

SPEAKER-FACILITATOR PROFILES

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Caroline Angelo – Caroline has served as the Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Atlanta Technical College since August 2017. Before that she served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens Technical College. Prior to that position, she served Athens Tech as Executive Director of Academic Affairs, Director of Curriculum, and Executive Director of Registration, Records, and Advising. She began her career at Athens Tech as an English instructor in 1992. In 2005, Angelo was named Athens Tech’s Teacher of the Year. She holds a Master of Arts in English and a baccalaureate from The University of Georgia (UGA) and is currently working toward a doctorate in workforce education at UGA.



Douglas B. Ammar – Doug has been associated with the Georgia Justice Project (GJP) since its inception in 1986 – serving first as a volunteer, then as a staff lawyer in 1990, and, since 1995, as the Executive Director. In 1984, Doug earned his bachelor’s degree in history from Davidson College and he received his law degree in 1989 from Washington and Lee University. Doug has received the prestigious Annie E. Casey Foundation Fellowship and a number of other awards including most recently the Elbert P. Tuttle Jurisprudence Award from the Southeastern Anti-Defamation League; The University of Georgia’s Milner S. Ball Working In the Public Interest Lifetime Achievement Award; the Georgia Center for Nonprofits’ Evelyn G. Ullman Innovative Leadership Award; Davidson College’s John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service; and the Georgia Indigent Defense Council’s Commitment to Excellence Award.



Theresa Austin-Gibbons – Theresa is the director of WorkSource DeKalb. She provides oversight WorkSource DeKalb’s 32 employees and federally funded programs that provide workforce solutions for businesses seeking a skilled workforce, dislocated workers, the unemployed and low-income adults and youth in DeKalb. Mrs. Austin-Gibbons has more than 20 years of experience in workforce and economic development at local, state and federal levels, as well as in the private sector. Prior to joining WorkSource DeKalb, she served as the federal compliance program manager for the Department of Employment Services in Washington, D.C.



Janice Burley-Black - Janice has over 35 years of experience in marketing and promotion. She came to WorkSource DeKalb having held various positions as a GDOL Services Specialist, Services Specialist Advanced, Marketing Representative and Business Services Representative with the Georgia Department of Labor during her 15 plus year tenure. Her last assignment before moving to WorkSource was as a Project Coordinator for GDOL’s Business Services Unit. Her responsibilities included assisting with the logistics of the labor commissioner’s annual business summits, job fairs and recruitments. She currently serves as the Business Solutions Supervisor for WorkSource DeKalb.



Alex Camardelle - Alex is a senior policy analyst at Georgia Budget & Policy Institute, where he produces research that shows ways to reduce poverty, improve social services and provide support for Georgia's workforce. Alex's research and advocacy has informed debates that seek to improve economic mobility policy for all Georgians, including protections for core safety net programs like food assistance and childcare for low-income individuals and families. Alex also leads the PROSPER Georgia coalition, a statewide network of workforce advocates who champion an inclusive economy and work to remove barriers to quality training and education for meaningful careers. Prior to joining GBPI in 2018 he worked for the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Alex graduated from the University of Alabama. He also holds a master's in Policy Analysis & Evaluation from Georgia State University, where he is now a Ph.D. candidate studying the participation of youth in federally funded job training programs. He is also a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. When he is not buried under research or at the state capitol advocating for change, he spends time with his partner and dog catching up on missed shows or planning the next vacation.



Mike Carnathan – Mike is the Manager of the Research & Analytics Division at the Atlanta Regional Commission and is one of the founders of Neighborhood Nexus, which is a community intelligence system for the Atlanta region, providing data, tools and expertise as a catalyst to create opportunity for all of the region's citizens. Mike has worked with numerous community groups, including the Annie E Casey Foundation, Families First, United Way, The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, along with a host of statewide and local education agencies and other community groups to help them better understand the neighborhoods in which they work. In addition to being a data geek, Mike has a varied background that includes public relations and journalism. A native of Georgia, Mike holds degrees in History and Journalism, along with a master's in public administration from the University of Georgia.



Natania Carter – Natania is the Director of Operations of Atlanta CareerRise, a workforce funders collaborative focused on increasing regional prosperity in the metro Atlanta region. Natania manages the organization's investments and is committed to exploring innovative strategies to expedite local workers' journey to economic self-sufficiency. Prior to joining CareerRise in 2018, Natania was a National Urban Fellow with the Annie E. Casey Foundation-Atlanta Civic Site where she conducted research and data analysis focused on increasing economic opportunity and managed racial equity programming in the Atlanta community. Natania holds a master's in Public Administration from Baruch College and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Florida State University. The combination of her past experiences allows her to apply a systems-thinking approach to complexities in workforce development to help facilitate workers' economic autonomy.



