

Biographies



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Dr. Michael Alles is a Professor at the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Rutgers Business School. Prior to Rutgers, he taught at the University of Texas at Austin, New York University and Southern Methodist University. Dr. Alles holds a PhD from Stanford Business School and a First Class Honors in Economics from the Australian National University. His research is on continuous auditing, management accounting and corporate governance. He is the editor of the International Journal of Disclosure & Governance, published by Palgrave Macmillan in London, and associate editor of the International Journal of Accounting Information Systems, as well as serving on the editorial boards of various other governance and AIS journals.



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Deniz Appelbaum is a PhD Candidate of Accounting Information Systems at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, USA. She has written and/or presented papers on fraud detection systems, belief networks, CA/CM for nonprofits, Big Data, and XBRL reporting of local government financial statements. Her current dissertation work is focused on the use of audit analytics in the external audit model.



Sebastian Bal

*Managing Director
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Sebastian Bal is a managing director of Thauris, a fast-growing company based in The Hague (Netherlands) specialised in optimising business reporting and analysis processes using the latest (proven) technologies and open standards. Thauris' clients include a variety of government agencies, multinationals and audit firms. Before joining Thauris, Sebastian was a senior manager in the audit practice of PwC. He holds a Master of Science degree in Auditing & Accountancy from Nyenrode University, a Master of Laws degree in Financial Law from Erasmus University and is a widely acclaimed XBRL expert.



Michael Cangemi

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Michael P. Cangemi, is a Senior Fellow of the Rutgers University Continuous Audit Lab and author of *Managing the Audit Function* (John Wiley – 3rd Edition US, Chinese and Serbian translations) and a business advisor. A former CPA, CISA he was President, CEO and director of Etienne Aigner, a leading designer of women's accessories; and President and CEO of Financial Executives International (FEI). He currently serves as President of Cangemi Company LLC, which he founded, and through which he serves as senior advisor and director to various companies and manages other business interests. Michael has had a successful career with a long term significant focus on finance and technology. His career progressed from accountant/ auditor to CAE, to CFO, CEO, and Board member and Audit Committee Chair. He served on the Intl Accounting Standards Board AB in London and in numerous ISACA and IIA professional capacities, including International President of ISACA and editor in chief of the ISACA JOURNAL (1987-2007). Mr. Cangemi now has a significant focus on Continuous Monitoring and Analytics for GRC and Business Process Improvement. He is a Senior Fellow of the Rutgers University Continuous Audit Lab and as a member of FEI's Committee on Finance & Technology and the EDPACS Editorial Advisory Board. He is a Senior Advisor to Oversight Systems, CaseWare RSM, and Instride Footwear Company. See: www.canco.us



Sergiu Cernautan

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I am responsible for the overall GRC Strategy here at ACL. This includes managing influencer relations, overseeing product content development, and providing overall GRC domain support to the rest of the teams (e.g. sales, marketing, and product design). I am a designated Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) with over 18 years of external audit, internal audit, and risk and regulatory compliance consulting experience with Deloitte, KPMG, and Straight Talk Consulting (STC) Ltd. My background covers financial, operational and systems auditing. I specialize in the areas of general computer controls, Sarbanes Oxley and Bill 198 compliance, business process control reviews, litigation support, data analytics, and fraud audits. I also specialize in providing cost effective Computer Assisted Audit Techniques (CAATs) and business analytics using sophisticated data analysis tools.

I also enjoy hiking, camping, travelling the world, gourmet cooking and target clay shooting



Bob Cuthbertson, CPA, CA•IT

*Chief Operating Officer
CaseWare IDEA Inc.*

Bob Cuthbertson brings a wealth of accounting, auditing and technology experience to his role at CaseWare Analytics. Prior to starting the analytics division of CaseWare in 2000, initially as CaseWare IDEA Inc., Mr. Cuthbertson was Vice President, Professional Services, of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) responsible for the CICA's portfolio of commercial products. Since Bob joined the CaseWare Group as founding employee of its analytics division, the company has built regional sales centers in the Netherlands, China and Latin America, with a customer base of close to a quarter million users in 90 countries and in 16 languages. Mr. Cuthbertson is a CPA (Ontario) with a specialty in Information Technology (CA•IT) and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University School of Business. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Waterloo Centre for Information Integrity and Information Systems Assurance, and a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Academic Relations Committee. He is past Vice President of the Strategic and Emerging Technologies section of the American Accounting Association, and has served on the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Tax eAudit Task Group steering committee and XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) International Steering Committee.



