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Dr. Brett M. Baker is responsible for directing a program of oversight audits and evaluations of NSF's annual financial statement and the performance and financial aspects of NSF programs, activities, and awards. Dr. Baker began serving as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit (AIGA) at the National Science Foundation Office of Inspector General in June 2010.

Dr. Baker previously was the AIGA at the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General, where he provided direction and oversight to auditors and inspections staff performing financial statement, financial-related, and performance audits and evaluations. Prior to that, Dr. Baker was the Director for Internal Review with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service where he was responsible for providing audit and investigative oversight for Defense financial management operations. Before his work with Defense, he was the Director for Systems Internal Audit at the Department of Education OIG, where he was responsible for directing technically complex system audits and system-related efforts.

Dr. Baker has been honored for his contributions to the OIG community, receiving Awards for Excellence from the President's Committee on Integrity and Efficiency in 1998 and 2003, and from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency in 2011. He received the National Science Foundation Director's Award for Collaborative Integration in 2011.

Dr. Baker serves as the Chair of the Federal Audit Executive Council and is a member of the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Audit Advisory Committee and the Information Technology Advisory Panel for the Government Accountability and Transparency Board. Baker has authored articles on data analytics and data mining for the *Journal for Public Inquiry* (2009, 2013) and the *Global Digital Business Review* (2006).

Dr. Baker earned a PhD in Information Technology Management at the University of Maryland University College in 2007 and a Master's degree in Information Resource Management at Central Michigan University in 1998. He holds a B.A. in Accounting from the University of Northern Iowa and a B.S in Sociology from Iowa State University. Dr. Baker is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).



Phillip Hurd, CISSP, CISA

Chief Audit Executive, Georgia Institute of Technology

Phillip Hurd became the Director of the Department of Internal Auditing at Georgia Tech in July 2007. He was the Associate Director for Information Systems Audit and Assessment for eight years.

Mr. Hurd served in the US Army for 10 years in Germany, Korea, Hawaii, and various states in the continental U.S. He was a Communications Facility Chief for a strategic outpost on the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ). This life shaping challenge helped him to understand the need for confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information assets and their role in organizational operations.

Prior to joining the team at Georgia Tech, Mr. Hurd established a portfolio of expertise in the areas of project management, configuration management, and leadership that supported his quest to enhance the audit program at Georgia Tech. He served as the Director of Distance Learning for the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA), 2005-2007; an international association of internal auditors in higher education. Mr. Hurd served ACUA's Board for nine years in various capacities and was recognized with the ACUA Excellence in Service Award in 2007. In September 2008 he became a Member-at-Large on the ACUA Board of Directors.

Mr. Hurd holds professional certifications as a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and Certified Business Manager (CBM). He holds a Master's Degree in Information Systems from Western International University. Mr. Hurd is a published author in the College and University Auditor professional journal and has held several leadership positions in the industry. He has been a featured speaker at professional conferences and a presenter of live Webcasts.

Laura Ann Koren, CPA, CFF

Director, Compliance Analytics, NSF OIG

Ms. Koren is the Director of the NSF OIG's Compliance Analytics Group. The Group utilizes data analytics in its attestation engagements to focus limited resources on targeted areas. The group also is developing data mining techniques to assist the Office of Audit's engagement selection methodology to identify areas of high risk and vulnerability.

Ms. Koren has been with the NSF OIG for almost a decade and has approximately 20 years total of audit experience, encompassing financial statement audits, A-133 audits, and using Government Auditing Standards to conduct audits of discretionary grants, formula grants, and cooperative agreements.

Prior to joining the NSF OIG, Ms. Koren worked as a CPA responsible for conducting audit work for the federal government and for not for profit organizations.

Ms. Koren is Certified in Financial Forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, with areas of expertise in not for profit accounting, fraud prevention and detection, and financial statement misrepresentation. Prior to becoming a professional auditor, Ms. Koren was a PhD candidate and taught history for many years at various Universities both in New York City and Baltimore, Maryland.

Ms. Koren holds a B.A. degree in Social Science/History from St. John's University (NYC), a B.S. Degree in Accounting from University of Maryland University College, a Master's Degree in History from New York University, and both a Master's Degree in History and ABD, PhD coursework completed, Columbia University in the City of New York.