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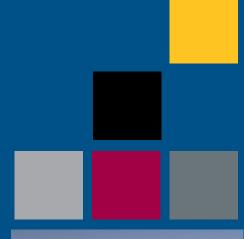
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to some of the key leaders in the field of municipal finance from throughout the nation. They have successfully advanced municipal projects relying upon creative financing strategies that delivered value to their communities without creating unmanageable risk.

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Whether you are from the public or private sector, we hope you leave here with tools to take municipal projects to the next level, including resources on how to form strategic partnerships that will allow you to reach your end goal. Many of the day's sessions focus on learning directly from the leaders and innovators in municipal finance, but we also want to encourage you to explore how you would approach structuring a deal and come up with innovations of your own. Near the end of the day, you will be challenged to examine a problem statement related to the field and brainstorm the types of questions that would need to be asked—and answered—for successful implementation.

We appreciate you taking time to attend the 2013 ASU Municipal Finance Challenge. We hope you find it informative and engaging, and leave with new knowledge and connections that will help you with your future municipal finance projects.

Sincerely,

Jonathan G S Koppell
Dean, College of Public Programs
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DAY 1	М	arch 21, 2013
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Opening Reception   District American Kitchen & Wine Bar Sheraton Downtown Phoenix Hotel Lobby	
DAY 2	М	arch 22, 2013
TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:00 - 8:00 am	Registration and Breakfast	Phoenix C
8:00 - 8:10 am	Welcome and Introduction	Phoenix D-E
	Susan Giles Bischak, President & CEO, Giles & Company Strategic Business Consultants, Inc.; ASU Faculty Associate, School of Public Affairs	
8:10 - 8:40 am	Opening Keynote	Phoenix D-E
8:10 - 8:40 am		Phoenix D-E

Dr. Jonathan Koppell, Dean, College of Public Programs;

SESSION 1 | Key Players in Municipal Finance: Core Principles and Priorities

Director, School of Public Affairs

8:45 - 10:15 am	Speaker/Panelist		Phoenix D-E
	<ul> <li>Scott Sollers, Partner, Stifel Nicolaus &amp; Co., Inc.</li> <li>Matthew Jones, Senior Vice President, Moody's Investors Service</li> <li>Dawn Irvine Budget Administrator, Town of Gilbert</li> <li>Shayne Kavanagh, Senior Manager, Research and Consulting, Government Finance Officers Association</li> <li>W. Bartley Hildreth, Editor, Municipal Finance Journal Professor, Georgia State University</li> </ul>	College of U & Public Adı	Pagano, Dean, Irban Planning ministration, Illinois, Chicago
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break		



# 2013 program agenda

# SESSION 2 | Deal Structures in Municipal Finance: Understanding Transparency and Effectiveness

TIME	EVENT		ROOM
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Speaker/Panelist		Phoenix D-E
	<ul> <li>Robert Doty, AGFS</li> <li>Kurt M. Freund, Managing Director, Municipal Finance RBC Capital Markets, LLC</li> <li>Gabriel Petek Senior Director, Standard &amp; Poor's State and Local Government Group</li> <li>John H. Knox Partner, Public Finance Orrick, Herrington &amp; Sutcliffe, LLP</li> </ul>	Moderator: Michael Sta Publisher, TI	nton ne Bond Buyer
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Keynote		Phoenix C
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Keynote Address		
	<ul> <li>Michael M. Crow</li> <li>President</li> <li>Arizona State University</li> </ul>	Introduced Michael Sta Publisher, Tl	·

# SESSION 3 | The Challenge: Ask the Questions for Deal Structure

1:00 - 1:30 pm	Speaker/Panelist - Breakout I		Phoenix A
	Briefing Paper with Problem Statement Provided for Each Breakout		
	<ul> <li>Durham Performing Arts Center Durham, North Carolina</li> <li>Overton Hotel and Conference Center Lubbock, Texas</li> </ul>	Moderator: Mark Stapp, ASU W. P. Ca	Director, arey School of Business
	Speaker/Panelist - Breakout II		Phoenix B
	<ul> <li>MAPS 1, MAPS for Kids, MAPS3</li> <li>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</li> </ul>	Moderator: Spencer Brie Associate Pro ASU School	
1:30 - 1:45 pm	Break		

