

SPEAKER CATALOGUE

KEYNOTE & SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



Matthew Desmond

Author

Keynote Address, Wednesday, August 22

MacArthur Genius Matthew Desmond's *New York Times* bestselling book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* draws on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data. *Evicted* won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize, the National Books Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction, the Heartland Prize for Nonfiction, the Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association, and the Barnes & Noble's Discover New Writers Award.

Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. His primary teaching and research interests include urban sociology, poverty, race and ethnicity, organizations and work, social theory, and ethnography. In 2015, Desmond was awarded his MacArthur

Genius Grant for "revealing the impact of eviction on the lives of the urban poor and its role in perpetuating racial and economic inequality." In 2018, he received the Stowe Prize for Writing to Advance Social Justice, awarded by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center to authors whose work shines a light on critical social issues.

In 2018, Desmond's Eviction Lab at Princeton University published the first-ever dataset of millions of evictions in America, going back to 2000. Desmond launched [the Eviction Lab](#) in 2017 after conversations with renters and policymakers convinced him that collecting national data on eviction would help answer fundamental questions about residential instability, forced moves, and poverty in America. Desmond and his team believe that stable, affordable housing can be an effective platform to promote economic mobility, health, and community vitality. They hope their findings will inform programs to prevent eviction and family homelessness, raise awareness of the centrality of housing insecurity in the lives of low-income families, and deepen our understanding of the fundamental drivers of poverty in America.

A former member of the Harvard Society of Fellows, Desmond is also the author of the award-winning book *On the Fireline*, the coauthor of two books on race, and the editor of a collection of studies on severe deprivation in America. He has written essays on educational inequality, dangerous work, political ideology, race and social theory, and the inner-city housing market.



Beth Van Duyne
Regional Administrator, Southwest Region
Department of Housing & Urban Development

[Keynote Address, Tuesday, August 21](#)

Beth Van Duyne was sworn in as the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Southwest Region on April 24, 2017. Based in the Fort Worth Regional Office, she oversees HUD programs and operations in the Region's five states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The SW Region has eight field offices and a total of 700 employees.

Prior to being named SW Regional Administrator, Van Duyne was Mayor of the City of Irving, Texas, from 2011 to 2017, and was an Irving City Council Representative from 2004-2010. Former Deputy

Mayor Pro Tem, she actively represented the city with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, Texas Municipal League and North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Throughout her 25-year career, she has worked with small startup companies, mid-size private companies and Fortune 500 corporations Verizon, American Airlines and SAP. She also ran a consulting business where she helped executives develop strategic business plans as well as negotiation strategies, grassroots coalition building and federal and state legislative policy strategies.

Van Duyne is a magna cum laude graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree with studies in city and regional planning, government and law.

She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the 2016 National Security Patriot Award; 2016 Alain Bellet Award; 2016 Great Women of Texas Award; 2015 Community Bridge Award and the 2015 Defender of Freedom Award. She lives in Irving, Texas, with her two children Katie and Pearce.



Deborah Jenkins
Executive Director
Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

[Special Guest Speaker](#)

Deborah Jenkins is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). She is responsible for oversight of the State's affordable housing programs, including housing financed with conventional and government loans, private activity bonds, and 9%/4% tax credits. She oversees the largest low-income rental assistance program in Oklahoma, which provides housing to more than 23,000 families, including seniors and individuals with disabilities. Jenkins has actively served the affordable housing community for more than thirty years. Jenkins is a member of the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA). She serves on the Board of Governors for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), which represents over 2,000 members nationwide. She is the Past President of the Oklahoma Chapter of NAHRO and currently serves on its Executive Committee. Jenkins is very involved in the community and serves on several advisory boards, including MetaFund, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Living Choice Program, and the Homeless Children and Youth subcommittee. She's active in the State Chamber of Commerce and the Urban Land Institute. Jenkins holds a B.A. from the University of Central Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma City University School of Law.

E&A TEAM (FAIR HOUSING TRAININGS)



Mark English
President
E&A Team, Inc.

Fair Housing Trainings: [Tuesday, August 21](#) & [Wednesday, August 22](#)

Mark English is one of the nation's leading training specialist regarding accessibility issues that involve ADA, Section 504, and The Fair Housing Amendments Act. He has vast experience with multifamily housing programs, with particular experience concerning LIHTC and federal housing programs. E&A Team, Inc. performs accessibility site inspections and blueprint plan reviews on multifamily housing complexes to assess compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Federal Section 504 Requirements, and Fair Housing Accessibility issues. Since 1992, E&A Team, Inc. has performed over 500,000 multifamily unit's inspections in all 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

Mark has taught more than 600 Accessibility Educational Seminars regarding Section 504, Fair Housing, and ADA. He has participated with organizations such as the National Council of State Housing Agencies, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Council for Affordable & Rural Housing, the Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association, USDA Rural Development (RD), and HUD. In 2014, National Apartment Association Education Institute (NAAEI) endorsed Fair Housing Solutions' four Fair Housing Courses that were Produced and Developed by Mark English.



Scott P. Moore
Attorney

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Scott P. Moore has over 14 years of experience in providing consultation and representation of the housing industry and is widely recognized for his experience in housing law and litigation. Scott has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and USDA/RD over the past 14 years. He served as a senior trial attorney in the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. During his years at the Justice Department, Scott prosecuted some of the largest pattern or practice fair housing cases brought by the United States.

Scott now represents developers, property management companies, nonprofit associations, real estate agents, architects, and engineers. His focus on fair housing laws and HUD/RD compliance has given him a deep-rooted understanding of the laws that impact housing providers. Scott also has extensive trial experience litigating fair housing issues as counsel for defendants and plaintiffs at both the federal trial and appellate levels.

Scott currently serves as the legal specialist for HUD's Fair Housing First Program. He is also a member of the legal committee of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging providing advice on fair housing issues affecting senior housing. Scott has provided HUD and fair housing training across the United States for the housing industry and national organizations such as the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Council of State Housing Agencies, the National Affordable Housing Management Association, Harvard University, and the University Of Illinois School Of Law. As a person with a disability, Scott is able to weave his personal experiences with his intricate understanding of housing law to provide training that is informative, engaging, and entertaining.

