

Speaker Biographies

(In Order of Topic Agenda)

Dr. Greg Weeks

*Director of Labor Market and Economic Analysis
Employment Security Department*

Greg Weeks directs the Labor Market and Economic Analysis (LMEA) branch of the Washington State Employment Security Department which collects, analyzes and distributes the full range of labor market information for Washington State. He has been in this position since June 2000. Prior to being appointed LMEA Director, he served for one year as the Employment Security research coordinator for the state's TANF program.

Before entering state service in 1999, Greg Weeks was an economics professor at The Evergreen State College for 18 years. His research interests included program evaluation, welfare policy, event history analysis, and low-wage labor markets. From 1987 to 1992, he directed the Family Income Study, a large longitudinal survey of Washington's welfare population. He is currently working with the Local Employment Dynamics data, which combines state-level employment statistics with demographics data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

He has a PhD in economics from Washington State University, and received his undergraduate degree in economics from Iowa State University.

Sadie Rodriguez-Hawkins

*CGFM, Senior Assistant Director
Office of Financial Management*

Sadie Rodriguez-Hawkins is the Senior Assistant Director of the Accounting Division in the Office of Financial Management (OFM). The Accounting Division within OFM maintains state government's central books of accounts and also provides shared services (budget, accounting, and payroll) to small state agencies.

She holds a BA in Accounting, and Master degrees of Divinity and Counseling / Psychology. In 1997 she graduated from the National Hispanic Leadership Institute (NHLI), a program specifically tailored for Hispanic women and dedicated to the development of ethical leaders.

In prior years, Sadie has served as Chair of the Governor's Interagency Committee of State Employed Women and the Governor's Distinguished Managers Association.

Lyn Peters

*Director of Communications
Washington State Department of Financial Institutions*

Lyn Peters has been with Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) since June 2007. Prior to finding a new calling within the financial literacy outreach programs at DFI, she worked as a reporter, editor and readership editor in the newspaper industry. In her various career paths, Lyn has worked and played in most of Washington's counties and understands that Washingtonians from all walks of life want the financial freedom to live the life of their dreams. Working for DFI, she hopes to help at least a few people get the information they need to do just that.

Tracy Guerin

Deputy Director for the Management and Oversight of Strategic Technologies at the Department of Information Services.

Tracy Guerin began her career with Washington State at the Department of Labor and Industries. She has worked at numerous state agencies, most recently serving as the Deputy at the Office of the Secretary of State and then at Department of Corrections. She now serves as the Deputy Director for the Management and Oversight of Strategic Technologies at the Department of Information Services.

Tracy was raised in Washington State and received her Bachelor's Degree from The Evergreen State College. She has also completed the Strategic Leadership for State Executives program at Duke University and is a graduate of the Leadership Thurston County program.

Mike Ricchio

*Senior Policy and IT Consultant
Department of Information Services*

Mike Ricchio graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981. Mike received his J.D. from the University of Puget Sound, School of Law in 1985. Mike practiced law in Federal Way, Washington before taking a position with the Department of Social and Health Services in 1987. In 1997, Mike was hired as the Director of the Corporations Division for the Office of the Secretary of State. Since September of 2007, Mike has been employed as a Senior Policy and IT Consultant for the Department of Information Services.

Rebecca Henderson

*Computer Investigative Specialist
Washington State Attorney General's Office.*

Rebecca Henderson is the Computer Investigative Specialist for the Washington State Attorney General's Office. She works in the High Tech Unit of the Consumer Protection Division. She focuses on Internet-related investigations involving violations of Washington State's Consumer Protection Act and Computer Spyware Act.

Rebecca is the treasurer of the Washington State chapter of the High Tech Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA). She has completed the Internet Investigations Training Program from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Her high-tech training and certifications include: Microcomputer Applications/Support Specialist Certificate, Associate of Technical Arts Degree in Computer Information Systems with a specialization in Web Development, Digital Forensics Certificate, Network Security Specialist Certificate, CCNA, Security+, i-Net+, CSFA, and C|EH.

Representative Mark Ericks

House of Representatives, 1st District

Representative Ericks has attended Everett Junior College, Bellevue Community College, Seattle University, University of Southern California and University of Virginia. He is a Graduate of the FBI Academy.

Representative Ericks worked for the Bellevue Police Department for 18 years as a Police Officer, Detective, he has Formed and worked in the Juvenile Victims Unit, also Vice Narcotics, Hostage Negotiations (Crisis Negotiator), Property Crimes Lieutenant, and Major Crimes Commander.

Representative Ericks was also City of Bothell Police Chief for 12 years and Director of Administrative Services for three. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2005.

Dr. Charles Rubin

*Professor of Geological Science
Central Washington University*

Professor of Geological Sciences, Central Washington University, 1990, Ph.D., Geology, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. 1998-1999, Crosby Lecturer and Visiting Professor, Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 1992-1997, Research Associate, Southern California Earthquake Center, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. 1992-1995 Visiting Research Associate in Geology, Seismological Laboratory, Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

Dr. Rubin's research interests focus on the use of earthquake geology and paleoseismology to constrain earthquake occurrence in time and space. Current projects include: 1) Paleoseismic studies of repeated giant earthquakes on the Sunda subduction megathrust, northern Sumatra, 2) Investigating slip-per-event, surface rupture propagation and relaxation along the San Andreas fault, California and Denali fault, Alaska, and 3) Determining potential size and recurrence of earthquakes generated along reverse-slip faults, southern California, China, and Taiwan.

Dr. Rubin's early work on reverse faults led to the discovery of prehistoric large earthquakes in metropolitan Los Angeles. More recently, my students and I have studied the active faults of Taiwan to assess earthquake hazards and seismic risk. I was the lead scientist on the National Science Foundation, post-earthquake response team after the 1999 Chi-chi earthquake, Taiwan and the 2002 Denali earthquake, Alaska. Recently, I began a National Science Foundation supported multidisciplinary study on the recurrence and magnitude of giant earthquakes in west Sumatra. These earthquakes produced the devastating giant Sumatran earthquakes and Indian Ocean tsunamis of 2004 and 2005 and provided a sobering reminder of the social and economic cost of such earthquakes.

Sanjeev Batta

President, Cayzun Technologies

Sanjeev Batta is the founder and president of Cayzen Technologies, an Olympia based IT solutions provider specializing in enterprise architecture, project management, business intelligence and custom software development using Microsoft technologies. Sanjeev brings over 15 years of experience in IT leadership, technology and creating high performance teams.

Sanjeev embraced the "Speed of Trust" over a year ago and with his passion has implemented the concept organically across his projects, customers and community with great results. Cayzen has given away 300+ copies of the Book in a community owned model to spread this much needed ingredient of "Trust" in today's economic environment.

Sanjeev founded Cayzen on the principles of sustainable and enduring business value for his customers and has worked in many capacities across more than a dozen Washington state agencies. Under Sanjeev's leadership Cayzen continues to be a community partner and sponsor in Information Technology as well as other socially responsible programs such as the Combined Fund Drive.

Bruce Christofferson

Information Security Manager

Bruce Christofferson is known as an innovative, results-oriented Information Technology/Security professional with over 25 years of visible achievements providing solid technological, business, mobile technology security, information security risk management, security program development, and physical security solutions.

He is driven to meet customer needs; improve processes; inspire teams toward performance excellence; and to see projects to their successful completion. Until recently, Bruce lead the Mobile Technology Security Center for AT&T and was a featured speaker at their recent CyberSecurity Conference.

Bruce is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM). He is also an inventor and recently filed a patent in the area of broad spectrum RF intrusion detection systems.