



The Institute of Internal Auditors

Palm Beach County

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to IIA's Palm Beach Chapter Revamped Newsletter! The goal of this enhanced newsletter is to disseminate helpful local information to our Palm Beach County community members to increase awareness of the profession, common related risks and assist you in implementing effective controls in your area of operations. Delivered quarterly with curated content and highlights, we hope you will benefit from these timely insights impacting internal auditors and their stakeholders- straight to your inbox.

Important Update

Organizational Behavior Topical Requirement

Organizational behavior encompasses the human side of risk, comprising the observable actions, decisions, and interpersonal dynamics of individuals and groups within an organization. Misaligned behavior can prevent organizations from achieving strategic objectives, fulfilling stakeholder expectations, and complying with regulatory standards. The Organizational Behavior Topical Requirement provides a minimum baseline and consistent, comprehensive approach to help auditors assess the design and effectiveness of control processes related to behavior.

Make sure to stay abreast of these new requirements that will be in effect soon by reviewing the [Behavior Topical Requirement](#) and the related [User Guide](#).

Brain Bites

“Mandatory auditor rotation is designed to address a potential conflict of interest between a public company and its auditor. Because an auditor is hired and paid by the public company it audits, the auditor's desire to maintain a good relationship with its client could conflict with its duty to rigorously question the client's financial statements.”

Robert Pozen

Important Dates

- **August 20th** – PBC IIA Board of Governors Meeting
- **September 9th** – [The Secret Life of Data](#), Virtual CPE Event, FREE for IIA Members



- [September 24th](#) – PBC IIA Board of Governors Meeting
- [October 13th](#) – PBC IIA FAU Accounting Students Association Presentation and Q&A
- [October 22nd](#) – PBC IIA Board of Governors Meeting
- [November 04th](#) – CAE Roundtable Event ([Join the Waitlist](#))
- [November 18th](#) - Ethical Issues with AI Usage, Virtual CPE Event, FREE for IIA Members



The Secret Life of Data

September 9th, 2026: 1pm-3pm, 2 CPEs-FREE for IIA Members



Jennifer Paperman has been with the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) since June 1999, when she started as a staff auditor with the Division of State Government Accountability (SGA). She is currently the Quality Assurance Manager with SGA. In that position, she is responsible for ensuring that SGA auditors understand and can apply generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) to their work and for verifying that all SGA audits comply with GAGAS. She oversees a team of internal reviewers as well as provides training and guidance to SGA auditors. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Political Science degree, a Master of Public Administration degree, and a Master of Accounting degree, all from SUNY Albany. Jennifer is a member of the Association of Government Accountants, and she currently serves as the Secretary of the AGA New York Capital Chapter. She also serves as a member of the AGA Professional Ethics Board. In her spare time, she stitches (mostly cross-stitch and blackwork) and occasionally scrapbooks. Not that she has much spare time.

