



Speaker Biographies

Resilience Webinar Series: Part 2



Albert Cho

Vice President and General Manager, Advanced Infrastructure Analytics
Xylem, Inc.
Columbia, MD

Albert Cho is Vice President and General Manager for Advanced Infrastructure Analytics at Xylem. In this role, he is responsible for the company's newest business, which focuses on intelligent infrastructure diagnostics and decision support services across water, wastewater and energy infrastructure. Previously, he led strategy, mergers and acquisitions, market intelligence, and business development activities at Xylem.

Before joining Xylem, Mr. Cho worked as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary at the State Department, where he was a White House Fellow, and served on the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff. He has also been an Executive at Cisco Systems, worked at McKinsey & Company, and served at the United Nations on a global plan for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Mr. Cho serves on the Board of Directors of the US Water Alliance, the editorial advisory board of *World Water*, and on the US Department of Commerce's Environment Technologies Trade Advisory Committee. He is also an Honorary Research Associate of the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.



Paul Fuller

Chief Executive Officer
Allied Public Risk, LLC
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Paul Fuller is on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Water Distribution & Management and Academic Advisor for the Certified Public Risk Professional – Water designation through Appalachian State University. Mr. Fuller is Chief Executive Officer of Allied Public Risk, LLC, which is a national Managing General Underwriter exclusively focused on public entities and public water systems and Insurance Administrator for the California Association of Mutual Water Companies' Joint Powers Risk & Insurance Management Authority.

Mr. Fuller earned his BBA from University of San Diego and an MS in Risk Management & Insurance from Georgia State University. He holds the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation and a California Water Operator license (D2/T1).

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Angela Licata

Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
Flushing, NY

Angela Licata is the Deputy Commissioner for Sustainability for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ms. Licata has gained a nuanced understanding of nearly every aspect of the operations of the Department. She has put her knowledge and creativity to work identifying 21st Century solutions to the challenges faced by the city, and DEP initiatives have played prominently in citywide sustainability planning under Mayor de Blasio's *OneNYC*. Under Ms. Licata's guidance, the Department is addressing challenges to population growth, declining demand for drinking water, financial capacity for water and sewer rates amidst an aging infrastructure and climate change. Ms. Licata makes the case for integrated planning among competing priorities. Furthermore, her broad portfolio includes oversight for compliance and streamlining of New York City's Air and Noise Codes, asbestos abatement and municipal separate storm sewer permitting (MS4).

Ms. Licata is a member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Board of Directors.



Lori Medders

Joseph F. Freeman Distinguished Professor of Insurance
Appalachian State University
Boone, NC

Lori Medders has joined Appalachian State University (ASU) in August, 2017, and serves as the Joseph F. Freeman Distinguished Professor of Insurance for the Walker College. Prior to joining ASU, she was on faculty at Florida State University (risk and insurance, 2009-2017), Georgia State University (risk and insurance, 1999-2008), and Georgia Southern University (finance, 1994-1998).

Dr. Medders serves on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Water Distribution and Management and chairs the Education Committee. She also serves as the 2016-2017 President of the Southern Risk and Insurance Association. A business risk consultant for more than 20 years, she has experience in investment advisory, risk modeling and decision analytics, insurance coverage disputes and risk management program review.

Dr. Medders recently received Florida State University's *Honors Thesis Mentor Award*, one of only two awarded university wide for 2017. This award recognized her efforts in directing and advising undergraduate research through the Honors in the Major program. Additionally, she was honored by the *Risk Management & Insurance Review*, a leading academic journal in risk and insurance, with the Best Paper Award for 2015. In summer 2010, she was invited as one of 34 researchers worldwide (only three based in the US; only two from business disciplines) to an interdisciplinary Summer Institute on Disaster and Risk held at Beijing Normal University in Beijing, China. During and since the Institute, Dr. Medders collaborated on catastrophe risk research with academics in the natural and social sciences from all over the globe.



Dr. Medders grew up on a hay and cattle farm in central AL, and is the daughter of a Methodist minister. She enjoys rock climbing, canoeing and long distance hiking.

