast their budgeted revenues and expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year and for fiscal years to follow. This course will focus on a review of available expert guidance and local governments’ experiences in order to develop strategies to close potential budget gaps resulting from these extraordinarily uncertain times.

BUSINESS MEETING

GFOA Update
Treasurer’s Report / Items of Business
Introduction of New Board
1.5 CPE, Personal Development

CASH DISBURSEMENT INTERNAL CONTROLS

Instructors:
Alisha Fulcher, EastWest Bank
Adam Fraley, Mauldin & Jenkins

Moderator:
Michelle Collings

1.5 CPE, Auditing – Governmental

Governmental Technology in the banking industry is continually advancing. Advancements bring excellent ways to manage cash disbursements and minimize fraud by maximizing internal and external online cash banking management controls.

COLLECTING PAYMENTS...AUTOMATION, RECONCILIATION, CITIZEN EXPECTATION

Instructors:
Dale Mauti, Paymentus
Sheryl Weinmann, Fayette County, GA

Moderator:
Milton Cronheim

1.5 CPE, Finance

When it comes to collecting payments, Fayette County has a goal to automate as many government departments as possible to allow for improved operations, simplified reporting and reconciliation, and better allocated staff time for more complicated department needs. Currently five departments are using a 3rd party electronic billing and payment provider to send electronic bills and collect cost-saving electronic payments. Hear what went into the County’s decision-making process to choose a provider, which departments in a city/county/municipal government can automate billing, payments, & reconciliation, and what citizens expect and demand as payment options in 2020.
CONSTRUCTION AUDITING

Instructor:
David Luker, RSM US LLP

Moderator:
Peter Floyd

1.5 CPE, Auditing - Governmental

This presentation will provide an overview of the construction process, including budgeting, procurement, estimating, project management and closeout. We will explore various auditing techniques within each phase of a project’s lifecycle and will share real life examples of audit steps and findings discovered during audits of government construction projects.

DETECTING CYBER THREATS IN REAL TIME

Instructors:
Karen Grosset, Tyler Technologies
Aaron Kostyu, Tyler Technologies

Moderator:
Loren Lachapelle

1.5 CPE, Information Technology

No organization is immune to cyber-attacks. One wrong click, from any employee, can put your organization at risk. Join our session to learn about how criminals bypass traditional defenses, and how you can identify an attack before it becomes a breach.
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EXPANDING HUMAN CAPACITY

Keynote Speaker:
Matt Johnson, On Target Living, LLC
2.4 CPE, Personal Development

As the world speeds-up faster and faster, organizations and their people try to keep up. This pressure to do more with less has reached epidemic levels of concern and organizations are panicking on how to recruit, retain, and attract the best talent for the future. Burnout, low engagement, and overwhelming stress are jeopardizing organizations’ ability to scale and win. As outdated performance models crumble under pressure, CAPACITY shows you how to build and protect your most valuable asset - YOUR PEOPLE. Think about the organizational impact if your workforce were given fresh capacity to perform, lead, and grow. Takeaways: Learn what top performers need to produce their very best work; Discover the biggest factor influencing your FOCUS + ENERGY + DRIVE; Adopt a strategy of expanding human capacity to exceed your high-performing goals.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYROLL

Instructor:
Valerie Holcombe, EPIC / Edgewood Partners Insurance Center
Moderator:
Laura Brown
1.5 CPE, Finance

This session will provide guidance on maximizing the effectiveness of your payroll system, so that your local government’s reporting and employee data are meeting federal government requirements. This will include discussing best practices for ensuring payroll data reporting is meeting federal requirements, as well as reviewing key areas to audit in your setup with your payroll vendor for employee paycheck and reporting accuracy.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF ATLANTA: HOW OUR PRODUCTS & SERVICES CAN MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Instructor:
Patrick Rutledge, Federal Home Bank of Atlanta
Moderator:
Annette Anderson
1.5 CPE, Finance

As Public Finance Relationship Manager, Patrick Rutledge speaks to audiences about banking and finance, bond transactions and public finance, economic development opportunities within their communities, structuring transactions, and provides education and awareness about FHLBank Atlanta’s letter of credit products and their uses within public finance and other arenas.
FINANCIAL REPORT CARD – WHERE DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT STAND?

Instructor:
Trey Scott, Mauldin & Jenkins

Moderator:
Mitchell Worthington

1.0 CPE, Finance

The purpose of this session is to share insights as to how to measure the financial and non-financial condition of a local government. Examples of the good, the bad and the ugly relative to local government’s finances will be provided, and discussion as to what can be gleaned from an annual audited financial statement.

GASB’S FINANCIAL REPORTING MODEL AND REVENUE & EXPENSE RECOGNITION - UPDATE

Instructor:
James Bence, Mauldin & Jenkins

Moderator:
Laurie Puckett

1.5 CPE, Accounting - Governmental

The purpose of this session is to reflect on various projects being researched and addressed by GASB, primarily as it relates to the financial reporting model and the ongoing concern of how to measure and recognize various revenues and expenses.
GASB REVIEW – SUBSCRIPTION BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

Instructor:
Chris Pike, GovSense

Moderator:
Tom McDermott

1.5 CPE, Accounting - Governmental

GASB’s guidance on Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements identifies a growing trend in governments today and the increasing need for guidance on the accounting for these arrangements. This session will consider (1) potential accounting and financial reporting guidance for cloud computing arrangements that are not addressed in current guidance and (2) potential amendments to Statement No. 51, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets. It will also explore the rise in cloud computing and why these arrangements are increasing in popularity and acceptance.

HEALTH INSURANCE COST SAVINGS STRATEGIES

Instructor:
Chris Clark, EPIC / Edgewood Partners Insurance Center

Moderator:
James Ford

1.5 CPE, Personnel / Human Resources

Many public sector employers are anticipating reduced revenues as a result of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and are looking for budget savings opportunities. Employee Benefits is typically the second or third highest cost budget item. This session will provide pros and cons of several cost savings strategies public sector employers are considering/using to better manage their health plan costs.
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HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR BADGE? STRATEGIES FOR BEING PREPARED FOR THE NEXT STEP

Instructor:
Stacey Cotton, City of Covington
Moderator:
Ashlan Troutman
1.2 CPE, Personal Development

This session asks the question, “how bright is your badge?” (your resume). Tips for taking your career to the next level. This session will discuss how to self-assess where you are in your career, how to determine your value to your employer, and what does it take to “polish that badge to be its brightest.” Important topics that will be covered are the importance of time management and its importance on becoming that employee that your supervisor just cannot do without. Finally, any good leader cannot shine without the ability to express themselves properly and share with others the vision. This session will discuss tips on how to be an effective communicator and its impact on your ability to be the leader your organization needs and can’t do without.

HOW TO EXCEL IN A FINANCIAL WORLD

Instructor:
Amanda Wilkson, BatesCarter
Moderator:
Hope Weeks
1.5 CPE, Computer Software & Applications

An interactive session focused on the basic and advanced functions of Microsoft Excel and how to improve user proficiency.

IMPROVING REVENUE COLLECTIONS FOR UTILITIES

Instructor:
Gary Sanders, Logics – A Division of Edmunds GovTech
Moderator:
Chiquita Danzy
1.5 CPE, Finance

Utilities continually find themselves under pressure to control rate increases. Participants will learn how policies and procedures at various stages of the customer cycle – application for service, billing, delinquent processing, and final bills – can impact collections. They will learn what policies and procedures other utilities have implemented to improve collection rates and reduce bad debt and write-offs. Participants will complete two worksheets that illustrate points in the presentation. These worksheets highlight how much their utility could potentially have to write off when accounts skip out after being cut off for non-payment. This session will also examine alternative payment methods beyond the traditional cash and check payments over the counter or through the mail. Participants will also learn about third party solutions that can assist in reducing bad debt and improving collections.
INTERNAL CONTROLS THAT SAVE YOUR GOVERNMENT (AND YOUR JOB)

Instructor:
Charles Hall, McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co.