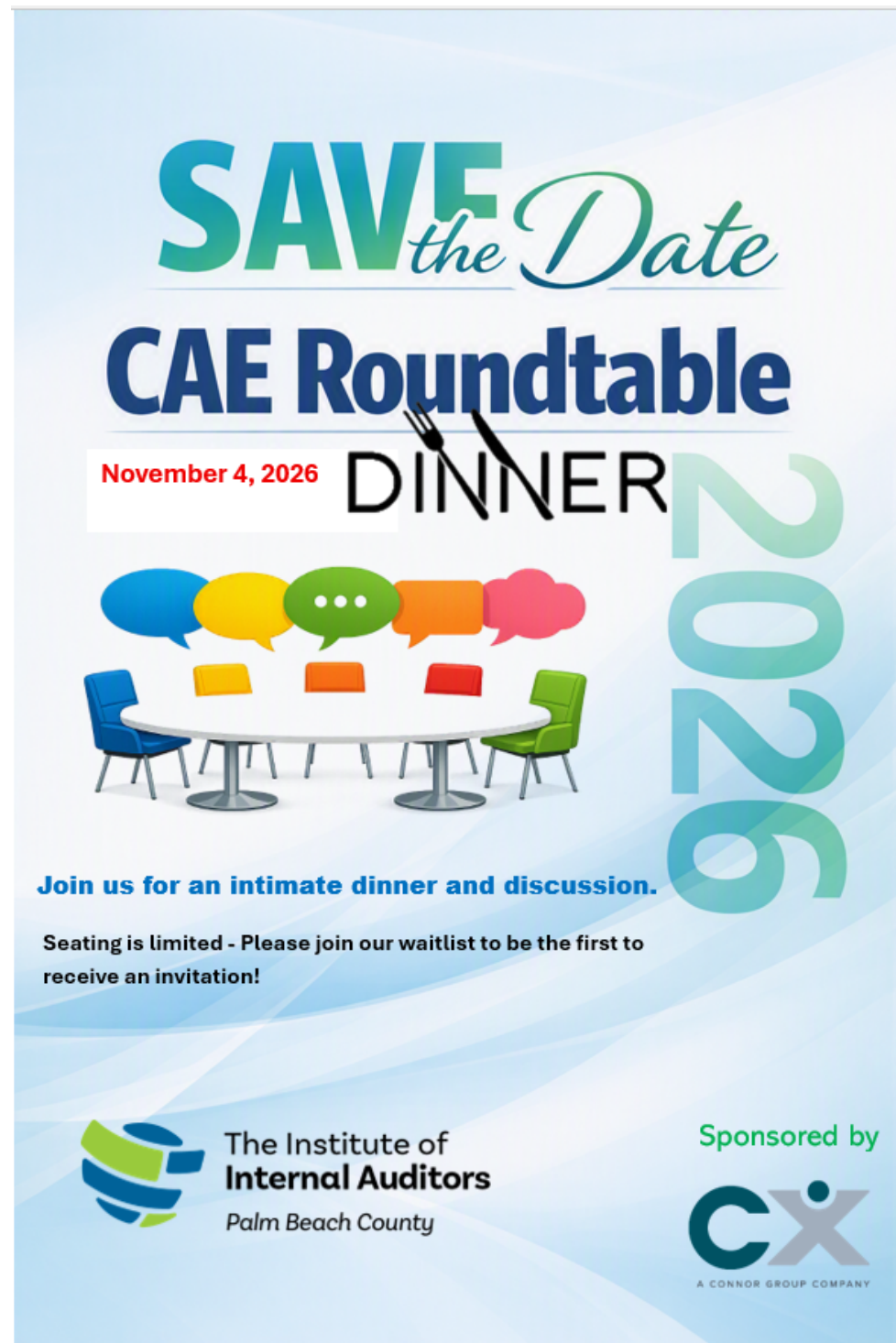
Course Description

From the weather forecast to the latest sale at Macy's, we are bombarded by information every day. As auditors, we understand that information without understanding is meaningless and information without action is useless. But all too often, we focus on the information we don't have. And we end up bemoaning the lack of data that is not being provided – or just plainly doesn't exist – rather than trying to look at what we do have from a different angle.

Economist Steven Levitt (co-author of **Freakonomics** and **Superfreakonomics**) claims to be good at two things: asking interesting questions and then tricking the data into answering those questions. The questions he has asked (and then answered, with the help of others) range from whether sumo wrestlers cheat to whether real estate agents are really acting in the homeowner's best interest to why drug dealers live with their moms (yes, most of them really do).

This session will cover these and other questions Levitt has asked. We will also look at both the answers he and his colleagues found and how they found them. We will then discuss how to apply the approach used by Levitt and others into our audits. Because none of us have unlimited time to look for the perfect data . . . which likely doesn't exist anyway.

CAE Roundtable



[Join the waitlist](#)

Advocacy Corner

IIA Advocacy Update | 2026

The IIA has been busy in Washington working on behalf of the profession. In June, The IIA facilitated a roundtable conversation between the SEC's Office of the Chief Accountant and several Chief Audit Executives. The discussion centered on AI's implications for audit oversight – ensuring our profession has a seat at the table as regulators develop AI oversight frameworks.