SESSION SPEAKERS, MODERATORS AND PANELISTS

LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER



Lisa Albers

Senior Vice President, Community Development Banking
BOK Financial

Panelist, Equity & Debt Forum

Lisa Albers is the Senior Vice President of Community Development Banking at BOK Financial, a \$32 billion regional financial services company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. BOKF operates seven banking divisions: Bank of Texas, Bank of Albuquerque, Bank of Arkansas, Bank of Arizona, MoBank, Bank of Oklahoma and Colorado State Bank & Trust. Lisa currently has primary corporate wide responsibility for community development lending, which provides financial products that support the development and revitalization of quality affordable housing throughout the BOKF footprint communities. Areas of expertise include construction and permanent financing for both single family and multifamily affordable housing projects, New Markets Tax Credit financing and commercial lending to non-profits and other businesses that promote economic development to the communities in which we serve.



Chip Ard

Executive Vice President
JLL Valuation & Advisory Services

Moderator, Income Averaging

Owen S. "Chip" Ard serves as an Executive Vice President of JLL's Valuation & Advisory Services (VAS) in the South Central Region of The United States. Actively engaged in real estate valuation and consulting assignments since 1984, Mr. Ard has performed appraisal services consisting of narrative and summary real estate appraisals, ad valorem tax protests, consulting, litigation support services, market and feasibility studies, reviews, market study analyses and appraisals in connection with allocation of state and federal tax credits. Mr. Ard recently oversaw and administered the 2015/16 Oklahoma Statewide Housing Needs Assessment commissioned by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, which was completed in cooperation with the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture – Division of Regional and City Planning.



Tricia Auberle

Director, State and Regional Programs
Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies

Presenter, Reverse Mortgages: Salvation or Scam?

Tricia Auberle is the Director, State and Regional Programs at the Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies. She administrates the Oklahoma Homebuyer Education Association, a collaboration of homeownership and financial education stakeholders working to strengthen Oklahoma neighborhoods through successful homeownership. She was certified in both Pre- and Post- Purchase Homebuyer Education, Housing Counseling, Residential Lending Compliance, and Loss Mitigation. Over the eighteen years at OHEA she has trained over 400 Certified Homebuyer Education Professionals to provide homebuyer education in their communities. Ms. Auberle received her degree in Behavioral Sciences from San Jose State University.

Nancy Bainbridge
Senior Vice President
Bank2 – A Chickasaw Enterprise

Panelist, Native American Housing Resources



Darrell Beavers
Director of Housing
Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

Moderator, Year 15 Exit Strategies
Presenter, Tax Credit 101

Darrell Beavers currently serves as the Director of Housing for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). Darrell has administrative responsibility for 8 of the agency's 9 affordable housing finance programs, is a frequent moderator at National Council of State Housing Agencies meetings, and is the author of *The Affordable Housing Handbook – A Comprehensive Resource Guide for Affordable Housing in Oklahoma*. He is also an adjunct professor in finance and real estate at UCO and OCU, and is an active real estate broker and investor. Previously, Darrell was assistant VP/real estate for a major financial institution, was a commercial real estate broker with a large real estate organization, and was a financial consultant with an international securities firm. Darrell holds a JD from OCU School of Law, an MBA from UCO, and a BS from OSU. He is also very involved in the community where he serves on the UCO MBA Advisory Board, participates in several real estate organizations and is on the alumni board of Leadership Oklahoma City.



Tori Bourret
Housing Agency Organizer
National Low Income Housing Coalition

Presenter, Advocacy in Action
Presenter, Federal Legislative Update

Victoria (Tori) Bourret serves as the Housing Advocacy Organizer for the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC). In this position, Tori mobilizes NLIHC members on federal policy advocacy based on NLIHC's policy priorities. Prior to her position at NLIHC, Tori served as a communications and program manager at the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, an NLIHC state partner dedicated to ensuring a home within reach for all Pennsylvanians. At the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, Tori provided management and outreach assistance for policy campaigns and specialized projects. Tori was also in charge of all communications, including social media, the newsletter, and the website. Prior to her role at the Housing Alliance, Tori served two terms in AmeriCorps, one with AmeriCorps NCCC in Denver and one with Public Allies in Delaware. Tori earned her Bachelor of Arts in Women Studies and Psychology from the University of Delaware and her Master of Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania.



Mike Celkis
Partner
Cohn Reznick

[Panelist, Casualty Losses and Ability to Claim Tax Credits](#)
[Panelist, Income Averaging](#)

Mike Celkis is a partner with the firm's tax practice. At CohnReznick LLP, Mike is responsible for providing domestic tax, financial accounting and tax consulting services to individuals, corporations and partnerships in a multitude of industries. He is also responsible for planning and tax compliance reviews for partnerships and corporations with a focus on commercial real estate, low-income housing tax credit projects, and real estate developers. Mike has a broad knowledge and experience in the areas of international tax, multifamily, small businesses, and individual tax planning. He is an expert on the repair regulations, real estate professional rules, renewable energy incentives, cost segregation studies, and 1031 exchanges. His clients include experienced developers, non-profit housing organizations and developers new to the industry across the United States.



David Chapman
Associate Professor
University of Central Oklahoma

[Panelist, SQ 788: Now What?](#)

Dr. David Chapman is an associate professor in the finance department at the University of Central Oklahoma and teaches real estate courses. David is a licensed real estate broker in Oklahoma and owns Realty1, LLC – a real estate company with annual sales in excess of \$25 million. In 2009, he successfully sold a mortgage company that had annual loans in excess of \$20 million. He also manages a multimillion dollar real estate portfolio including office buildings, apartments and single-family homes. He owns a development company, subURBAN Development, LLC which specializes in urban design and development projects. He is passionate about urban real estate and holds the Congress of New Urbanism Accreditation. Before his involvement in real estate, he owned several technology companies, served as the chairman of Vistage International and hosted a regional television show.