# 2013 program agenda

# SESSION 4 | The Challenge Answered: Achieve Success with Municipal Finance

TIME	EVENT		ROOM
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Joint Session: The Experts Talk about Structures, Finance, Disclosure		Phoenix D-E
	Durham Performing Arts Center	Moderator:	
	<ul> <li>Greg Garfield, Executive Vice President Encore Garfield Public/Private LLC</li> </ul>	Geoffrey E. Buswick Managing Director, Standard and Poor's, U.S. Public Finance Infrastructure Grou	
	<ul> <li>Kent Lawrence, Managing Director, Municipal Finance Securities, Citigroup</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Reginald Johnson,</li> <li>Community Development Director,</li> <li>City of Durham, North Carolina</li> </ul>		
	Overton Hotel and Conference Center		
	<ul> <li>Linda Chamales,</li> <li>General Counsel,</li> <li>City of Lubbock, Texas</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Raymond Garfield Jr., President Encore Garfield Public/Private LLC</li> </ul>		
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Joint Session: The Experts Talk about Structure Finance, Disclosure	<del>9</del> S,	Phoenix D-E
	Oklahoma City's MAPS Program	Moderator:	
	<ul> <li>James D. Couch</li> <li>City Manager, Oklahoma City</li> </ul>	Susan Giles Bischak, President & CEO Giles & Company Strategic Business Consultants, Inc.	
	<ul> <li>Craig Freeman</li> <li>Finance Director, Oklahoma City</li> </ul>		

# CLOSING REMARKS | Keynote Speaker

3:30 - 4:00 pm	Closing Keynote	Phoenix D-E
	<ul> <li>Jay M. Goldstone, Chair, Board of Directors, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board</li> </ul>	Introduced by:  Jonathan Koppell, Dean, ASU College of Public Programs; Director, School of Public Affairs
4:15 - 5:30 pm	Closing Reception and Networking	Outside Phoenix D-E





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**Michael Stanton** Publisher The Bond Buyer

Michael Stanton is the publisher of The Bond Buyer, the leading source of U.S. municipal finance news, with more than 15,000 readers nationwide. In this position, he manages all operations—including the newsroom, advertising and circulation sales, and an active conferences division that produces more than 10 events on hot topics in municipal finance each year. Prior to being named publisher in 2005, he was the program manager for The Bond Buyer Conferences, and earlier served in several positions in the newsroom, including editor-in-chief from 1999 through 2000. He is a graduate of Columbia University and received an MBA from Harvard Business School.

### keynote speakers



Michael M. Crow President Arizona State University

Michael M. Crow became the sixteenth president of Arizona State University in 2002. He is guiding the transformation of ASU into one of the nation's leading public metropolitan research universities, an institution combining academic excellence, inclusiveness and societal impact—a model he terms the "New American University." During his tenure, ASU has established major transdisciplinary research initiatives and witnessed an unprecedented academic infrastructure expansion, tripling of research expenditures, and attainment of record levels of diversity. He was previously executive vice provost of Columbia University. A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and National Academy of Public Administration, he is the author of books and articles analyzing knowledge enterprises and science and technology policy.



Jay M. Goldstone Chair, Board of Directors Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board

Jay M. Goldstone serves as chair of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. He previously served as the City of San Diego's chief operating officer from July 2007 to March 2013. As COO, he oversaw the city's daily operations and implemented mayoral and council initiatives and policies. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Goldstone served as the city's first CFO, identifying the city's financial needs, developing solutions, and implementing changes and corrective actions to guide the city on the road to financial health. Mr. Goldstone has had a successful 35-year career in municipal finance and administration, including spending 10 years as director of finance for the City of Pasadena. Mr. Goldstone holds a bachelor's degree in political science, economics and business administration from the University of Minnesota; a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University; and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Santa Clara.