Nicole Deschamps

*Senior Manager, Assurance & Advisory
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Nicole has been in public accounting for 15 years, serving a wide variety of clients including both public and private, in the US and in Canada with a majority of clients operating in the manufacturing industry. Leveraging that experience, Nicole has lead the Canadian audit innovation and analytics team from the ground up; responsible for the development of innovations and analytics to be used by audit practitioners in the performance of audits. Some primary responsibilities include idea generation, evaluation, prioritization, business case development and approval. Role includes strategy development, resourcing, communications, marketing, infrastructure development, testing, methodology and quality assurance and change management including development and delivery of training. Nicole also collaborates with other global member firms and is responsible deployment of global innovations in Canada.



Ann Ebberts, MS, PMP

*Chief Executive Officer
Association of Government Accountants (AGA)*

Ann joined the Association of Government Accountants as the new Chief Executive Officer on October 1, 2014. She provides thought leadership and oversight of AGA's education and certification program, chapter membership support, educational event development, and serves as the publisher of the Journal of Government Financial Management. Prior to assuming this role, Ann worked for private industry and has more than 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in the areas of financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation, shared services, and has provided project management and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grants management systems (ERP). She spent 26 years of her career at Booz Allen Hamilton, during the last four years of which she served as a Vice President in the Financial Services Market. Ann provided financial management consulting services to USAID, EPA, GSA, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Labor, State and VA, and most recently to World Bank, International Monetary Fund, InterAmerican Development Bank and Fannie Mae. Internal to Booz Allen, she provided training on business development, ethics, program management and financial management. Ann has a B.S. degree in Marketing Management from Virginia Tech, an M.S. degree in Systems Management from the University of Denver, and is a certified Project Management Professional.



Brian Foster

*Audit Partner
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Brian is currently a seconded Audit Partner with KPMG's Global Services Centre (GSC) leading various elements of the KPMG's Data & Analytics (D&A) initiatives. Responsibilities include the oversight of the validation of KPMG's analytical technologies, development of professional guidance for KPMG's D&A capabilities, and development and facilitation of KPMG's D&A training courses. Prior to joining the GSC, Brian was the partner in charge of KPMG Cincinnati's audit practice from 2006 through 2014. He has served numerous clients in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana including restaurant, manufacturing, distribution, retailing, and financial and professional services companies, many with multinational operations. Brian has over 20 years of experience serving private and SEC registrant clients and has 7+ years of experience in serving clients in a variety of industries reporting under International Financial Reporting Standards. Brian received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and graduated with honors from Illinois State University before beginning his career with KPMG's Chicago office in 1994. Brian transitioned to the Louisville office in 1997. In 1999, Brian was seconded for three months to KPMG Amsterdam to assist with a foreign registrant SEC filing of a large multi-national financial services institution. Prior to relocating to KPMG's Cincinnati office in 2006, Brian was the global lead Sr. Manager for a large multi-national quick service restaurant operator / franchisor with its global headquarters in Louisville, KY.



Sheetel S. Gour

*Manager, Global Assurance and Transformation
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Sheetel Gour is Manager at Dell - Global Assurance and Transformation (GAT) organization, leading Risk, Controls, and Analytics projects to deliver continuous monitoring system for one of Dell's largest business units, Operations and Client Solutions. Prior to this, Sheetel was the global Controller for Small and Medium business solutions where she led business development and managed a portfolio of strategic new small business (SMB) partnerships and acquisitions such as KACE and Secureworks. Sheetel has 10+ years of finance, business and audit experience in US, and India. Before joining Dell, Sheetel spent her earlier career in export industry focusing on building merchandising function in India Otto AGN. Sheetel holds BS in Finance, minors in Economics and Accounting from University of Texas at Austin and LaMarsh Managed Change agent certification.