Sara Church
Asset Manager
Midwest Housing Equity Group

[Moderator, Developing & Implementing a Smoke Free Policy for Housing](#)

Sara Church is an Asset Manager for Midwest Housing Equity Group (MHEG), focusing on Oklahoma and Arkansas. She is responsible for monitoring and assisting MHEG's investments in multiple affordable housing developments financed with LIHTCs. She works with MHEG management, affordable housing developers, lenders, property managers, state Housing Finance Agencies and other government agencies. She monitors, analyzes and, if necessary, improves the financial, operational and physical health of the underlying properties and ensures delivery of the LIHTCs to MHEG's investors. She also provides guidance, training and technical assistance to outside partners in areas such as tax assessments, budgets rent limits, accounting and marketing. Prior to working for MHEG, Sara worked for Mosaic, focusing on the housing needs of persons with disabilities. She has over 20 years of experience in the affordable housing industry. Sara received her B.S. in Communications from Dana College. She has been with MHEG since January 2018.



Kellie Coffey
Product Manager
Fannie Mae

[Panelist, Duty To Serve](#)

Kellie Coffey is the Product Manager for Fannie Mae, Single Family Mortgage Business. Kellie is responsible for the management and strategic development of Fannie Mae's Single Family Rural Housing Initiatives as well as the leadership and execution of its underserved market plan under the Duty to Serve Final Rule. Her work includes serving rural markets, underserved populations and housing innovation. Recognized for her ability to lead cross-functional strategic initiatives and industry collaboration, Kellie represents Fannie Mae's commitment to improving access to affordable mortgage capital for families in rural America. Kellie holds an MBA and BS in Accounting and Finance from Southern New Hampshire University.

Chris Cotner
Attorney

[Panelist, SQ 788: Now What?](#)



Kinsey Crocker
Director of Communications
The Homeless Alliance

[Panelist, The Nuts & Bolts of Communications & Marketing](#)

Kinsey Crocker serves as the director of communication for The Homeless Alliance where she works to educate the public about homelessness, coordinates social and media relation efforts, and provides support with fundraising, volunteer coordination, and The Curbside Chronicle, Oklahoma's only street newspaper. Prior to following her passion of ending homelessness, Kinsey served as the director of Anglin Public Relations, a local PR firm where she worked for 10 years. At the firm, Kinsey worked with clients in a wide range of industries including science and technology, nonprofit, real estate, art, education, banking, health, energy, transportation and sustainability providing direction with research, strategic planning, media relations, community relations, marketing materials, and social media. Kinsey believes everyone deserves a safe place to sleep at night and thinks that people are more likely to be successful and healthy if they have a home. Her and her husband are passionate about preserving affordable housing in the community. They own and manage a small apartment complex and several rental properties.



Bob Davidson
Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer
Zimmerman Properties, LLC

[Panelist, Year 15 Exit Strategies](#)

Bob Davidson is the Chief Financial Officer / Chief Operations Officer with Zimmerman Properties. He earned his MBA in Finance/Accounting from Ohio State University. He has served in roles within federal government, commercial banking, syndication and development. As the CFO/COO of Zimmerman Properties, Zimmerman properties has developed in excess of 100 LIHTC communities in 12 states with more than 12,000 units. They have also acquired in excess of 50 LIHTC communities which were "Year 15" assets and managed the assets: (i) through the qualified contract process, or (ii) recycled with new tax credits, or (iii) preserved affordable housing through the extended use period.



Shane Deaver
Partner
Kutak Rock LLP

Panelist, Year 15 Exit Strategies

Presenter, 2018 Required Changes to Operating & Partnership Agreements

Shane R. Deaver is a partner in the firm's Omaha office and a member of the tax credit practice group. He has experience representing direct investors (including two of the largest national banking associations) and syndicators in affordable housing projects throughout the country. A significant portion of his practice includes structuring various types of tax credit properties and advising investors on the tax and debt financing aspects of these investments at the upper tier and lower tier. He has also served as counsel to a large insurance company with respect to its proprietary LIHTC investments with several syndicators. A member of the firm since 2004, Mr. Deaver received his B.A. in accounting from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 2001 and his J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2004.



Kay Decker
Chair of Social Sciences Department
Northwest Oklahoma State University

Moderator, Challenges & Opportunities in Rural Historic Tax Credit Developments

Kay Decker has a Masters in Sociology and doctorate in Occupational and Adult Education both from Oklahoma State University. She has been on faculty at NWSU since 1991 and has served as Chair of Social Sciences since 1995. She is the founding director of Freedom West Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)3 development entity that serves five counties in northwest Oklahoma. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Coalition for Affordable Housing, the Advisory Board for the Oklahoma Main Street program, and is a member and a past President for the Board of Directors for Preservation Oklahoma. She is an alumni of Oklahoma Leadership Arts and remains very active in the arts in her community and region of the state. As a community developer and applied sociologist, Kay understands the extreme value of affordable housing to healthy families, communities, and to the overall quality of life across the state.



Cheryl Denney
Attorney
McAfee & Taft

Presenter, Opportunity Zones

Cheryl Vinall Denney is an attorney at McAfee & Taft. Her practice concerns advising and representing public and private companies in all phases of their business existence. Cheryl's practice in the area of government incentives has led her to a specialty in general economic development law, community development finance, and structuring private equity transactions to qualify for tax incentives. She currently serves as co-leader of the firm's Economic Development, Tax Credits and Business Incentives Group. Cheryl has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* and named to the *Oklahoma Super Lawyers'* list of "Top 25 Women Lawyers." She earned her J.D. at Georgetown University.



Cameron Dozier
Housing Director
NEOCAA

Panelist, OHFA Rehab Standards

Cameron Dozier is the Housing Director and has worked for Northeast Oklahoma Community Action Agency for 9 years. He has years of construction experience prior to employment with the agency. In addition, he has been directly involved with all aspects of new construction with HOME projects as well as multiple HOME rehab projects over the years.



Theresa Dumais
Director of Government & Industry Relations
Freddie Mac

Panelist, Duty To Serve

Theresa Dumais is the Director of Government & Industry Relations at Freddie Mac, where she leads outreach efforts on Freddie's Duty to Serve and affordable housing initiatives with key stakeholders. Theresa has spent over a decade in the affordable housing industry in roles that have included implementation of affordable housing programs, advocacy, and housing policy. Prior to joining Freddie Mac, Theresa served as the Director of Housing Policy with the House Financial Services Committee Democratic staff, where she formulated and oversaw housing policy efforts for the Minority. Theresa also worked at the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities where she focused on legislative and regulatory issues affecting the public housing and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs, and Habitat for Humanity in Michigan.