Moderator:
Pat Muse

1.5 CPE, Auditing - Governmental

Who steals from governments? Sheriffs, Tax Commissioners, Mayors, Finance Directors, Accounts Payable Clerks. Well, you get the picture. Almost anyone. Theft occurs where controls are lacking. But that’s where you come in. In this presentation, you’ll learn to make your government safer and stronger.

INVESTING IN A LOW INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT – FORCES IMPACTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT EARNINGS

Instructor:
Scott Stitcher, PFM Asset Management

Moderator:
Sean Gannon

1.5 CPE, Finance

Interest rates are at an all-time low – Now what?! Interest rates rose for a brief period of time and have now dropped dramatically with markets signaling no increase in rates before year-end. We will examine how fixed income investors need to establish or adjust their investment strategies to enhance investment income after the COVID-19 pandemic. We will also look at the impact of the Federal Reserve’s change in rates and economic outlook on portfolios. In its policy statement, the Fed noted that it expects to maintain a target range of 0.0%-0.25% until it is confident that the economy has weathered recent events and is on track to achieve its maximum employment and price stability goals.
INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR PUBLIC FUNDS

Instructor:
John Grady, Public Trust Advisors

Moderator:
Sheryl Weinmann

1.5 CPE, Finance

This session will discuss public funds investment strategies in a post-COVID-19 interest rate environment. As market panic sets in as a result of the shutdown of the U.S. economy, the U.S. Federal Reserve and Congress implemented multiple programs designed to minimize volatility and provide liquidity to the marketplace. One of the first actions was the Federal Open Market Committee voting to reduce the Federal Funds rate by 1.50% during March 2020, reinstating the Zero Interest Rate Policy (ZIRP) that was in place for more than seven years until December 2015. This session will discuss the impact on interest rates and performance for public funds investment strategies and investment earnings expectations in a ZIRP interest rate environment.

KNOWING AND MOVING PAST YOUR INNER CRITIC

Instructor:
Mazi Robinson, Certified Daring Way Facilitator

Moderator:
Linda Cook

1.5 CPE, Personal Development

The Inner Critic. Everyone has an Inner Critic. Some Inner Critics may be louder than others, but everyone has one. When left unchecked, our Inner Critic can have the power to keep us in jobs we don’t like, relationships that are not good for us, and hinder our pursuit of our goals, plans, and giftings. We do not have to live confined by our Inner Critic’s messaging. When we know what our Inner Critic sounds like, why it exists, and where it came from, we can learn to move past our Inner Critic’s shouts into the freedom of our full potential.

LEASE ACCOUNTING – ANALYZING AND JOURNALIZING

Instructor:
Sam Latimer, Rushton & Company

Moderator:
John Holden

1.5 CPE, Accounting – Governmental

This session is an in-depth examination of GASB’s lease framework – GASB Statement No. 87, Leases. At the end of this session, each participant will be able to define a lease under the new standard, review and analyze lease agreements to determine the appropriate treatment under the new standard, and prepare all journal entries and required note disclosures required for GASB Statement No. 87 – Leases.

LET’S CONNECT – OPEN BANKING AND APIs

Instructor:
Deborah Myers, J.P. Morgan

Moderator:
Hope Weeks

1.5 CPE, Information Technology

More and more organizations are looking for up-to-the-minute, real-time information and data to help inform important decisions around items, such as cash forecasting and cash concentration. In a fast moving world, Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) are becoming essential tools for looking at new and improved ways for treasurers to interact and interface with their banks in a more efficient and integrated manner.
Objectives: At the conclusion of this session, you will ....

• Understand how APIs work
• Understand the purpose and benefits of APIs
• Identify situations where APIs may help your organization

LIES, DAMNED LIES AND ECONOMIC FORECASTS – WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE LOSSES!

Instructor:
Kevin Webb, Piper Sandler

Moderator:
John Daniel

1.5 CPE, Economics

Mark Twain quipped that there are “Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics.” That is a common sentiment for viewing forecasts as well. This session provides a framework for thinking about economic forecasts along with a way to visualize them. Using historical economic forecasts, economic data, The Iliad and Hurricanes this session will take Twain’s quip and help you navigate the “Lies, Damned Lies and Economic Forecasts.” No economists were harmed in the preparation of this talk.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Welcome and Introduction
Chiquita Danzy, GGFOA President

“A Fireside Chat” with the GASB Chair
Instructor: Joel Black, GASB
Moderator: John Hulsey

1.0 CPE, Accounting & Auditing

In this session, GASB Chair Joel Black will discuss perspectives he brings to the Board, current and future activities designed to improve accounting and financial reporting for U.S. state and local governments—and their impact on government finance departments. The wide-ranging discussion will address his views on the change and evolution of government accounting and financial reporting and the GASB’s role in that evolution, how the GASB determines the projects it undertakes and how you can play a roll in impacting those projects, and how the GASB has worked to assist stakeholders in dealing with the ongoing pandemic.

Legislative Update – ACCG & GMA
Instructors:
Joel Wiggins, GMA
Larry Ramsey, ACCG

Moderator: John Hulsey

.6 CPE, Finance

Accounting & Auditing Update: 2020 GASB Update
Instructor: Amanda Wilkson, BatesCarter

Moderator: John Hulsey

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Economic Outlook
Instructors:
Miller Edwards, Mauldin & Jenkins
Adam Fraley, Mauldin & Jenkins
Moderator:
John Hulsey
.6 CPE, Economics

THE POWER OF DIGITAL WALLETS AS SECURE PAYMENT TOOLS

Instructor:
Peter Guido, Paymentus
Moderator:
Tracy Arner
1.5 CPE, Finance

Digital wallets like PayPal, Venmo, Amazon Pay, Apple/Google Pay (and many more) are projected to overtake credit cards as the most popular online payment method this year according to Forrester Research. And America’s largest generation (millennials aged 24-39 encompassing 75M people) has already adopted digital wallets for all kinds of transactions. Join us for an educational session on digital wallets as secure payment tools and advanced payment methods that drive citizen engagement with your existing investments in self-service.

• Learn experience-based, actionable strategies that are proven to result in great digital adoption, accelerated revenue collections, fewer delinquencies and improved customer satisfaction across all the citizen segments including the underserved and underbanked.
• Explore the importance and impact of supporting digital wallets as part of a multi-faceted collection plan.
• Find out why digital wallets are safer, faster, and easier to use than traditional wallets and physical cards.
• Discuss how new(er) payment channels like chatbots and voice assistants can be used to engage with citizens and capture payments.

PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Instructor:
Julie George, Rushton & Company
Moderator:
Karen Slaton-Dixon
1.5 CPE, Auditing - Governmental

The key to an efficient and successful audit is planning. A little preparation can go a long way. Plan ahead. Stay up to date on accounting standards. Assess changes within the entity. Develop an audit preparation strategy with your team by developing a timeline and assigning responsibility. Communicate frequently with your auditor throughout the year. Ask questions and receive feedback. A little planning can make audit time a little more bearable.

RATE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 101 FOR WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITIES

Instructors:
Will Kerr, Raftelis Financial Consultants
Bart Kreps, Raftelis Financial Consultants
Moderator:
Courtney Rogers
1.5 CPE, Finance
Water and sewer rates do more than simply recover costs. Properly designed rates can support and optimize a blend of various utility objectives such as revenue sufficiency and stability, affordability for essential needs, conservation, ease of understanding and administration, and many others. This presentation will walk through the development of a water and sewer financial plan and demonstrate how rates can be designed to achieve financial goals and utility pricing objectives. In addition, the presentation will include a discussion of financial planning and rate-setting trends nationwide, and specifically in the Southeast.