Jonathan Koppell Dean, College of Public Programs Director, School of Public Affairs Arizona State University

Jonathan GS Koppell is dean of Arizona State University's College of Public Programs and the Lattie and Elva Coor Presidential Chair in the School of Public Affairs. Dr. Koppell's research concerns the design and administration of complex organizations, particularly entities that hover at the intersection of politics and markets. He has examined global governance organizations that promulgate international rules dealing with everything from accounting to telecommunications to trade in endangered species. In addition, he has written about public-private hybrids—government-created entities that operate in the marketplace to achieve public policy goals. As former director of the Millstein Center for Corporate Governance and Performance at Yale University, Dr. Koppell oversaw an extensive program focused on the necessary private sector responses to the financial crisis, including reform of financial intermediaries, corporate boards, credit rating agencies and institutional investors. His current research builds on this work, exploring the political dynamics of capital markets.



Spencer Brien Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs Arizona State University

Spencer Brien is an assistant professor in Arizona State University's School of Public Affairs. His research focuses on the finance of state and local governments. He currently teaches courses in urban economics, public affairs and policy analysis. Spencer joined the ASU faculty in 2012. Prior to moving to Arizona, he worked for nearly eight years as a program analyst for the Internal Revenue Service. He holds a PhD in public policy from Georgia State University, a master's in public policy from American University, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University.



Geoffrey E. Buswick Managing Director, Standard & Poor's U.S. Public Finance Infrastructure Group

Geoffrey E. Buswick is a managing director and the lead analytical manager for the U.S. Public Finance (USPF) Infrastructure Group. The USPF Infrastructure Group rates obligations secured by revenues generated from water and sewer, solid waste, transportation, public power, electric cooperatives and municipal pools. Based in Boston, Geoff heads a team located in six offices. From 2005 through September 2010, Geoff served as the Boston office head for Standard & Poor's Rating Services. Additionally, he was a public finance national sector leader for both state revolving fund/pool issues and pension issues (including other post-employment benefits). Prior to joining Standard & Poor's, Geoff served as the CFO for the City of Gloucester, Mass., and the administrative officer for the City of North Adams, Mass. Currently, Geoff serves on his town's Finance Committee. He holds both a BA in political science and an MPA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.



**Linda Chamales** General Counsel City of Lubbock, Texas

Linda Chamales is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and Lewis and Clark Northwestern Law School in Portland, Ore. She has been an attorney for 30 years: 10 years in private practice and 20 years as an attorney for the City of Lubbock, Texas. Linda's focus over the past 10 years in municipal law has been working with staff and developers to find creative solutions and faciliate a myriad of economic development projects. She is also a team member of REA & Associates, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in economic development services, planning and zoning, and special development strategies.



James D. Couch City Manager Oklahoma City

Jim Couch has served as city manager of the city of Oklahoma City since November 2000. Oklahoma City has a population of 600,000 and covers 620 square miles. The full-service city has 4,500 employees and a total budget of \$950 million. Prior to his appointment as city manager, Jim served as assistant city manager and director of the Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS) program and, before that, was Water/Wastewater Utilities' director for 11 years. Under his leadership, the city's initial MAPS program, approved in 1993, was successfully completed, and a second MAPS program providing \$514 million in capital improvements for local public school districts was approved and is nearing completion. In December 2009, voters approved the MAPS 3 sales tax, which is projected to provide \$777 million for eight quality-of-life projects. Jim was instrumental in successfully negotiating the agreement that gave Oklahoma City an NBA franchise.



