

# GAO Management News

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## Everybody Has a Story to Tell during Diversity and Inclusion Month at GAO

**GAO**  
Diversity and Inclusion  
Month 2017

**Everybody has a story...**

### Ways We Tell Our Stories

**Keynote speaker**  
Over-estimated filmmaker  
**Lawrence Hott**  
His awards include an Emmy, two Academy Award nominations, a DuPont-Columbia Journalism Award, the Erik Barnouw History Award, the George Foster Peabody Award, five American Film Festival Blue Ribbons, and 14 CINE Golden Eagles.

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**What's the Story of Your Name?**

**MAY**

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**JUNE**

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16	Panel discussion on health care in the Caribbean	23	Caribbean ACPD film and discussion
29		30	Caribbean Zumba Beats

May 30, 2017  
Boston Field Office  
2-3 pm ET  
broadcast on GAOTV

June 14, 2017  
Cafeteria  
10-11 am ET  
Field office programs TBD

For more details on the calendar of events – Please see full calendar on intranet, or in GAO Notices

Since 1996, GAO has devoted the month of June to celebrating diversity and inclusion. The agency also celebrates Caribbean Heritage Month and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in June. This celebration demonstrates the agency's commitment to diversity and inclusion and recognition that having a diverse staff helps GAO fulfill its mission and creating an inclusive work environment that enables staff to develop to their full potential.

The Diversity and Inclusion Month Committee has planned a number of thoughtful and interesting events around this year's theme "Everybody Has a Story... Ways We Tell Our Stories." Events and activities will show us how

we collectively tell our story through film, literature, and music. In addition, everyone has the opportunity to share the unique story of their name or listen to others' stories in the "What's the Story of Your Name" activity.

"We hope these events in June for headquarters and field offices help GAO to be a workplace where each and every day we leave feeling valued, respected and treated fairly," said John Townes, HCO. Townes directs the agency's efforts in diversity and inclusiveness. This month has been planned by the members of the Diversity and Inclusion Month team, who are from various staff and administrative offices, mission teams, office locations, and band levels.

## Special Events and Speakers

All event times listed are Eastern Time.

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### Keynote Speaker: Laurence Hott, "The Telling of Stories" - Tuesday, May 30

2:00 – 3:00 PM

HQ Learning Center Room 8, Boston Training Room and GAOTV

POC - Karen Cassidy

Laurence Hott is the founder of [Florentine Films](#) and has been producing documentary films since 1978. Larry has produced a variety of films, some of which are focused on social topics such as disability, mental illness and language preservation. Mr. Hott will share how he tells stories that reflect our diverse communities and promote inclusion.

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### D&I Film Club - Thursday, June 1

11:30 - 1:00 pm

HQ 2N30, GAOTV, and phone (877-446-3914, passcode: 783599)

POC - John Johnson

Please join us for the inaugural meeting of GAO's D&I Film Club. There are many powerful films that demonstrate the value of diversity and inclusion, whether it's in the workplace or in our communities. Consistent with our "story-telling" theme, we will discuss how film can be a powerful tool in both promoting D&I awareness and identifying techniques that foster inclusion. We will view a short film and John Johnson, NRE Senior Analyst, will moderate a discussion about the film as well as talk about plans for the film club moving forward.

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### Performance by Pavel Urkiza - Tuesday, June 6

1:30 - 3:00 pm

HQ Auditorium and GAOTV

POC -Dainia Lawes

[Pavel Urkiza](#) is an eclectic musician, singer, composer

### Diversity and Inclusion Month Planning Team Members

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and arranger. He was born in Ukraine to Cuban parents and has spent time in Europe, Latin-America, and the U.S. This rich cultural background is evident in his music, which reflects Caribbean and Mediterranean influences. His live performance will feature percussionists on the guitar, drums, cajón, and other Cuban percussion instruments. Click [here](#) for a preview of his sound. During the live performance, the winner of the Caribbean Heritage Group raffle will be announced. For a chance to win the Caribbean Heritage Group raffle, inquire [here](#) by May 26.