Dr. Hussein Issa

*Assistant Professor
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Hussein Issa's research areas include the identification and prioritization of exceptions (which was the topic of his dissertation "Exceptional Exceptions"), expert systems, XBRL, governmental accounting, continuous auditing and continuous control monitoring, and data analysis.



Dr. Alexander Kogan

*Professor
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Professor Kogan's research and professional interests include artificial intelligence and expert systems, knowledge-based decision support systems, accounting information systems, continuous auditing, electronic commerce, logical analysis of data and data mining, Boolean functions, reasoning under uncertainty, combinatorial optimization, and productivity accounting. The main area of concentration of Kogan's research efforts has been in the foundations of information systems. Professor Kogan has published over eighty papers. His research covers a wide range of topics from the development of fundamental aspects of established technologies such as knowledge-based systems to the prospects, problems and applications of emerging technologies such as continuous auditing and electronic commerce.



Dr. Angelique Koopman, RE RA

*Partner, Audit and Consultancy Practice
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Angelique is also a PhD researcher and guest lecturer at Tilburg University. She is also frequently hired by audit firms to train auditors in how to use (new) data-analytical technologies in the audit.

Her research focuses on the application of (process) data-analytics to strengthen internal control in the context of continuous monitoring and auditing. The research question in her thesis is ‘How process mining (re)designs the audit; impact on auditors (soft) risk evaluation’.

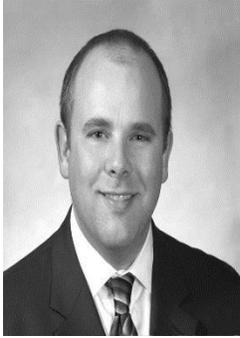


Geoffrey Kovesdy

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Geoff is a Senior Manager and has more than 11 years of experience in assessing risks and controls. This includes internal audit reviews as well as SOX and J-SOX attestation reviews.

Geoff specializes in IT and systems reviews, risk and controls assessments, and business-process improvements for a variety of clients with diverse architectures. He has assisted clients in enhancing their business operations by helping them to better manage risks with efficient and effective business processes, controls, and technology solutions. Geoff has served as the lead IA manager for multiple Fortune 500 companies and has managed operational regulatory compliance, strategic, financial, and IT IAs domestically and globally, as well as assisted with implementing enterprise risk management frameworks and conducting internal audit risk assessments. Geoff is a Certified Information Systems Auditor, a Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Certified in Risk Management Assurance, and is Certified in Risk and Information Systems Controls. Geoff has facilitated both training for the Institute of Internal Auditors as well as roundtables and knowledge sharing sessions on topics such as data analytics and digital risk.



Michael Leonardson

*Partner – Americas Professional Practice – Auditing
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Mike has 21 years of experience in public accounting, focusing on multi-national manufacturing and technology companies. Mike is currently serving in Americas Professional Practice - Auditing, focusing on technology enablement, data analytics, sampling methodologies and other auditing topics. Mike is serving as EY's Americas Audit Analytics Leader and is also serving as the Global Client Service Partner to Generac. Mike previously served Joy Global, Rexnord, Diversey, Porsche, Voith, Steel Dynamics, Federal Signal, Stericycle, Harley-Davidson, Hewlett-Packard, Whirlpool, Tecumseh Power Company, and FTD Group. Mike has significant experience managing stakeholder expectations, working with public, private and Private Equity (PE)-backed clients. Mike is an advisor to clients on accounting and reporting issues, operational matters, acquisition due diligence and internal control considerations. Having lived and worked in the United States and overseas, Mike has extensive experience in global engagement management, SEC reporting, and technical accounting matters, including purchase accounting, restructuring, accounting for income taxes, percentage of completion (POC) accounting and GAAP conversions. Mike is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accountancy and is a Certified Public Accountant.



Lorenz Schmid

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Lorenz Schmid is a Manager in PwC's Risk & Compliance Systems & Analytics practice with several years of IT audit and data analytics experience. He leads projects to develop data analytics and visualizations for Internal Audit, focusing primarily on industrial products as well as pharmaceuticals & life science industries. He also manages data analytics relating to the identification of potential fraudulent activities/journal entries and he managed consultancy projects in the area of continuous transactions monitoring. Lorenz Schmid is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).