RATING AGENCIES CREDIT PANEL
Panelists:
Kimberly Lyons, Moody’s
Kimberly Barrett, S&P Global Ratings
Michael Rinaldi, Fitch Ratings

Moderator:
Elise Lomel

1.5CPE, Finance

Rating analysts from Moody’s Investors Service, S&P Global Ratings, and Fitch Ratings will provide an overview of their respective methodologies for rating local government general obligation credits as well as their view on Georgia local governments, both generally and specific to the current environment.

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RISK, RELIANCE, AND THE RESILIENCE IMPERATIVE

Instructor:
Jeff Gaynor, American Resilience LLC

Moderator:
Neil Matchan

1.5 CPE, Information Technology

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- In presenting “The Predator’s View,” emphasize what our Nation’s adversaries are learning and what we should be learning from the Chinese/Wuhan/COVID-19 saga/crisis.
- Address the advantages of resilience-based preparedness in lowering American target values and by extension, simultaneously frustrating our adversaries and correcting America’s consequence enabling and amplifying cyber and global supply chain reliant preparedness trajectory.

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Instructor:
Julie George, Rushton & Company

Moderator:
Michelle Collings

1.5 CPE, Auditing - Governmental

It is not uncommon for small and medium sized governments to “outsource” the preparation of the external financial statements to their independent auditor for the express purposes of convenience and efficiency. However, management must still accept responsibility for the financial statements. This session will provide an overview of what you as an auditee should be aware of from an internal control perspective to properly accept responsibility for your government’s annual financial report. At the conclusion of this session, you should be able to: describe the importance of adequate internal controls over financial statement preparation as a key component of accepting responsibility for auditor prepared statements; identify auditor and auditee responsibilities of an audit engagement; recall the importance of using the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts Review Checklist as a control to review your financial statements before accepting responsibility for them; and identify alternative methods for accepting responsibility for your financial statements when the level of skill, knowledge, and experience of generally accepted accounting principles is not sufficient to oversee the financial statement preparation process.

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**TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP OF OPERATING A FLEET OF VEHICLES**

**Instructor:**
John Sparger, Enterprise Fleet Management

**Moderator:**
Ashlan Troutman

**1.5 CPE, Finance**

The importance of fleet management to a company’s bottom line.

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- We will look at the Total Cost of Ownership to operate a vehicle via a Buy and Hold example. We will discuss how applying the principals of Fleet Management to this same 8 year Buy and Hold example can save a company money.
- From there, we will show how having a solid Fleet Plan and vehicle replacement strategy and not holding onto the vehicle for the entire 8 years can save additional money.
- We will also talk about how a Fleet Manager can add additional value specific to industry knowledge, increased safety, etc.

**UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY**

**Instructor:**
Mazi Robinson, Certified Daring Way Facilitator

**Moderator:**
Donna Todd

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**WHY DO I NEED A FINANCIAL ADVISOR?**

**Instructors:**
Courtney Rogers, Davenport & Co.
Ricardo Cornejo, Davenport & Co.
Doug Gebhardt, Davenport & Co.

**Moderator:**
Derrick Brown

**1.5 CPE, Finance**

With every passing hour, we have seen a reduction in social and business activity throughout Georgia due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Local governments, utilities and school districts are trying to understand how the pandemic will affect them financially, from short and long-term revenues (property tax, hotel/motel tax, SPLOST/ESPLOST and state intergovernmental aid, etc...), to increases in expenditures such as overtime, to managing capital projects and ultimately how this all affects cash flow. In the best of times, juggling these for local governments, utilities and school districts can be a challenge on the staff. Many elected officials and administrators are contemplating how they may adjust expectations for their current and future budgets. At the end of this session, the participants will be able to identify budgetary challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, possible short and long-term solutions to enhance its financial health and why it is important to engage a municipal financial advisor to be an extension of the local government, utility and school district’s staff.
WHY PROCUREMENT FOLKS ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS

Instructor:
Joyce Auld, Department of Administrative Services

Moderator:
Barbara Vargo

1.5 CPE, Finance

Join us for an informative and fun session to discover why those pesky procurement people keep asking you so many questions. You are probably thinking, why do they need to know about my budget, why should they know who the end-users are going to be, and why can’t they just order what you ask them to order.

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JOYCE AULD
Joyce J. Auld is a native of Virginia. In 2004, she relocated to Georgia with her retired military husband after traveling all over the world.

After relocating to Georgia, Joyce became very serious and focused on completing her educational pursuit. As a Dean’s List recipient at Shorter University, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree (Management) in December 2007. Knowing the value and importance of education, Joyce immediately enrolled in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program (Human Resources) with Strayer University. In December 2009, she completed the requirements for an MBA with a 3.9 GPA.

Joyce has worked with several state entities in various procurement roles. She currently works as a Procurement Training Specialist with the Department of Administrative Services. In July 2016, Joyce obtained the national certification – Certified Purchasing Public Buyer (CPPB) from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. Other certifications held by Joyce include: Georgia Procurement Professional Associate (GCPA), Georgia Certified Procurement Manager (GCPM), Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) – Primary Government Accounting Series and the Budget and Financial Management certification for state government.

Joyce has received many community awards for her work with blended families. Joyce and her husband have been featured in numerous magazine articles. They also starred in the documentary “Blended – The Unspoken Truth About Blended Families.” Joyce is the author of “What’s Really Happening in African-American Relationships.”

KIMBERLY BARRETT
Kimberly is based in our Centennial, Colorado office, and has been with S&P Global Ratings since December 2016. During her tenure, she has worked with local governments primarily in the southeast region, with a focus on general obligation and special tax bonds for cities, counties, and school districts, as well as special assessment debt for community development districts. She serves as the lead analyst for the Florida and Georgia local government portfolios. Prior to working at S&P Global, Kimberly worked for the State of Florida for 12 years in several different roles. Most recently, she was an economist for the legislature’s office of Economic and Demographic Research where she forecasted state revenues and estimated fiscal impacts of proposed legislation. Prior to that, she worked for the Florida Division of Bond Finance as a bond development specialist, structuring deals and preparing offering documents for new money and refunding transactions for the state’s education and transportation bonding programs, as well as for several state university facilities. Kimberly received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Economics from Florida State University.

JAMES BENCE
James is a partner with Mauldin & Jenkins. His experience with the firm covers a variety of state and local governmental organizations. He spends 100% of his time serving state and local governments, all of which utilize the new reporting model. James works with local governments in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas.

James spends 100% of his time serving local governments emphasizing cities, counties, school districts, business-type entities, state government entities, and special purpose entities and authorities.

James has over sixteen (16) years of experience in public accounting, all with Mauldin & Jenkins, serving a wide range of clients in the public services industry. He serves both large and small governmental units and is involved in serving approximately seventy-five (75) such governmental entities.

James is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, the Government Finance Officers Association, the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association, and the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association.
**JOEL BLACK**

Joel Black was named chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, effective July 1, 2020. Joel came to the GASB after almost 16 years as a partner at Mauldin & Jenkins in Atlanta where he was the partner in charge of the firm’s audit practice at the time of his departure. Prior to Mauldin & Jenkins, Joel worked for 12 years at KPMG, LLP. During his experience in public accounting, he exclusively served state and local government clients leading audits and financial statement preparation engagements.

Joel previously served on the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council, the AICPA’s State and Local Government Expert Panel, and the executive committee of the AICPA’s Government Audit Quality Center.