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## **D&I Hallway Fair - Wednesday, June 7**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
HQ 1st Floor N Hallway  
POC - Colleen Marks

Various organizations will share information about their mission and goals. We invite all to stop by to learn about what these organizations are doing.

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## **D&I Summit Day 2 - Thursday, June 8**

12:30 - 4:30 pm  
TBD - will be available via VTC/ GAOTV/ Phone Bridge  
POC - Lexi Dew Silva

Please join us as we bring together the many people across GAO who are committed to our ongoing efforts to increase diversity and inclusion in our workplace. The afternoon's event will feature a panel discussion on how to expand the reach of diversity and inclusion efforts, followed by your choice of facilitated discussions about various topics. Please [pre-register](#) to ensure you get up-to-date information and that we can plan logistics appropriately!

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## **GAO-wide Story Sharing Opportunity - Wednesday, June 14 (HQ)**

10:00 - 11:00 am  
GAO HQ Cafeteria  
POC - Betsy Morris

"What's the Story of Your Name?" Are you named after a family member or friend? Did you pick up a nickname in college that has stuck? During GAO's Diversity and Inclusion Month celebration ("Everyone Has a Story"), everyone has the opportunity to share the unique story of their name or listen to others' stories. Join us for a coffee hour and let the story telling begin. The goals of the activity are to give everyone an opportunity to tell their unique story and provide an opportunity to listen and be heard. The D&I Month Planning Committee will provide general guidance to help staff prepare their story and prepare to listen.

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## **Panel Discussion on "Health Care in the Caribbean Region: Challenges and Opportunities - Thursday, June 15**

1:30 - 3:00 pm

HQ Staats (7C13) and GAOTV  
POC - Dainia Lawes

The Caribbean-American Heritage Month committee is collaborating with GAO's Health Care and International Affairs & Trade (IAT) teams to host a panel discussion on health care in the Caribbean. Jess Farb, IAT Director, will be the panel moderator, and the panelists will include:



(Featured from left to right)

- Ambassador Dr. Angus Friday of Grenada
- Ambassador Dr. Thelma Phillip-Browne of St. Kitts & Nevis
- Mrs. Marsha Coore-Lobban, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Jamaican Embassy
- Dr. Carissa Etienne, Director, Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization

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## GAO Workforce Today in Photos - Monday, June 19 (HQ)

11:30 - 12:00 pm  
HQ Staats (7C13)  
POC - Carrie Wilks

Every photo tells a story. To show all facets of our diversity and inclusiveness, a set of photographs will be unveiled in the hallway outside the Staats Briefing room that reflect GAO's workforce of today.

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## Caribbean pop-up museum - Tuesday, June 20 - Thursday, June 22 (HQ)



10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
HQ 4N23  
POC - Dainia Lawes

The Caribbean Pop-Up Museum is back again! This year's museum theme will focus on Cuban American experiences and will be held over three days. During museum hours, there will be informal presentations from GAOers with Cuban heritage and GAOers who have travelled to Cuba. Come and satisfy your curiosity! Click [here](#) for photos from last year's museum.

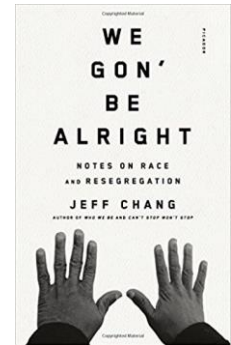
## Diversity Book Club – We Gon’ Be Alright - Wednesday, June 21

12:00 - 1:00 pm

HQ 5950A and phone (888-454-8587, Passcode: 96785918)

POC - Laurel Beedon

The Diversity in Literature Book Group, sponsored by SF Connects and the Asian American Liaison Group, will discuss “*We Gon’ Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation*” by Jeff Chang. Join the group and discuss the book on June 21 at 12:00 p.m. Then, talk with author [Jeff Chang](#) in person from GAO’s San Francisco office on June 27 at 2:00 p.m. EST.



