

2021 ILCMA WINTER CONFERENCE

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(listed alphabetically)

Kevin Barr

Kevin has served as a professional public administrator for about 32 years, which provides experience and makes him feel old. He has served in a wide variety of Illinois communities including Champaign, Northbrook, Bensenville, Schiller Park and Clarendon Hills. He has served as a Village Manager for 20 years in Schiller Park (2000-2015) and currently Clarendon Hills (since 2015). Kevin has served on numerous boards and professional organizations. These include various ILCMA Committees, including chairing the Professional Development and Communications Committees, Metropolitan Managers, including a stint as President and serving on the boards of IRMA and IMET. Kevin has worked with Lissa Druss on several issues, including most recently small cell wireless installation concerns.

John Doria

John has been Director of Government Affairs for Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) since 2002. Established in 1986 and headquartered in Rosemont, IL, CBBEL is a full-service engineering company that comprehensively meets the needs of both private and public sector clients throughout Illinois and Indiana. John has built strong relationships with City Managers, Elected Officials, and other Consultants during his professional career. Along with his government affairs role for CBBEL, he is also responsible for business development and client relations. Prior to working for CBBEL, John spent 16 years in executive positions in State and County Government as well with the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, which oversees Navy Pier and the McCormick Place Convention Center. CBBEL is one of the original corporate partners of ILCMA and John is best known for planning the social activities for the ILCMA Summer Conferences for the past fifteen years.

Dr. Ed Dunkelblau, Ph.D.

Dr. Dunkelblau is the Director of the Institute for Emotionally Intelligent Learning at the Academy for SEL in Schools. A licensed Psychologist, he is an internationally known speaker and consultant on the topics of Emotional Intelligence, Social Emotional and Character Development and the Applications of Humor, laughter and play in professional settings. He has written numerous book chapters and articles and has been an organizational consultant to dozens of corporations, schools, districts and State boards of education. He is the International Coordinator for The Academy for Social Emotional Learning in Schools. He is one of the select cadre of speakers working with the U.S. Department of Defense's Yellow Ribbon reintegration program for returning service members. His work has been featured in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, USA Today, the Reader's Digest, Ladies Home Journal, on NPR, CNN and he was co-host on an episode of the Emmy award winning TV show NICK NEWS with Linda Ellerbee. He has received numerous awards including Alumnus of the year award from Columbia University Teachers College, the Distinguished Alumni award from

the University of Kansas and the Lifetime Achievement Award for Applied Humor by the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor.

Lissa Druss, Cav., OSI

For more than 30 years, Lissa, Founder and CEO of Strategia, has established a powerful reputation – from Los Angeles to Chicago and New York – as a highly seasoned communications strategist, crisis management leader, nine-time Emmy award-winning television journalist, media consultant, guest lecturer, and tireless client advisor. In addition to leading the Strategia team, she is counseling clients on issues at the intersection of government affairs and lobbying, crisis communications, municipal relations, media relations/training, corporate communications, internal/external communications strategy and social media.

Callie McFarland

Callie began working for the City of Monticello in 2004 and has served in the role of Director of Community Development since 2008. Her primary focuses are on small business development, business retention and expansion, downtown revitalization and preservation, and land use planning. Callie received her B.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois. She is a member of the American Planning Association, Illinois Development Council, Rural Partners, International Economic Development Council, and is a Certified Professional Community and Economic Developer.

Mike Franz

Mark is currently the Village Manager for the Village of Glen Ellyn, IL. He has 25 years of municipal experience and was the 2015 ILCMA President. Previously, he was the Village Manager in Homewood for eight years and has worked for the City of Evanston and the Village of Northbrook earlier in his career. He is a graduate from the Harvard of the Midwest, Indiana University, and received a M.P.A. from Northern Illinois University. He is currently the Chair of the ILCMA Committee on Professional Conduct.

Kathleen A. Gargano

Kathleen has served as the Village Manager for the Village of Hinsdale since 2013. Prior to joining the Village of Hinsdale, Kathleen served the Village of Wilmette for over 16 years in ever-increasing levels of responsibility including Assistant Village Manager and Personnel Officer.

Danny D. Langloss, Jr.