The IIA also submitted formal comment letters to [Congress](#) and the [FDIC](#), advocating for independent internal assurance as a cornerstone of proposed federal data privacy legislation and emerging stablecoin regulations.

The Institute of Internal Auditors Political Action Committee (PAC) is a critical resource that enables The IIA Advocacy team to build meaningful relationships with key stakeholders on Capitol Hill. Our chapter is working toward its fundraising goal in 2026 – please consider making a \$25 contribution today to help us get there.



IIA Headquarters Sponsored Conferences



SEP 08, 2026 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

2026 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference >

This one-day virtual conference will focus on multiple areas of risk affecting today's organizations and governmental agencies. Auditors and others attending this event will gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of risk and risk management practices.



OCT 04, 2026 | VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Audit Leadership Event >

An exclusive half-day forum for Canada's senior audit executives. Explore strategy, influence, and resilience.



OCT 05 - 07, 2026 | VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

2026 Canadian National Conference >

Canadian internal auditors are being asked to do more with less while navigating privacy reforms, AI disruption, tighter oversight, and shifting economic realities.



NOV 02 - 03, 2026 | WASHINGTON, DC

2026 IGNITE Conference >

The IGNITE conference will deliver an interactive experience for emerging leaders and auditors who are interested in gaining hands-on tools that are necessary for the future of internal audit. The conference will include deeper networking and engagement opportunities, dynamic keynote speakers, and deep dives into new and emerging topics.



NOV 12, 2026 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

2026 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference >

The Cybersecurity Virtual Conference is a one-day conference specifically designed to ensure participants stay not only abreast, but ahead of, critical issues in data protection, data privacy, and cybersecurity to become more responsive in their work.



FEB 16, 2027 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

2027 Fraud Virtual Conference >

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Certifications



Exciting news! Big congratulations to our newly certified Palm Beach County IIA members! Your achievement is remarkable, and we can't wait to see what you'll accomplish next!



Auditor (CIA)
Certification:

Daniel Smith- 02/16/26
Kewal Arjoon- 04/03/26
Willem Van Rooyen- 07/31/26



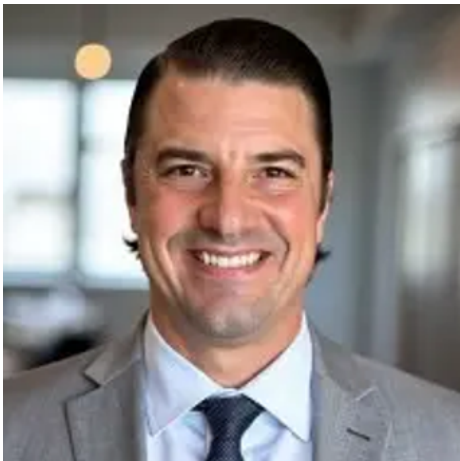
Internal Audit
Practitioner (IAP)
Certification:

Muhammad Ghazali- 02/13/26

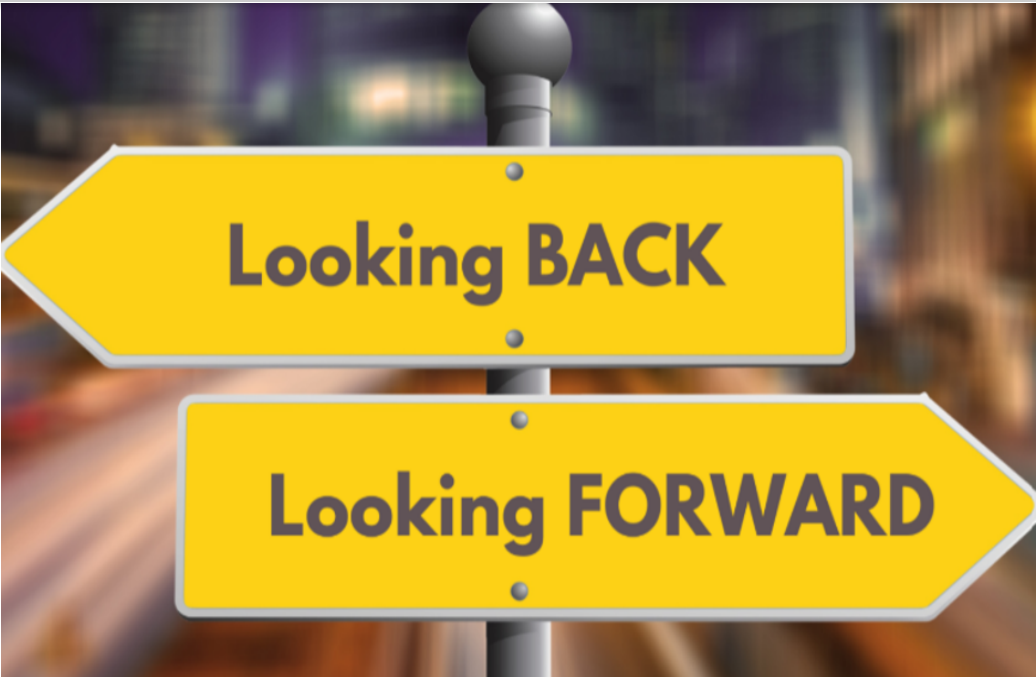
Meet Our Leadership



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Blanco



Fernando Blanco is a driven and high-achieving professional with a strong track record across auditing, finance, IT, compliance, management and leadership. A Certified Public Accountant (**CPA**) and holder of multiple designations—including **CIA**, **CISA**, **CRISC**, **CRMA**, and **CFE**—Fernando brings a rare combination of technical expertise, strategic vision, and operational insight. With over 10 years of experience in public accounting, internal audit, risk management, and governance, Fernando has successfully led cross-functional teams, implemented enterprise-wide systems, and advised executives on optimizing processes, managing risk, and driving organizational performance. His background includes work across diverse industries, where he has consistently delivered value through meticulous analysis, practical recommendations, and stakeholder engagement. Fernando’s leadership philosophy blends integrity, adaptability, and continuous learning. He holds an MBA and is committed to staying ahead of industry trends, both in emerging technologies and evolving regulatory landscapes.



Beyond the Main Stage:

March Conference Insights - Audit Adventures 2.0



Celebrating wins plays a crucial role in driving future success. Here at the Palm Beach Chapter, we like to take time to reflect, celebrate the progress achieved, acknowledge our members’ contributions and draw from lessons learned.

What an incredible day! The IIA Palm Beach Chapter's Audit Adventure 2.0 was nothing short of a success, drawing 120 enthusiastic attendees ready to learn, connect, and grow. Events like this don't happen without significant behind-the-scenes effort, and this one was no exception — countless hours of dedication and quiet work in the days leading up to the event made it all possible.

Our speakers brought the energy and expertise that made the day truly memorable. From exploring how Internal Auditors can better collaborate with Business Partners, to unpacking Artificial Intelligence in Government Auditing, to diving into Prompt Engineering Fundamentals and how Internal Audit is Actually Using AI — the sessions were thought-provoking, timely, and packed with actionable takeaways. We are all leaving inspired, energized, and equipped with a fresh perspective on elevating our audit teams.

To our attendees — thank you for investing an entire day in the profession and in yourselves. Your presence, engagement, and willingness to connect with fellow audit professionals are what makes this Chapter thrive. We hope the content resonated and that the connections made will extend well beyond today.

To our sponsors — your belief in the power of education and workforce development makes events like this possible. You understand that staying relevant in a rapidly evolving risk landscape requires continuous learning, and that shaping tomorrow's audit leaders starts today. Your financial and in-kind contributions directly fuel this chapter's mission, and we are deeply grateful.

Until the next adventure — **Thank You All !**

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Chuckles & Chats



- 1. **Why did the auditor get dumped?** They kept trying to reconcile the relationship.
- 2. **How do auditors stay warm in the winter?** They huddle around a stack of unvouched invoices.
- 3. **What is an auditor's favorite type of music?** Anything with heavy sample sizes.

Questions? We're here to help!
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