Joel graduated from Georgia State University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**JAMIE BLUNDELL**

Jamie has been providing the Novatime Time & Attendance/Scheduling solution since 2008. With a focus on government installations, the majority of his experience includes providing and supporting installations of the Novatime system specifically to counties, cities, towns and school districts. Now as the President of Andrews Technology, Jamie oversees the introduction of the Novatime system to all government entities across the United States. Jamie Blundell is an alumnus of SUNY Albany Class of 2004.

**CHRIS CLARK**

Christopher B. (Chris) Clark, CEBS, has over 20 years’ experience in employee benefits consulting. Chris holds the position of Senior Vice President for EPIC’s Southeastern Employer Services Division. His responsibilities at EPIC include executive leadership, healthcare consulting with complex employers, as well as leading wellness and health management initiatives.

Chris began his career in 1985 with Milliman, an international actuarial consulting firm. Throughout the 1990s he worked for Aon, the second largest international insurance brokerage and risk management consulting firm. Immediately before coming to the firm, Chris was a Principal with Palmer & Cay, a regional insurance brokerage firm based in Savannah.

Chris earned a BBA in Actuarial Science and an MS in Risk Management, both from Georgia State University. Chris also earned the CEBS designation from The Wharton School and is a past Fellow of the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists. He holds current Insurance Agent and Consultant licenses for Georgia and several other states.

Mr. Clark is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences and seminars covering Wellness, PPACA, and other employee benefits topics and has published several related articles. Chris was an adjunct professor at Georgia State University from 1998-2000 in the Risk Management and Insurance Department. During that time, he taught Undergraduate and Graduate courses in employee benefits. He has also taught continuing education and preparatory courses for various employee-benefits-related professional credentials.

Chris is an active patron of the Atlanta arts community and is currently Chair of the Georgia Symphony/Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestras. He is also a Board Member of the Atlanta Regional Health Forum, an organization that, among other things, supports personal and worksite health management initiatives in the metro-Atlanta region. Chris actively supports the community in metro-Atlanta and has completed a couple of leadership programs through the Atlanta Regional Commission, including the Regional Leadership Institute and the Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta.
RICARDO CORNEJO

Ricardo Cornejo has 27 years of government finance experience, serving cities, counties, school districts, in Georgia. Mr. Cornejo has worked on debt issuance strategies, debt restructuring, and economic development projects in Georgia. He has worked with the Georgia team on financings that include Intergovernmental Revenue Bonds, Utility Revenue Bonds, SPLOST/ESPLOST Bonds and General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Cornejo specializes in local government finance throughout Georgia performing rating agency interaction, debt issuance strategies and execution for general government projects, general obligation and revenue backed credits, and economic development projects.

Mr. Cornejo is a member of the Georgia GFOA, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, Georgia City County Managers Association, Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and the Georgia Association of School Business Officials.

STACEY COTTON

Stacey Lanier Cotton has served as Chief of Police for the City of Covington, Georgia since 1997. Originally hired as a patrol officer in 1987 he has held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief. Under his leadership, the Covington Police Department has remained CALEA-accredited since it was initially accredited in 1985 and is celebrating 34 years as an internationally accredited agency. In addition to a bachelor’s degree from Mercer University, where he served as an adjunct professor, Chief Cotton holds two master’s degrees from Troy University; one in Public Administration and one in Criminal Justice. Chief Cotton is also a 1997 graduate of the FBI National Academy – Session 188 and was a member of the Leadership Georgia Class of 2006.

Chief Cotton has served on many boards and has been involved with many community programs. In 2019 Governor Brian Kemp appointed Chief Cotton to the Board of Public Safety. He was a founding member and past chairman of the Newton-Walton Child Advocacy Center “A Child’s Voice.” He is a past president of the Georgia Association of Chief of Police (2009–10) and was named Police Chief of the year for the State of Georgia in 2012. Chief Cotton was awarded the Robert Stubbs III Guardian of Ethics award in 2015 and is the past recipient of the E. G. Lassiter Covington Rotarian of the Year in 2012 and served as Rotary President 2016–17. In 2015 Governor Nathan Deal named Chief Cotton to the Georgia Commission on Medical Cannabis.

Chief Cotton is a lifetime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and currently serves on the board of directors as a member of the Financial Review Committee.

Chief Cotton has traveled extensively both in the US and abroad to study and improve police services internationally. He has to traveled London, Turkey, Israel, and the Republic of Georgia and has instructed internationally.

He is a member of Covington First Baptist Church. Chief Cotton is married to Lana Lane and they have three children, Kole, Kyle, Madisyn, and grandson Lanier.

MICHAEL CROSSLEY

Mike is a Treasury Management Consultant with Wells Fargo Bank. Mike is responsible for providing customized treasury consulting to state and local governments in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. He is dedicated to helping these organizations implement and maintain efficient and cost-effective cash management programs while also keeping them abreast of new and enhanced treasury services and trends. He enjoys sharing best practices and product and service information to guide clients in developing their treasury management programs. Mike has worked in banking since 1998. He began working for Wells Fargo in 2007 and has been a treasury management consultant since 2003. Mike received his B.A. in business administration from Westminster College.
Hackwin L. Devoe is a leader with 25+ years of administrative and managerial experience of which 18 years has been served with DeKalb County government and 7 years in the private sector. As a U.S. Army veteran and public servant, Hackwin values the notion of commitment, integrity, and responsibility. As Administrative Operations Manager in the Treasury and Accounting / Water Billing Section of DeKalb’s Finance Department, he coordinated employee training, developed policies and procedures, acted as liaison between the County and the citizenry. In his current role as the Capital Asset Manager, Hackwin endeavors to maintain the County’s commitment to excellence and service through accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

Miller Edwards is a partner and certified public accountant with Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs & Advisors. His experience covers a variety of clients in federal, state, and local government. He is responsible for the firm’s governmental practice division of Mauldin & Jenkins (the largest single niche of the firm) as well as the partner in-charge of the Macon & Savannah offices.

Miller also is a former multi-term member of the Firm’s Executive Committee which governs the actions and directions of the Firm. He is a current member of the Firm’s Audit & Accounting (A&A) Committee. Miller has over 32 years’ experience in providing public accounting services to the governmental sector, all of which has occurred as an auditor with Mauldin & Jenkins.

Miller serves both large and small governmental units and is involved directly (as lead partner) and indirectly (as quality control partner) in serving over 125 such governmental entities over the past several years. Miller has experience auditing governmental units in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. As the partner in charge of the governmental practice, he has overseen and directed a very proactive growth in clients served by Mauldin & Jenkins since 1998 which currently include serving approximately 450 state and local governments in the Southeastern USA.

Miller was an instructor/consultant for the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government from 2002 through 2017 and provided continuing education to state and local government officials on the subjects of governmental accounting and financial reporting. He provides similar instructional services on behalf of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA), the Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina (GFOASC), the Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama (GFOAA), the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants (GSCPA), and the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (SCACPA), and is often a guest speaker at various governmental trade shows, conventions, and governmental audit / accounting conferences. Miller also is the lead instructor at the Firm’s annual governmental conference and participates in the Firm’s periodic educational conference provided to governmental clients throughout each year covering a variety of subjects.

Miller was honored with the GGFOA’s award for “Outstanding Service to the GGFOA” during the annual conference held in Savannah in October 2003, recognizing his leadership and effort in providing training and instruction on various topics affecting local governmental entities. Further, on behalf of Mauldin & Jenkins, Miller accepted the GGFOA’s President’s Award recognizing Mauldin & Jenkins’ efforts in the governmental arena in Georgia as of October 2007.

Miller graduated with a B.B.A. and double majors in 1) Accounting, and 2) Risk Management & Insurance from the University of Georgia. Miller is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
Mike Fister

Mike has spent his career working as a valuation consultant for public entities to implement capital asset policies and procedures unique to each institution’s needs. He has assisted in the valuation of unique and complex infrastructure assets and reconciling capital asset values to achieve clean audit results. Mike also assists in implementing processes and procedures to accurately perpetuate capital asset additions and retirements while supporting GASB 34, GAAP, and Uniform Guidance Regulations. As an experienced appraiser and capital asset consultant, he has been asked to speak on subject of Capital Assets at multiple Public Finance conferences. With perspective from a multitude of asset accounting clients, Mike will provide unique points of view of challenges faced by today’s finance officers.

Adam Fraley

Adam Fraley is a member (i.e. partner) and a certified public accountant with Mauldin & Jenkins. His experience covers a variety of clients in state and local governments. Adam currently serves on the firm’s Audit and Accounting (A&A) Committee, leading the establishment of audit policies of the firm and answering technical questions for the firm’s governmental partner group as well as other partners. He is also the Firm’s Designated Audit Quality Partner (DAQP) for the AICPA’s Government Audit Quality Center. He has served as Chairman on the Firm’s Partner Advisory Board and currently serves as Chairman on the Firm’s Leadership and Career Development Committee, helping provide policy and procedural recommendations to establish and monitor an educational and mentoring program for the development of the Firm’s human resources.

Adam has over twenty (20) years of experience with the firm. Adam graduated from Georgia College & State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and obtained his CPA certificate in 1999. He has been a featured speaker at various GGFOA Conferences and other GGFOA workshops, free quarterly CPE provided to our clients, and several internal conferences.

Alisha Fulcher

Alisha specializes in assisting local municipalities, school districts, counties, transportation authorities and housing authorities throughout Georgia with their banking needs. With over 21 years of bank experience, she has honed her skills working with large and small organizations from a variety of industries. With years of experience working closely with the community, Alisha is active in fundraising for the Archer Athletic Association and other local organizations in the communities she serves. She also supports the March of Dimes and Junior Achievement of Georgia. She was the recipient of the 2015 GGFOA Service Award and serves on the Annual Conference Committee.

Jeff Gaynor

Jeff Gaynor’s National and Homeland Security experience ranges from foxholes to the White House. Understanding critical infrastructure as both a national enabler and disabler, in early 2005 Jeff created and directed the Critical Infrastructure Task Force (CITF) of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). The HSAC’s resilience-based infrastructure, business, and community preparedness policies and programs identified the interdependencies, increasing exploitability and consequence amplifying condition of America’s cyber-reliant critical infrastructures and assessed the shortcomings of protection focused critical infrastructure policies and programs. In the wake of the otherwise preventable infrastructure protection failure and tragedy ascribed to Hurricane Katrina, in January 2006, the HSAC recommended the Homeland Security Secretary “raise the [infrastructure and national] preparedness bar” and “promulgate critical infrastructure resilience (CIR) as the top-level strategic objective—the desired outcome—to drive national policy and planning.” In converting the HSAC’s recommendation into reality, Jeff is a National thought leader, advocate and consultant for the application of operationally proven and objectively measurable resilience-based infrastructure, business and community preparedness policies and application of their nationally comprehensive, compatible and proven mindsets, metrics, methodologies, and technologies across the spectrum of American life.
Jeff’s experience in the National security, preparedness and continuity arenas includes Defense Intelligence Senior Executive assignments on the Secretary of Defense Staff as the Special Assistant for Homeland Security; Acting Principal Director for Security and Information Operations and Director, Department of Defense Year 2000 (Y2K) Operations. In those capacities Mr. Gaynor: 1) In the immediate aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001, provided Defense Intelligence and Security support to the White House Office of Homeland Security and the Intelligence Community; 2) Ensured Joint Staff and operating forces infrastructure performance requirements were integrated into Defense planning; 3) Coordinated the Defense Department’s Critical Infrastructure, Information Assurance, Counterintelligence, Information Operations, and Security programs; and 4) Created and led the operations of the Defense Department’s Year 2000 Decision Support Activity (DSA). Throughout the Y2K Transition effort, Mr. Gaynor ensured Defense Department mission continuity and the optimal application of Defense assets to civil authorities by providing real–time global critical infrastructure focused situational awareness. That information enabled the Defense Secretary to anticipate, triage and coherently respond to the spectrum of Defense, National and international consequences inherent in the Y2K environment. Prior to his Senior Executive Service appointment, Jeff served as Special Assistant for Information Systems Security and later as Special Assistant for Information Assurance to the Assistant Secretary for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence. In those capacities, Mr. Gaynor reviewed the scope and adequacy of existing Defense Information Systems Security programs and their impact on the spectrum of Defense operations, and as its Principal Action Officer, helped spearhead a Secretary of Defense Staff initiative that drove creation of the Defense–wide Information Assurance Program.

Mr. Gaynor is a retired United States Army Colonel. His service encompassed over 30 years of enlisted and commissioned service in capacities ranging from Communications Security to the Combat Arms and Military Intelligence disciplines. His assignments included: U.S. Communications Monitor, Counterintelligence Agent and Operations Officer; Vietnamese Territorial Forces Infantry and Intelligence Advisor; Brigade Intelligence Officer; Secretary of the General Staff of the 25th Infantry Division; Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Secretary of Defense and Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Current Intelligence Presentations Division; 511th Military Intelligence Battalion Commander; Army Programs Officer, General Defense Intelligence Program; and as the Communications Security Officer, a Trip Officer and an Alternate Military Aide to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

Jeff is a combat veteran and among others, is the recipient of the Silver Star; multiple awards of the Bronze Star Medal; the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. He is also the recipient of the Combat Infantryman’s, Joint Staff, and Presidential Staff Identification Badges and two awards of the Department of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Medal.

In addition to his position as the President of American Resilience, LLC, Jeff is a member of the Executive Advisors Committee of the Council on Competitiveness and is a Past President and CEO of the FBI’s InfraGard Atlanta Members Alliance and the ~60,000 member InfraGard National Members Alliance.

DOUGLAS GEBHARDT

Mr. Douglas Gebhardt has nearly a decade of Public Finance experience and has worked on numerous client engagements. Mr. Gebhardt has specialized in designing and constructing financial models, debt capacity and budget projection and cash flow models for complex tax–supported and revenue–based credits. Since joining Davenport, Transaction related work includes the execution of both new money and refunding financings in both the public market as well as direct bank loans. Mr. Gebhardt has experience assisting clients with projects that involve Tax Allocation Districts. Non–transactional work experience includes, among other projects, advising on economic development initiatives, completion of capital planning analysis, utility system rate studies, credit rating work, investment of bond proceeds and financial policy assessment.

Mr. Gebhardt is a member of the Georgia GFOA, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, Georgia City County Managers Association, Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and the Georgia Association of School Business Officials.
JULIE GEORGE
Julie George is a certified public accountant with Rushton & Company, LLC, with offices in Gainesville and Carrollton, Georgia. The firm specializes in auditing and consulting with local governments, authorities and nonprofits. She is an audit manager in the firm’s governmental and nonprofit division.

Julie has over 20 years of experience working with local governments of all sizes assisting them with financial statement audits, internal controls, compliance, Single Audits, bond issuances, chart of accounts and other governmental areas. She has assisted many governments throughout Georgia.

Julie is a 1999 graduate of the University of West Georgia with a B.B.A in Accounting and completed her Master of Professional Accounting in 2002. She is a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), including their Government Audit Quality Center.

