Actuarial Society of Greater New York

2022 ASNY ANNUAL MEETING – PRESENTER BIOS

BIOS - General Sessions

David Driscoll, MAAA, EA, FSA, FCA | Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline
General Session: The Code, the ASOPs, and the ABCD

David Driscoll is chairperson of the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline. From 2003 through 2006, he served as a member of the Pension Committee of the Actuarial Standards Board, which develops and maintains the Actuarial Standards of Practice applicable to actuarial work in the United States. In 2015 and 2016, he served as a member of the General Committee of the Actuarial Standards Board and in that capacity headed the task force that revised ASOP No. 23. He is a principal and consulting actuary at Buck, where he serves as a National Public-Sector Consulting Leader. He consults to a wide variety of public-sector clients. He also serves as a member of the California Actuarial Advisory Panel.

Pauline Reimer, ASA, MAAA | Pryor Associates Executive Search
General Session: Current Industry Trends Impacting Hiring

Named top recruiting firm by Dun & Bradstreet, Pryor has 5 decades of insurance placement experience.

Pauline Reimer directs the Actuarial, Modeling & Risk Division since 1986, after working as an actuary herself. An ASA, MAAA, affiliate member of CAS and IFoA, she serves on SoA E&I Section Council and ASNY's Executive Board.

Pauline handles each assignment personally. Her placement records of 99% retention rate & retained search success ratio confirm her status as a preeminent actuarial recruiter worldwide. Her motto is "It Takes One To Know One…An Actuary Placing Actuaries (and Related Professionals)".

Dave Sandberg, FSA, MAAA, CERA | Charles Rivers and Associates
General Session: A Conversation about AI, Machine Learning and the Future

David Sandberg, FSA, MAAA, CERA is currently a Senior Consultant with Charles Rivers and Associates and an advisor to SDI Refinery, an InsurTech start-up company. Dave's background includes almost 30 years at Allianz Life with responsibilities for Financial Reporting, Solvency, Modeling, Experience Analysis, Government Relations and Reinsurance. He is the Vice-Chair of the Academy's Data Science and Analytics Committee and this last year chaired the SOA's InsurTech Committee.

He graduated from Brigham Young University and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren all living near him in the Twin Cities.

Amanda Turcotte FSA, MAAA | Brella Insurance
General Session: A Conversation about AI, Machine Learning and the Future

Amanda Turcotte, FSA, MAAA is Chief Insurance Officer of Brella Insurance, an InsureTech startup committed to providing financial support to help people on their way to recovery after a serious health issue. Brella believes health hardship shouldn't mean financial hardship. In this role, Amanda oversees all elements of the insurance value chain, from product design and pricing, to underwriting, claims, and risk management.

Amanda brings deep insurance expertise in designing and managing innovative solutions in both the life and health insurance markets. Before joining Brella, Amanda was Chief Product Officer of Ostraa, expanding access to affordable, reliable, and transparent insurance products in the Low- and Middle-Income markets. She founded Turcotte Consulting in 2017, advising clients on life and health insurance product development using human-centered design research. A member of the Impact Insurance Academy in 2019, a program hosted at the International Training Center of the ILO in Turin, Italy, Amanda collaborated with insurance professionals from around the globe, focusing on improving access and affordability to insurance products for traditionally underserved groups.

Amanda was Chief Actuary and Head of Product, Pricing and Underwriting for the AXA U.S. Employee Benefits business. She led the team responsible for designing and bringing AXA's Employee Benefits product suite to market. Also at AXA, Amanda led the New Products/New Markets team for AXA's Individual Life business, and managed the Reinsurance and Individual Health businesses. Prior to joining AXA, Amanda was a pricing specialist for Accident & Benefit Life at Chubb and an associate actuary at Prudential Financial. She began her actuarial career at Guardian Life Insurance Company as an actuarial student.

Amanda graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and French Language (double major). An active alumna, she gives back to her alma mater by serving as a mentor in the University of Alabama Culverhouse mentor program.

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BIOS - BREAKOUT SESSION #1

Lisa Grieco, ASA | Oliver Wyman

Breakout Session 1a: Mortality improvement trends by socioeconomic drivers & COVID-18 excess mortality

Lisa Grieco is a Consultant with the Actuarial Practice of Oliver Wyman. Lisa graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2021. She pioneered the use of R-Shiny within the US Life Practice. She assists companies in performing robust experience studies with data driven analysis. Lisa has been engaged in mortality related industry research for more than two years (including her senior thesis at UConn)..

Peng Yang, FSA, CERA, MAAA | Oliver Wyman

Breakout Session 1a: Mortality improvement trends by socioeconomic drivers & COVID-18 excess mortality

Peng Yang is a Manager with the US Life Actuarial Practice of Oliver Wyman. Peng has over 10 years of experience in the insurance space, specializing in Variable Annuities product strategy that targets growth while minimizing regulatory reserve and capital requirements. Peng also specializes in AXIS modeling, working on model modernization efforts to increase transparency, efficiency, and usability..

Matthew Wolf | Dayforward

Breakout Session 1b: Building Underwriting Software: Automation Failures & Successes

Matthew Wolf is the Head of Product and Actuary at Dayforward, a new, fully digital life insurance carrier. As the insurance and digital product owner, Matthew leads a variety of the company's efforts including insurance product design and pricing, data analytics, software product management of Dayforward's proprietary software, insurance product filing, and accelerated underwriting program development. Prior to joining Dayforward, Matt held leadership roles at MassMutual's Haven Life where he led the Actuarial Product Development and Data Analytics teams and at Zurich and AXA Equitable Life Insurance Companies.

Thomas Germano | Haven Techonologies

Breakout Session 1b: Building Underwriting Software: Automation Failures & Successes

Thomas Germano is a product owner for Underwriting SaaS Products at Haven Technologies where he is focused on building generalized Underwriting tools that allow for business user configuration of their Underwriting programs. Prior to Haven Technologies, Thomas worked as a product owner at UPS, working on the Harmonized Enterprise Analytics tool which helped UPS achieve a higher level of predictive data analytics capabilities, improving our customers' experience and generating operational efficiencies while also helping to reduce our carbon footprint through data driven decisions. Thomas' background in efficacy and data driven decisions brings a new perspective to both the insurtech and life insurance space.

Brittany Lee | SCOR

Breakout Session 1b: Building Underwriting Software: Automation Failures & Successes

Brittany is a Senior Acutary on the Partnerships team at SCOR - a global reinsurance company - where she is focused on the Life business. She works with a variety of partners to bring new insurance products to market with the goal of improving and innovating the customer journey within the insurance world. At SCOR Brittany also supports the new business reinsurance pricing on these new products. Prior to SCOR, she worked at Haven Life as a Pricing & Technology Actuary at Haven Life focused on pricing their product portfolio (Term, Disability Insurance, Deferred Income Annuity) and building out their home-grown policy admin system. She also worked at MassMutual's Investment Management team building models in Python

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Priyanka Srivastava | Deloitte
Breakout Session 1c: Data Governance for LDTI

Priyanka is a senior manager with over 15 years of experience in Deloitte's Actuarial and Insurance Solutions practice. Priyanka specializes in the area of risk management and predictive analytics for insurance and annuity products. She has worked extensively in the area of predictive analytics, specifically the design and development of risk and marketing analytics solutions for Life Insurance, Property & Casualty Insurance, Banking and Retail.

Priyanka has led the design and implementation of multi-year transformation roadmaps and predictive analytics solutions for insurance modernization initiatives including advisor/customer strategy, digitization and automation of underwriting, analytics to monitor and manage the inforce business (including analytics on key economic and actuarial assumptions to drive business insights) process redesign and related internal operationalization of solutions across people, process, technology and data dimensions at several leading insurance providers..

Thomas Chamberlain, ASA, MAAA | Deloitte
Breakout Session 1c: Data Governance for LDTI

Tom over 20 years of experience in the life insurance industry. Before joining Deloitte Consulting, he had 8 years of industry experience. This industry experience included financial reporting and valuation responsibilities under US GAAP, statutory and tax reserves, actuarial financial reporting analytics, tax reserve strategies and new product valuation systems and administrative systems implementation.

In addition to Tom's attest client support, he advises complex financial reporting topics that impact actuarial balances, modeling and valuation, assumption setting and financial analysis. He is also currently one of the leads for the internal Deloitte Technical Excellence Group that assist clients with Principles Based Reserves, US GAAP Long Duration Targeted Improvements and Tax Reform.

Tom is an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries (AAA) and present regularly at Society of Actuaries (SOA) meetings. Tom is the co-author of the Actuarial Model Governance Survey that was published by the SOA.

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BIOS - BREAKOUT SESSION #2

Alexander Tall, FSA, MAAA | Oliver Wyman
Breakout Session 2a: Actuarial Governance: What is the Value? What is the Cost?

Alexander Tall is a Manager with the Actuarial Practice of Oliver Wyman and is based in New York. He has experience leading model development, conversion, and validation projects using a variety of actuarial modeling platforms with a focus actuarial governance and risk management frameworks. He has also been involved in setting and benchmarking key assumptions for major insurers.

Before joining Oliver Wyman, Alex worked at as an actuarial consultant at Ernst & Young, where his focus was model risk management, model validation, and model transformation/conversion efforts.

Prior to returning to school to study actuarial science, Alex worked as an opera singer, performing on stages throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Richard Hoffer, FSA, MAAA | Oliver Wyman
Breakout Session 2a: Actuarial Governance: What is the Value? What is the Cost?

Richard Hoffer is a Manager with the Actuarial Practice of Oliver Wyman and is based in Hartford. His primary responsibilities are to provide actuarial consulting services to various insurance entities and organizations. Richard is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He joined Oliver Wyman in March 2019. He holds two Bachelors Degrees in Finance and Actuarial Science from Binghamton University.

Rich Lauria | Columbia University
Breakout Session 2b: Mental Accounting and its Impact on ERM

Rich Lauria is a member of the full-time faculty of Columbia University, teaching in the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program of the School for Professional Studies since August 2019. He has developed and taught the “Insurance Risk Management”, “External Stakeholder Perspectives”, Cognitive Bias and ERM, and “Capstone” courses currently offered in the program.

Previously, Rich was at Assurant, Inc., a Fortune 300 specialty niche insurer, rising to the level of Senior Vice President with regular interactions with the company’s C-suite. Rich made significant contributions to the evolution of ERM at Assurant, and led the Company’s enterprise risk modeling. He also piloted Assurant’s Global Insurance Purchasing program and served on several company risk committees, including as co-chair of the ERM Committee. Treasury & Risk Management named Rich to its 2011 list of "100 Most Influential People in Finance". A graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, he is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a holder of the Chartered Financial Analyst designation

Michael Frank | Aquarius Capital, a division of Risk Strategies
Breakout Session 2c: Trends in Healthcare Provider Billing and Insurance (New Perspective on Ethics and Professionalism)

Michael Frank is the founder and president of Aquarius Capital. He is an actuary with more than thirty (30) years of experience, including more than twenty-five (25) years in the capacity of chief actuary. He has executive management experience with organizations in insurance, reinsurance, managed care and employee benefits for US and international corporations. For ASNY, he had served as President and Chairperson for Continuing Education plus moderates an annual chief actuaries’ meeting for more than ten years. He also served as an instructor for the Society of Actuaries LEARN program educating US and Caribbean insurance regulators on reinsurance plus served on several advisory boards including the University of Michigan Actuarial program, which he is an alum. For additional information, including presentations, published articles and other industry activities, visit www.aquariuscapital.com.