



PDC SPEAKER

CHRIS HICKS, CSP

MARCH 6TH, 2023

Christopher (Chris) Hicks is an experienced environmental, health and safety (EHS) professional with a successful career. He is multifaceted with experience and expertise in EHS management systems, regulatory compliance, process/project reviews, auditing, training, inspections, and incident investigations.

Chris demonstrates a passion for providing value-added engagement, teamwork, and contributions to employers from the chemical, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, food, and steel industries; all for success in EHS. Chris has over 46 years of professional EHS experience and as a subject matter expertise in the field with employers and while working with regulatory agencies for the benefit of employers and employees.

Christopher's strong technical prowess and diverse business background enables him to effectively interface with management, engineers, work teams, contractors, and regulatory compliance agencies while working in various industries during his career. The leadership skills Chris possesses—on the job and in the community—provides an additional dimension to his professional background and ability to attain optimum business results.

Chris is active in the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), National Safety Council (NSC), and World Safety Organization (WSO). He is the past president of ASSP's St. Louis Chapter, and he was honored with the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award by the chapter. Recognized as a thought leader in the Environmental, Health, and Safety field, Chris is often a speaker at the ASSP Professionals' Professional Development Conference, the NSC's Congress and Exposition, World Safety Organization's Symposium, keynote speaker for Harris-Stowe State University's Science and Math Academy Expo, and the Greater St. Louis Safety and Health Conference.

Chris holds a Master of Science Degree in Industrial Safety from the University of Central Missouri and a dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Safety Management and Environmental Safety from Indiana State University. Chris also attended Saint Louis University's Law School in pursuit of earning a Juris Doctor degree. Selected from top leaders in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, Chris completed the prestigious Leadership St. Louis program. he is a Chris is a Certified Safety Executive (CSE) through the Certification and Accreditation Board of the World Safety Organization. Chris has taught Master and bachelor's degree Safety Management and Engineering courses as an adjunct professor for the University of Central Missouri.

In addition to Chris' successful career in the Environmental, Health, and Safety field, he is currently on the Wyman Center's Board of Trustees. In the recent past, the St. Louis County Executive appointed Chris to St. Louis County Boards and Commissions such as Vice Chairperson of the Economic Council, Chairperson of the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, and Wellston Incubator Development Board member. Chris also served on the Indiana State University's Alumni Association Board of Directors. In addition, He has participated in community initiatives with the United Way, American Scores Organization, and Boys Scouts of America Explorer Program; all to give back to the community in which he lives.



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Chris has received high recognition in publications. He was featured as an Indiana State University's Trailblazer in the AMAS Newsletter, spotlighted by the Indiana State University's Athletics in celebration of Black History Month by honoring him as an ISU Athletic Hall of Fame member who have made an impact throughout the years, and appeared in the international distributed Ebony Magazine's "Speaking of People" section for his professional EHS acumen. Chris has also appeared in Environmental, Health, and Safety publications and highlighted as a speaker at conferences related to his professional EHS field.

Recognized as a premier Indiana State University student athlete, and he is an inductee into the ISU Athletic Hall of Fame. While playing football for ISU, he received top honors as a First Team Kodak All-American, American Football Coaches First-Team AllAmerican, and Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American.

Noteworthy Facts:

In June of 2022 it came to mind as a realization that I am the first African American (Black) Indiana State University football player who eared the All-American First Team (Kodak and Coaches) honor and the second First Team All-American football player i ISU's history between the years of 1865 to 1975.

In addition to college athletic honors, Chris is an inductee in the Withrow High School's Athletic Hall of Fame where he attended and played high school football in his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chris Hicks continues to lead the way for success in his endeavors both, professionally and personally by "Paying It Forward" by making a positive difference in his professional field and the community in which he resides.





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Mark Woodward is the Senior Safety and Risk Trainer at Missouri Employers Mutual. In this role, he is responsible for conducting MEM employee and policyholder training, including customized training for associations, safety conferences and business groups.

Prior to MEM, Mark was the Safety and Training Manager at MidwayUSA in Columbia, MO. In this role, he was responsible for managing all workers compensation operations, general industry/construction safety and training for MidwayUSA's employees. He was also the Assistant Safety Director at Opies Transport, Inc. in Eldon, MO. Mark has a bachelor's in Safety Management from the University of Central Missouri and a master's in Education from William Woods University. He is a certified through both the University of Missouri and Association for Talent Development. Throughout his career, Mark has instructed tens of thousands of Missouri workers at more than 3,000 safety and risk management classes. Mark has presented on a national scale at events such as the American Association of State Compensation Insurance Funds, National Safety Council's Congress & Expo, Public Risk Management Association Conference, American Society of Safety Engineers and National Common Ground Alliance. For the past 24 years, Mark remains an active volunteer in Missouri fire and ambulance service as a certified firefighter and emergency medical technician.



PDC - March 6, 2023

Meet Your Speaker!

Sanda Gunn

**Vice President of Operations
for Vista Counseling, LLC**

Sanda Smajlovic-Gunn is currently the Vice President of Operations for Vista Counseling, LLC where she manages all the daily, logistical responsibilities of the business. Sanda earned two Bachelor's Degrees from St. Louis University in Sociology and Criminal Justice, graduating in 2008. Sanda graduated in January 2023 with her Master's Degree in Counseling from Lindenwood University, in St. Charles, Missouri.

