

SPEAKER BIOS FOR 2023 MN CHAPTER NIGP FALL CONFERENCE



Live Happy: 5 Secrets to a Healthier and Happier You!

Tom Guetzke, [The Happologist](#), [Live Happy, Inc.](#)

An award-winning speaker and best-selling author, Tom Guetzke has engaged and inspired audiences around the globe. Traveling to over 65 countries, Tom discovered the self-care habits each one of us can use to boost the happiness in our lives! An expert in the science of happiness, Tom identified **The 5 Happy Habits** from research in the fields of positive psychology, neurology, and sociology.

Tom holds a Masters and completed advanced Positive Psychology & Happiness studies at Penn University, UC Berkeley and Yale. He is a Certified Humor Professional (CVP), one of only 75 world-wide! He is also a featured author in *Think Positive*, *Live Happy*, a best-selling book in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series.

As *The Happologist*, Tom is on a mission to help people, just like you, discover the positive effects of happiness on your health and well-being to live a life filled with laughter and joy!



Then, Now, and Future of Public Procurement

Art Moore, [NIGP-CPP](#), [CPPO](#), [CPPB](#)

Art Moore started his government career with the Illinois Department of Transportation in 1996 testing various road materials and working with subcontractors seeking to bid on road construction projects. In 2011, he began working for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency where he developed a Job Order Contracting process for Environmental Remediation Projects and established a Qualifications Based Selection Process for the Agency's Architectural and Engineering Contracts. In June 2017, Art was appointed the Chief Procurement Officer for the Capital Development Board. During his term, Art helped develop administrative rules that guided projects procured in accordance with Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act. Art has conducted multiple outreach and training events promoting strategic procurement practices including serving as the key-note speaker for a construction conference sponsored by the State of Hawaii. Art obtained his CPPB certification in 2011, CPPO certification in 2013, NIGP-CPP in 2020, and the NIGP accredited Graduate Certificate in Public Procurement from the University of Illinois Springfield. Art is heavily involved in various procurement organizations and serves as President for the Illinois Chapter of NIGP and is the past Chair of the NIGP Talent Council and is a current member the NIGP Governing Board. Art was recognized for his role in promoting diversity in contracting by being awarded NIGP's 2023 Diversity and Inclusion award.

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Then, Now, and Future of Public Procurement

Stacy Gregg, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB

Stacy Gregg is the Director of Procurement at South Carolina State University. She is an Online Instructor for NIGP and volunteers with The Institute on the Member Council and Certification Commission. Stacy is an active member of the SC Association of Governmental Purchasing Officials (SCAGPO). Stacy has an A.A. Degree in Public Service (Paralegal) from Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC and B.A. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Concentrating in English & Management) from the University of South Carolina. She also holds Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO), and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) designations from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).



The Future of Project Scoping: Adopt Next Practices TODAY

Dr. Jake Smithwick

Is the Director of Education with the Center for Procurement Excellence and is a professor at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. Jake and his team have assisted hundreds of owners improve performance outcomes across thousands of projects (\$15+ Billion of procured services in healthcare, insurance, construction, IT, auxiliary services, design, and more). His industry experience also includes six years in the US Air Force Reserve (civil engineering squadron).



Procurement Tour at the Bloomington Ice Garden (BIG)

Lenny Klevan Schmitz, Ice Garden Manager at the City of Bloomington, MN

**Former MN NIGP Treasurer*

Has spent his full-time working career in the public sector after graduating from the University of Minnesota in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Resource Management. His full-time work experience includes: Three Rivers Park District plus Carver and Dakota counties. Currently working as the Ice Garden Manager in the City of Bloomington, MN.

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Procurement Trivia

Sierra Scheet

**Former MN Trivia Mafia Host*

Assistant Controller with the Science Museum of Minnesota and former part-time MN Trivia Mafia Host. Sierra will be facilitating the first part of the in-person networking event on Thursday, November 16th with some Procurement Trivia. Prizes will be provided to the winning trivia team.



Implicit Biases and Intent vs. Impact: Understanding Microaggressions

Professor Fiyyaz Karim, Resident Faculty Member, Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health College of Continuing and Professional Studies, Twin Cities

Fiyyaz Karim (he/him/his) is the Co-Director of Graduate Studies and resident faculty member in the Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health and Addictions Counseling programs at the University of Minnesota. Prior to working in higher education, Dr. Karim was employed in community mental health outpatient settings, many addressing the needs of marginalized communities. Fiyyaz currently serves as a community consultant and has conducted professional training sessions and workshops on diversity, equity, and inclusivity (DEI) areas including microaggressions, implicit biases, cultural appropriation, and identity development. Dr. Karim has done clinical work and research in trauma, as well as grief and loss, with a focus on disenfranchised losses such as unemployment, relationship losses, chronic illness, addictions, and more recently losses with the pandemic. Fiyyaz also serves on the Board of Directors of Agate Housing and Services, and The Governor's Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction.

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Achievement of Excellence Award (AEP) through NPI

Ginger Line, MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, Client Development Administrator II at Sourcewell

Ginger Line, MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPB is a Client Development Administrator at Sourcewell, where she helps local government, education, and non-profit agencies walk through the cooperative purchase process through Sourcewell contracts. Ginger graduated from Saint Cloud State University with a B.A. in Political Science; in 2019, she received her Master's in Public Administration from Villanova University. In addition, Ginger is the past President of the Minnesota chapter of NIGP, is an area 6 Chapter Ambassador, and is serving on the Board of Examiners for the CPPB exam through the UPPCC (Universal Public Procurement Council). She has been a presenter at NIGP Forum and numerous chapters and affiliations throughout North America.

Kim Austin, MBA, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, Procurement Supervisor at Sourcewell

Kim Austin is a Procurement Supervisor who has been with Sourcewell since 2015. Prior to working in public procurement, Kim spent over 15 years working in the financial services industry, primarily in retirement services. Kim graduated from Saint Cloud State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and has a Masters in Business Administration from West Texas A&M University. She holds a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) and NIGP-CPP certification. In addition, Kim is on the MN NIGP Board of Directors and the NPI AEP Evaluation Committee.

