

**IGFOA 2025 South Metro Chapter Seminar Speaker Information**  
**Village of Frankfort**  
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**Bryan Derdenger, Managing Director, Baird**

Bryan joined Baird as a Managing Director in 2019 and has 20+ years of experience. He most recently served as the sole negotiated underwriter and head of fixed income analytics at Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co/Huntington Securities. He currently leads all negotiated infrastructure transactions across the country and all underwritings for Illinois, North Carolina, Indiana, Missouri and Texas as well as issuers in the Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast. He also is the lead underwriter for Baird's Higher Education and Federal Lease groups. Bryan has helped incorporate the use of technology to better identify pricing levels and further enhance the efficiency of information across the team of Bankers and underwriters. Additionally, Bryan is well versed in the intricacies of the municipal market as well as its relationship with the macro-economic environment, which is shared internally among Baird's various Public Finance groups.

Bryan is a frequent speaker and panelist at industry conferences along with his participation as a lecturer for the Chicago Municipal Bond Club. He has contributed his voice to many discussions about the Municipal Market as well as the effects of policy on the marketplace at forums organized by the likes of the Michigan GFOA, BDA, IL Association of Park Districts and others. Bryan also is a recognized voice in the industry and has been quoted by both the Bond Buyer and Bloomberg for his insights on the Municipal Marketplace.

Bryan is also a licensed Municipal Advisor (Series 50) and Municipal Securities Principal (Series 53). He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and International Business from The George Washington University in Washington D.C. and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Bryan has also previously sat on the Financial Advisory Committee for his local school district, helping them navigate the many different voices of the community so that the district could meet their financial needs/goals.

**Michael Malatt, CPA, Principal, Baker Tilly US, LLP**

Michael is a Principal with Baker Tilly and has been a member of the firm's Public Sector Practice Group since 2007. Michael has extensive experience providing financial and compliance audits, accounting services, and consulting services to state and local government organizations. Michael is also responsible for assisting in the implementation of GASB standards, including the development of practical implementation tools to providing in-depth training to firm staff and clients. Michael is a member of the Illinois CPA Society, AICPA, GFOA Special Review Committee, and IGFOA Professional Education Committee. Michael obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy and Mathematics and a Master of Science in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. Michael received the 2008 Excel Award from

the Illinois CPA Society for outstanding achievement on the Uniform CPA Examination in Illinois.

### **Loren Sanders**

Loren Sanders is a renowned author and visionary leader with over two decades of experience revolutionizing Healthcare, Human Resources, and Personal Development. Known as a “Professional Synergist,” her expertise encompasses organizational effectiveness, learning and development, talent acquisition, employee benefits, and leadership development. Her acclaimed book, *Empathy is Not a Weakness*, has garnered numerous accolades.

Loren's mission is to eradicate toxic leadership and behavior from workplaces. She pioneers initiatives that build inclusivity, belonging, and psychological safety. Her innovative approaches to talent development and service delivery consistently enhance corporate culture and improve organizational outcomes.

A sought-after speaker, Loren regularly shares her insights at national conferences. She combines empathy with performance, aligning individual talents and passions with organizational goals. As the owner of Roxlo Coaching and Consulting, she guides clients to transformative change through actionable plans.

Loren holds a degree in Community Health Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MBA in Organizational Behavior from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. She also contributes to academia as an adjunct instructor at her alma mater.

### **Maricela Villagomez, Portfolio Manager, BMO**

I currently work as a Portfolio Manager at BMO. I work with clients as a consultant to analyze their treasury business needs and select the most appropriate products and services to help create efficiencies and cost savings.

I joined BMO in 2024 from JP Morgan Chase where I held various positions within the Corporate Investment and Commercial Bank, including Treasury and Product Management. I began my career at JPM as a Personal Banker and after three and a half years transitioned to the bank's Corporate and Commercial line of business.

I have spent the past 7 years providing treasury management solutions and advice to current and prospective clients. I currently focus on clients in the Institutional Markets Group, which include not-for-profits, government, school districts, and higher education.

I hold a Communications degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, my MBA from Ashford University and I am based in Chicago, IL.