James Dunton
Vice President
Raymond James Tax Credit Funds

Panelist, Equity & Debt Forum

James Dunton is the vice president, managing director of acquisitions, Midwest region for Raymond James Tax Credit Funds. Since joining the firm in 2005, he has been involved in over 170 developments that have created or rehabilitated more than 10,000 units while placing over \$1.1 billion in equity. Prior to his current role at RJTCF, he has held various positions which included being responsible for reviewing due diligence material, addressing investor concerns, processing capital distributions and facilitating closing of project partnerships. He received an MBA from Duke University and a BS with honors in finance from the University of Florida.



Sammy Ehtisham
Acquisitions Manager
Midwest Housing Equity Group

Presenter, Tax Credit 101

Sammy Ehtisham is the Assistant Vice President of Acquisitions for Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. (MHEG) and has been with them for over 11 years. In that time, he has secured investments into 65 LIHTC partnerships representing \$305 million in total development costs. These developments total nearly 2,100 units of affordable housing for families, seniors, and the disabled and include apartments, townhomes, duplexes, and single family homes. His primary territory includes Oklahoma, Arkansas, and northern Texas, although he also oversees initial underwriting in MHEG's entire 11 state footprint. Prior to working for MHEG, Sammy was employed by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) as a Housing Financial Analyst on the Housing Development Team. His responsibilities at OHFA included reviewing LIHTC, HOME, and Housing Trust Fund applications and making recommendations for funding.



Molly Fleming
Reporter
The Journal Record

Moderator, The Nuts & Bolts of Communications & Marketing

Molly Fleming is an award-winning commercial real estate reporter for The Journal Record business newspaper. She regularly writes about building sales, the lack of affordable housing, retail centers, neighborhood district development and single-family home-sale trends. Fleming is a native Arkansan and has lived in northwest Oklahoma City for five years. She started her career working for small community newspapers, covering many city council and county government meetings. She is an Arkansas Tech University alumna and earned her Master's degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. When she is not in The Journal Record's downtown office, she frequents local stores, trains for a marathon, bakes in her kitchen, or plays with her wire haired fox terrier Penny Lane. Fleming can be found on twitter @JR_MollzFlem.



Andrea Frymire
Vice President
Midwest Housing Equity Group

Andrea Frymire is the Vice President - Business Development Officer-Southern Region for Midwest Housing Equity Group, a nonprofit federal tax credit syndicator. She is responsible for all affairs and activities in the Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, including identifying and contacting potential investors and developers along with assisting the Acquisitions Department in the closing of all approved developments within her region. Prior to joining Midwest Housing, Andrea was Partner of Welcome Home Management Services, L.L.C., Dobson Mortgage Corp. and Broker/Owner of Oklahoma Investment Realty, Inc. She provided third party property management, mortgage brokerage services for commercial real estate and business loans, as well as underwriting and analyzing investments for lender approval. She has over fifteen years' experience in the real estate and mortgage industry. Andrea is a graduate of Radford University with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, and also holds a Real Estate Broker's License as well as a Real Estate Instructor License with the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission. She served as the inaugural OCAH President of the Board of Directors 2015-2016. Andrea has been with Midwest Housing since 2009.



Bill Fulmer
Housing Director
Neighborhood Housing Services Oklahoma

[Panelist, OHFA Rehab Standards](#)

Bill Fulmer is the Housing Director at the Neighborhood Housing Services Oklahoma. In this role for the past 8 years, Bill has worked on NSP, acquisition/rehab for sale and rental of single family homes, acquisition of 6 LIHTC projects who were past year 15, started and completed new construction LIHTC project for independent Senior Housing in downtown OKC and is now running the in-house property management line of business. Prior to the NHSO, he spent 27 years with the City of Oklahoma City Federal Housing Programs. There he worked as a rehabilitation specialist writing scope of work, overseeing rehabs and new construction, serving as field supervisor over all rehabilitation specialist and training new specialist, performing all environmental & SHPO reviews for both city projects and CHDO projects as well as oversight of all CHDO projects.



Chevelle E. Galbreath
Grant Financial Accountant Supervisor
Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

[Moderator, OHFA Rehab Standards](#)

Chevelle E. Galbreath, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, attended the University of Oklahoma where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, with a minor in Economics. Mrs. Galbreath pursued and obtained a Masters degree in Business Administration at the University of Central Oklahoma. Presently, she is employed with the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) as the Grant Accounting Supervisor for the HOME Program and Financial Supervisor for the Performance-Based Contract Administration Program. At OHFA, Mrs. Galbreath is responsible for the disbursement of HOME and National Housing Trust funds to local state government, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and non-profit agencies that will increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing. She is also responsible for the disbursement of HUD funds to project-based Section 8 properties throughout Oklahoma for payment of rent, utilities, vacancies and damages.



Garrick Gibson
Office Managing Partner
Tidwell Group

[Panelist, Year 15 Exit Strategies](#)

[Presenter, 2018 Required Changes to Operating & Partnership Agreements](#)

Garrick Gibson is a Partner in Tidwell Group's Austin office and leads the Firm's Real Estate and Tax Consulting Practice. With over 12 years of experience in the affordable housing and subsidized real estate industry, Garrick's clients include residential and commercial real estate developers, real estate syndicators, construction companies, and not-for-profit organizations. He also works closely with developers on tax planning and structuring, and financial modelling. Garrick is experienced with partnerships and closely-held corporations, and now concentrates much of his time on issues involving Section 42 low-income housing credits, rehabilitation tax credits, and energy efficiency deductions and credits. Garrick also has experience in low-income housing tax credit compliance, cost certifications and carryover allocations, GP interest valuations, cost segregation studies and passive activity rules. He is recognized as a firm and industry expert for all disposition and exit analysis consulting "Year 15". Additionally, Garrick is the main contributor to the arbitrage rebate practice and speaks frequently on new tax laws.



Darcy Green
Housing Development Program Supervisor
OHFA

[Moderator, National Housing Trust Fund Essentials](#)

Darcy Green has 15 years of experience in affordable housing. He currently works for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency as the Housing Development Supervisor. He oversees the federal Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program, the HOME Program, the Oklahoma Housing Trust Fund, the Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program, the National Housing Trust Fund and the HOPWA Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids). He holds numerous certifications including Housing Development Finance Professional, Housing Credit Certified Professional, and Certified HOME Program Specialist in both Regulations and Administration.



