

GUEST SPEAKERS



Peter Christensen

Peter Christensen is an attorney and owner of the Christensen Law Firm (www.valuationlegal.com) in Santa Barbara, California. He is a member of the California and Washington state bars. His law practice is focused on real estate valuation matters and his clients are primarily appraisers, appraisal firms, management companies and technology providers. He's the author of Risk Management for Real Estate Appraisers and Appraisal Firms, published by the Appraisal Institute, and has taught hundreds of appraiser liability prevention seminars around the country.



Lisa Desmarais, SRA

Vice President of Appraisal Issues, Appraisal Foundation
A leader in the field, Ms. Desmarais has over 25 years of appraisal experience, serving on both The Appraisal Foundation's Appraisal Standards and Appraisal Practices Boards before becoming Vice President of Appraisal Issues at The Appraisal Foundation in 2020. Prior to joining the Foundation, Desmarais owned her own residential appraisal firm and was heavily involved in all facets of the appraisal profession. In addition to teaching seminars and mentoring aspiring appraisers, she has published several papers and served as a peer reviewer for others in the profession. Desmarais was also a member of a number of appraisal task forces and research groups dating back to 2011 and served as an expert witness in numerous hearings and court cases. In her free time, Lisa enjoys tennis and spending time with her family.



Lyle Radke

Lyle Radke is the Senior Director of the Collateral Policy team, helping establish and maintain policy standards for appraisals and property eligibility. Lyle has worked in the appraisal and risk management industry for more than 20 years. Since joining Fannie Mae in 2013, he has worked on a large number of collateral policy initiatives, including Collateral Underwriter® (CU®), our web-based application for lenders.