

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2023 DOFCON!

On behalf of the California Department of Finance, thank you for your interest in attending our Policy and Recruitment Conference (DOFCON). We hope you consider joining our office in performing our critical mission serving as the Governor's chief fiscal policy advisor and promoting the long-term economic sustainability and responsible resource allocation of the fifth largest economy in the world.

Please contact the Talent Acquisition and Employee Experience Team for questions about the conference at DOFRecruiting@dof.ca.gov.

Joe Stephenshaw, Director
California Department of Finance

FINANCE CAREER INFORMATION



For current job openings, benefits, career paths, and more, visit Finance's Careers web page at <https://dof.ca.gov/about-us/careers/> or scan the QR code.

DOFCON EVENT INFORMATION

Visit the DOFCON web page at <https://dof.ca.gov/DOFCON/> or scan the QR code for online registration, event date and time, venue location, map and directions, and speaker bios.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2023 DOFCON COMMITTEE

Griswold, Natalie; Vazquez-Luna, Diana; Sanchez, Omar; Khan, Aanam; March, Andrew; Ross-Jones, Daniel; Acierto, Krystal; Ascencio, Amy; Harbison, Kimberly; Locke, Christopher; Kirn, Jacob; Monterrey, Ashley; Munir, Hadiqa; Winchester, Christina; Stewart, Josh; Donato, Eunice; Chambers, Tina; DeVille, Maryssa; and Sheley, Nicole.