Chris Griswold
Owner/President
Chris Griswold, P.C.

[Moderator, SQ 788: Now What?](#)

Chris Griswold is a diverse commercial business transactions attorney who actively practices in both Oklahoma and Texas. He is on the board of a number of local organizations including the Commercial Real Estate Council of OKC, the Redbud, the Central Oklahoma Commercial Association of Realtors, among others. Chris heavily supports the mission of the YWCA, and he enjoys teaching business and real estate courses at the University of Central Oklahoma.



Dennis Guyton
Trainer, Inspector & Consultant
U.S. Inspection Group, Inc.

[Presenter, UPCS Training](#)

As a lead inspector for the nation's largest UPCS consultants, Dennis Guyton brings nearly a decade of daily experience in the UPCS protocol. During the past 10 years, his knowledge and mastery of the intricacies of this very detailed inspection protocol have become immeasurable. There are few in the country with the hands-on UPCS comprehension that Dennis has amassed. Dennis will be the first to tell you, the UPCS is a moving target - the only way to know for certain what HUD/REAC expects, is to stay current with the ever changing requirements.



Debra Holcomb
Compliance & Leasing Director
Excel Development Group

[Panelist, Developing & Implementing a Smoke-Free Policy for Housing](#)

Debra Holcomb is the Compliance and Leasing Director at Excel Development Group. Debra has oversight of the compliance and leasing staff and is responsible for compliance from all funding sources including, but not limited to LIHTC, HOME, Trust Funds and AHP. She is involved in all steps of the project lease-up, ongoing occupancy and property compliance. Debra is a Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP), National Compliance Professional (NCP) and Certified Credit Compliance Professional (C⁴P).



Lara Huskey
Senior Vice President
Midwest Housing Development Fund

[Moderator, New Markets Tax Credit Basics and their Role in Affordable Housing](#)

Lara Huskey is the Senior Vice President of Midwest Housing Development Fund (MHDF), a non-profit, U.S. Dept. of Treasury certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) based in Omaha serving 10 Midwest states, including Oklahoma. MHDF specializes in lending to properties financed with Low-income Housing Tax Credits. Lara worked several years for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, in housing, community development, and business assistance, most recently serving as agency Deputy Director. She has a bachelor's degree in Economics and Sociology from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and is a National Development Council certified Housing Development Finance Professional (HDFP).

Sandra Kerr
Senior Community Affairs Specialist
FDIC

[Moderator, Duty to Serve](#)
[Moderator, Native American Housing Resources](#)

Sandra Kerr is a Senior Community Affairs Specialist with the Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection at the FDIC in Washington, DC. Ms. Kerr's primary focus at the FDIC is on external communications and housing issues, as well as working with community development financial institutions, and other matters related to community development. Prior to joining the FDIC, Ms. Kerr was Associate Manager, Legislative & External Affairs for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund within the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Prior to joining the CDFI Fund, Ms. Kerr was Executive Vice President, Policy, for Opportunity Finance Network (OFN), a national network of more than 160 CDFIs across the nation. Before joining OFN, Ms. Kerr was Editor, *The Journal of Gift Planning*, as well as Director, Government Education Services, for the National Committee on Planned Giving (now the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning). Ms. Kerr graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in Journalism and is a frequent speaker at conferences and institutes regarding community development finance.



Boris Khovitch
Director of Business Development
UIC, Inc.

[Presenter, Challenges & Opportunities in Rural Historic Tax Credit Developments](#)

Boris Khovitch is the Director of Business Development for the joint venture between CohnReznick and UIC, Inc. Assuming the role in 2017, Boris's responsibilities involve the development and implementation of growth opportunities and strategic alliances with CohnReznick – UIC clients, members, and industries. Prior to stepping into his new role, Boris had worked as a Risk Management Consultant for nearly 150 public, private and PE clients throughout his professional career. Boris's experience includes transactional advisory with a focus on operational, contractual and strategic risk management elements, with specialization in the Life Sciences, Manufacturing, Real Estate, Retail and Tech industries. Boris holds degrees in Economics, Political Science and Russian from Drew University. He is an avid rugby player and happiest when touring the country on his motorcycle.



Janet Latimer
Chief Executive Officer
Horizon Bank

[Panelist, Equity & Debt Forum](#)

Janet Latimer serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Bank. A graduate of George Mason University and from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Janet has led Horizon Bank since 1991. Early in her tenure as President and CEO, Janet developed a department within the bank to provide construction and permanent financing for the development of affordable rental housing. An Equity Department that began 25 years ago has expanded to a staff of 14. Janet and Horizon Bank have now provided affordable rental housing financing in 12 states and for over 650 developments. This includes 87 developments in Oklahoma since 2007.



Bobbie Jo Lucas
President
Cornerstone Development

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Hollie Mangham
Director of Communications
OHFA

[Panelist, The Nuts & Bolts of Communications & Marketing](#)



Richard Marshall
Director of Leased Housing
Oklahoma City Housing Authority

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Richard Marshall is Director of Leased Housing for the Oklahoma City Housing Authority, a position he has held since September 1992. He is responsible for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program for Oklahoma City city limits. His program administers Vouchers for over 4300 families which include not only housing for the low income but the homeless including homeless veterans, Family Unification Program, Family Self-sufficiency Program, persons suffering from chronic mental illness and persons who are in drug and alcohol recovery. Mr. Marshall is active with many boards including but not limited to Metropolitan Fair Housing Council and Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan, Oklahoma Health Equity Network and Oklahoma and Southwest National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



Christi McCullough
Housing Director
Muskogee County Community Action Foundation, Inc.

[Panelist, OHFA Rehab Standards](#)

Christi McCullough is Housing Director for Muskogee County Community Action Foundation, Inc. Christi has been working to provide low income affordable housing in her community. She believes the HOME acquisition/rehabilitation program is very beneficial in that it restores homes and provides safe affordable housing. Christi has worked with the program for two years identifying homes for purchase, inspecting and rehabilitating the homes, processing applications and leasing the homes to qualifying families. She has training in HOME rental compliance, LIHTC compliance, Fair Housing and Accessibility, Lead Based Paint and Minimum Housing Standards.