JOHN GLEBA
Mr. Gleba is Secretary/Treasurer of Madison Consulting Group and holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Keene State College. Prior to joining Madison Consulting Group in 1996, he had three years of experience at the Texas Insurance Department and three years’ experience at the New Hampshire Insurance Group. During his career, Mr. Gleba has given numerous presentations to consumer groups and actuarial associations including such diverse topics as workers compensation, loss cost rating methodologies, and statistical plan design and implementation. Mr. Gleba has served as a member of the American Academy of Actuaries’ Committee on Property and Liability Financial Reporting as well as the Committee on Qualifications. He has also served on the Board of the Academy as the Vice President for Professionalism Issues, and as chairperson for the Casualty Actuarial Society’s Committee on Professionalism Education.

Mr. Gleba is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS), a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA), and a Fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries (FCA).

JOHN GRADY
John is a Managing Director of Investment Advisory Services for Public Trust Advisors and has more than twenty years of government, investment management, and public finance experience serving as an investment advisor for public funds, fixed income assets for numerous public entities in more than eight states across the U.S. including the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, and West Coast.

John’s diverse client base throughout his career includes State Agencies, Counties, Municipalities, K12 and Higher Education, Water Districts, Health Care Districts, Utilities, Transportation and Special Districts. His specific areas of expertise include investment program implementation with a full-scope treasury management approach; public finance debt transactions and bond proceeds investment strategies; development of customized cash flow models; and creating investment reports to meet industry and client-specific requirements. His primary focus is on developing strong client relationships through communication and education.

John is a frequent speaker and instructor for continuing education for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) as well as several state and local chapters of the GFOA. His presentation topics include Investment Policy Development and Updates, Economic and Market Commentary, Fixed Income Investment Strategies, Cash Flow Analysis, and Internal Controls.

Prior to joining Public Trust Advisors, John served as the Vice President of Investment Advisory and Client Relationships for government and institutional clients at Cutwater (Insight) Asset Management and as a Senior Managing Consultant with PFM Asset Management, where he provided asset management and financial advisory services for public entities. John received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Majors in Finance and Insurance and a Minor in Economics from the University of Florida. John also earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Florida. He holds the designation of Certified Treasury Professional through the Association for Financial Professionals.
**KRISTI GRIFFIN**

Kristi Griffin joined BatesCarter in 2002 and has been a partner since 2008. Kristi specializes in audit and attest services, including working with governmental entities and monitoring the quality control over audits, reviews, and compilations. She has more than 22 years of experience in accounting, including a position with a regional accounting firm headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina, as well as serving as an accounting manager for a regional bank. Since joining BatesCarter, she primarily works with governmental entities, non-profit organizations, closely held businesses, and employee benefit plans.

**Education**
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting
Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC, Magna Cum Laude, Valedictorian

**Professional Affiliations/Involvement**
Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
Member, AICPA’s Government Audit Quality Center
Member, AICPA Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center
Member, Georgia Society of CPAs (GSCPA)
Member, Northeast Georgia Chapter of GSCPA
Member and Finance Committee volunteer, Chestnut Mountain Church
Board Member, Former Treasurer, Gateway Domestic Violence Center
Board Member, Former Treasurer, Georgia Mountain Food Bank Board of Directors
2004 Graduate of the Leadership Academy – sponsored by the GSCPA
2009 Graduate-Leadership Hall County

**KAREN GROSSET**

Karen has been with Tyler Technologies since 1998, currently managing cybersecurity sales. Karen keeps up to date on the current cyber threat landscape and how it is impacting municipalities. With this information, she educates internal Tyler resources and municipalities on the need for cybersecurity protections.

Prior to her current role, Karen worked as a Tyler account representative for existing ERP customers across the east coast. Working closely with established customers for such an extended time gives Karen a unique perspective of municipal entities’ daily workings and unique needs.

**PETER GUIDO**

Peter Guido has over 23 years of experience in delivering technology solutions to some of the largest local governments, banks and insurance companies in North America, helping them enhance the user experience, improve efficiencies within the client environment and maintain the highest levels of security and compliance.

For the past 13 years, Peter has been with Paymentus, and as Regional Sales Director, his focus has been to help organizations improve payment adoption, increase revenues and streamline processes.

**CHARLES HALL**

Charles is the quality control partner for McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC.

Charles became a CPA in 1987 and a Certified Fraud Examiner in 2004. He has spent most of his career providing auditing services, both internal and external, to local governments, nonprofits and small businesses. Charles obtained his Master of Accountancy from the University of Georgia in 1984 and has thirty-five years’ experience in accounting and auditing.
Professional Affiliations
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Georgia Government Finance Officers Association
He is a past member of the Georgia Society of CPAs’ Peer Review Committee and a past chairman of the Georgia Society of CPAs’ Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee.
Charles loves reading, running, and blogging about accounting and auditing issues at cpahalltalk.com.

VALERIE HOLCOMBE
Valerie Holcombe has 20+ years of experience in system implementation, HR, payroll, and benefits administration. She received her CPP (Certified Payroll Professional) designation in 2006. Currently she is engaged in system implementation, project management, benefits and payroll administration, 401(k) administration, and COBRA administration for clients at EPIC.
Hands-on use of benefit systems and payroll platforms gives Valerie an insider’s perspective when brokering systems for clients and prospects. Her personal use of technology also increases her ability to troubleshoot, and to create solutions when systemic problems arise.
In client implementations, Valerie improves communication between vendors and clients, keeping dialogue in layman’s terms.

CHRIS HOLLIFIELD
J. Chris Hollifield is a certified public accountant and Managing Partner with Rushton, with offices in Gainesville and Carrollton, Georgia. The firm specializes in auditing and consulting with local governments, authorities and nonprofits. Chris serves as a partner in the firm’s governmental and nonprofit division. He has served the firm since 1994.
Chris has over 25 years of experience working with local governments of all sizes assisting them with financial statement audits, internal controls, compliance, Single Audits, bond issuances, chart of accounts and other governmental areas. He is a frequent presenter at the annual GGFOA Conference and has assisted many governments throughout Georgia.
Chris is a 1992 graduate of the University of Georgia with a B.B.A in Accounting. He is a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), including their Governmental Audit Quality Center.

JOHN HULSEY
John Hulsey provides financial management training for state and local government officials and personnel through the Institute’s Financial Management Program. Prior to arriving at the Institute, he served in Jackson County beginning in 1998. He was the county’s first finance director, responsible for the many aspects of financial management in such areas as debt, budgeting, accounting, and project management. He was also an instructor in a number of Vinson Institute financial management courses before joining the Institute as faculty in 2012. Mr. Hulsey is a past president of Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, and currently serves as historian of the Association. Mr. Hulsey is an active member of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), and serves as an advisor to the GFOA Committee on Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting (CAAFR).
Education: M.P.A., University of North Georgia; B.B.A. Major Accounting, University of North Georgia
MATT JOHNSON
Matt Johnson is an internationally recognized expert in expanding human capacity. He helps organizations and individuals boost performance, achieve more with less, and drive engagement using his proven, science-based method.

Matt serves as the President of On Target Living, a 11-year old organization dedicated to expanding human capacity and unlocking potential. He is the co-author of the groundbreaking book Capacity (Wiley, 2017), which sets the new standard for organizational performance.

Leaders at Raymond James, AT&T, Nationwide, Costco, Bridgestone, UBS, the National Guard, Michigan State Police and dozens of other top-performing organizations rely on Matt’s systematic approach to boosting performance and expanding capacity. On a mission to help 10 million people expand capacity to achieve more both personally and professionally, Matt’s thought-leadership is setting the new benchmark for what is possible.