Henry R. Charlot, Jr. – Henry is the Manager of Business Services and Partnerships at WorkSource Atlanta Regional, part of the Atlanta Regional Commission. For the past 3.5 years, Henry has led a three-person team responsible for business outreach and marketing of work-based learning programs to link job seekers with opportunities in high demand careers. In this role, Henry has partnered with Development Authorities, Chambers of Commerce, and State and local officials to fully integrate workforce training into economic development program offerings. He has also contributed to research on state and federal regulations, drafted local policy, and created applications and work processes to implement the full suite of workforce development programs. Formerly, Henry worked as a real estate investment manager in the San Francisco area and served as the Economic Development and Public Affairs Officer for the New Orleans Downtown Development District.



Karen Cramer – Karen is the Vice President of Community Impact at TechBridge. TechBridge is a national nonprofit with a vision of poverty alleviation through collective action. TechBridge utilizes the generosity of the technology community to transform nonprofits and helps community residents obtain skills to meet the job demands of the technology community. TechBridge and Goodwill of North Georgia's Technology Career program includes technical training, case management, business acumen and financial literacy to help residents obtain skills to meet industry demand and improve their earnings potential. Karen is passionate about data sharing and building data collaboratives across the broader nonprofit community that allow for the better coordination of services and the matching of service demand and capacity to improve community outcomes. Karen earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree from James Madison University and M.S. in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin.



Emily Davidson - Ms. Davidson works across Anthem to develop employment strategies and programs that impact not only our members, but our business. Over the past 2 ½ years with the company, Emily has been working with the Medicaid team to increase opportunities for our members to have access to career opportunities within Anthem through innovative solutions with national, state and local partners. Focusing on WIOA and ensuring connection with the local work source boards is something that Emily feels strongly about, as well as the aligning business needs to ensure access for at risk youth and those with disabilities have been a huge focus for the work we do at Anthem. Emily has spent her entire career in New Mexico, California and now Georgia developing, overseeing and implementing high quality, evidenced based programs and workforce solutions for transition aged youth, and adults needing help accessing services and focuses on removing barriers to employment, childcare, training, housing, transportation and healthy food.



Lisa Davis, MPA – For the past 5 years, Lisa has served as the Special Projects Administrator for WorkSource Atlanta Regional, part of the Atlanta Regional Commission. In this role, Lisa is responsible for managing large scale initiatives across a 7-county area. Prior to joining ARC, Lisa was the program services manager for WorkSource Cobb for 8 years. Additionally, Lisa has worked as an employment specialist for Spherion, a career advisor/CQI liaison with WorkSource Fulton and a supervisor with the Georgia Department of Labor. Lisa holds a master's in public administration from Clark Atlanta University and a bachelor's in political science from Spelman College.



Frank Fernandez – Frank is the Senior Vice President at The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. Frank joined the Foundation in February 2014 to lead and implement the Westside Neighborhood Prosperity Fund, a program designed to contribute to the transformational revitalization and redevelopment of Vine City, English Avenue, Castleberry Hill and other adjacent neighborhoods. In addition to leading the Foundation's Westside work, he also supports the Foundation's efforts in global giving, health access and community development. A recognized leader on housing, transportation and economic development issues, Frank served for eight years as the Executive Director of Green Doors, a non-profit group devoted to transforming lives and neighborhoods for people in need in the Austin metro area. Frank, a Florida native, holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Harvard University and an M.P.A. from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. He and his wife, Tina, are the parents of daughter, Lucia, and son, Francisco.



Nancy Flake-Johnson - Nancy is President/CEO of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta. Her passion is closing the racial wealth gap and economic empowerment for African Americans and underserved communities. Nancy serves on the Fifth Third Bank Advisory Council and WorkSource Atlanta Board. Honors: 2019 Atlanta Business League Women of Influence; 2019 Atlanta Magazine's 500 Most Powerful Leaders. Nancy earned a bachelor's in Business Administration from Howard University and a master's in Taxation from DePaul University. She previously served as the Vice President of Programs for the Detroit Urban League and as the Ex. Director of the Howard University Small Business Development Center.