Sandra McGougan
Affordable Housing Specialist
OHFA

[Panelist, Income Averaging](#)

Sandra McGougan has worked in the housing industry for nearly three decades with 23 of those years focused in Affordable Housing. Sandra has experience with various affordable programs throughout the country and has worked for Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency as a Compliance Specialist for over 17 years. She graduated with honors from Southern Nazarene University and holds a degree in Organizational Leadership. Sandra has recently been named the Housing Development Compliance Programs Supervisor.



Matthew Mills
Director of Public Housing
Oklahoma City Housing Authority

[Panelist, Developing & Implementing a Smoke-Free Policy for Housing](#)

Matt Mills serves as the Director of Public Housing for the Oklahoma City Housing Authority, where he leads the Public Housing Department in the coordination and planning of their campaigns and initiatives. Matt was previously the Executive Director for the Miami Housing Authority (OK), where he led all aspects of the housing authority. He has over thirteen years of experience in affordable housing. Matt holds a Master of Education in Community Counseling from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Oklahoma State University.



Catherine Montgomery
President
Preservation and Design Studio, PLLC

[Panelist, Avoiding the Pitfalls of Historic Developments](#)

Catherine Montgomery is president and founder of the Oklahoma City based Preservation and Design Studio, an architecture and interiors firm specializing in Historic Preservation. The Studio's projects include varied building types such as Class A office, multi-family residential and retail. Most projects are preservation tax credits projects, some are for property owners in locally zoned Historic Preservation districts, and others are new construction. Before focusing on her studio, Catherine served 23 years in public service at the University of Maryland, the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office and the City of Oklahoma City. She has consulted on hundreds of historic buildings totaling over \$400 million in successful certified preservation tax credits projects including the Skirvin Hilton Hotel and several projects in Midtown OKC including the Ambassador Hotel.

Jenna Morey
Director of Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning
Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development

[Presenter, Workforce Development: Building Your Future Workforce](#)



Nancy Morton
Member
Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC

[Presenter, Opportunity Zones](#)

Nancy Morton is a CPA. Nancy joined DOZ in 2001 and is a member with the firm working in the tax, consulting and development groups. Nancy graduated from Butler University with a BS in Accounting and received her MBA from Indiana University. Nancy is involved with advising clients on all manners of the affordable housing industry.



Scott Nixon
Acquisitions Director
Sugar Creek Capital

[Presenter, Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act](#)

Scott Nixon establishes relationships with developers, investors, and other deal partners, and oversees the underwriting and partnership closing process for Sugar Creek Capital. Mr. Nixon has been working in market rate and affordable real estate development for over 15 years. His past experience includes LIHTC development and consulting, construction management, and commercial property management.

Kelly Noonan Marrocco
Freddie Mac

[Panelist, Duty to Serve](#)

Steve Ortloff
LW Construction

[Panelist, Avoiding the Pitfalls of Historic Developments](#)



Bailey Perkins
Outreach & Legislative Director
Oklahoma Policy Institute

[Presenter, Advocacy in Action](#)

Bailey Perkins, a native of Lawton, is the Outreach and Legislative Director for the Oklahoma Policy Institute. As Outreach & Legislative Director, she represents OK Policy at the State Capitol during the legislative session and works with statewide advocacy groups and coalitions to help advance OK Policy's agenda for broad-based prosperity. Prior to OK Policy, Bailey spent two years as a state policy fellow through the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities where she served as a policy analyst for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families. Through Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, she researched, analyzed and advocated for education and fiscal policies that benefit low to moderate income families. Bailey earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history as a Clara Luper Full Tuition Scholar from Oklahoma City University, and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma. She is the Director Emeritus and a founder of New Leaders Council Oklahoma and serves on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Women's Coalition. Bailey is also the connections (or civic engagement) chair for the Sigma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and a Class XIII member of Leadership Oklahoma City's LOYAL (Linking Oklahoma's Young Adult Leaders) program.



Monica Clark Petersen

Principal

S.B. Clark Companies

[Presenter, New Markets Tax Credit Basics and their Role in Affordable Housing](#)

Monica Petersen joined her father and twin sister at S.B. Clark Companies in 2012 and has grown to become a Principal of the firm leading the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) side of the firm, which also specializes in public finance consulting including Low Income Housing Tax Credits and tax-exempt financing. Ms. Petersen structures complex tax credit financings, works closely with clients to understand their businesses and community impacts, coordinates project and program timelines and assures projects have the highest opportunity of receiving NMTC investment in a highly competitive program. Prior to joining S.B. Clark Companies, Ms. Petersen worked as a major gifts fundraiser for the University of Colorado Denver's School of Public Affairs and College of Architecture and Planning. She graduated with honors and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Puget Sound and is currently a candidate for a Masters in Public Administration at the University of Colorado Denver.



Randy Porter

Manager

Wallace Architects

[Introductions, E&A Fair Housing Training](#)

Randy Porter has been a Project Manager at Wallace Architects since 2013. Randy serves as President-elect of the Mid-Missouri Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and is a board member of The Missouri AIA. He is also a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, (NCARB) and a board member of the Missouri Workforce Housing Association (MOWHA). Randy has worked in construction, architecture and management of projects since 2000 and is a licensed architect in 12 states.

Gloria Reynolds

Community Affairs Specialist

FDIC

[Moderator, Reverse Mortgages: Salvation or Scam?](#)

[Moderator, Oklahoma Homebuyer Resources](#)

As Community Affairs Specialist for the FDIC's Dallas Region, Gloria Reynolds works with banks and communities to strengthen partnerships that benefit low- and moderate-income consumers and small businesses. She is currently assigned to Oklahoma where she coordinates the Alliance for Economic Inclusion for Northeastern Oklahoma. Ms. Reynolds joined the FDIC in 2010 following an extensive banking career. As Regional Director for Bank One, she directed the CRA and community development efforts of eleven officers focused on 36 markets across Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Later she was promoted to National Director of CRA Compliance & Research where she managed the CRA examination process for Bank One's two multi-state banking charters. Following the merger between Bank One and JPMorgan Chase, Ms. Reynolds was appointed Director of Strategic National Alliances and Programs. Ms. Reynolds earned a B.A. with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of the Texas State Bar having earned her J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law.