WILL KERR
Mr. Kerr started with Raftelis in 2013 upon graduating from Clemson University. His expertise lies in water and wastewater utility rate & financial planning, consulting, and governmental accounting; he is a licensed CPA in North Carolina. Mr. Kerr is a Carolina native and resident, but he spent two years in the Greater Boston area helping develop Raftelis’ New England practice. He has worked with dozens of utilities both large and small all along the East Coast performing water and wastewater rate studies, affordability studies, impact fee studies, bond feasibility analyses, capital planning projects, and rate surveys. In addition to project-related work, Mr. Kerr also serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Raftelis Charitable Gift Fund.

ELLEN KLEINSTUBER
Ellen Kleinstuber is the Chief Actuary at Bolton with 27 years of actuarial experience in actuarial consulting. She is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (2011), an Enrolled Actuary (1998), a member of the American Academy of Actuaries (1998), a Fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries (2005) and a Fellow of the ASPPA College of Pension Actuaries (2014). Ellen has worked with a wide variety of plan sponsors, ranging in size from 50 to 30,000 participants, including governmental entities, publicly traded and privately held companies, multinational corporations, and not-for-profit organizations, to deliver comprehensive employee benefit plan consulting, actuarial and plan administration services. As Bolton’s Chief Actuary, Ellen is responsible for:

- Consulting with public and private sector plan sponsors;
- Developing practice standards for quality control and peer review of actuarial, consulting, and defined benefit administration services;
- Providing research and consulting support to the actuarial practice in all areas; and
- Preparing internal and external communications on recent legislative and regulatory developments and emerging trends in actuarial practice.

Ellen has held several significant positions within the actuarial profession, including:

- Chairperson of the Pension Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries and a member of the Academy’s Pension Practice Council (2011–2018)
- Member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of Continuing Education for the Conference of Consulting Actuaries (2012 – 2018)
- Chairperson of the Joint Program Committee for the annual Enrolled Actuaries Meeting (2019)
- Member of the Board of Actuaries for the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System, which is responsible for selecting the key actuarial assumptions used for the annual valuation of those programs based on experience studies prepared by the actuaries at the Office of Personnel Management (2016 – present)
AARON KOSTYU
Aaron Kostyu is the Director of Technology for Lowndes County, GA. Under Kostyu’s leadership, Lowndes County strives to stay on the forefront of technology; their focus is on utilizing the latest advancements in technology to save taxpayers’ money and to ultimately provide residents with the best in customer service. The Information Department maintains all of the networking infrastructure, computer hardware / software, telephony systems, and physical security systems in Lowndes County Government and associated boards and agencies.

BART KREPS
Mr. Kreps has been with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (RFC) since 2002, managing a variety of projects to assist water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities in addressing economic and financial issues. Key areas of focus include utility rate, cost of service, and financial planning studies; capital financing plan development; bond forecast and feasibility studies; economic impact assessments; and affordability program development. Mr. Kreps has extensive experience in financial forecasting and modeling including the application of advanced techniques in risk management. He authored a chapter entitled, “Evaluating Risk in Capital Planning, Financing, and Rate Setting,” for the Fourth Edition of the industry guidebook, Water and Wastewater Financing and Pricing: The Changing Landscape. Mr. Kreps holds a BBA in finance from James Madison University and an MBA from the University of Tennessee. He is a Municipal Advisor Principal with both Series 50 and Series 54 designations.

SAMUEL LATIMER
Samuel Latimer is a certified public accountant with Rushton & Company, LLC, with offices in Gainesville and Carrollton, Georgia. The firm specializes in auditing and consulting with local governments, authorities and nonprofits. He is an audit manager in the firm’s governmental and nonprofit division. Samuel has over 13 years of experience working with local governments of all sizes assisting them with financial statement audits, internal controls, compliance, Single Audits, bond issuances, chart of accounts and other governmental areas. He is a frequent presenter at the annual GGFOA Conference and has assisted many governments throughout Georgia.

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ELISE LOMEL
Elise is the primary client contact in PFM’s Atlanta office. She started at PFM as an intern, became a full-time analyst in 2014 and is now a senior managing consultant. She has undergone extensive training to learn and understand PFM’s available models, analytics and resources. Throughout her time with PFM, she has provided technical and analytical support for a variety of clients including state, county, city, public power and utility system, transit and airport clients. She is involved in analytical analysis as well as transaction management on debt transactions and structuring, strategic planning, pricing and cash flow analysis to her clients.

Elise has worked with many issuers throughout Georgia and the Southeast on a full range of issuance types including general obligation, revenue, and appropriation-backed bond issuances, as well as various public-private partnership projects and other types of debt issuances.

Elise is also on the Board of the Georgia Chapter of Women in Public Finance as well as a member in PFM’s Women’s Significant Interest Group (SIG), PFM’s Millennial SIG, and the Georgia GFOA Conference Committee.

DAVID LUKER
David has 15 years of experience in public accounting including GAAP financial statement audit of construction contractors, construction contract compliance for large construction manager at risk and design build contracts, internal audit and process improvement for government agencies, construction change order and claim analysis, construction litigation support, design and construction process engineering, and various other risk advisory services. David serves as RSM’s facilities and construction subject matter expert for the Southeast Region and is 100% dedicated to serving the construction industry.

Prior to joining RSM, David worked for a Big Four accounting firm in audit, and a Regional accounting firm in audit, tax and consulting. In 2014, David was named among the Orlando Business Journal’s top 40 professionals under 40 years old.

David has served for more than 3 years as the internal audit director for a multi-billion-dollar municipal transportation construction program.

David has served for more than 5 years as the internal audit director for a $12B government water authority capital construction program.

David recently served as the construction audit director on a 4 year, $1.2B mixed use construction project in Miami, Florida.

David currently serves as the construction audit director on a 3-year engagement auditing $200M of construction manager at risk contracts for a university system.

David currently serves as the construction audit director on a 7 year, $1.5B school district construction program audit and assessment engagement.

David conducts risk assessment activities and leads the internal audit team in execution of internal audits at a +$500M construction contractor.

David leads a team performing Integrity Oversight Monitoring for 4 federally funded transit-oriented construction projects valued at approximately $1B.

David has led construction focused forensic investigations and provided construction litigation and mediation support to clients including tribal governments, school districts, construction contractors and private equity.

David has conducted more than 20 construction audit / cost recovery engagements and has served as an expert witness for both construction management and design build agreements.
Prior experience – GAAP external audit and taxation
Major Highway Construction
Bridge Construction
Plumbing and HVAC
Demolition and Concrete Removal
Concrete and Slab Construction

Professional affiliations and credentials
Alabama Institute of Certified Public Accountants, member
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, member
Certified Public Accountant licensed in Alabama
Orlando Business Journal Top 40 Professionals Under 40 Years Old

Education
Master of Accountancy – Auburn University

SAM LYNCH
Recruited by HCA early into his Valuation Consultancy Career, Sam has been an integral part of our Appraisal Team. Quickly handling unique property exposures throughout the nation, he is well-versed in several types of valuations projects in the governmental, risk pool, and educational sectors including but not limited to: City/County valuations, school districts, industrial plants, and various building valuation projects. Sam has taken more of a leadership role with our company. He directly facilitates projects with several of our clients, from project planning to project post-mortem, and fully understands the needs your program faces today.

KIMBERLY LYONS
Kimberly Lyons is a Vice President-Senior Analyst on the Local Government Ratings Team. Prior to (re)joining Moody’s, she served as SVP-Head of Municipal Finance Credit Risk at Dexia Credit Local. Before her tenure at Dexia, Kimberly spent the bulk of her career at Moody’s as an analyst on the State Ratings Team.

In addition to her professional role, she also serves as co-president of Northeast Women in Public Finance (NEWPF), which provides mentoring, career development, educational and networking opportunities for women in the public finance industry.