Sanda was certified as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) from St. Louis Community College (Meramec Campus) in 2005, where she was employed as an Emergency Room Technician at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Sanda graduated from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy in June 2009 and served as a Police Officer for the Chesterfield, MO Police Department for 11 years.

During her career, she was assigned as a CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) Officer, a School Resource Officer, and a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer. While assigned as a police officer, Sanda's desire was to become more involved in the emotional and physical well-being of first responders, including treating those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

In 2020, Sanda became the Assistant Director of Public Safety at Maryville University, in St. Louis, MO, where she managed the Public Safety Officers, the Critical Incident Management Team, and the Maryville Campus Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Program. In November of 2022, Sanda left to work full-time with Vista Counseling, LLC.

Sanda is currently an instructor for Vista Law Enforcement Training and Consulting, LLC in the After the Trauma: Officer Self-Help Training Program. Sanda works closely with Captain Chad Rackers (Ret.) in the After the Trauma Training Programs, where they present regularly to police officers, other emergency responders, and their families on recognizing the stressors associated with the law enforcement profession.



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MARK AMES



A recognized leader, expert in communications and influence, and transformational community builder.

In 2022, Mark Ames was selected as one of the Top 20 Advocacy Professionals in the United States by the Advocacy Association, a Top Lobbyist by the National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics, and a Top Lobbyist by The Hill, demonstrating his expertise in helping people achieve their full potential, transforming lives and communities throughout the nation and around the world. Mark is the author of "The 30-Minute Leader: Your Guide to Influence, Power, and Transformation". Here's a recent review:

"Mark delivers a comprehensive primer on leadership, translating tough, abstract concepts into immediately actionable scenarios. This is a great how-to for anyone looking for new approaches to becoming a better leader, quickly." – Andrea Belk Olson, Author of "What To Ask", Behavioral Scientist, Customer-Centricity Expert and CEO of Pragmadik

Since 2003, Mark has led the government relations activities of major national and global nonprofit associations, representing educators, school leaders, engineers, and workplace and community health and safety professionals. Mark currently serves as the head of government relations for AIHA, where he works with legislators, regulators, nonprofits, and leaders at some of the world's smallest and largest companies to identify and solve critical problems facing businesses, workers, and communities throughout the nation.

Mark is a member of the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics, the Government Relations Association, and serves as Vice-chair of the Government Relations and Advocacy Professionals Advisory Council for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and Secretary of the High Performance Buildings Coalition.

Mark also serves on the Board of Directors for the [Re]build America's School Infrastructure Coalition.



TONY TAYLOR

Tony Taylor served as a US Marine, worked as a Fire Captain with the Department of Defense and as a Corporate Safety Executive.

Tony is the owner of Speak University.Org and Top 3% Globally ranked podcast Leaders Lead.

He is a dynamic motivational leader and speaker who is dedicated to inspiring individuals to never give up on their dreams. He is passionate about helping people to find their inner joy and infect the masses with actionable inspiration.

Tony is obsessed with helping emerging leaders to regain their belief in themselves. He is a Best-Selling Author, Leadership Speaker, and podcast host, and is one of the most highly requested speaking coaches for leaders and entrepreneurs who have a fear of public speaking. Tony also was named as the 2022 Media Professional of the Year from the Rosie Awards.

He inspires others by sharing his own personal stories, and teaching others how to tap into the power of storytelling to achieve their goals. His mission is to empower people to change, charge, continue, and restore their belief, through speeches, books, podcast and courses. He is a dynamic force in the industry, with a unique ability to connect with his audience and leave a lasting impact on their lives.

Are you ready to be inspired and motivated by Tony?

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Meet Your Speakers - Regulatory Update



Maryanne served as an Industrial Hygienist for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, St. Louis Area Office from 2010 - 2018 and currently serves as the Compliance Assistance Specialist. During her Compliance Safety and Health Officer enforcement career, Maryanne received several awards, including OSHA's Champion of the Year award for exceptional performance in support of agency goals, the National Safety Council "Rising Star" award, OSHA's Secretary's Valor award, and several Assistant Secretary's Team Impact Awards. As the Compliance Assistance Specialist, she provides outreach and compliance guidance to a variety of groups including small businesses, trade and professional associations, union locals, community, and faith-based groups. Additionally, she promotes and helps to implement OSHA's cooperative programs, including the Voluntary Protection Programs, the Strategic Partnership Program, and the Alliance Program. She received both her Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees in Occupational Safety & Health from Murray State University. Her credentials earned include the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST).

Maryanne Heuer Martin, MS, CSP, CHST
Compliance Assistance Specialist
OSHA – St. Louis Area Office

Bill has served with distinction as Area Director in St. Louis Area since 2001. Throughout his career with OSHA, Bill has been tasked to serve on many national and regional task forces and serve in numerous leadership positions Nationwide. He has earned many leadership honors locally, regionally and nationally to include the Department of Labor's National Leadership Award. He has also been fortunate to see his office earn the Area Office of the Year on two separate occasions. Bill has also been recognized for his work in promoting private/public partnerships in the reduction of injuries, illnesses, and fatalities by the National Home Builders Association. Bill was privileged to serve in the US Air Force and has also earned the distinction of Certified Safety Professional (CSP). Bill loves to hunt and fish as well as cheer on his favorite sports teams. He is a proud husband and father to seven children and two grandchildren.



Bill McDonald, CSP
OSHA Area Director
OSHA – St. Louis Area
Office