Sarah Flesher – Sarah is the founder of Endurance Project Management, a social impact project management firm that specializes in the implementation of strategic initiatives and collaborative projects. Since its inception in 2014, EPM has worked on projects in foster care, early childhood education, K-12 education, international development and workforce development. Prior to founding EPM, Sarah worked as an Operations Advisor for Arabella Advisors in Washington, DC. She spent a year living in South Africa and Namibia as the Namibian Program Coordinator for Grassroot Soccer. Her work focused on HIV/AIDS programs that utilized soccer as a delivery mechanism for HIV/AIDS prevention education. Sarah holds a MSc degree in communications with a minor in public health from the University of Tennessee and a BSc degree in business administration with a minor in media arts from Eastern Oregon University. In her community, Sarah is very active in her church, is a member of 2019 Young Gamechangers class, serves on the Advisory Board of the Talk With Me Baby @Work, supports Voter Registration and Job Awareness Days at the DeKalb County Jail and is state certified as a supportive mentor for families with foster children.



Maynard Franklin – Maynard currently works as the business services manager at WorkSource Cobb having held a similar position at WorkSource Atlanta. Prior to these positions, Maynard served as an account executive at the Metro Atlanta Chamber where he prospected for business-to-business organizations, consulted with senior level executives about their specific business development needs, made expert recommendations for services and established diversity outreach and recruiting program for minority business owners. Maynard earned an MBA in Marketing from Mercer University and a JD in Law from Southern University Law Center. In addition, he has a BBA in Economics from Loyola University New Orleans.



Sandeep Gill, MBA, PMP – Sandeep is the Workforce Program Director International Union of Operating Engineers. Her experience spans many of the systems most visible and transformational policy initiatives at the federal, state, regional, and local levels. She has extensive experience at all levels of the workforce development system, providing clients with a unique blend of national, state, regional, and local expertise – both from a policy and practitioner perspective. Formerly a Local Workforce Development Area Deputy Director in Metro Atlanta, Sandeep attained her undergraduate degree in Hospitality Management from University of West London, United Kingdom and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Phoenix, British Columbia, Canada.



Mark Goodman – Mark is the Director of Economic & Talent Development at the Greater North Fulton Chamber. Mark Goodman has over 40 years of experience in business / economic development, managing strategic business alliances, sales management, marketing, finance, operations, business consulting and workforce development. Mark currently serves as the Director of Economic & Talent Development for the Greater North Fulton Chamber where he leads all economic and talent development initiatives and programs for the Chamber including significant collaborative work with all six North Fulton municipalities and Fulton County economic and talent development leaders. Before joining the Greater North Fulton Chamber, Mark worked for Gas South LLC, Ernst & Young Consulting, Digital Equipment Corporation, and Georgia-Pacific Corporation. Mark is involved in the community where he currently serves on the Roswell Economic Development & Tourism Board of Directors, Board of Trustees for the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation and the Board of Directors for the Innovation Crescent Regional Partnership. Mark previously served on the Board of Directors for GNFCC, Gwinnett Chamber, Cherokee Chamber, Sandy Springs Chamber and the Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association. In addition, he is a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association.



LeShay Grant - LeShay is a General Superintendent with Anning Johnson Co. He began his career in construction after serving 5 years in the Marine Corp and has held various positions of responsibility including Safety Committee Chairman, Project Engineer, Project Foreman and Superintendent. LeShay has been involved in many large scale commercial projects in the Atlanta area including: College Football Hall of Fame, Primerica, Emory Rollins School of Public Health, 3344 Peachtree Sovereign Building, Johns Creek Hospital, CDC Building 21, CDC Building 19, State Farm Park Center Phase I, State Farm Arena Renovation and State Farm Park Center Phase II. He has as been involved in high-end interior builds including Alston Bird Conference Floors, Ireland Consulate, SEC Atlanta Plaza, INCOMM, Marsh McLennan and Spanx. Has received high praise for his organization and planning from Brasfield and Gorrie, Skanska, Hitt Construction, Choate Construction, Humphries Construction, Duke Realty and New South.



Sonya D. Grant – Sonya is the President and CEO of WorkSource Cobb, Cobb County’s American Job Center, a workforce development agency which provides access to a system of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) employment and education services for residents and employers in the state of Georgia. Sonya Grant is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she received a BA in communications with a minor in political science. She launched her career with a Master of Social Work from Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan. It was there where she honed her non-profit, public health and workforce development skills as a community and economic development Executive Director in Detroit’s eastside, a Senior Project Manager for several large urban public health projects at the University of Michigan’s School of Public Health and as the Chief Operating Officer for Michigan’s third largest workforce development agency.