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## ACPD film and discussion Be Vocal Speak Up - Thursday, June 22

1:00 - 2:00 pm

HQ 2558 and GAOTV

POC - Caryn Kuebler

Join the Advisory Council for People with Disabilities (ACPD) for a screening of a short documentary film *Beyond Silence* and a discussion with Collette Harris, Executive Director of the Prince George’s County, Maryland, chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. *Beyond Silence* is part of the *Be Vocal: Speak Up for Mental Health* initiative. *Be Vocal* aims to empower adults living with mental health conditions to speak up and use their voice in support of mental health. *Beyond Silence* explores the stories of three individuals living with a mental health condition. The film will be followed by a discussion and Q&A with Ms. Harris.

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## Book discussion with Jeff Chang author of We Gon’ Be Alright - Tuesday, June 27



2:00 - 3:00 pm

HQ 6802, SF Main VTC Room, GAOTV and phone bridge

POC - Lacy Vong

Please join the Asian American Liaison Group (AALG) and the San Francisco Field Office for a discussion with [Jeff Chang](#), author of, “*We Gon’ Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation*,” which was this month’s selection for GAO’s Diversity in Literature Book Group on June 21. Mr. Chang will share his story and thoughts on moving the nation forward to racial justice and cultural equity. All welcome, even if you didn’t have the opportunity to attend the June 21<sup>st</sup> book group discussion.

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## GLEA/BIG Moonlight Film Discussion - Wednesday, June 28

12:00 - 1:00 pm

HQ Staats (7C13) and GAOTV

POC - Andrew Huddleston

Please join GAO’s LGBTQA Employees’ Association (GLEA) and GAO-USACE’s Chapter of Blacks In Government (BIG) for a moderated discussion of this year’s



Oscar-winning Best Picture film, Moonlight. Moonlight is a powerful story about identity and growing up. Watching the film in advance is recommended. It will not be screened during the discussion.

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## **Caribbean Zumba Beats - Thursday, June 29**

12:30 - 1:30 pm  
HQ Fitness Center  
POC - Dainia Lawes

Caribbean dances typically involve a lot of cardio. The GAO Fitness Center is offering a special lunch hour class with a Caribbean twist, as a treat for Members and Non-members alike. Guest instructor, Charita Moore, will lead this fun and energetic class, which will be set to Caribbean music and include Caribbean-based dance moves. Space is limited to the first 25 persons. Non-members must complete a waiver prior to participation. Click [here](#) to register online with Username GAO and Password screenings.

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## **GAO Wide Story Sharing Opportunity - June 1 - 30**

POC - Betsy Morris

Team and office-sponsored events: locations, dates and times to be determined

“What’s the Story of Your Name?” In keeping with the theme of this year’s Diversity and Inclusion Month celebration (“Everyone Has a Story”), teams and offices are encouraged to sponsor a coffee hour program. Similar to the GAO-wide event occurring on June 14th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ET in the Watchdog Café at GAO Headquarters.

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## **WebTA Codes and CPE Information**

Unless otherwise noted, the WEBTA code for Diversity and Inclusion Month events that are eligible for CPEs is 993002. Employees who participate in other Diversity and Inclusion Month events can charge time to WEBTA code 995106. Individual analysts and their teams are responsible for determining if a learning program or activity qualifies as CPE for that analyst. For guidance on what may qualify for CPE credit, [please review GAGAS/Yellow Book guidance](#).

For more information, please contact [John Townes](#) by email or at 202-512-4155 or [Christine Davis](#) by email or at 202-512-8290.

## GAO Holds Diversity and Inclusion Summit



GAO held “Day One” of the first Diversity and Inclusion Summit on Tuesday, May 9, in the GAO Auditorium and across all field offices. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro provided thoughtful opening remarks on what Diversity and Inclusion means to him personally, and his ongoing commitment to promoting a diverse and inclusive culture at GAO. He also took time to answer questions. Over 150 staff attended the half-day session, which included panel discussions on the following topics:

**Panel 1: *Measuring Progress: Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Going*** – Facilitated by John Townes, HCO, D&I Program Manager

Panelists included: Renee Caputo, Deputy CHCO; Greta Goodwin, Director, HSJ;

Latesha Love, Assistant Director, FAIS; and Gloria Taylor, Assistant Director, OI.

**Panel 2: *GAO Culture and D&I*** – Facilitated by Shelby Oakley, Director, ASM

Panelists included: Usman Ahmad, Senior Analyst, DCM; Denise Bennett, Program and Management Analyst, PDP; James Blockwood, Managing Director, SPEL; Josh Diosomito, Senior Analyst, HSJ/LA; Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, NRE; and Layla Moughari, Analyst, EWIS.

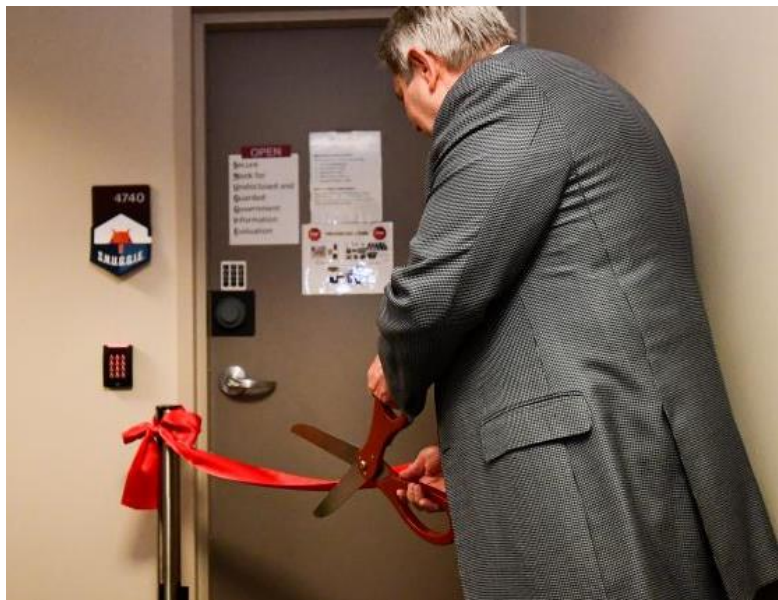
**Panel 3: *Strategies for Managing Exposure to News Media*** – Facilitated by Alexandra Dew Silva

Panelists included: Samer Abbas, Assistant Director, PI/Chicago; Alicia Cackley, Director, FMCI; and Cyndi Wagner, HCO Counseling Services Center

All employees are invited to attend Day Two of GAO's Diversity and Inclusion Summit on June 8, 2017 from 12:30-4:30pm ET, and available by VTC, GAOTV, and phone. Day Two will open with a panel on expanding the reach of Diversity and Inclusion efforts throughout GAO. There will also be facilitated discussions by various GAO Implementation Teams on recent successful sessions they hosted within their team. Staff are encouraged to preregister by using the following: [GAO D&I SUMMIT PRE-REGISTRATION](#). Please contact: Lexi Dew Silva, [dewsilvaa@gao.gov](mailto:dewsilvaa@gao.gov), 617-788-0563, or Summer Lingard-Smith, [lingardsmiths@gao.gov](mailto:lingardsmiths@gao.gov), 202-512-7775.

## Comptroller General Celebrates Opening of New HQ Secure Area

On April 28th, the CG, along with members of GAO's Executive Committee, the Intelligence Community Executive Team, GAO Security Task Force, Infrastructure Operations Offices of Security and Facilities Management and Services, and Information Systems and Technology Services gathered around the new fourth floor HQ Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNet) space for a ribbon cutting ceremony and opening celebration. The SIPRNet is the Department of Defense network for the exchange of classified information and messages at the SECRET level and is one of the primary tools used by GAO staff conducting work involving classified information. In addition to the new secure space, GAO created an unclassified waiting area space immediately outside of the secure area for staff waiting to use a terminal or to take breaks from their classified work.



The CG noted that GAO has been conducting a steadily increasing number of engagements involving classified information, and often during periods of peak usage staff had to wait for extended periods of time to gain access to a SIPRNet terminal to conduct classified work. He also noted that the new SIPRNet space not only doubles the number of HQ SIPRNet terminals, but also offers increased capability for collaboration when working on engagements with the addition of two classified conference rooms with SIPRNet access. The CG added that GAO's investment in creating this new SIPRNet space reflects the agency's appreciation of the needs of those who work on classified reports and an acknowledgment of their important efforts.



## From Here and There

### *Arrivals and Departures*

#### **Welcome to recently hired GAO employees:**

**APQA:** David Lu

**HCO:** Ashley Sewell

#### **Good luck to recently retired GAO employees:**

**DCM:** Jeanette Reid

#### **Goodbye and best wishes to employees leaving GAO:**

**EWIS:** Najeema Washington

**FMA:** Laura Bednar

**FMCI:** Lauren Comeau

**HC:** Jessica Lin

**HSJ:** Wallace Brittain (Atlanta)

**IAT:** Kendal Robinson

**ISTS:** Brenda Thomas (Huntsville)

### *Job Market*

GAO is seeking applicants for the following position. Detailed information may be found at [USAjobs](#).

[Supervisory Librarian](#), MS-1410-02/02, closes 6/2

[Accountant](#), PT-0510-01/01, closes 5/31

[Senior Attorney \(Acquisition and Sourcing Management\)](#), PA-0905-03/03, closes 6/12

[Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist](#), PT-0260-02/02, closes 6/6

## Recent Reports, Testimony, and Legal Products

Public GAO products--reports, testimony, and legal decisions and opinions--are available on GAO's [website](#) as they are released. In addition, you may sign up for [daily e-mail alerts](#) about issued products. You may also subscribe to Twitter alerts for [reports](#) and [legal products](#). Use the [search engine](#) to locate older products.

### **Reports**

Avian Influenza: USDA Has Taken Actions to Reduce Risks but Needs a Plan to Evaluate Its Efforts.

[GAO-17-360](#), April 13

Architect of the Capitol's Oversight of the Senate Food Service Contract.

[GAO-17-481R](#), May 12

DOD Joint Travel Regulations: Actions Are Needed to Clarify Flat Rate Per Diem Policy.

[GAO-17-353](#), May 15

Technology Assessment: Internet of Things: Status and implications of an increasingly connected world.

[GAO-17-75](#), May 15

Agricultural Conservation: USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program Could Be Improved to Optimize Benefits.

[GAO-17-225](#), April 13

NASA: Assessments of Major Projects.

[GAO-17-303SP](#), May 16

DOD Health: Actions Needed to Ensure Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury Are Considered in Misconduct Separations.

[GAO-17-260](#), May 16

Supplemental Security Income: SSA Could Strengthen Its Efforts to Encourage Employment for Transition-Age Youth.

[GAO-17-485](#), May 17

Service Contracts: Agencies Should Take Steps to More Effectively Use Independent Government Cost Estimates.

[GAO-17-398](#), May 17

Management Report: Improvements Are Needed to Enhance the Internal Revenue Service's Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

[GAO-17-454R](#), May 17

Employment Taxes: Timely Use of National Research Program Results Would Help IRS Improve Compliance and Tax Gap Estimates.

[GAO-17-371](#), April 18

Discretionary Grants: Education Needs to Improve Its Oversight of Grants Monitoring.

