



## **Speaker Biographies**

Workshop: Foggy Forecast: Adapting Water Systems to Changing Weather Pattern

Location: Mezzanine

### **James Noel**

James Noel is currently the Service Coordination Hydrologist at the NOAA/National Weather Service's Ohio River Forecast Center (OHRFC). His duties include increasing interaction with OHRFC's partners and customers on the products and services they provide.

Jim has served at the OHRFC since 1996 as a hydrologist with a departure to NWS Weather Forecast Office Atlanta as the Senior Hydrologist between 2000 and 2005. Besides operational hydrologic forecasting, his main areas of focus are in precipitation forecasting, climate forecasting, research and water resources outlooks. He teaches climate variability and change seminars and rainfall forecasting seminars for NOAA and COMET. He is currently working with others on expanding the NOAA/NWS water resources outlooks to the national stage. His B.S. degree in meteorology is from Northern Illinois University and additional studies in soil science, hydraulics and civil engineering are from Ohio State University.

### **Lisa Jeffrey**

Lisa is the water resource service leader for Brown and Caldwell in the Chesapeake Bay region. She has 23 years of experience in water resource engineering related to water supply master planning, storm water and floodplain management. Her experience includes regional water supply master planning, stormwater and watershed management, NPDES and TMDL compliance, design of stormwater BMPs and green infrastructure. Lisa holds an M.S. degree in Water Resource Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.S. degree in Biology and Geology from Colgate University.

### **Joel Brown**

Joel Brown is a seasoned insurance executive with experience in the areas of: pricing, product development, underwriting, corporate communications and sales. During his 30 years in the insurance industry, Brown has spent 25 years at middle management or executive level. In his current position at State Auto, Brown is the Vice President of Standard Lines with responsibilities for Personal Insurance, Farm and Commercial Insurance.

Brown is a graduate from Wittenberg University. He holds degrees in political science and economics.

He has been very involved in industry activities serving as a CPCU instructor and chairing two committees for local CPCU Chapters. He has served both the Ohio Insurance Institute and the Indiana Insurance Institute chairing various committees and most recently acting as the Chair for Indiana's Insurance Political Action Committee. Brown is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Law Enforcement Foundation and sits on the Board of Directors for the Columbus Symphony and WOSU Public Media.