Danny is a dynamic leadership speaker and coach specializing in leadership mindset, employee engagement, creating high performing teams, high performing cultures, organizational excellence, change leadership, and crisis leadership. Danny is driven to inspire, motivate, and empower individuals and organizations to reach their full potential, so we can create a better tomorrow. Danny's leadership has been tested by the most difficult situations. Global pandemics, leading the City of Dixon back from the \$54 million Rita Crundwell theft, homicide investigations, hostage situations, school shooter incidents, major legislative reform, and creating high performing cultures across very difficult professions are just some of the leadership challenges Danny and his teams have overcome in their pursuit of excellence. Danny has applied these skills to create great teams across many different leadership roles, including city manager, police chief, state task force

chairman, legislative initiatives, not-for-profits, and private organizations. Danny believes the best way to predict the future is to create it. He is a lifelong student of leadership with more than 13 years of executive leadership experience. Danny is fueled by the value of being committed to excellence and is constantly looking for new, progressive strategies that drive employee engagement, ownership, and organizational excellence.

Todd Maisch

Since joining the Chamber in 1994, Todd has made engaging coalitions of employers the cornerstone of the Chamber's reputation as the state's leading business advocate. He puts in practice the Chamber's vision that in helping build stronger businesses, we build a stronger Illinois. President and CEO of the Chamber since 2014, Todd's leadership of a team of policy experts, business advocates, and communicators impacts the legislative, regulatory and judicial branches of government. His influence has created a network of pro-business advocates both on a state and national level. Sound tax and fiscal policy, reducing the regulatory burden on employers, pro-active economic development, promoting innovation and greater investment in our critical infrastructure are all key priorities for Todd and the Chamber. In addition, he has led the Chamber to become the voice of business at the ballot box, supporting pro-business candidates that share the same priorities. A native of Peoria, Todd earned an M.B.A. from Illinois State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Todd serves on the Steering Committee of the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition, and is a member of the U.S. Chamber Committee of 100. Todd and his wife, Kim, have two children and reside in Springfield.

Phil Modaff

Phil has served as the Director of Public Works in the Village of Carol Stream since 2010. Prior to that Phil served as Village Administrator in Willowbrook (3 years), Director of Public Works in Woodridge (9 years) and Assistant Village Administrator/Director of Public Services in Willowbrook (6 years). He started his municipal career in Lombard and filled roles in the Village Manager's office, Finance Department and Public Works.

Matt Quinn

Matt serves as the Assistant Director of Government Relations & Communications for the Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA). He is responsible for monitoring legislation and regulations that impact the restaurant and hospitality industry, disseminating this information to IRA members, and advocating on behalf of the association. Matt also directs the IRA's efforts to present the Association's programs, accomplishments, and policy positions to its members, government officials, and the public. Before working at the IRA, Matt worked for several elected officials in the Illinois House of Representatives and the Democratic Party of Illinois. He earned his B.A. degrees in Political Science and History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2012.

Adam Simon

Adam Simon is a partner with Ancel Glink and has more than 20 years' experience serving local governments. Adam emphasizes responsiveness and pragmatic solutions when counseling clients. Adam's practice focuses on a variety of areas, including public finance, zoning and economic development, real estate

law, and telecommunications. Adam serves as corporation counsel or special counsel to more than a dozen local governments throughout Illinois.

Tanya Triche, J.D.

Dr. Triche joined Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA) in 2008 and is currently the Vice-President and General Counsel and she directs the activities of the Chicago Retail Merchants Association, where she advocates on behalf of the retail industry in City Hall and the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In addition, Tanya manages IRMA's involvement in legal matters on behalf of its membership. Prior to joining IRMA, Tanya worked as a staff attorney and legislative assistant for the Chicago City Council's Committee on Finance. Tanya is an Edgar Fellow, member and former Co-Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women and serves on the Illinois Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board. Tanya earned a J.D. from Vanderbilt University and a B.A. in English from the University of Michigan. Tanya is admitted to practice law in Illinois and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ingrid S. Velkme

Ingrid S. Velkme is the Village Manager for the Village of Western Springs since 2017. Ingrid began her career in Western Springs as the Intern and later returned as the Director of Administrative Services before she assumed the Village Manager's position. She also served as the Village Administrator in Indian Head Park, IL, Assistant Village Manager in Wheeling, IL, and Manager of Program Development at IRMA. Ingrid Velkme has a M.A. in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and a B.A. in History with a minor in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago.