2019 Spring Conference Presenters Biographies

Christian Anderson, Consultant, Macro Connect
Christian is a Consultant in the School Data Practice at Macro Connect. His responsibilities include management of client student data systems, state and federal reporting for schools, and program development. Prior to joining MC, Christian served as a school principal, a school district administrator for an all blended learning charter school network, and as an elementary school teacher.

Kelly Ballor, Office Manager/Administrative Assistant for NexTech High School of Lansing
Kelly is the Office Manager/Administrative Assistant for NexTech High School of Lansing (Charter School) for this school year. Prior to this year, she worked at Eaton Rapids Public Schools for 10 years. In both positions, I have been responsible for all mandated state reporting, McKinney-Vento (Homeless Liaison), and enrolled all students within the districts along with several other duties. I have been a member of MPAAA for the past 6 years and on the MPAAA as the Pupil Accounting Representative for the past 2 years.

Jessica Beagle, Financial Analyst, Office of Financial Management, MDE
Jessica is a financial analyst with the Office of Financial Management, State Aid and School Finance unit. She is experienced with pupil accounting matters and serves as the point of contact for travel waivers, forgiven day waivers, 23a claims and calculations, and days and clock hours questions. She also serves as the state expert for district indirect cost rates and questions related to the MDE calculated rates.

Brandon Baryo, PK-12 Student Analyst, CEPI
Brandon is a PK-12 Student Analyst with CEPI. He has been with CEPI for about 2.5 years. The general areas that he is specializing in is the MSDS TSDL and General collections, and more recently has begun working with GAD and Audit data. During his time at CEPI, Brandon has coordinated multiple TSDL and General collections as well as managing numerous projects that are required to make the necessary updates to the MSDS application. This is the third MPAAA conference that Brandon has had the opportunity to present.

Katherine Caron, **Director Student Services, Michigan International Prep Schools**
Katherine is currently serving as Director Student Services for Michigan International Prep School. She has been working 10 years in K-12 Public Education in Michigan in Alternative Education and currently focused on Innovative Programming. Katherine has been a member of MPAAA since 2012 and has been an active member of the board for three years.

Brian Ciloski, Departmental Specialist, MDE Office of Financial Management, State Aid and School Finance Unit
Brian is a specialist with the Michigan Department of Education, State Aid, and School Finance Unit. In his current position, he manages the financial and administrative activities associated with pupil accounting.

Janell Craig, Senior Business Analyst, Oakland Schools
Janell has been working in public education since 1995 and has experience at the local building, district and ISD level. She is a proud member of MPAAA since 2004 and is honored to serve on the

MPAAA Board and the membership of this organization as a Member At Large. She has extensive background and experience with student data related issues such as state and federal reporting, system design and implementation, data management, data analysis and project management. Janell is currently employed at Oakland Schools as a Senior Business Analyst where she serves as the Data Hub GMEC Consortium Support Specialist and is part of a team which supports MISTAR for the Wayne-Oakland Consortium; the county-wide student information solution used in Livingston, Oakland, and Wayne counties.

Don Dailey, Project Director, Kalamazoo RESA
Don has worked at Kalamazoo RESA for over 27 years as programmer, technology director, and as executive director for a regional data consortium. Those roles gave him an extensive background in school data systems and data systems integration. In July 2013, Don was selected as project manager for the TRIG Data Integration Project and now serves as Director for the Michigan Data Hub, which resulted from the initiative.

Rob Deitzel, Thrun Law
Rob regularly presents to public school officials on special education, disability rights, and general school law. Rob joined Thrun Law Firm in 2008, before joining the firm, Rob was an assistant attorney general with the Michigan Department of Attorney General. He graduated from Michigan State University (B.A., with honors, 2001) and the Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2004).

Kristen Depaolis, Operations Technician, Macomb ISD
Kristen has been employed with the Macomb Intermediate School District for fifteen years. She spent twelve of those years in the Instructional Technology Department where she supported the MISD meeting rooms with modern technology. She joined the Management Technology Department - Help Desk in 2016 where she continues to expand her knowledge by utilizing the MISD's MISDmsds program, PowerSchool, Performance Matters, and supports daily Help Desk operations.

Trevor DeVeaux, **Director of Student Services, Pennfield Schools**
Trevor has served multiple capacities in Education. After serving Lakeview School District of Battle Creek as a teacher for six years, he has been an administrator in Pennfield Schools for the past eight years. He has implemented at-risk programming as both a school principal and most recently, Director of Student Services. Through this experience, Trevor has learned the ins and outs of Section 31A programming and the importance of accurate reporting.

Rob Dickinson, Executive Director, MPAAA
With 20 years as the Pupil Accounting Coordinator for Grand Rapids Public Schools, Rob has dealt with just about every pupil accounting situation. His time as Data Collections Manager for CEPI gave him valuable insights in how data is collected at the State level, and how those processes work. He's an experienced presenter who has spoken on pupil accounting topics across the State for many years.

Tina Foote, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), MDE
Tina has been with the Division of Accountability Services (DAS) for 16 years working with districts and school on the OEAA Secure Site. This includes speaking at conferences, training and supporting the assessment and accountability call centers, and trainings in the intermediate school districts.

Also, over the past 5 years working with the student pupil accounting staff at the districts to ensure that MSDS data is submitted correctly and timely for assessment and accountability reporting.

Caitlin Groom, Data Collections Analyst, CEPI
Caitlin is a Data Collections Analyst with CEPI. She has been with CEPI for just shy of four years, starti ng out on the Customer Support Team, and moving to the Collections team about two years ago. Caitlin is the lead analyst for the REP, SID and EEM applications. Prior to CEPI, she taught t hird grade at a local elementary school here in Michigan.

Anne Hansknecht, Senior Date Collections Analyst, CEPI
Anne is a Senior Data Collections Analyst with CEPI. She started her CEPI life in 2012. She works with the MSDS application primarily focusing on the General Collections and the SRM Collection. She's also the back up for the Early Childhood and TSDL collections. Her primary knowledge emphasis within the MSDS is focused on Special Education and special populations (English Learner, Migrant, and Homeless).

Christina Hay, **IT System Specialist & Pupil Accounting Specialist, TBAISD**
Christina recently started a new job with the Traverse Bay Area ISD. Previously she worked for the Fenton Area Public Schools for over 20 years and the PowerSchool Administrator/Pupil Accounting/Student Data Coordinator for 15 years.

Caitlin Hengesbach, Audit Manager, MDE
Caitlin is a CPA and is the Audit Manager of the Audits Unit in the Office of Financial Management of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), which provides technical assistance and oversight of financial and pupil membership audits. She also serves as the audit liaison between the Michigan Office of the Auditor General, the Michigan Office of Financial Management's Office of Internal Audit Services, federal grantor agencies, and the program offices within MDE.

Jan Jenema, Data & Support Services Coordinator, Cadillac Area Public Schools
Jan has worked for Cadillac Area Public School as the Data Assessment Specialist for six years. Prior to that she was an Administrative Assistant for 15 years at McBain Rural Agricultural Schools. She is currently responsible for pupil accounting, all state reporting (MSDS, TSDL, CRDC, SID, EEM). I oversee eight buildings with their pupil accounting/student data and offer Power School training to all Administrative Assistants/Staff. With being the Data and Support Services Coordinator for her district she provides all buildings with graphs/charts for assessments and data analysis for grants and she verifies that students are properly assigned in DAS secure site for testing.

Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations, MASSP
Bob Kefgen brings over fifteen years of experience in state politics to MASSP, with a focus on education and human services policy. He began his career in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he worked as a legislative aide and eventually chief of staff. He spent two years as legislative liaison for the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Sherine Lance, Early Childhood Data Collection Analyst, CEPI
Sherine joined CEPI in April 2018 as a data collection analyst. She works with the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) application with primary responsibility focused on the Early Childhood data collection. Sherine has assisted with the coordination of MSDS Early Childhood updates related to

policies, procedures and projects as well as the development of business rules and user support documentation.

Barbette Lane, Pupil Accounting/Data Base Auditor, Wexford-Missaukee ISD
Barbette has been employed with WMISD since August 2002 as their Pupil Accounting/Data Base Auditor. She became a member of MPAAA in 2002. Over the years, she has been on the Program Committee, Newsblast Editor, and Secretary, President-Elect, President and is the current Past President. After her first round of audits, she began working toward electronic audits "Green Audits". Since 2009 she has strictly audited electronically and is assisting others in the process as this process/program moves statewide. Beginning 2017-2018 with the help of MPAAAA the "Green Audits" became available for ISD/Districts to use and there is currently ten ISD using the system.

Ross Lemke, Privacy Technical Assistance Center, United States Department of Education
Ross serves as the manager for the U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) with over 14 years of experience providing technical assistance around education data. He helps state and local education agencies, schools, districts and postsecondary institutions develop an understanding of FERPA, privacy and data security. Prior to his work with PTAC Ross has provided TA around numerous U.S. Department of Education data collections including ED*Facts*, Civil Rights Data Collection and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Eric Lipinski, Departmental Specialist, MDE
Eric works with various initiatives related to flexible learning options at the Michigan Department of Education, including Dual Enrollment, Alternative Education, and Online/Blended learning.

Holly Scott, Pupil Accounting and Data Coordinator, Holt Public Schools
Holly has been in her current position for 3 years. She has extensive experience and brings great knowledge from the local district perspective with her 19 years in Holt, working as a secretary at the Junior High School, Community Education and Curriculum. Prior to her time in Holt she was also an Elementary secretary for 11 years in the Lansing School District.

Jill Slaght, Pupil Auditor and Truancy Coordinator, Calhoun Intermediate School District
Jill is currently working as a Pupil Auditor and Truancy Coordinator for Calhoun Intermediate School District. Jill and her team members provide auditing and training for three counties. Prior to joining CISD nine years ago, Jill worked for several years in the Michigan State Senate and the US House of Representatives.

Joel Thiele, PK12 Student Services Manager, CEPI
Joel joined CEPI in 2011 after spending 5 years as an application specialist at Genesee ISD and was promoted to PK12 Student Services Manager in March 2019. He leads staff, projects, and initiatives relating to student and educational entity data. Joel works as a liaison with key state agencies and Michigan public schools and continues to play an active role in data integration efforts to streamline the collection of data.

Kathi Thornton, Data Specialist/State Reporting, Kent ISD
Kathi has been with Kent ISD for four years as a Data Specialist in State Reporting. Kathi has been in the Pupil Accounting field for 17 years serving in districts from 2,000-10,000 students. Her current position entails state reporting at the ISD level and assisting local LEAs and PSA with their submission

processes. Kathi has represented the MPAAA for six years holding positions on the planning committee, Sargent of Arms and currently is the Membership and Marking Chair.

Kristina Tokar, Assistant Director of Technology and Pupil Accounting Manager, Lansing School District

Kristina has worked in Pupil Accounting for 10 years and is the Assistant Director of Technology for the Lansing School District. In this position, she oversees all issues related to pupil accounting, enrollment, and software integration for the District. Kristina has been a member of MPAAA for 10 years and began serving as a board member 5 years ago.

Melisa Tront, Database Administrator, St. Joseph Count ISD

Melisa is currently the database administrator for St Joseph County ISD. In this role, she deals with everything data related, from keeping district's updated on state reporting changes to updating our PowerSchool servers. She has been a member of MPAAA for around 8 or 9 years and serve on the CEPI DCAC (Data Collection Advisory Committee). Melisa is also very much involved with the MiDataHubs. I serve on the Operations Advisory Committee, the Actionable Data Advisory Committee and I'm also a Data Hub Support Specialist.

Chad Urchike, Financial Analyst, MDE

Chad has been with the Michigan Department of Education since November 2012. He works with financially troubled districts, collaborating with the Michigan Department of Treasury and facilitating the deficit elimination plan process. Chad also monitors school district websites, ensuring compliance with Budget Transparency requirements found in the state school aid act. In December 2018, he started processing Labor Day waivers.