Geneva Hall-Shelton – Geneva is the Manager of Corporate Responsibility for the Americas region for IHG, one of the world’s leading hotel companies. She manages corporate responsibility efforts for more than 4,000 hotels and corporate offices in the region, including workforce development, philanthropic giving, volunteerism, waste diversion, anti-human trafficking and disaster relief initiatives for the company. Currently she sits on the United Way of Greater Atlanta’s CareerRise Leadership Council, the International Tourism Partnership’s Youth Career Initiative Advisory Committee and the Global Business Travel Association’s Sustainability and Responsibility Committee. She is also a member of the Sustainability Leaders Forum and the Corporate Volunteer Council of Atlanta. Prior to working at IHG, Geneva worked at Atlanta Habitat for Humanity leading corporate partnerships, volunteer programs and sponsorship fundraising. Before that, she worked in Quito, Ecuador as the Director of Volunteer Programs at The Center for the Working Girl, an organization that educates and empowers girls that live in extreme poverty. Geneva is an Atlanta native and attended Georgetown University where she studied languages and International Development.



John Helton – John is the executive director of Atlanta CareerRise having joined the organization in June 2019. Prior to this position, John served as president and CEO of CobbWorks, Inc. and executive director of WorkSource Cobb for 19 years. John has worked in human services and workforce development for over 25 years, beginning his career in emergency shelter care and child protective services and holding positions with DFCS before becoming deputy director of the Cobb County office. John serves on the boards of directors and advisory boards for several organizations and currently chairs the Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund for his community. John is committed to forming strategic partnerships and leveraging resources to efficiently and cost effectively deliver economic development, workforce and human services.



Dana Inman - Dana serves as President and CEO of Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency (ACSS), a nonprofit dedicated to empowering financially vulnerable individuals and families to become self-reliant. Prior to her appointment to this role, Dana served as the Vice President of Development, Finance and Administration for ACSS where she directed the agency's resource development efforts, financial services, human resources and administrative operations. Dana also held several roles within one of ACSS' predecessor organizations Samaritan House of Atlanta. Prior to relocating to Atlanta, Dana served as a Senior Policy Associate for Safe Passages in Oakland, California. Under her leadership, she managed two violence prevention initiatives and provided technical assistance to partnering non-profit agencies. Dana is a graduate of University of California, Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a 2012 Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Organizations graduate, 2011 Leadership Buckhead graduate, 2010 L.E.A.D Atlanta graduate, a 2007 Emerging Leader of the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Leadership Program, a 2007 Association of Fundraising Professionals Atlanta Chapter Diversity Fellow, and a graduate of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta Volunteer Involvement Program (V.I.P.).



Patricia Horton - Pat has worked in hospital leadership for over 35 years. She currently works at Georgia Hospital Association, as the Workforce Initiatives Coordinator, collaborating with healthcare leaders and partners on initiatives that supports developing a competent healthcare workforce pipeline. In this role, Pat convenes a state-wide Chief Nursing Officer Network helping to connect hospital leaders, understand issues and needs and bring resources and solutions. In addition, Pat served as a healthcare industry expert for MAIP for the past two years, helping build relationships with area healthcare providers, understand their workforce needs and build programs and services designed to meet those needs.



Jamie Jordan- Jamie Jordan is the Programs & Business Services Director for the Office of Workforce Development at the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). In this role, he oversees the WIOA Programs, Business Services, Apprenticeship, and Strategic Populations teams for WorkSource Georgia. Previously, Jamie served as the High Demand Career Initiative (HDCI) Program Manager for the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD). Managing HDCI from its inception when launched by Governor Deal in 2014, Jamie actualized the governor's vision of an initiative to make Georgia's workforce and education efforts cooperatively more responsive to private sector demands. Prior to the role with HDCI, Jamie served as the Liaison to the State Workforce Development Board for GDEcD



Rob LeBeau- Rob LeBeau is the Manager of the Workforce Solutions Group at the Atlanta Regional Commission and Director of WorkSource Atlanta Regional. WorkSource Atlanta Regional serves residents and businesses in a 7-county area including Cherokee, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale Counties. From 2000 to 2015, Rob worked in the Land Use, Government Services, and Community Development Divisions at ARC. Prior to joining ARC in 2000, Rob worked for ten years in local government and as a consultant focusing on comprehensive planning, zoning, and neighborhood redevelopment. Rob has a Master of Public Administration with emphasis in Urban Planning from the University of Central Florida and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



William Kelly – William is Manager of Talent Acquisition for Grady Health. For the past 4 years, he has led talent acquisition for clinical and nursing professionals with responsibility for ensuring adequate, qualified staff. William is a seasoned HR professional and has been in recruiting since 1992 having previously worked for Bank of America, Cigna, CDC, Emory Healthcare and Vanderbilt University. In his free time, William enjoys cooking, travelling internationally and movies.