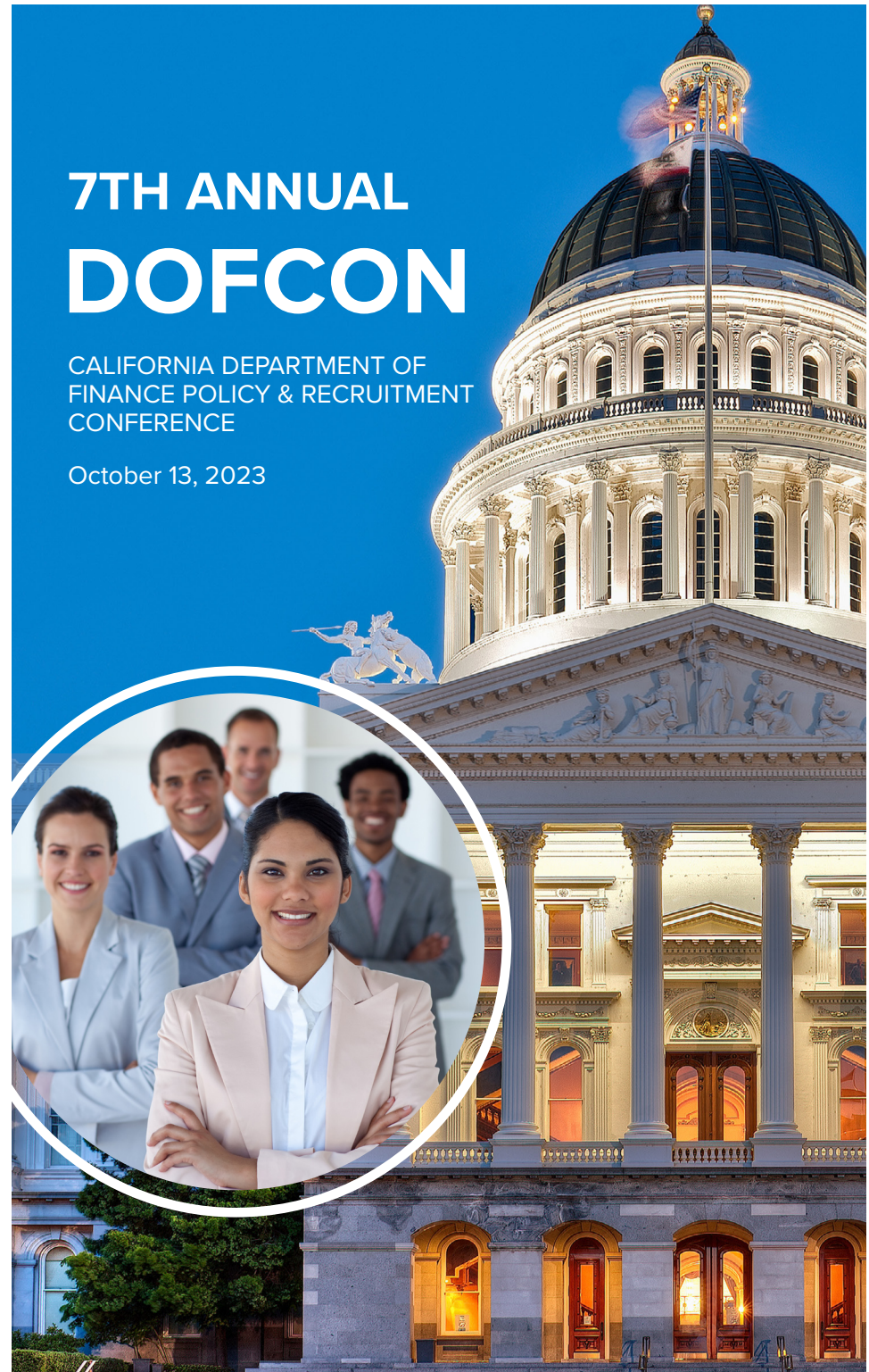


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CONFERENCE

October 13, 2023



CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOS



Joe Stephenshaw was appointed Director of the Department of Finance by Governor Newsom in July 2022. In this role, he serves as the Governor's Chief Fiscal Policy Advisor. Prior to his appointment, Joe was the Senior Counselor on Infrastructure and Fiscal Affairs to Governor Newsom and Staff Director for the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. Before that, he held multiple positions in the California Legislature and was a Finance Budget Analyst at Finance.



Cheryl McCormick is the Chief of the Office of State Audits and Evaluations within the California Department of Finance. Cheryl has been a member of the OSAE team for 27 years – starting as an entry-level auditor. She is responsible for establishing audit policies and procedures and working on many unique and complex financial and performance audits including both governmental and private entities. Cheryl is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in accountancy and is a Certified Public Accountant.



Austin Lange is a Financial and Performance Evaluator III in the Office of State Audits and Evaluations within the California Department of Finance. Austin has been a member of the OSAE team for five years and has led many significant and high-profile audits of state departments, bonds, grants, programs, and local agencies across the state. He currently specializes in auditing procurement practices and co-chairs OSAE's Recruiting Committee. Austin is from the Sacramento area and a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a master's degree in accountancy.



Nicole Prisakar is a Financial and Performance Evaluator III in the Office of State Audits and Evaluations within the California Department of Finance. Nicole has been a member of the OSAE team for 10 years and is currently a member of the Federal Funds Audit and Monitoring Team. She currently specializes in auditing procurement practices and co-chairs OSAE's Recruiting Committee. Nicole is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in accountancy. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.



David Evans is a Finance Budget Analyst in the Energy, Transportation, Housing, Local Government, and Labor Unit within the California Department of Finance. David is an experienced policy analyst with six years of experience working in the state Executive and Legislative branches. He started his career as an intelligence analyst in the United States Air Force and worked eight years at Beale AFB, Ca. After completing his enlistment, David worked as an Assembly Fellow and Legislative Aide in the California State Assembly. Afterwards, he worked as Associate Governmental Program Analyst at the Department of Social Services. David has a bachelor's degree in psychology and government from California State University, Sacramento, and master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.



Brandon Merritt completed his Master of Public Policy degree at U.C. Berkeley in 2011 and began his career working for Living Social in Washington, D.C. for a year before returning to California to enter public service. He has served at the city, county, and state level in California for the past 11 years in various budgetary finance roles, including seven years managing lease revenue bond issuances and refinancings. Brandon currently works for the Resources, Environment, and Capital Outlay (RECO) unit overseeing the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) budgetary assignments.



Nathanael Williams is a Finance Budget Analyst in the Health and Human Services Unit at the California Department of Finance. Nathanael has been at the Department of Finance since 2022 and currently oversees portions of the Administration's healthcare-related budget and policy proposals impacting the Department of Health Care Services and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Before coming to Finance, he previously spent 16 years working in the private sector in the financial organization of a Fortune 500 company. Nathanael is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in speech communication.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Time	Topic
9:30 AM	Welcome Remarks by the Emcee
9:35 AM	Remarks by the Director of Finance
9:45 AM	Policy Presentation: Promoting Long-Term Economic Sustainability and Responsible Resource Allocation (with Q&A)
10:15 AM	Break
10:25 AM	Policy Presentation: Funding California's ZEV Future (with Q&A)
10:55 AM	Policy Presentation: California's Investments In Opioid Response (with Q&A)
11:25 AM	Break
11:35 AM	Finance Careers Presentation
11:45 AM	Panel: Day in the Life at Finance (with Q&A)
12:10 PM	Closing Remarks and Exit Survey
12:15 PM	Meet and Greet

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK



Attendees are encouraged to provide feedback using the Survey Monkey link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8D8V9CJ> or by scanning the QR code.