[GAO-17-266](#), April 18

Navy Force Structure: Actions Needed to Ensure Proper Size and Composition of Ship Crews.

[GAO-17-413](#), May 18

Management Report: Areas for Improvement in the Federal Reserve Banks' Information Systems Controls.

[GAO-17-537R](#), May 18

Homeland Security: Progress Made to Implement IT Reform, but Additional Chief Information Officer Involvement Needed.

[GAO-17-284](#), May 18

Department of Transportation: Experts Identified Areas for Operational Improvements without Implementing Organizational Changes.

[GAO-17-478](#), May 18

Data Center Optimization: Agencies Need to Complete Plans to Address Inconsistencies in Reported Savings.

[GAO-17-388](#), May 18

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: Implementation of Federal Minimum Wage and Immigration Laws.

[GAO-17-437](#), May 18

Tribal Transportation: Better Data Could Improve Road Management and Inform Indian Student Attendance Strategies.

[GAO-17-423](#), May 22

Emerging Infectious Diseases: Actions Needed to Address the Challenges of Responding to Zika Virus Disease Outbreaks.

[GAO-17-445](#), May 23

DOD Training: DOD Has Taken Steps to Assess Common Military Training.

[GAO-17-468](#), May 23

Electronic Cigarettes: U.S. Imports in 2016.

[GAO-17-515R](#), April 24

National Weather Service: Actions Have Been Taken to Fill Increasing Vacancies, but Opportunities Exist to Improve and Evaluate Hiring.

[GAO-17-364](#), May 24

Indian Affairs: Further Actions Needed to Improve Oversight and Accountability for School Safety Inspections.

[GAO-17-421](#), May 24

Indian Affairs: Actions Needed to Better Manage Indian School Construction Projects.

[GAO-17-447](#), May 24

## **Restricted Reports**

Observations on DOD's Use of Paid Administrative Leave for Civilian Employees.

[GAO-17-547SU](#), May 16

Management Report: Areas for Improvement in the Federal Reserve Banks' Information Systems Controls.

[GAO-17-466RSU](#), May 18

Supply Chain Security: CBP Needs to Enforce Compliance and Assess the Effectiveness of the Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements.

[GAO-17-419SU](#), May 18

National Mall: Actions Needed to Better Manage Physical Security Risks.

[GAO-17-479SU](#), May 22

## **Congressional Testimony**

Offshore Oil and Gas Resources: Information on Infrastructure Decommissioning and Federal Financial Risk, Frank Rusco, NRE, before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, House Committee on Natural Resources.

[GAO-17-642T](#), May 17

Government Efficiency and Effectiveness: Opportunities to Address Pervasive Management Risks and Challenges while Reducing Federal Costs, Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, before the Senate Committee on the Budget.

[GAO-17-631T](#), May 17

Space Acquisitions: DOD Continues to Face Challenges of Delayed Delivery of Critical Space Capabilities and Fragmented Leadership, Cristina T. Chaplain, ASM, before the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, Senate Committee on Armed Services.

[GAO-17-619T](#), May 17

High Risk: Actions Needed to Address Serious Weaknesses in Federal Management of Programs Serving Indian Tribes, Melissa Emrey-Arras, EWIS, before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

[GAO-17-587T](#), May 17

Federal Workforce: Sustained Attention to Human Capital Leading Practices Can Help Improve Agency Performance, Robert Goldenkoff, SI, before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. [GAO-17-627T](#), May 18

Social Security Numbers: OMB and Federal Efforts to Reduce Collection, Use, and Display, Gregory C. Wilshusen, Information Security, before the Subcommittee on Social Security, House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Subcommittee on Information Technology, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. [GAO-17-655T](#), May 23

Emerging Infectious Diseases: Actions Needed to Ensure Improved Response to Zika Virus Disease Outbreaks, Timothy M. Persons, Chief Scientist, before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Energy and Commerce. [GAO-17-612T](#), May 23

Veterans Affairs: Improper Payment Estimates and Ongoing Efforts for Reduction, Beryl H. Davis, FMA, before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. [GAO-17-633T](#), May 24

National Science Foundation: Preliminary Observations on Indirect Costs for Research, John Neumann, NRE, before the Subcommittee on Research and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. [GAO-17-576T](#), May 24

Inspectors General: Improvements Needed to IG Oversight of Architect of the Capitol Operations, Beryl H. Davis, FMA, before the House Committee on House Administration. [GAO-17-666T](#), May 24

High Risk: Actions Needed to Address Serious Weaknesses in Federal Management of Programs Serving Indian Tribes, Melissa Emrey-Arras, EWIS, Frank Rusco, NRE, Kathleen M. King, HC, before the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Committee on Appropriations. [GAO-17-589T](#), May 24

Department of Energy: Continued Actions Needed to Address Management Challenges, David C. Trimble, NRE, before the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, Senate Committee on Armed Services. [GAO-17-651T](#), May 24

## ***Legal Decisions and Opinions***

### **Bid Protest Decisions**

[Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation](#), B-414312, B-414312.2, B-414312.3, May 1.

[General Dynamics Mission Systems, Inc.](#), B-414587, B-414587.2, May 11.

[Sevatec, Inc.](#), B-413116.52, B-413116.59, May 9.

[Octo Consulting Group, Inc.](#), B-413116.53, B-413116.55, May 9.

[Social Solutions International, Inc.—Costs](#), B-411994.4, May 8.

[Avid Technology Professionals, LLC](#), B-413390.5, December 2.

[Sev1Tech, Inc.](#), B-413758.6, B-413758.7, B-413758.8, May 11.

[Sancilio & Company, Inc.](#), B-414579, May 15.

[Bluehorse Corporation—Reconsideration](#), B-413929.2, B-413929.4, May 16.

[Systems Plus, Inc.](#), B-413703.8, May 10.

[GOV Services, Inc.](#), B-414374, May 11.

[Tele-Consultants, Inc.](#), B-414135, February 27.

[Western Star Hospital Authority, Inc.](#), B-414216.2, May 18.

[Walker Development & Trading Group, Inc.](#), B-414365, May 18.

[Tom Smith Fire Equipment Company, Inc.](#), B-414349, May 15.  
[Mevacon-NASCO JV; Encanto Facility Services, LLC](#), B-414329, B-414329.2, B-414329.3, B-414329.4, May 11.  
[Fidelis Logistic and Supply Services](#), B-414445, B-414445.2, May 17.  
[Interactive Government Holdings, Inc.](#), B-414071, B-414071.2, February 2.  
[SK Hart Properties, LLC](#), B-414338, May 11.  
[Jay Hymas](#), B-414546, May 23.

## **Major Rules**

[Federal Reserve System: Federal Reserve Bank Capital Stock](#), B-329048, May 10.  
[Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration: Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Compliance Date; Request for Comments](#), B-329058, May 17.

## **Office of the Inspector General**

OIG Semiannual Report: October 1, 2016-March 31, 2017  
[OIG-17-3SP](#)

## **Speakers' Platform**

Kristen Kociolek, FMA, presented "Time to Update the Yellow Book" at the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Annual Conference in Springfield, VA, March 30.

Christie Pugnetti, FMA, presented "Yellow Book Update" to the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) Emerging Leaders Conference in Tallahassee, Florida, April 13.

Kristen Kociolek, Christie Pugnetti, and Rebecca Riklin, FMA, presented "Yellow Book Exposure Draft Update" at the GAO FMA Accounting and Auditing Update (AAU) in Washington, DC, April 20.

Jim Dalkin, FMA, presented "Standards Update" to the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) conference in Washington, DC, April 27.