Michele Jacobs – Michele is the Director of Youth Development at the United Way of Greater Atlanta. With over 10 years of experience in Youth Development, she leads the Metro Atlanta Opportunity Youth Initiative at United Way of Greater Atlanta which focuses on re-connecting youth and young adults to education and employment pathways. A native of Atlanta, Michele has served in several roles at United Way including supporting Community Engagement initiatives, building the capacity of grantee agencies and aligning strategic partnerships and investments to improve outcomes for youth and young adults in metro Atlanta. Michele earned a B.A. in Psychology and Master of Social Work from Georgia State University. Michele is also an avid volunteer with interest in juvenile justice, youth organizing, girls’ empowerment and women’s health. She utilizes her experience in strategic planning and program development to support several non-profit organizations.



Donna Jones- Donna is a Human Resources professional with over 20 years of experience in talent management, talent recruitment, talent retention, benefits administration, employee relations, and payroll processing. Donna has managed all phases of full cycle recruiting from initial sourcing and screening through offer negotiations, placement, and onboarding. She is extremely skilled in sourcing candidates by using social media, community partnerships, cold calling, and employee referrals. She loves to think of ways for “out of the box” sourcing of candidates. She thrives in developing/maintaining relationships through networking. She also takes pride in finding the “right fit” for organizations not just filling positions. Donna volunteers with various organizations throughout the Atlanta metro area. Also, her favorite football teams are Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Falcons.



Karen Kirchler – Karen is the Executive Director of Economic Development for the Technical College System of Georgia. She has over 20 years of experience working in the two-year postsecondary arena, having spent 10 years in Florida at Gulf Coast Community College running programs serving undereducated and disadvantaged populations, and working in institutional effectiveness. In 2008, she relocated to Georgia, joining West Georgia Technical College, eventually being named Vice President of Adult Education, and leading their college to becoming the top GED producing program in the state. In 2016, she was named National Program Administrator of the Year for Adult Education and in 2019, she joined TCSG, eager to bring her experience serving diverse populations and developing collaborative partnerships and programming, to the Economic Development realm.



Myndi Kuhlmann - Myndi Kuhlmann is the Senior Director, Career Services at Goodwill of North Georgia. Myndi has worked in social services for more than 15 years and holds a master's degree in counseling psychology from University of Southern Mississippi. She joined Goodwill in 2011 as a Regional Manager for Workforce Development and was promoted in 2013 to her current position where she leads the Career Services team in fulfilling the mission of putting people to work. Prior to joining Goodwill, she spent 4 years at the Georgia Department of Labor as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and then a Rehabilitation Unit Manager. A past President of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association, she is currently Vice President of GATES (Georgia Association of Training, Employment and Supports) and Board Chair of the Georgia Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities. In addition, she sits on the National Skills Coalition Work Based Learning Advisory Panel and United Way Atlanta's Youth Collaborative Steering Committee.



Brett Lacy – Brett currently serves as the Workforce Division Manager for Select Fulton. As Division Manager, Lacy leads a team in supporting the workforce needs of Fulton County and represents Fulton County in developing and enhancing regional partnerships and strategies to grow the key industries and communities in the Metro Atlanta Region. Since arriving in Fulton, he has worked with the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager, and the Fulton Workforce Development Board to help implement a strategy to align workforce programs with the economic development efforts. Prior to joining the WorkSource Fulton team, Brett provided seven years of service as part of the State's workforce administration. At GDEcD, he supported WorkSource Georgia's customer service mission and partnered with GDEcD's Global Commerce Team creating innovative workforce solutions to keep Georgia the 'No. 1 State for Business.' He is a proud Eagle Scout and 'Double Dawg', holding both a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Georgia. Brett and his wife, Margaret, live in Atlanta with their daughter, Miller, and dog, Woodrow.



Amy Lancaster-King – Amy is Director of Workforce Development at the Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC). In her current role, she leads MAC's workforce efforts, is responsible for advancing MAC's workforce policy agenda, overall workforce development strategy and building community partnerships to increase student, jobseeker, and employer outcomes. Amy has been with MAC since 2008. Amy serves on the Boards of WorkSource Atlanta and Atlanta College & Career Academy; and serves on the Executive Committee for Metro Atlanta Exchange for Workforce Solutions, Leadership Council for Atlanta CareerRise. She graduated from Kennesaw State University with a BA in Accounting in 1996 and MBA in 2011. Amy is a native of Cobb County and lives in Smyrna with her husband Phil, daughter Isabel and their dog Toby.



