

## Presenter's Biographies

**Cindy DeGroen** has been with the State Demography Office of the Division of Local Government since June of 1993. Her current responsibilities include the preparation of population forecasts by age and sex for the counties of Colorado and by ethnicity for the state for use by other state agencies and local governments. Cindy participates in the Office's program of Local Economic and Information Forecasting Assistance through the preparation of forecasts of labor force participation rates by age and sex for use in determining the migration required or implied by economic forecasts and to aid local governments in the understanding of their economy and the causes of growth and change within it.

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**Elizabeth Garner** joined the State Demography Office in September of 2004. Her current responsibilities include management and oversight of the Population Estimates Program, Population Forecast Program, Local Economic Information and Forecasting Program and the Geographic Information System Program. Elizabeth and her office have been leading the state's efforts in preparation for Census 2010 and in preparation for the release of its data and other Census data. Elizabeth coordinates special projects and research with other state and local agencies to improve the demographic and economic data and information available throughout Colorado for better understanding local decision making. Prior to working with the Department of Local Affairs, Elizabeth worked for 10 years with CSU Cooperative Extension as the coordinator of the County Information Service. She received her B.A. in Business at the University of San Diego, MA in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University and is a PhD Candidate in the same program.

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**David Keyser** is an economist for the State Demography Office. David has worked for the Demography Office since 2009. Prior to this he was a research economist for the Department of Economics at Colorado State University. David constructs the State Demography Office's employment estimates and is responsible for long run economic forecasts. He models and forecasts oil and gas activity and associated revenues as well as other analysis as needs arise. David earned a BA as well as an MA in economics from Colorado State University. His primary fields of study were econometrics and regional economics.

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**Barbara Musick** joined the State Demography Office in 2009 and is responsible for data packaging and marketing, training and web design. She also serves as lead staff for the Colorado Census State Data Center, and acted as project manager for the Governor's State Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census.

Prior to joining the Department of Local Affairs in 2009, she worked in advertising and corporate branding with industry-leading companies. Ms. Musick has an MBA from San Diego State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern New Hampshire University.

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**Patty Silverstein** is the president of Development Research Partners, a Jefferson County, Colorado-based real estate analysis and economic development research company founded in 1994. Ms. Silverstein's expertise is in economic research and economic development, including industry cluster studies and strategic economic development planning. She has extensive experience in preparing economic impact and fiscal impact analysis for community development purposes. In addition, she serves as the consulting chief economist for the Metro Denver Economic Development Corp. and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. In these roles, she compiles, interprets, and forecasts economic and demographic data for the Denver metropolitan area and performs in-depth research on issues and proposed developments impacting the region.

Ms. Silverstein received a bachelor's degree in economics from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska (1983) and a master's degree in economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder (1986).

Ms. Silverstein is active in a number of business and professional organizations, including chair of the manufacturing committee of the University of Colorado Business Economic Outlook Forum and member of the Governor's Revenue Estimating Advisory Committee, the Economic Development Council of Colorado, and the Denver Association of Business Economists.