Jim Rice
President
Arzon Development Company

[Panelist, Income Averaging](#)

Jim Rice, President of Arzon Development Company, is a licensed CPA and real estate broker with more than 25 years of experience in affordable housing, specializing in affordable housing tax credit development and management. He serves on several non-profit boards and previously served as OCAH Treasurer. He is the 2018 OCAH Board President-Elect.



Garth Rieman
Director, Housing Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives
National Council of State Housing Agencies

[Presenter, Federal Legislative Update](#)
[Panelist, Income Averaging](#)

Garth Rieman is director of Housing Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives for the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA), where he has worked since 1993. He leads NCSHA's policy and advocacy on the Housing Credit, Housing Bonds, appropriations, housing finance reform, and other affordable housing issues. Garth has also worked for the U.S. Senate Housing Subcommittee, National Association of Realtors, HUD, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Garth graduated from Pomona College and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



Justin Rumer
Tax Manager
Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC

[Presenter, Opportunity Zones](#)

Justin Rumer is a licensed attorney and CPA (inactive status). Justin joined DOZ's audit group in 2008, and graduated from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2013. From 2011 to 2017, Justin worked as a trial attorney at Barnes & Thornburg LLP, an Am Law 100 law firm based out of Indianapolis. In 2017, Justin rejoined DOZ's tax and consulting groups where his practice currently focuses on advising developers and investors in the affordable housing industry on all manner of federal and state issues, and on federal and state tax filings.



Steven C. Shepelwich
Senior Community Development Advisor
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – OKC Branch

[Presenter, Funding Through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City-OKC Branch](#)
[Moderator, Workforce Development: Building Your Future Workforce](#)

Steven C. Shepelwich is a Senior Community Affairs Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank, Oklahoma City Branch. In this role, he leads the Branch efforts to promote economic development and fair and impartial access to financial services in Oklahoma's low- to moderate-income communities. Mr. Shepelwich has worked in the community economic development field with financial institutions, microenterprise funds, and affordable housing and currently leads the Bank's workforce development portfolio.



Dena Sherrill
Director of Housing
REI

[Presenter, Oklahoma Homebuyer Resources](#)

Dena Sherrill, Director of Housing, is in her 23rd year of employment with REI. Her responsibilities include managing REI Down Payment housing programs, which includes the REI Gift100 program for government and conventional loans and the AHP program through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka. She enjoys working with the mortgage lenders throughout the state. In 2005, she received her certification as a Housing Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council. Dena also served nine years on the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka's Affordable Housing Advisory Council. She currently serves as an Advisory Member of the Oklahoma Homebuyers Education Association, Oklahoma Mortgage Bankers Association (OMBA) and is the former President of the Durant Main Street organization. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her 2 year old grandson.



Greg Shinn
Associate Director/Chief Housing Officer
Mental Health Association OK

[Panelist, National Housing Trust Fund Essentials](#)
[Moderator, Advocacy in Action](#)

Greg Shinn received his MSW from New York University in 1993 and for 8 years he was the Director of a homeless shelter for people with mental illnesses on Wall Street. In 2001, Greg relocated to Oklahoma. As Associate Director and Chief Housing Officer for the Mental Health Association, he oversees planning and development of an affordable and supportive housing portfolio that encompasses 1,500 units in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. He also provides technical assistance to communities and units of government through his firm Creative Housing Solutions. Greg is the current Vice Chair for the Oklahoma Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness and President of the Oklahoma Coalition for Affordable Housing.



LeeAnn Smith
Director of Single Family Homeownership
OHFA

[Presenter, Oklahoma Homebuyer Resources](#)

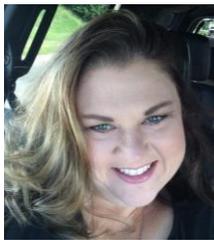
Prior to OHFA, LeAnn Smith served as Oklahoma Branch Operations Manager for Wells Fargo Mortgage in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Vice President Mortgage Lending for BancFirst in Oklahoma City and Oklahoma Manager for BancOne in Phoenix, Arizona. Her mortgage career began more than 30 years ago and has encompassed processing, underwriting, closing, funding and post-closing. She is a FHA Direct Endorsement underwriter and VA Automatic underwriter. Serves as a member and on the Advisory Board of Director, Oklahoma Mortgage Banker Association and Central Oklahoma Mortgage Alliance.



Tom Thull
Community Investment Officer
FHLB Topeka

[Presenter, Funding Through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City-OKC Branch](#)
[Presenter, Oklahoma Homebuyer Resources](#)

Tom Thull is the Community Investment Officer and Director of the Housing and Community Development department at Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka. His staff of 16 administers Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka's Affordable Housing grant and Community Investment advance programs for Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Prior to joining the Federal Home Loan Bank Tom was the State Bank Commissioner for Kansas, served in the Kansas House of Representatives and held various commercial banking positions during his 22 years in commercial banking. Tom graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Tom is married to Shelley, they have two children and 5 grandchildren.



Michelle Tinnin
Native American Program Specialist
HUD Native American Programs

[Panelist, Native American Housing Resources](#)

Michelle Tinnin is a Native American Program Specialist with the Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Michelle specializes in preparing complex financial components for leveraged housing and economic development projects, supporting 48 Tribes throughout the six-state region of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri. Michelle trains underwriters, processors, loan originators, realtors, Tribal employees, Tribal housing staff and Tribal members about the Section 184 Loan Program, Native American housing, community development, and leveraging financial resources. Michelle has been with HUD since 1991, working in the areas of Single Family Housing, Multifamily Housing, Public Housing, Community Planning and Development and the Office of Native American Programs.



Sarah Tirrell
Analyst
JLL Valuation & Advisory Services

[Panelist, Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act](#)

Sarah Tirrell serves as a housing market analyst for JLL's Valuation and Advisory Services (VAS) Division in the United States. Actively engaged in real estate valuation and consulting assignments since 2010, Ms. Tirrell specializes in market and feasibility studies, market study analyses, and appraisals in connection with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. Ms. Tirrell serves on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Coalition for Affordable Housing.



Mike Viseur
Field Representative
Program Management Group, LLC

[Panelist, OHFA Rehab Standards](#)

Mike Viseur contributes a wide range of talents to the projects at PMg, gathered from experience in multiple phases of construction. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, he has spent 32 years in the commercial industry. Mike knows the design, planning, and cost-estimation elements of new projects, as well as the labor and site-supervision portion of mature projects. Mike fills a vital role in the third-party construction observation market of PMg. His full-scope perspective contributes to thorough site inspection and reporting.



Jack L. Werner
Owner
A to Z Inspections

[Presenter, Aging In Place](#)

Jack L. Werner owns A to Z Inspections, a large commercial and residential building inspection company, he founded in 2002. Werner holds a degree in construction from OSU. He has attained the Master Inspector designation by a professional inspection association and was named a Master Instructor by the NAHB for his teaching of Certified Aging in Place Specialist and Universal Design/Build courses. He has served as president of the state professional inspection association and is a former member off the Oklahoma City Housing Authority. Gov. Mary Fallin appointed him to the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools in 2016. He served two tours in Vietnam as an Army Ranger.



John Wiechmann
President/CEO
Midwest Housing Equity Group

[Panelist, Equity & Debt Forum](#)

John Wiechmann is the President and CEO of Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. (MHEG), a nonprofit corporation that raises private capital for the production, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing in rural communities throughout the Midwest. He is Vice-Chair of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka's Affordable Housing Advisory Council, a Trustee of the Multifamily Council for the National Association of Homebuilders and a member of Fannie Mae's Rural Housing DTS Advisory Council. Prior to joining MHEG, John was a partner at the law firm of Kutak Rock LLP. His practice at Kutak Rock focused on tax advantaged investments, with an emphasis on affordable housing transactions. He represented primarily investors and syndicators. John received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law.

Mike Williams
Senior Vice President, Development
Gardner Capital

[Panelist, Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act](#)



Beth Windel

Owner

Southern Design Group Architects

[Panelist, Challenges & Opportunities in Rural Historic Tax Credit Developments](#)

After completing her interior design degree at Brooks College of Design in Long Beach, California, Beth Windel worked as an interior designer with MVA Architects, where she focused on commercial tenant improvement projects. Challenged to advance in the field of design, she returned to school to complete her Bachelor of Architect at the University of Oklahoma, where she graduated at the top of her class in 2003. Beth spent six years with Miles Associates as an architectural intern. In 2009, Beth became a Registered Architect and established Southern Design Group, LLC (now referred to as SDG Architects) in Ardmore, Oklahoma to return to her commercial design background. SDG Architects now regularly works on single- and multi-family residential, LIHTC and affordable housing, commercial, K-12 and municipal work within the states of Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. In 2015, Governor Mary Fallin appointed Beth to the Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers of Oklahoma. She also serves on the University of Oklahoma Division of Architecture's Professional Advisory Board and the Ardmore Historic Preservation Board.



Lance Windel

Manager

LW Development

[Moderator, Federal Legislative Update](#)

Lance Windel, is the Owner/Manager of LW Development, LLC (LWD), a full-service residential developer specializing in affordable housing across the state of Oklahoma. LWD has in-house development, construction, architecture, and property management. Lance is a member of the National Association of Home Builders and is also a Certified Professional Builder with the Oklahoma Home Builders Association. Lance is a 1994 Graduate of the University of Chicago (BS Economics, Honors). He served 4 years as an active duty combat engineer in the United States Marine Corp (1994-98). He is currently a Marine Reservist and recently served as the Battalion Commander for 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division. Lance is on the OCAH Board of Directors.

Sharon Wise

Executive Director

Native American Housing Services, Inc.

[Panelist, National Housing Trust Fund Essentials](#)

Sharon Wise, a Choctaw Tribal member, is the Executive Director and founder of Native American Housing Services, Inc. (NAHSI), a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to create affordable housing for all citizens of Oklahoma with a focus on Native Americans. NAHSI has a five (5) member Board of Directors comprised of business leaders, low-income representatives and members of the low-income communities in our service area. Ms. Wise has extensive knowledge in federally funded housing programs and continues to increase NAHSI's portfolio. Ms. Wise was in the home mortgage lending business for 20+ years. She has over 15 years' experience in the HOME Program. Ms. Wise has formed working partnerships with private, for-profit developers to create affordable housing units in NAHSI's service area. She has led NAHSI in adding over 600 units of affordable housing to the state.



Mark Woodward
Public Information/Education Officer/Legislative Liaison
Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

[Panelist, SQ 788: Now What?](#)

Mark Woodward is the Public Information/Education Officer/Legislative Liaison for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics. Since joining OBND in 1995, Mark has been in over 50 meth labs and performed more than 500 meth lab safety workshops, as well as 4,000 Drug Identification classes for law enforcement and the general public. He also serves as a member and regional secretary for the Association of Oklahoma Narcotics Enforcers. Mark earned his degree in Electronic Journalism/Mass Communication from the University of Oklahoma.



Joshua Yurek
Director of Government Affairs
Midwest Housing Equity Group

[Presenter, Federal Legislative Update](#)

Joshua Yurek currently serves as Director of Government Affairs for the Midwest Housing Equity Group (MHEG), overseeing MHEG's federal and state policy agenda. Joshua brings to MHEG over ten years of Congressional work experience, most recently serving as a Senior Policy Advisor for Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas). In this role, he provided strategic recommendations on a wide array of policy issues including appropriations, financial services, housing, and tax issues. He worked extensively with the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over vital affordable housing tools, including housing tax credits. Joshua represented the Senator to negotiate significant policy reforms involving affordable housing, rural housing, and the most recent tax reform debate last year. Joshua holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Rockhurst University and an MBA from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business.



Tracey Zeeck
Publicist
Bumbershoot PR

[Panelist, The Nuts & Bolts of Communications & Marketing](#)

Tracey Zeeck is an Oklahoma City-based publicist who loves to help her clients get in front of their audience, whether that's by helping them become front page news or a more up close & personal grassroots style. She believes that local is the new global, and for the past 9 years she's owned and operated Bumbershoot PR where, in addition to a wide range of clients, she managed public relations and branding for the launch of Page Woodson, a historic school-turned-affordable-apartments near OUHSC.