Michael Kenig – Michael is Vice Chairman of Holder Construction Company. Founded in 1960, Holder is a national commercial construction services firm. Holder consistently ranks as one of the nation's top 50 contractors with offices in Atlanta; Phoenix; Denver; Dallas; Charlotte; San Jose, CA and Washington DC. Michael is a member of the Executive Committee of the Business Leaders United (BLU) for Workforce Partnerships and as a member of the Metro Atlanta Chamber's Educated Workforce Council, leads a local affiliate, GeorgiaBLU, a group within the National Skills Coalition comprised of employers from a range of industries across the nation who are concerned about our nation's skills gap. Michael served on the leadership of the Georgia's HDCI (High Demand Career Initiative) Construction Industry Task Force. He also served on the Advisory Council of TradeFive (formerly Go Build Georgia), a campaign designed to educate young people on the value of learning a trade, dispel their misconceptions about the skilled trade industry and inspire them to consider building a career as a skilled tradesman.



Wilmond Meadows, MPA, EFO, CFO, CMO – Wilmond currently works as the community and government affairs officer for American Medical Response (AMR). He worked for the City of Atlanta for 31 years including serving as deputy chief. He is an experienced Executive Level Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the hospital & health care and governmental industries. Skilled in Government, Emergency Management, Disaster Response, Conflict Resolution, and Command. Wilmond is a Certified Public Manager with 30 years of public safety and local government experience with exceptional strategic leadership skills and mentoring capabilities. He has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Columbus State University, obtained leadership training from the National Fire Academy (EFO), and the Executive Development Institute (EDI). He is a Certified Fire Officer (CFO) and Certified Emergency Medical Officer (CEMS).



Karen A. Moore – Karen is the Director of Technical Education Programs for LexisNexis Risk Solutions. In September 2003 Karen started with LexisNexis as the Compensation Manager in Dayton, Ohio. In August of 2005 Karen relocated to Boca Raton, FL taking on a HR Generalist role after the company acquisition of Seisint. In October of 2016 Karen assumed a recently created role in the Engineering organization leading initiatives of learning, skill and knowledge enhancement. Karen has a degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Central Washington University, and has recently received her MBA. Karen holds a SHRM-SPHR and World at Work professional certifications and has over 25 years of Human Resources and employee value program experience.



Lucius McRunnels – Lucius currently serves as Principal Project Analyst for Worksource Georgia Atlanta Regional. In this role, he is responsible for developing and managing business relationships with employers in Douglas, Cherokee and Clayton county. A Graduate of Jackson State University, Lucius started in Workforce Development in 1996 with Juanita Horsey during days of JTPA. He has worked in all phases of Workforce Development from Case Management to Career Coach to Job Developer to his present position as Principal Project Analyst. He worked as a NASA contractor for six years traveling across the country coordinating regional STEM Career Fairs and marketing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics curriculums to underrepresented populations at high schools and postsecondary institutions. Lucius, a native of Mississippi is married with three kids. He is a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Los Angeles Dodgers. He has been a volunteer coach for Youth baseball and basketball teams for the past five years.



Debbie Morris Debbie Morris is a Sr Enterprise Talent Solutions Manager, who partners with clients to drive and hone talent management strategies that have meaningful impacts on their business. After spending over fifteen years working in HR from the vantage points of consultant and client, Debbie loves helping organizations plan and optimize strategies that ensure the right people are in the right roles at the right time. Additionally, she has a passion for working directly with people to help them find satisfaction and purpose in their work. Debbie has spent most her career in Human Resources specializing in Benefits, Organizational Development and Talent Management. In addition to her extensive HR experience, Debbie is also certified in Birkman and Hogan assessments. Debbie lives in Atlanta, GA with her husband and two children. She holds a BS in Business Administration from Florida A&M University and an MBA in Organizational Management from Georgia State University.



Tolton R. Pace – Tolton currently serves as Senior Program Manager with WorkSource Atlanta where he is responsible for grants management, special projects and agency partnerships. He is an Atlanta native and two-time graduate of Emory University where he received his bachelor's in international studies and master's in public health. Tolton has over 20 years of experience in youth development, college and career readiness, and non-profit management. He previously served as the Assistant Dean of Admissions/Director of Multicultural Recruitment at Emory, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Ivy Prep Academy Network of Schools and currently serves on the Advisory Board at the Villages of Carver YMCA. Prior to joining WorkSource Atlanta, Tolton worked for the international non-profit Young Life, in partnership with the national career readiness organization, The Gifted Education Foundation.