Alain Soubliere, CPA, CGA

*Director, Product Strategy
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Alain Soubliere has many years of experience working with computer audit software. He worked in a senior management role as the IDEA Product Manager for many years before becoming Director of Product strategy for CaseWare Analytics. Prior to joining CaseWare, Alain worked for 12 years at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) where he conducted IT environment reviews for the Computer Audit Team and assisted other teams in using auditing software. He also participated in the development of IDEA for the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA). Alain Soubliere studied Computer Science before obtaining his BA in Accounting and his designation as a Certified General Accountant (CPA, CGA). Due to his extensive knowledge of the industry, Alain is a regular speaker at many IIA, ISACA, ACFE and industry conferences.



Jon Spivey

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Jon Spivey is currently a Director in PwC's Risk and Compliance Systems and Analytics group and focuses on delivering a data enabled audit. Prior to his current position, Jon was an Assurance Senior Manager in Auditing Services, Methods, and Tools ("ASM&T) Group in PwC's National Office. During his time in ASM&T, Jon primarily worked on the firm's Data Auditing initiatives, including the development, pilot, and rollout of Halo for Journals and other data auditing tools. Prior to joining ASM&T, Jon worked in PwC's Atlanta office and has over eight years of experience with both public and private companies within the Technology sector. Jon has served a wide variety of clients that range from newly formed start-up companies to large, multinational organizations and has extensive industry experience with both software and telecommunications companies. Jon has extensive experience in the firm's audit methodology and has assisted his clients with a wide range of transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, debt offerings, and Initial Public Offerings. Jon is a CPA and holds a B.S. in Analytical Finance and a M.S. in Accountancy from Wake Forest University.



Dr. Clovis Peres,

*Senior Auditor
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Dr. Clovis Peres is a senior auditor at Receita Federal, the Brazilian Tax Administration office. At Receita, he heads the division that supervises the Public Bookkeeping System (SPED), being responsible for the collection and the processing of more than 80% of all corporate tax data in the country. He has graduated in Business, Accounting and has attended Law School. His first degree, however, is physics, a field in which he has also pursued a Masters and a PhD degree. His professional and academic interests currently lie in the fields of big data, electronic auditing, tax compliance and public policy.



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Patrick Taylor

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Patrick Taylor is an authority on the implementation of technology to boost organizational performance, and he launched Oversight Systems in 2003 to pioneer the technology for continuous transaction analytics. As a thought leader in predictive business analytics, Patrick has spoken at a wide variety of conferences with a career that boasts time spent at multiple organizations including: Internet Security Systems (ISS) and Symantec as well as ORACLE, Red Brick Systems, GO, Air2Web, and Fast-Talk. Patrick has a bachelor of mechanical engineering degree with honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.



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Professor Miklos A. Vasarhelyi is the KPMG Distinguished Professor of Accounting Information Systems and serves as Director of the Rutgers Accounting Research Center (RARC) & Continuous Auditing & Reporting Lab (CAR Lab). He is credited with developing the original continuous audit application and is the leading researcher in this field. At Rutgers Business School, Professor Vasarhelyi heads the Continuous Auditing and Reporting Laboratory, which is working on projects for such leading companies as Siemens, KPMG, Procter & Gamble, D&B, AICPA, CA Technologies, Workiva, Morgan Stanley, and Brazil's Itau-Unibanco. Vasarhelyi, who received his Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from UCLA, has published more than 200 journal articles, 20 books, and directed over 40 Ph.D. theses. He is the editor of the Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Auditing series and the Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting (JETA). He has been named the Outstanding Accounting educator by the AAA in 2013. The professor also has taught executive programs on AIS, audit automation, continuous audit, and electronic commerce to many large international organizations, including GE, J&J, Eli Lilly, Baxter, ADL, Volvo, Siemens, Chase Bank, Itau Unibanco, and AT&T. He received his PhD from UCLA, his MS from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in economics and electrical engineering from the State University of Guanabara and the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.



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