

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES: RISK, MITIGATION STRATEGIES, AND RECOVERY

Speaker Biographies



Amanda K. Edwards is the Houston city councilmember in at-large position 4. She is also an attorney and native Houstonian with a passion for building communities through public service. She is vice chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Economic Development Committee and the Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure Committee. Since joining the city council, Edwards has initiated and led the Mayor's Technology and Innovation Task Force to build a more robust innovation economy in Houston, and she sits on the Houston Exponential board of directors and the Houston-Galveston Area Council's transportation policy council. She earned a BA in political science from Emory University, where she was president of the undergraduate student body and was later inducted into the Emory University Hall of Fame, and earned a JD from Harvard Law School.



Fiona Greig is director of consumer research for the JPMorgan Chase Institute. Previously, she was deputy budget director for the City of Philadelphia and an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Before that, Greig was a consultant at McKinsey & Company, consulting public- and social-sector clients on strategy, operations, and economic development. In 2009, Greig started and ran Bank on DC, a financial inclusion program for the District of Columbia. She has published on economic and public health topics in such journals as the *American Economic Review* and *AIDS and Behavior* and was named a Rising Talent by the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society. She holds a BA from Stanford University and a PhD in public policy from Harvard University.



Andrew Huff is federal affairs director of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), spearheading advocacy efforts on issues affecting the property and casualty insurance industry. Huff joined NAMIC following more than five years in Washington, DC, where he spent time on the staffs of members of the House and Senate and was a lobbyist for a trade association representing the financial services industry. Most recently, he was a professional staff member for the majority office of the House Committee on Small Business. Huff holds a BA in political science from North Carolina State University.



Howard Kunst began his actuarial career at a Wisconsin-based insurance company. After holding actuarial roles with increasing responsibilities across multiple companies, Kunst joined CoreLogic as chief actuary in 2012. As part of the science and analytics team, he works with the insurance and spatial division that provides data at a granular property level to its customers, primarily insurance companies. Kunst provides analytic services to customers and thought leadership and industry insight within CoreLogic's product development, sales, and science and analytic teams. He is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, where he is vice chair for the Ratemaking, Product, and Modeling Seminar Planning Committee, and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, where he is a member of the academy's Natural Catastrophe Subcommittee and flood insurance working group.



Alanna McCargo is codirector of the Housing Finance Policy Center at the Urban Institute, where she focuses on center management, development, and strategy, including the cultivation of innovative partnerships within Urban and with external stakeholders. McCargo has over 20 years of experience in housing finance, policy, and financial services. She has worked in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors on programs, policies, and research to improve access to housing and mortgage finance. Before joining Urban, McCargo was head of CoreLogic Government Solutions, working with federal and state government agencies, regulators, government-sponsored enterprises, think tanks, and universities to deliver custom data, analytics, and technology solutions to support housing and consumer policy research. Previously, McCargo held leadership roles with Chase and Fannie Mae, managing portfolios, policy efforts, and mortgage servicing transformation and alignment. From 2008 to 2011, she was an agent of the US Treasury Department on housing programs such as Making Home Affordable and Hardest Hit Funds, working with industry stakeholders on the recovery. McCargo has a BA in communications from the University of Houston, an MBA from the University of Maryland, and an executive certificate in nonprofit management from Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy.



Sara Singhas is associate regulatory counsel in the public policy and industry relations department at the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA). She focuses on residential loan administration and servicing issues and oversees MBA's policy work related to disaster recovery. She evaluates the impact of federal legislation and administrative rulemaking on servicing operations, profitability, and efficiency and works with government agencies to improve and streamline servicing requirements. Singhas is the primary staff representative for the MBA Loan Administration Committee and Federal Housing Administration Servicing Subcommittee. Before joining MBA, she worked with the Community Mortgage Banking Project and was general counsel to the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Singhas holds a BA in international management and a JD from the University of New Mexico.