Katie Parker – Katie is the Director of Skilled Nursing Recruiting for Pruitt Health, a leader in Health Care. Katie has worked in Talent Acquisition for over 10 years and has led recruiting efforts in the Education, Energy, and Healthcare industries. Katie is a member of SHRM - The Society for Human Resource Management and NACE – The National Association of Colleges and Employers. Katie earned her bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from the University of Georgia and has continued her education in the areas of Organizational Leadership at Brenau University and Business at Harvard Business School Executive Education.



Michael J. Rich - Michael J. Rich is Professor of Political Science and Environmental Sciences, and Director of the Policy Analysis Laboratory at Emory University. His current research focuses on community building, neighborhood revitalization, and comprehensive local strategies to reduce poverty and increase economic mobility. He received his PhD in political science from Northwestern University and has held research appointments at the Brookings Institution and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He previously taught at Brown University and was the founding executive director of The Providence Plan, a collaborative city-state-university initiative to revitalize the city of Providence and its neighborhood.



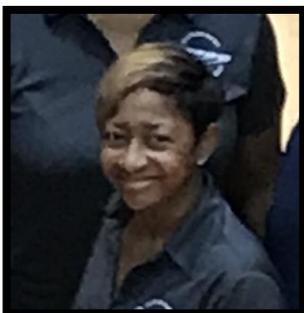
Jared Rice – Jared is the Project Executive with DPR Construction, leads the self-perform work teams in both the Atlanta and Nashville business units. DPR’s self-perform capabilities include concrete, drywall, and door/frame/hardware installation in all core markets nationwide, with a workforce of over 3,000 employees. As the self-perform team leader in Atlanta and Nashville, Jared is responsible for the training and development of 150+ craft workers. In 2019 he assisted in the development of a craft career pathway program now in use by all DPR Construction’s Southeast operations. This program shows craft employees that they not only have a job with the company, they have the opportunity for a long-term career. Prior to working in his current capacity, Jared successfully led construction projects in the Higher Education, Healthcare, Commercial, State, Federal, and Retail markets. He has a passion for building high functioning teams and helping to develop the skill sets of those who want to further their careers in the construction industry. Jared has called the Atlanta metro area home since 1997 and is married with two teenage children. Away from work, he enjoys spending time with his family and working around his home.



Jeannie Ross - Jeannie Ross is Director of the Workforce Development at City of Refuge since 2016. In this role she is responsible for the workforce development initiatives and efforts at City of Refuge. This effort is directed for the residents at City of Refuge and the underemployed and underemployed in greater Atlanta. In 2018, City of Refuge placed 365 individuals into employment. Jeannie collaborates with business leaders to identify opportunities and source candidates. Jeannie is an accomplished and motivational leader who operates well in a fast-paced environment to quickly identify issues and solutions, delivering outstanding individual and team results. A highly organized and innovative manager who responds strategically to the ebb and flow of the business climate to accomplish team goals.



Helen Slaven- Helen is currently the director of industry partnerships with Atlanta CareerRise. MAIP is a collaborative effort between Atlanta CareerRise and WorkSource Metro Atlanta aimed at deploying a regional workforce strategy. With a background in human resources, organizational development, learning and change management Helen previously worked as a Chief Learning Officer in Miami, Atlanta and New York building learning organizations and leading organizational transformation. Helen earned a master’s degree in human resources and a PhD in adult learning and leadership from Barry University in Miami, Florida. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Helen currently resides in Marietta with her wife Maria and cats Rosie and Pete.



Marva Stone – Marva serves as the Human Resources Supervisor for the UPS SMART Hub located on the westside of Atlanta. With over 4,000 associates and a 24-7, 365 operation that is one of the largest distribution centers in the country. Marva is responsible for hiring, onboarding and ensuring adequate, qualified and trained staff. Marva joined the SMART Hub team while the facility was being constructed, was instrumental in the conceptualizing and implementing the start up staffing plan, including leading the UPS recruitment team for the large community hiring event project that the MAIP network assisted with.



Katerina Taylor - Katerina Taylor, a Kansas native, serves the citizens of the City of Atlanta as the Executive Director of WorkSource Atlanta. Appointed by Mayor Lance-Bottoms in October of 2019, Taylor is new to the agency but not workforce development. In 2014 Katerina was named the first woman to lead the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce in its 80-year history. During her time at the Chamber she brought innovation and creative to her role and in one year increased the Chamber's budget by 100K and decreased its liabilities by 50K. She tripled program performance in monetary and participant growth. Taylor also has a background in economic development and lead DeKalb County's five-year economic development strategic plan, as Chair of the DeKalb Thrives Steering Committee. She also served as a board member for WorkSource DeKalb. Taylor worked as a Vice President in the Atlanta Regional Marketing department for SunTrust Bank supporting high net worth clientele and middle market and large corporations. Both the Atlanta Business Chronicle and Georgia Trend have recognized her as a top 40 under 40, and Atlanta Business League named her one of Atlanta's 100 most influential African American women 4 years in a row. She doesn't mind asking for help so please pick up when she calls!



