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## THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACCOUNTING CPE CONFERENCE

Thursday, November 16, 2023



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## Program

### Morning Session (8:00A.M. to 11:50A.M.)

#### 7:00 - 8:00 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast

- 8:00 - 8:10 A.M. Welcome and Introductions — **Bob Kollar**, Duquesne University
- 8:10 - 9:00 A.M. Auditing Standards and Trends Update (1 Hour A&A)  
**Staci Brogan**, Shareholder, Schneider Downs
- 9:00 - 9:50 A.M. Everyone is Scrambling to Use AI Until... (1 Hour A&A)  
**Justin Daniels**, Baker Donelson Bearman, PC  
**Larry Slusser**, Vice President, Security Scorecard

#### 9:50 - 10:10 A.M. MORNING BREAK

- 10:10 - 11:00 A.M. Accounting Standards and Projects Update (1 Hour A&A)  
**Sue Cosper**, FASB Board member
- 11:00 - 11:50 A.M. Leadership and Influence: Building Trust and Credibility (1 Hour Ethics)  
**Christie Cawley**, President-tHRive – People Practices with a Purpose

#### 12:00 - 12:45 P.M. LUNCH

### Afternoon Session (12:45 – 4:30P.M.)

- 12:45 - 1:35 P.M. Keynote Speaker – Annual Economic Outlook (1 Hour PD)  
**Kurt Rankin**, Senior Economist, PNC Bank
- 1:35 - 2:25 P.M. Panel Discussion: Accounting “Hot Topics” Roundtable (1 Hour A&A)  
Moderator: **Bob Kollar**, Duquesne University  
Panelists: **Brian Williams**, Controller, PPG Industries  
**Dan Janiak**, SVP, Accounting Policy & Financial Reporting, PNC  
**Tim Kurnocik**, Corporate Controller, UPMC
- 2:25 - 2:45 PM AFTERNOON BREAK**
- 2:45 - 3:35 PM Transforming the Accounting and Finance Function (1 Hour A&A)  
**Andy Jones**, VP of Finance Transformation and RPA, RGP
- 3:35 - 4:25 PM Individual and Corporate Tax Update (1 Hour PD)  
**Matt Werner**, Shareholder, Schneider Downs
- 4:25 - 4:30 PM Closing comments, evaluations — **Bob Kollar**, Duquesne University

#### CPE Credit Hours Summary:

Ethics 1 Hour, Professional Development 2 Hours, Accounting/Auditing 5 Hours = TOTAL 8 Hours

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## Conference Planning Committee

**Thomas Garbe**, Executive in Residence, Duquesne University  
**Robert J. Kollar**, Chairperson, Duquesne University  
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**Valerie Williams**, Duquesne University

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## Keynote Speaker



**Kurt Rankin**  
Senior Economist, PNC Bank

Kurt J. Rankin is vice president and senior economist for The PNC Financial Services Group. He is responsible for contributing to PNC's regional, national and international economic analysis, including coverage of metropolitan area economies throughout PNC's midwestern footprint. Rankin focuses on econometric model design and improvement, and specifically with operations related to quality control and model validation.

Rankin joined PNC in June of 2010 after a 10-year career with Moody's Analytics. In that position, he served as the lead analyst for operations design and implementation for a vast array of econometric modeling systems, from country-level macroeconomic models to concept-specific, highly customized forecasting projects. Rankin also helped to launch that firm's Sydney, Australia economic research operations on-site. He was named vice president in February 2016 and senior economist in 2022.

He is past president of The Economic Club of Pittsburgh - the local chapter of National Association of Business Economics (NABE).

Rankin earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pittsburgh, and his master's degree in economics and finance from Venice International University (Venice, Italy). Rankin also holds an MBA from the University.

## The Palumbo-Donahue School of Business



The Palumbo-Donahue School of Business is accredited by the **Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International** (AACSB). Since 1962, when the School became the first in the region to earn this elite ranking, we have met the standards of excellence for institutions worldwide that deliver the highest quality education to business students. Less than five percent of business schools worldwide have earned AACSB Accreditation.



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