

Speaker Bios

Joe Coletti

Senior Fellow, John Locke Foundation

As Senior Fellow, Joe examines fiscal and tax policy. He previously headed the North Carolina Government Efficiency and Reform initiative within the Office of State Budget and Management, which led to changes in automotive fleet management, natural and cultural resources, and state contracting. He has spent his career improving operations and strategies at for-profit, nonprofit, and government entities. He has degrees from Johns Hopkins SAIS and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Patrick McHugh, Ph.D.

Senior Policy Analyst, Budget and Tax Center, NC Justice Center

Patrick joined the Budget & Tax Center in December 2014 as the Center's dedicated economic analyst. Immediately prior to joining the Budget and Tax Center, Patrick served as a Fiscal Analyst for the North Carolina General Assembly where his duties included economic impact modeling, tax and appropriation analysis, and monitoring economic development policy. Patrick has also worked for the International Economic Development Council in Washington, DC and the Center for Competitive Economies at UNC Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Patrick holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the UNC Chapel Hill and has worked on a range of economic issues including labor force dynamics, disaster recovery, sustainable development, and workforce development.

Kevin Baughman

Analytical Consultant, SAS Advanced Analytics Lab

Kevin attended NC State for both undergraduate and graduate school and received his M.S. degree in Analytics in 2014 from the Institute for Advanced Analytics. While at SAS, Kevin has primarily worked on transportation projects and has been working with the NCDOT for more than 5 years now.

Johnny Stover

Senior Associate Analytical Consultant, SAS Global Hosting & U.S. Professional Services

Johnny attended NC State for both undergrad and graduate school. He received his M.S. degree in Analytics in 2017 from the Institute for Advanced Analytics at NC State and has been working at SAS since. While at SAS, Johnny has worked on healthcare and NCDOT projects.

Alison Premo Black, Ph.D.

Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Contractors Division American Road and Transportation Builders Association

Dr. Alison Premo Black joined the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) in August 2000. In addition to serving as senior vice president and chief economist for

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ARTBA, she is also deputy managing director of the Contractors Division and manages the Transportation Investment Advocacy Center program.

Dr. Black manages ARTBA's economics staff and is responsible for over 70 studies examining national and state transportation funding and investment patterns, including the association's landmark economic profile of the transportation construction industry, state bridge condition profiles and annual modal forecast. Dr. Black also oversees ARTBA's contractor chapter relations and membership development activities.

Dr. Black completed her PhD in Economics at The George Washington University and holds an MA in International Economics and Latin American Studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Dr. Black graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University with majors in International Relations, Latin American Studies and Spanish. She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Golden Key Honors Societies, and a recipient of the Syracuse Remembrance Scholarship.

Prior to joining ARTBA, Dr. Black was an Analyst and Researcher in the Economic Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. She has also worked as a Researcher in the Trade Unit of the Organization of American States. She has had a variety of experiences working and studying abroad.

Daniel Findley, Ph.D. Senior Fellow and Editor, Eno Transportation Weekly

Dr. Daniel Findley, P.E. is a Senior Research Associate and Program Manager of Economic Analysis and Policy Assessment with the Institute for Transportation Research and Education in Raleigh, NC. He specializes in policy assessment, asset management and inventory, economic impact analysis, multi-modal transportation, unique transportation engineering studies, and logistics. He holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) in North Carolina.

Dr. Findley has a broad range of transportation experiences and skills. He has played a major role in numerous projects relating to economic analysis, including a benefit/cost study for highway projects, the economic effect of access management techniques, the economic contribution of greenway trails, studies of the economic impact of airports in North Carolina, a study of the North Carolina ferry system, and two studies of the economic contributions of North Carolina's ports. He has experience working on research projects in many fields of transportation including pedestrian, rail, highway, ferry, aviation, and bicycle.