Jill Toth – As the Atlanta Market Executive, Jill is responsible for advancing Bank of America's strategy across Metro Atlanta, connecting with local business leaders and community stakeholders to deliver the company to customers, clients and the community. Jill is also responsible for ensuring Bank of America's Environmental, Social, and Governance strategy, including philanthropy and community development efforts have a positive impact on metro Atlanta. During her banking career Jill was aligned to multinational clients in a variety of capacities. She sits on the Atlanta Market President Executive Leadership Team and the Atlanta Contributions committee which is responsible for awarding over \$1.4 million in grants to local non-profits annually. Jill serves on the advisory board of the International Human Trafficking Institute which leverages the collective efforts of private, public, educational, faith-based and civic organizations to accelerate local, national and global movements to end the trafficking of persons. As a member of the House ATL Funders' Collective, Jill is part of a team seeking to strategically build and support a robust, predictable, affordable housing system. Jill received her BBA and MBA in Finance from the University of Georgia. She resides in Atlanta with her husband.



Jacinda Williams – Jacinda is the Corporate Recruiter and Talent Acquisition Leader Jacinda Williams brings over 8 years of corporate recruiting to HD Supply. Jacinda currently supports full life cycle recruiting for high volume roles in the South East Region. Prior to working with HD Supply, Jacinda worked as a human resource representative with Enterprise Holdings and conducted a variety searches for field operations.



Katherine Williams – Katherine has been growing her career with Diaz Foods for the past 14 years, and currently serves as In-House Counsel and EVP of Human Resources. Diaz Foods is an ethnic food importer distributing to restaurants and supermarkets in twenty-eight states. In her capacity, Katherine oversees the day to day human resources needs of 400 employees throughout 15 states as well as advising the other companies that fall under the Diaz Group. Additionally, she is responsible for the management of all legal issues that are presented to the companies. While working at Diaz Foods, Katherine received her JD from Georgia State University through their part-time evening program. She also received a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and International Business from GSU. Although not an Atlanta native, Katherine has lived in Atlanta most her life. In her free time, Katherine enjoys volunteering, exploring the city she calls home, as well spending quality time with her dog at home.



Amanda Wheeler, BSN, RN, MBA – Amanda is the Director of Operations, Workforce Engineering WellStar Health System. Amanda has been a member of the WellStar family for a total of 10 years. She leads logistical operations related to clinical contract labor administration, contingent staffing models, staffing resource management, and special projects related to workforce strategy throughout the enterprise. A Georgia native and resident of Smyrna in Cobb County, Amanda is an alumna of Kennesaw State University’s School of Nursing. Amanda focused her clinical nursing career in cardiovascular, transplant, critical care, surgical & trauma specialties prior to transitioning to leadership. Amanda also holds a Master’s in Business Administration, which coupled with her clinical background, enables her to facilitate effective solutions in workforce management that meet the needs of both operational/financial stakeholders and clinicians on the front line of healthcare. Her current scope is optimization of existing resources for agility, internal contingent staffing resource pools and innovative options to remedy workforce dilemmas facing the healthcare landscape of today and the future.



Ty Williams – Ty is the Human Resources Generalist at Gordon Food Service where she’s worked for the past three and a half years. In this role she has responsibility for talent management and other human resource functions. For over 120 years Gordon Food Service has delivered excellence, expertise, and quality products helping customers design successful food operations and experiences. GFS has grown to become the largest family-operated broadline food distribution company in North America by upholding the same business approach since 1897—being passionately committed to the people we serve. A seasoned HR professional, Ty earned a bachelor’s degree in human resources from Baker College.



Michael L. Young – Michael serves as the training administrator and superintendent for DeKalb County Fleet Management and has been with DeKalb County for 15 years. With 35 years of experience in the automotive, truck and equipment field he is a Master ASE Certified Automotive Technician, a Master ASE Certified Truck Technician, an EVT Certified Technician and a TIA Certified Technician. Michael previously worked as a high school and technical college automotive instructor and has a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He is a member of the International Sociology Honor Society. He is also retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves.