Opening Keynote Speaker

Benito Ybarra

2022-23 Chairman of The IIA's Global Board of Directors, and Chief Audit and Compliance Officer, Texas Department of Transportation

Benito's theme for his Global Chairmanship is "One IIA – Building Trust Together." The One IIA concept aspires to harness the power of Internal Audit professionals worldwide and recognize opportunities for collaboration and improvement. Benito has made a commitment to work through geographic, cultural, and industry diversity, ensuring that all global members feel connected, understood, and supported — and that no matter their career position, location, or language, we all operate as One IIA.

Benito is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP) with more than 25 years of extensive audit, compliance, and investigation experience. As Chief Audit and Compliance Officer for the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin, TX, he focuses on improving organizational practices, risk management, accountability, and governance through value-driven audits, evaluations, investigations, and advisory services engagements. He also serves as a Texas State Department Representative to the Southwest Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

Kelly Richmond Pope

Professor of Accounting, DePaul University

Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope is the Dr. Barry Jay Epstein Endowed Professor of Accounting at DePaul University in Chicago, IL. She is a nationally recognized expert in forensic accounting and white-collar crime research and is also an award-winning educator, researcher, author, and documentary filmmaker. Her upcoming book "Fool Me Once: Scam, Stories and Secrets from the Trillion Dollar Fraud Industry" published by Harvard Business Review Press will be released in March 2023.

Dr. Pope's research focuses on organizational misconduct, ethics and fraud, and corporate culture and compliance systems designed to confront these challenges. Her research on executive misconduct culminated in directing and producing the award-winning documentary, "All the Queen's Horses" in 2017, that explored the largest municipal fraud in U.S. history. In 2018, Dr. Pope became a TED speaker with her impactful and timely TED Talk entitled "How whistle-blowers shape history", which has been viewed over 1.6 million times and translated into 20 languages. In 2020, the American Institute of CPAs and the CPA Practice Advisor named Dr. Pope among the top 25 most powerful women in accounting.

Dr. Pope currently serves as a board member and chairs the audit committee of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. She is a frequent international speaker to numerous corporations, nonprofits, and government agencies. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from North Carolina A&T State University and her Masters in Accountancy and Doctorate in Accounting from Virginia Tech. She is a licensed CPA in North Carolina.

Closing Keynote Speaker

Chad Littlefield

Co-Founder and Chief Experience Officer

Chad is the co-founder and Chief Experience Officer of *We and Me* (www.weand.me)—an organization whose mission is to help leaders, educators, and events *make connection easy*. *Forbes* calls Chad a "global expert on asking questions that build trust and connection in teams." He is a TEDx speaker, bestselling author, and creator of *Connection Toolkit*™, which is now being used to create conversations that matter on campuses and companies in over 80 countries around the world. Most recently, Chad and his late partner Will Wise launched their books *How to Make Virtual Engagement Easy* and *Ask Powerful Questions: Create Conversations that Matter,* both #1 Amazon Bestsellers.

Chad has led workshops, trainings, retreats, and interactive keynotes at JetBlue, Starbucks, Conscious Capitalism International, Johnson & Johnson, Penn State, Notre Dame, George Mason University, Typeform, Goodwill, and hundreds of events. Feel free to meet Chad via his free resources and weekly videos right here or connect with him on LinkedIn.

Speaker Profiles

Sarah Adams
Managing Director, Deloitte

Sarah has more than 30 years of audit, technology, operations, and IT risk and controls experience. She serves some of the firm's most influential clients, bringing deep experience and innovation to their Internal Audit function. As the global leader of Deloitte's Agile Internal Audit practice, she works with multiple fortune 500 clients using agile to implement innovation and create high performing teams. Before joining Deloitte, Sarah served as the Global Audit Director for The Walt Disney Company. Prior to that, she was an Internal Audit AVP for the Americas Division of Westpac Banking Corporation. She is a CISA and CRISC and has ICAgile ICP, ACC and AFT certifications.

Robert Berry
President, That Audit Guy

Rob Berry is just a guy who is passionate about auditing. He is the author of two wildly popular audit books ("Ask Better Questions, Get Better Answers, Perform Better Audits" and "Creating Wonderful Workpapers"), cohosts two audit related podcasts ("Audit Bites" and "The Friday Fraudster"), has done keynotes at several IIA conferences, and travels training auditors on how to Activate Your Auditing Awesomeness™.

Sonny Brandtner
Partner, Crowe LLP

Sonny serves on the Board of Governors of the IIA Houston Chapter. He is active with the National Association of Corporate Directors and is one of 1200 professionals that have earned the NACD Directorship Certification. Sonny has had the opportunity to work with numerous public, private and non-for-profit boards over his 30 year career. Sonny is a risk and controls consulting partner with Crowe.

Chad DeJohn

Director, Performance Improvement and Product Development, Revenew International

Chad has over 25 years of professional experience with progressive roles over the course of his career. He has provided consulting and internal audit services related to technology risks, operational risks, and finance/accounting risks across numerous industries. Chad started with Revenew in 2022 and helps companies with their cost containment, cost recovery, and performance improvement strategies. Chad holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management of Information Systems from Lamar University, Beaumont. He started his career at Arthur Andersen where he was promoted to manager before becoming a founding member of Protiviti. He later moved to Deloitte where he spent 10 years in the Advisory practice before transitioning to KPMG as a Managing Director focusing on internal audit. Chad is a member of The IIA and ISACA and holds the CISA certification.

Jaime Gutierrez

Vice President Risk and Compliance, RGP

Jaime has more than 20 years of hands-on experience delivering governance, risk, and compliance services. He is responsible for developing RGP's capabilities, including ESG, to assist clients in properly identifying and managing their enterprise risks through delivery of robust internal audit capabilities for both regulatory compliance and operational efficiency and effectiveness. He has provided Sarbanes-Oxley Internal Controls over Financial Reporting advisory services since the Act's inception in 2002. Jaime earned an MBA and is a CIA, CRMA, and CFE.

Ryan Hubbs

Global Anticorruption and Fraud Manager, SLB

Ryan has over 22 years of experience conducting and managing corporate investigations, forensic audits, and compliance initiatives. He is the former chair of the ACFE's board of regents, a former ACFE faculty member, and a recipient of both the ACFE's James R. Baker and Hubbard awards. He is a highly rated public speaker for the ACFE and The IIA, having presented at numerous ACFE conferences and IIA Houston Conferences as well as a repeat presenter at The IIA All-Stars. He is a CIA and CFE.

David Kirtland

Internal Audit Director, REV Renewables

David has over 20 years of operations, compliance, and internal audit experience, including financial and operational audits as well as Sarbanes Oxley implementation and testing. He has worked with numerous companies to provide education for various stakeholders and practitioners on all aspects of fraud, risk, and controls. He has also been a member of the board of directors for the Houston ACFE Chapter for a decade, helping the chapter become one of the most recognized leaders in fraud training around the world. He is a CPA, CIA, and CFE.

David Marks
Director of Internal Audit, Enbridge

With over 20 years of experience, David focuses on building and supporting teams that provide pragmatic and value-added solutions to business partners. David has held various senior roles including public accounting, head of Internal Audit, Director of Compliance and Risk, and most recently Director Internal Audit at Enbridge, where the team has developed and implemented an Integrated Audit Program amalgamating risk and compliance audits. David is a CPA in Texas and Alberta, CIA, and CFE.

Craig Nishimura
Vice President and Chief Assurance Officer, Weatherford International

Craig is a risk management executive with over 26 years of professional services and industry experience working with companies to implement, enhance, or transform their internal audit and risk management functions, including on several advisory projects designed to streamline processes and implement automation. Craig leads the Internal Audit function at Weatherford, a global energy services provider, where he is responsible for internal audit, internal controls, ERM, fraud risk management, and assurance related to service quality and HSE. Craig was previously at various Big 4 firms, including most recently as a Risk Advisory Partner focused on GRC technology enablement, compliance, business resilience, and contract compliance. Craig has facilitated industry and topical CAE roundtables and is a CPA and CIA.

Morgan Page
Partner - Digital Transformation and Automation, Weaver

With 13 years of business experience, Morgan works with organizations at all stages of their digital transformation journey defining and delivering results that are sustainable, scalable, and aligned with the needs of the organization. He programs in multiple languages and has an in-depth knowledge of accounting and operations, providing unique insights for his clients. He regularly operates as a subject matter advisor on data visualizations, process automations, application implementations, performing technical analyses, and developing data models.

J. Michael "Mike" Peppers
Chairman, The IIA's International Internal Audit Standards Board, and
Chief Audit Executive, University of Texas System

J. Michael "Mike" Peppers is Chief Audit Executive for The University of Texas System. He oversees the internal audit function for a university system that provides education, health care, and research at 13 academic and health institutions. It has over 243,000 students and an annual operating budget of more than $23 billion. Over a 35-year career that began in public accounting, Mike has led progressive internal audit activities at major not-for-profit organizations in higher education and health care. He has held numerous volunteer board and leadership positions. He served on The IIA's Global Board of Directors (Global Chairman 2017-18), The IIA's North American Board (Chairman 2012-13), and International Internal Audit Standards Board (current Chairman). Mike is a CIA, QIAL, CRMA, and CPA.

Lindsey Rael
Vice President of Internal Audit, Flowserve

Lindsey helped insource the Internal Audit function at Flowserve Corporation, a $3.5B revenue global manufacturing company. She helped create an Internal Audit team of 30 across the US, Mexico, Hungary, and India. Lindsey has a passion for global team management, business process improvement, audit, and controls. She began her career at Deloitte and then was an internal auditor at Continental/United Airlines and in finance at BP. Lindsey graduated from Texas A&M University and is a CPA.

Zubin Rasheed
Director Advisory, KPMG LLP

Zubin is a Houston-based Director in KPMG's Governance, Risk and Compliance Technology practice and has served global clients for 10 years across various industry sectors. He has experience managing advisory teams in support of a wide range of Implementation Support, Analytics, RPA, Security, and Risk Assessments across the Oil & Gas, Energy, and Technology industries. Zubin is an emerging technology innovation champion in KPMG's Energy Technology Risk practice and has earned his CISA certification.

Vivek Sinha
CEO & Founder, Janus Advisory and Consulting Services

Vivek is a finance professional with 25 years of international experience in consulting, assurance, shared services, compliance, and governance. He specializes in assisting companies with global operating model changes, outsourcing strategies, robotics strategies, and back/ middle office transformations including enterprise transformation, process excellence, and automation. He has extensive, hands-on strategy, innovation and technology experience demonstrating cross-functional team leadership. Vivek advises clients across multiple industries with focus on Digital Transformation (Automation) leveraging Robotic & Cognitive Process Automation, Data Analytics, and Process Management. He is recognized for his organizational and thought leadership, people and program management, and crisis management expertise. He has a degree in Economics, a Chartered Accountancy from India, is a CFE, and serves on the boards of the ACFE Houston Chapter and the ARC of Harris County.

Justin Turner
Director, Protiviti

Justin specializes in cybersecurity solutions within the Energy & Utilities and Manufacturing industry segments. He has over 11 years of experience in Cybersecurity, assisting clients of diverse sizes across multiple industries. As Protiviti's firm-wide leader in Industrial Control Systems (ICS), Operational Technology (OT), and SCADA Cybersecurity, Justin has assisted clients in ICS/SCADA Security Assessments as well as design and implementation of governance and controls supporting enterprise-wide ICS/SCADA cybersecurity programs.