Kimberly graduated from the University at Albany – State University of New York with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and received a Master’s in Public Administration from the University at Albany Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, where she has also been honored with the “Distinguished Young Alumna in Public Administration and Policy” and was named to the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs Alumni Advisory Board.

DALE MAUTI
Dale Mauti is a Senior Account Manager at Paymentus and manages key client relationships in the eastern region of the country. He is responsible for contract renewals, promoting product enhancements, providing strategic guidance and ensuring overall client satisfaction. Dale brings over 25 years of banking and 10 years of on-line payments experience to the Account Management Team.

Dale has worked at various Banks including Mellon Bank and PNC Bank. Most recently, Dale has held positions at Metavante and FIS developing their Bill Payment Aggregation Platform and working with financial institutions establishing their on-line bill payment experience.
Ryan McNeely
Ryan McNeely is a Senior Managing Consultant for Public Financial Management (PFM). He is currently engaged in multi-year financial planning for the cities of Danville, Virginia; Rockford, Illinois; Savannah, Georgia; and other cities across the country funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation through the National Resource Network. Mr. McNeely is also an advisor on budget and financial matters for the City of New Orleans. He brings a breadth of experience from positions with for-profit firms, non-profit organizations, and government. Prior to joining PFM in October 2017, Mr. McNeely was a senior associate for a boutique consulting firm in New Orleans. His primary client was the New Orleans Aviation Board, and he assisted policymakers in the planning and implementation of a $1 billion capital program, including the construction of a new airport terminal. Mr. McNeely also has experience as a budget analyst for the New Jersey Office of Management & Budget. Mr. McNeely led budgeting and monitoring for the largest and most significant programs in state government, including municipal aid, school aid, and community development initiatives. He also managed the accounts for federal programs such as Section 8 housing assistance and unemployment insurance. Ryan holds a B.A. in Political Science from Williams College and an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

Pat Muse
Pat Muse is a partner and certified public accountant with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC, located in Macon, Georgia. Pat is a 1990 graduate of Georgia Southern University with a B.B.A in Accounting. He is a member of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Pat has 30 years of experience in auditing local governments, not for profit organizations and other commercial enterprises.

Deborah R. Myers
Deborah Myers works in Product Strategy for the Commercial Bank’s Treasury Services business. Based in Columbus, Deborah is responsible for helping to define and execute on strategic investments that support the Commercial Bank’s Sales vision to deliver treasury solutions that support client needs.

Prior to joining the Commercial Bank in 2015, Deborah worked in Product Development in the Corporate and Investment Bank, overseeing various Payables products. For 2 years she supported various components of the Disbursement Product set including Check Print and Encashment. In 2013 she began working on the concept for Corporate Quick Pay, which was delivered for commercialization in 2015. Prior to joining Product Development, Deborah worked in the Treasury Management Project Management Office and supported various large product implementation efforts that spanned multiple global payable products. Before joining J.P. Morgan, Deborah worked as a consultant providing project management and business analysis support to large scale system implementations, specifically government systems.

Deborah has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the Ohio State University. She lives in Columbus with her husband and 3 boys where she enjoys reading and spending time with friends.

Jackie Neubert
Jackie Neubert is the Manager of the Nonprofit and Local Government Audit Section of the Financial Audits Division of the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA). In this position, Jackie helps oversee a team that works to improve the financial reporting of about 800 Georgia local governments as well as 500 nonprofit organizations that contract with the State of Georgia. Jackie has over 30 years of experience in governmental auditing and accounting. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Finance Manager. Jackie is currently serving as a member of the Governmental Accounting and Auditing task force with the Georgia Society of CPAs. She has served as Chapter President and Chapter Secretary and is serving as the Chapter Treasurer of the Atlanta Chapter of AGA.
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Mazi is the Founder and Director of Cultivate. Through its counseling center and bi-monthly gatherings, Cultivate encourages women to cultivate joy, courage, and freedom in their lives as they pursue emotional, mental, and spiritual health.

Prior to becoming a therapist, Mazi taught History at Marist School. Her private practice is located in Buckhead. Mazi and her husband, Jay, are the proud parents of Jack and Sam.

Courtney Rogers

Mr. Rogers has over 30 years of municipal finance experience. Mr. Rogers specializes in local government finances including the quantitative aspects of financings, cash flow analysis, multi-year financial forecasting, multi-year capital planning, debt capacity studies, rating agency interaction, debt issuance strategies, advance refunding, debt restructuring, financing alternative sensitivity analysis, tax district analysis and execution for general government projects, economic development projects, water/sewer enterprise projects, and school projects. In 2008, Mr. Rogers was the author of a $35 million General Fund budget for a Virginia County which, at the time, did not have a Budget or Finance Director.

Mr. Rogers began his financial advisory career with Wheat First Butcher Singer in 1992 and joined Davenport & Company in 1998. Prior to joining Wheat, he served as a Senior Consultant for Ernst & Young in Birmingham, Alabama, where he performed Verification of Advance Refundings for municipal bonds and Arbitrage Rebate calculations. Mr. Rogers graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor’s degree in Corporate Finance & Investment Management.

He served as co-editor for the fourth edition of the AWWA M29 Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing Manual. He is a member of the Georgia GFOA, the Virginia GFOA, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, Georgia City County Managers Association and Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Association. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Davenport & Company, LLC. He has passed the following exams: Series 7 General Securities Representative, Series 50 Municipal Advisor Representative, Series 52 Municipal Securities Representative, Series 63 Uniformed Securities Agent State Law Examination, Series 65 Uniform Investment Advisor Law Examination and Series 24 General Securities Principal.
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Trey spends 100% of his time serving local governments emphasizing cities, counties, school districts, business-type entities, state government entities, and special purpose entities and authorities.

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Andrew Tritt has spent his career serving as investment banker or municipal advisor to cities, counties, school districts and utility systems across the State of Georgia. His clients range between rural issuers to triple-a rated metro Atlanta issuers. Andrew enjoys the contrast between issuers and is adamant that no two issuers are alike and should therefore benefit from expertise tailored specifically to their strengths and weaknesses.

Throughout the market volatility of COVID-19, Andrew has worked with many issuers to lock-in historically low interest rates on debt financings and to position them for future success. His prior experience assisting municipalities throughout the 2008 financial downturn has been instrumental in serving issuers during these rapidly changing times.

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Tom has provided retirement consulting and actuarial services to many clients including: Governmental employers; Not-for-profit employers; For-profit employers (publicly and privately held); Church organizations; and Taft-Hartley multi-employer programs.

Some sample clients include the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Philadelphia Gas Works, Montgomery County Maryland, and the State of New York.

Tom’s focus is on providing high value to clients through innovative solutions, strong communication, and high-quality, timely results. He is a member of the Social Insurance and Public Finance section of the Society of Actuaries, serving as the Section Treasurer as well as the editor of the bimonthly Newsletter for the section.

Tom has been active in providing actuarial audits around the country including for large governmental plans in California, Maryland and Georgia.

He has been a speaker for different groups including the Actuary’s Clubs and at local and national venues for training and continuing education purposes. Tom has published a white paper on the impact of accounting rules affecting governmental employers offering post-employment benefit programs and ways in which those employers could mitigate those costs.

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LISA WILLIAMS
Lisa is currently the Controller for DeKalb County, Georgia. She has been with the County for nine years having served as Accounting Services Manager prior to her current position. She has served in management roles in both the government and private sector for more than 30 years. The Controller’s Group is responsible for the General Ledger and CAFR Reporting Division that produces the County’s CAFR as well as the Accounts Payable and Capital Asset Management (CAM) Divisions.

She holds both an MBA as well as a B.S. in Accounting from Brenau University. She is also a Certified Local Government Program Officer, Level I and II, with the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute Of Government.