**Robert Doty** 

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Robert Doty is proprietor and president of AGFS, his private consulting firm in Sacramento, and senior advisor and counsel to the Executive Team of Government Financial Strategies, a financial advisory firm. He has more than 40 years of experience in the financial markets as underwriter, financial advisor, and bond issuer and underwriter counsel. Robert, is co-chair of the Section on Economic Development/ Finance & Securities of the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). He is a past member of the Disclosure Task Force of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and of the Board of Governors of the National Federation of Municipal Analysts (NFMA). He is a contributing drafter of market guidance publications for GFOA, IMLA, NFMA and the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission, and is the author of books and articles on municipal finance and securities law, including The Bloomberg Visual Guide to Municipal Bonds. Robert received his law degree from Harvard Law School.



**Craig Freeman** Finance Director

Oklahoma City

Craig Freeman is the finance director for the city of Oklahoma City. He is a 20-year veteran of the city's Finance Department where he served as budget director for 10 years. Craig was instrumental in implementing a citywide strategic planning and performance management program called Leading for Results. The program uses hundreds of measures to track and improve the results of city services. Craig has a master's degree in urban affairs from the University of Central Oklahoma. His goal is to encourage and promote strong financial management so the city can continue to grow and serve its citizens into the future.



Kurt M. Freund Managing Director, Municipal Finance RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Kurt Freund is a managing director for RBC Capital Markets, LLC, and serves on its Municipal Banking Management Committee. Over his more than 25-year career in the municipal bond industry, he has led financings for state agencies, counties, cities, public universities, community colleges, nonprofit hospitals and special financing authorities. He works extensively with the Arizona Governor's Office and many large state agencies, including the Department of Transportation and Arizona's three public universities. Mr. Freund has developed and successfully completed many public/private partnership financings, including for the University of Phoenix Football Stadium, several Cactus League baseball facilities, and the Tempe Town Lake. Prior to becoming an investment banker, he served in a senior staff role with the Arizona State Senate. He is registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and maintains Series 7, 24, 52, 53, 63 and 79 securities licenses. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State University.



**Greg Garfield** Executive Vice President Encore Garfield Public/Private LLC

Greg Garfield has gained a broad and deep base of experience in the financing, development, design, construction and operations of essential facilities of many property types for the public sector over the past 15 years. His experience includes participation in the development of 22 properties, and the negotiation and structuring of more than \$500 million in debt and equity for creative public/private developments. His negotiation and structuring expertise includes public/private partnerships utilizing conventional debt and equity; long-term fixed and variable rate bonds; and certificates of participation for lease-purchase and installment sale financings, and complex project financings. Prior to forming Encore Garfield Public/ Private LLC and its predecessor, Garfield Traub, Mr. Garfield worked for McCall, McBride & Lancaster, Inc., a financial consulting and management advisory firm. He received his BA with honors from the University of North Texas, and has participated as a speaker or panelist at numerous industry events.



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**Dawn Irvine Budget Administrator** Town of Gilbert

Dawn Irvine continues to enjoy her lifelong commitment to public service. After serving in the United States Air Force, Dawn migrated to municipal government where she has specialized in budgeting, policy and operational analysis, strategic planning and civic engagement. In her tenure with three Arizona cities, Dawn has successfully developed processes and systems that streamline operations, engage stakeholders, and improve decision-making. She currently works for the "Town" of Gilbert, Ariz., where she manages a \$447 million budget, and represents the town on various state and regional boards. Dawn has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Phoenix, management certifications from Arizona State University and the University of Arizona, and is finishing a Master in Administration from Northern Arizona University. In addition, she has been active with the International City/County Management Association, as well as with state management associations.



Reginald James Johnson

Director, Department of Community Development

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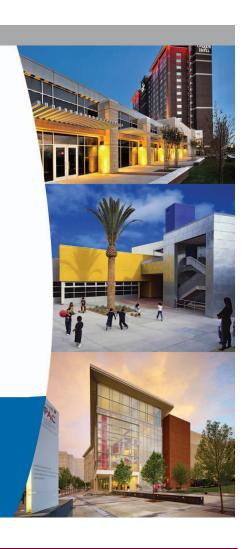
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