Grant Simmons and Sean Joyce, FMA, presented "2017 Yellow Book Update" to the Association of Government Accountants Montgomery/Prince George Chapter Spring Workshop in Montgomery/Prince George's County MD, April 27.

Grant Simmons, FMA, presented "2017 Yellow Book Update" at the Maryland Association for Certified Public Accountants Government and Nonprofit Conference in College Park, MD, April 28.

Matt Zaun and Sean Joyce, FMA, presented "2017 Yellow Book Exposure Draft" to the North Virginia Association of Government Accountants (NOVAGA) in Washington, DC, April 28.

Jim Dalkin, Kristen Kociolek, Phyllis Anderson and Christie Pugnetti, FMA, discussed the Yellow Book Exposure Draft and recent GAO reports on Single Audits at the Single Audit Round Table in Washington, DC, on May 3.

Jim Dalkin, FMA, presented "Revisions to the Government Auditing Standards" to the Mid-Atlantic Intergovernmental Audit Forum in Ocean City, MD, May 4.

Several GAO staff presented at the *Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) Federal Financial Management Conference* in Washington, DC, on May 8:

- Comptroller General Gene Dodaro participated in the opening plenary session “JFMIP Principals’ Roundtable,” and then provide remarks on “The Nation’s Fiscal Health” for plenary session A.
- Chris Mihm, SI discussed “Using Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).”
- Omari Norman and Lisa Motley, GC, discussed “Fiscal Consequences of Real Property Leases.”
- Berri Davis, FMA, spoke on “Improper Payments: Challenges and Solutions.”
- Jim Dalkin, Kristen Kociolek, and Christie Pugnetti, FMA, presented “Update on the Latest Developments in Government Auditing Standards.”
- Nick Marinos and Tom Johnson, IT, presented about the current state of cybersecurity in the federal government and risk-based approaches to evaluating the effectiveness of cybersecurity processes and controls.
- Orice Williams Brown presented on “Leading and Training a Diverse Federal Workforce.”

Christie Pugnetti, FMA, presented “Updates to the Yellow Book” to the Department of Defense Small Audit & Peer Review Working Group in Alexandria, VA, May 9.

Asif Khan (FMA) spoke on Efforts to Address GAO High Risk Issues Related to Strengthening DHS Financial Management at the DHS Office of the Chief Financial Officers Symposium held in Washington DC, May 10.

Debra Draper (HC), Keith Cunningham (PI), Amelia Shachoy (PI), George Depaoli (PI), and Jim Leonard (PI) presented GAO’s recent work on VA real property at the *VA Healthcare: Developing Solutions for the Next Generation of Veteran Care* conference in Washington, DC, May 15.

Keith Cunningham (PI) and Cam Flores (GC) discussed Federal Real Property: GSA Should Inform Tenant Agencies When Leasing High-Security Spaces from Foreign Owners ([GAO-17-195](#), January 3) at a lunchtime learning event for the American Bar Association’s National Security Committee, co-moderated by Toni Gillich (FAIS) in Washington, DC, May 17.

Nick Marinos, IT, presented information about GAO, recent cybersecurity legislation, revisions to related executive branch guidance and GAO’s approach to performing cybersecurity and privacy reviews as part of the New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum in Lowell, MA, on May 22.

## ***On the Air***

Robert Goldenkoff, SI, appeared on NewsChannel 8’s “Government Matters” program to discuss GAO’s recent Census work, May 11.

Frank Rusco, NRE, spoke with Federal News Radio about the team’s new report on BLM’s efforts to mitigate environmental impacts from oil and gas development ([GAO-17-307](#), April 25), May 15.

Dave Powner, IT, spoke with Federal News Radio about the team’s report on data center optimization ([GAO-17-388](#), May 18), May 22.

Rebecca Shea, FAIS, was interviewed by Arizona Radio Station KNAU about her report on tribal transportation ([GAO-17-423](#), May 22), May 23.

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